

60 (City of London) HAA Regt

(WO 171/1145)

January 1944

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hinckley	6		168, 169 & 206 Btys, REME Wksp & RHQ deployed to BEDFORD area for exercise "BLOOMER". Skeleton rear parties were left at Hinckley.	
	13		168, 169 & 206 Btys, REME Wksp & RHQ returned to previous locns at HINCKLEY, ULLESTHORPE & BURBAGE	
	21		Maj-Gen. Buller, from War Office, visited unit to look into state of Interior Economy.	
	27		Detachments from 168, 169 & 206 Btys deployed in DAVENTRY area for exercise "WATLING". W/Lt. K. Adams R.A. posted to this unit	
	29		Exercise "WATLING" concluded. Detachments from 168, 169 & 206 Btys returned to previous locns.	
	31		Brig. J.M. Smith, Bde Comd, 74 AA Bde, visited 206 Bty.	

February 1944

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hinckley	1		Capt. P. D. Marriner R.A. Posted to 156 A.A.O.R.	
	11		Unit, less Radar equipment and personnel, moved to concentration area for exercise "EAGLE" at Stapleton Park, nr Knottingley, Yorks.	
	14		Unit deployed for exercise "EAGLE" ¹ in area HOWDEN - GT. DRIFFIELD.	
	24		Exercise "EAGLE" concluded.	
Grimsby	25		RHQ. REME Wksp and 168, 169 and 206 Btys moved into billets at fresh base,	

¹ Held in Yorkshire starting 11th May. [?] This was the last and largest pre-invasion joint exercise.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			GRIMSBY.	

March 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Grimsby	15		Regimental gun and tractor competition, and visit by Bde Comd, 74 AA Bde.	
	20		Detachment from 169 HAA Bty sent to London for "Salute the Soldier" week.	
	27		Individual Troops on practice deployments in area SW of Grimsby.	
	30		All Troops returned to Grimsby from practice deployments.	
	31		Visit by Bde Comd, 74 AA Bde.	

April 1944

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Grimsby	6		Lieut. Thompson RA posted to this Unit.	
Grimsby	13		Unit moved to reinforce 63 AA Bde in YARMOUTH-LOWESTOFT area, staging night of 13/14 near Kings Lynn. Lt.Bates RA posted to this Unit.	
Sth Walsham	14		168, 169, and 206 Batteries occupied positions in new area, with RHQ and REME W/S at South Walsham, nr NORWICH.	
Sth Walsham	22		Engagement by Y.H.6, 168 Battery. 13 Rounds 3.7 HE fired	
Sth Walsham	23		Visit by Bde. Comd., 74 AA Bde.	

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60 HAA REGT
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Ref Maps O.S

1" to 1 Mile

Sheets ???

Date: 8 Apl 44

1. INFM.

- a. Certain eventualities have made it necessary to deploy A.A. Units of 21 Army Group in reinforcement of A.D.G.B.
- b. 60 HA Regt RA has come under 106 A.A. Bde w.e.f. 7 Apr 44 for an unspecified period.

2. INTENTION.

60 HAA Regt RA will deploy in area YARMOUTH – LOWESTOFT.

3. METHOD.

a.

- i. Advance Parties:- 3 Offrs and 70 O.Rs per Bty, and 1 Offr and 6 O.Rs each from RHQ and REME will leave present location 0500 hours 9 Apl 44, proceeding direct to new area. Route separately.
- ii. 10 x 3 Ton lorries, complete with normal G1098 loads will convoy each Btys Advance party. RHQ and REME will each send 1 x 3 ton lorry.
- iii. Bty Advance Party will halt with head at INN 67/896268, until the Senior Offr of the adv party returns after contacting 63 AA Bde and confirming exact locations of Tp positions.
- iv. RHQ and REME adv parties will proceed direct from Norwich to SOUTH WALSHAM HALL 67/824310.
- v. Bty adv parties will be prepared to draw and erect tentage, draw R.E. stores, amn and hardcore where necessary in accordance with arrangements made by 63 AA Bde. Gun pits, C.P.pits, Plotting room and RADAR pits will be dug in that order, if 63 A.A.Bde order digging to be carried out.

b. UNIT MOVE

- i. Btys will move to new area by Bty columns leaving present location 13 Apl 44, bivouac night 13/14 Apl 44 and arriving new area 14 Apl 44. Routes and Times to follow.
- ii. All Tps will be in action new locations 1200 hours 15 Apl 44.
- iii. Subject to confirmation by 63 A.A. Bde, Btys will occupy the following posns².

168 Bty	YH3	67/936226
	YH7)	67/926164

² YH – Yarmouth; LH – Lowestoft. YH3 is Gorleston

& BHQ)

169 Bty	YH 5 & BHQ	67/936226
	LH 7	67/926164

206 Bty	LH 5	77/938074
	LH 6	77/990055

Location of BHQ 206 Bty to be fixed by Senior Offr 206 Bty adv party in conjunction with 63 A.A. Bde.

- iv. YH 5 and LH 5 are occupied positions. Reliefs in daylight by mutual arrangements, 2 guns being in action throughout.
- v. Fuze 199 will be used and cams and drums fitted accordingly before the move takes place.

c. REAR PARTIES

- i. Rear parties of 1 Offr and 6 O.Rs will be kept to hand over in present location. They will proceed independently to new area.
- ii. Handover of present billets will commence 1200 hours 13 Apl 44.

4. ADMIN.

- i. Water carts will arrive full in new area.
- ii. Details of any camp structures, RE stores, and RE plans will be obtained by Os. C. Adv parties.
- iii. Adv and Main parties will carry 48 hours rations in addition to unexpired ptions
- iv. Intents for rations for main party will be submitted by Os. C. Adv parties.
- v. 3 days reserve rations will be held by all units. Those will be drawn by adv parties under arrangements by 63 A.A.Bde.
- vi. Adv Parties will arrange supply of P.O.L. with 63 A.A.Bde on arrival in area.

5. INTERCOMN.

- i. Wireless silence from 0001 hours 12 Apl 44 until further notice
- ii. RHQ will open SOUTH WALSHAM HALL , 67/824311 on arrival new location. Times of closing present location and opening new location will follow.
- iii. REME with RHQ
- iv. 63 A.A.Bde, 4 MARINE PARADE, GORIESTON. Tel. No. GORIESTON 61/2.

6. ACK

Time of Origin

Method of Issue

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May 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
S. Walsham	1		Regt still deployed in def of YARMOUTH and LOWESTOFT. Normal trg continued, especially in prep. for Second Front.	
	10		Regt moved by road to Concentration Area; RHQ at BRACKLEY, BHQs at BYFIELD, EDGECOTE and EVENLY.	
	11		Waterproofing of vehs for overseas movement begun. Trg continued. Loading trials.	
	24		Brig. C.I.V. Jones R.A., Comd 106 AA Bde, visited Regt and talked to Offrs and Sgts concerning future ops.	
	26		Comd Offr attended conference led by General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery KCB DSO, C-in-C 21 Army Gp. Future ops were discussed.	
	28		Regt due to be ready to move at 6 hrs notice. Regt ready to move except for certain items of eqpt still due to be received from depots.	
	28-31		Normal trg continued.	

21/5/44 Op Order No 10

60TH HAA REGT OP INSTRUCTION NO. 10

(Defence of 39 and 129 Wings RAF)

1. A.A. DEFENCES. 39 WING.
 169 HAA Bty
 359 LAA Bty (less 1 Tp)
 Lt Col. Russell, 2734 A.A. Sqn. R.A.F. Regt.

- 129 WING
 168 HAA Bty.
 358 LAA Bty (Less 1 Tp)
 W/Cdr Sheil. 2875 A.A. Sqn. R.A.F. Regt.

2. COMMAND.

- i. Commander AA Defences of 60th Wings:-
Lt. Col. M. B. Turner, RA, 60 HAA Regt., RA.
- ii. Wing Commander 39 Wing:-
W/Cdr Godfrey.
- iii. AADC 39 Wing
Maj F. Rundall, RA. 169 HAA Bty., RA.
- iv. Wing Commander, 129 Wing
W/Cdr Macdonald, DFC.
- v. AADC 129 Wing
Maj P. A. Lingard, 168 Bty., RA.

3. AADC'S RELIEFS.

At 59 and 129 Wings respectively Major Powell, 359 LAA Bty., and Major Hill, 358 LAA Bty., may act AADC's representatives, under arrangements to be made by AADCs. Further orders will be issued later.

4. STATES OF READINESS.

State 3 will be in operation from time of deployment until further orders both by day and night, for all equipments. Full take post will be ordered from half an hour before daylight till one hour after and from one hour before dark till half hour after. Hours of "daylight" and "darkness" will be issued to all concerned by AADC's.

5. RULES FOR ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS.

These will be in accordance with 106 Bde Standing Orders. Section 1 – Operations. It is emphasised that unseen fire will NEVER be opened without the permission of the RAF Wing Commander, or his officially appointed deputy.

6. SITING OF LAA GUN POSNS.

Guns of AA Sqn RAFR will be sited under orders of CRAFR on each A/F before the arrival of LAA Btys concerned. On arrival of LAA Btys layout of all round LAA Defence of A/F in depth will be co-ordinated by OsC 358 & 559 LAA Btys with their respective CRAFRs. In this connection, the contingency of withdrawal of the LAA Btys for further tasks will be allowed for.

7. NUMBERING OF POSNS.

All posns, including RAFR gun posns, will be given a distinguishing prefix, title and number. The prefix letter for HAA Tp posns will be H, and for LAA (including RAFR) gun posns will be L. Within each type of gun posn numbers will be allotted in sequence on each A/F, starting from NORTH, and counting clockwise.

8. LAA BARRAGES.

- a. Depending on ammunition situation and subject to the permission of RAF Wing/Cdr concerned, AADC's may order LAA "directional" "Umbrella", or "gun" [?] barrages which will be controlled by the BCO ("Barrage Control Officer") at Wing HQ.
- b. Bearings for each individual gun for "Directional" barrages (including RAFR) will be worked out by OsC 358 and 359 LAA Btys respectively, as soon as the location of gun posns have been reported to W/HQs. Range circles for "Directional" barrages will be taken as 4,000^x for LAA Btys and 3,000^x for RAFR guns, who are not in possession of No. 14 Tracer.
- c. No LAA barrages will be fired until a/c have "flown-in" on to A/Fs.
- d. OsC 358 & 359 LAA Btys will be responsible for working out bearings for all individual guns for "Umbrella" barrages, after the respective points to be considered as "V.Ps" on each A/F have been selected by AADC's. These points will depend upon the layout of the actual A/Fs, and will be chosen in conjunction with W/Cdr RAF.
- e. No LAA fire will be opened at any time below the following QEs.
With No. 11 Tracer (7 secs) 5°) OVER & ABOVE A/S to any
With No. 14 Tracer (12 secs) 10°) crest
- f. Amn expenditure on all forms of LAA barrage will NOT EXCEED 120 [?] rds on each barrage. All barrages will be fired at "single shot."
- g. Targets will be reported to W/HQ by TCOs [?] of HAA Tps as being "suitable for LAA" within the following limits:-
Height Up to 10,000 feet
Course Any course which appears likely to come within 4,000^x Ground range of the A/F.
- h. Targets will be considered by the BCO as "suitable to fire LAA Barrages on" within the following limits
Height No. 14 tracer 6 – 10,000 ft.
No. 11 tracer up to 6,000 ft.
Course Such course as shall in the opinion of the BCO pass directly OVER any part of the A/F, including dispersal areas.
- i. Thus, all targets "suitable for LAA barrages" will be "offered" to W/HQ by TCO's, but the onus of accepting or rejecting will be with BCO, (who, of course, must have the W/Cdr AADC's permission before ordering "fire". The BCO's decision under sub para (h) ("Course") can be delayed up to the order "Fire".).
- j. The fact that a HAA Tp is passing Radar infn either to W/HQ for comm. [?] of LAA barrages to AAOR or to another HAA tp for PIM will NOT be allowed to impair a full engagement of a more suitable target.
Any change of target will, however, be notified to all concerned by report (from PL 7) "H...., fresh target".

9. HAA BARRAGES.

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Zone B concentrations will only be resorted to in cases of extreme emergency. If fired, not more than three rds per gun will be fired on any engagement. All zone B concentrations will be “permissive”.

10. PRIORITY ARCS.

- a. HAA. Further orders will be issued later.
- b. LAA. Will initially be ordered to each gun by OsC 358 & 359 LAA Btys on their respective A/Fs.

11. HAA FIRE CONTROL.

Plotting Control will NOT be used by HAA before Targets come into Predictor range.

12. LAA FIRE CONTROL.

- a. A DC will engage the most suitable target in his own priority arc.
- b. If there is NO TARGET in his priority arc, he will engage targets outside it, BUT he will ensure that a fully effective watch is continually kept in that arc, while so doing, and if a suitable target appears in that arc, it MUST be engaged immediately. Watch will always be kept in particular for “Tail-end Charlies”.
- c. Long range harassing fire will NOT be employed by LAA guns.

13. LIAISON WITH OTHER ARMS.

The closest liaison will be made with other arms in the vicinity of Hy & LAA Tps, Detachments, and HQs, with particular reference for A/F defences. This will be commenced as soon after deployment begins as possible.

14. OBSERVATION DURING DEPLOYMENT.

Sentries and A/T defences will be posted immediately deployment commences. The former will have Automatic Weapons for use in case of Lo a/c attack, as well as in the ground role if necessary.

21 May 44.

June 1944

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Brackley	1		Regt still in Concentration Area. Waterproofing & trg cont'd.	
	13		Regts HQ, Recce party of 168 & 169 Btys moved to Camp T7 of Marshalling Area at Wanstead Flats, London.	
London	14		Flying bomb first used against England. Many passed over Camp T7.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	15		Vehs loaded on to MT Ships at West India Dock, London. RHQ Main body and REME Sec arrived at Camp T4, West Ham, London,"	
	16		Tps of RHQ Recce party and 168 & 169 Btys left Marshalling Area to embark. Tps went aboard 1930 hrs.	
	17		Between 2230 hrs and 0100 hrs ships left dock and proceeded towards Southend, where they lay off shore while convoy was marshalled. Convoy left this anchorage at 1900 hrs and sailed for Normandy. Weather bright and sunny.	
	18		After very calm and sunny voyage, convoy anchored about 2 miles off French coast. Weather changed shortly after arrival and unloading was prevented by heavy seas. REME Sec, however, managed to get ashore and eventually took up posn next to 106 AA Bde HQ.	
B.W.E.F.	19-21		No unloading - heavy seas.	
	22		Weather calmed in afternoon and unloading began at 2130 hrs. LCT's were loaded, and set off for a point just off shore, where they had to wait until approx 0500 hrs next day for the tide.	
	23		Recce party and 168 & 169 Btys landed practically dryshod near COURSEULLES from 0645 hrs onwards. Units passed through Assembly Area, de-waterproofed, etc. RHQ established at CULLY; 168 Bty harboured near BAZENVILLE; 169 Bty harboured near CAMILLY.	
	24		168 Bty moved to posns nr MARTRAGNY in def B7 A/F; 169 Bty moved to form an 8-gun posn at LA MARE, nr BASLY.	
	25		169 Bty engaged a Do.217 and was credited with shooting it down. Height control [?], height 18000 ft.	
	26		No enemy air activity in Bty areas.	
	27		169 Bty D Tp moved to new posn North of LA DELIVRANCE. 168 Bty moved both Tps to are SE of CREULLY. 206 Bty moved from from BRACKLEY (England) to Marshalling Area Camp S8 nr BRENTWOOD, Essex." RHQ moved to BENY-SUR-MER.	
	29		168 Bty engaged one enemy aircraft - no results. 206 Bty loaded vehs on to MT ship at TILBURY.	
	30		169 Bty engaged enemy aircraft - no results.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			206 Bty loaded personnel on MT Ship at TILBURY at 1000 hrs. Ship sailed at 1200 hrs.	

12/6/44 Op Order No 60

60 HAA Regt. R.A.

SECRET

OP Order No 60

Copy No 9

Date 12 June 44

1. INFM

- a. 60 HAA Regt RA less 206 HAA Bty and residues is due to land in an overseas theatre of war approx D + 12.
- b. 60 HAA Regt RA less 206 HAA Bty and residues is about to pass through the process of splitting units into craft loads in the marshalling area.

2. INTENTION

RHQ "R" Gp 168 and 169 HAA Bty R, A & B Gps will move to the Marshalling Area on 13 June 44.

3. METHOD

- a. RHQ "R" Gp will move under orders of Comd Offr on 13 June 44.
- b. Head of 168/169 HAA Btys RAB Gps as one coln will pass SP at 0614 hrs on 13 Jun 44.
- c. Coln Comd of convoy in (b) above Major P.A. Lingard, RA.
- d. SP FENNY STRATFORD (L332537).
- e. Convoy Nos, route and movement orders as per AF W 5211 handed to Bty Comds 12 Jun 44.
- f. Hd Coln will halt at Rd Junc L2752, where hot tea and a meal will be provided , from 0500 to 0545.
- g. LVRV will be given by Coln Comd.
- h. Order of March Convoy (??) :- 168, 169 HAA Bty.

4. ADM.

- a. Rations (i) OsC 168 and 169 HAA Btys will fwd sufficient rations for an early morning meal to OC 206 HAA Bty today 12 Jun 44.
(ii) OC 206 HAA Bty will arrange that the convoy is supplied with hot tea and morning meal at 0500 hrs 13 Jun 44 at Rd Junc L 2752.
- b. Water Water trailers and trucks will leave conc area full and will NOT be touched during the move.
- c. POL All veh will be topped up at Marshalling Area under arrangements to be made by Static Staff.

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- d. One Offr from each of 3 (a) and 3 (b) above will report to RCRP one hr ahead of each coln with details of the constitution, and latest infn of that coln (See Overseas Movement Pamphlet Para 120).
- e. Units are responsible for their own breakdown services (See Overseas Movement Pamphlet Para 197).
- f. Units will close up on arrival at RCRP to 2 yds between vehs, (See Overseas Movement Pamphlet Para 121).
- g. Capt Higgins, RA will report to RHQ tonight with 60lbs baggage and Med Offr will report to 168 HAA Bty tonight with 60lbs baggage.
- h. Offr i/c Home Details is calling on OC 168 and 169 Btys today to arrange handing over etc
- i. Residues
 - i. Residue will not move before 1200 hrs 13 Jun 44.
 - ii. OC 206 HAA Bty is responsible for rationing and paying unit residues until they move. OC 168/169 HAA Bty will contact OC 206 HAA Bty and will arrange this mutually.
- j. Med Offr in coln with 168 HAA Bty.
- k. Dress. All moves from receipt of this order will be considered operational and dress will be as laid down in 60 HAA Regt Standing Orders for Dress.

5. INTERCOM

- a. Wireless Silence.
- b. DR's with coln.

ACK.

TOO hrs.

Method of Issue DRLS & APO mail.

Distribution

	Copy No.		Copy No.
OC 168 Bty.	1	Adjt	6
OC 169 Bty.	2	File	7
OC 206 Bty.	3	Capt (Q)	8
OC REME Wksp Sec	4	War Diary	9
Cmdg Offr	5	HQ E Cent District	10

Spare

11 & 12

12/6/44 Movement Order

Subject: – Moves

To:- OC 168, 169, 206 HAA Bty RA Ref:- BS/127 [?]
REME Wksp Sect.

1. 'Z' [?] Parties will move on 13 June 44 as follows:-

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Convoy No.</u>
28352	JUN/EC/108 } to move as one
28347	JUN/EC/109 } coln.
28352	JUN/EC/110 } Coln Comd Capt
28369	JUN/EC/111 } Barham, RA.

2. Units 'Z' Ops will report to Capt Barham outside 'The Plough Inn' BRACKLEY at 1145 hrs.

3. ROUTE

BRACKLEY – WINDSOR – AYLESBURY – HIGH WYCOMBE – READING – FRIMLEY.

S.P. Plough Inn BRACKLEY. Dismt [?] Xrds FRIMLEY QB17777. [?]

Time past S.P. 1500hrs. Arr Dismt ?000hrs.

1 hr long halt is allowed for.

Convoy numbers will be marked on front and rear vehs of each convoy.

4. A guide will meet coln at Dismt.
5. Just before Dismt the coln will break up into its component parts (i.e. each convoy number) at five minute intervals.
6. The only map sheet (12) available is fwd herewith.
7. ACK.

A.P.O.

England.

12 June 44

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26/6/44 Op Order No 81

60 HAA REGT., RA. SECRET
OP ORDER NO. 81 Copy No 11
Date 26 June 44

1. INFM.
 - a. 83 Gp RAF have agreed to the temporary release of HAA from A/Fds.
 - b. 80 AA Bde are extending and filling gaps in existing HAA layout for beaches.
 - c. 80 AA Bde are being called to provide support for 1 Corps by HAA Units shooting in a secondary Gd Role.
2. INTENTION
60 HAA Regt will be deployed in support 80 AA Bde.
3. METHOD
168 Bty will occupy existing HAA gun posns as follows:-
A Tp 959795
B Tp 915792
169 Bty C Tp will take over the posn at present occupied by D Tp.
D Tp will occupy posn at 025925
4. COMMAND
60 HAA Regt will remain under command 106 AA Bde for ops purposes.
168 Bty & C Tp 169 Bty under command OC 86 HAA Regt., RA
AADC of the area in which their gun positions lie.
D Tp under command OC 103 HAA Regt.
AADC at 160 AAOR.
All gun posns are located within the IAZ, though for early warning purpose some may be linked with A/Fds.
Rules for opening fire will be those for the IAZ and A/Fds Comds have NO power to restrict fire.
5. ROUTES
For D Tp At discretion of OC 169 Bty.

For 168 Bty to be recced by OC 168 Bty.

1 Tp only to be moved at one time.

Interval between colns [?] 1 hr.

6. EARLY WARNING

168 A Tp from 166 AAOR via B4 A/Fd

B Tp from 157 AAOR via B5 A/Fd

169 C Tp as at present from 155 AAOR via B4 A/Fd

E Tp from 160 AAOR direct.

For purposes of Gd shooting all tps are in support of 1 Corps. Further orders will be issued later.

7. ADMN.

Mod RAP at RHQ

Rations As at present, subject to confirmation.

8. INTERCOM

With RHQ Regtl net.

With sources of early warning W/T and Line.

Lateral lines between Tps of each Bty will be laid. RHQ will close present locn 1200 hrs 27 Jun 44 and re-open at 986806 1200hrs 26 Jun 44.

RHQ RRC Ch. BENNEY-SUR-MER³ 986206

9. LOCN

155 AAOR 987814 Serial No. 1149

157 AAOR 892812 Serial No. 1153

160 AAOR 028813 Serial No. 1156

80 AA Bde 043826 Serial No 1130

60 REME W/Shop as at present.

ACK.

TOO. 2250 HRS.

Method of Issue DRLS.

³ [Bény-sur-Mer](#)

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July 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LA FONTAINE COURSEULLES LA MARE	1		168 HAA Bty shot down E/A and given Cat. I. 206 HAA Bty arrived off beaches after uneventful crossing of Channel.	
COURSEULLES	2		169 HAA Bty shot down one E/A. Cat. I. was given, to be shared with other units of Sub-Area. 206 HAA Bty disembarked on beaches and proceeded to BMA.	
ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES	3		206 HAA Bty left BMA and went into harbour: BHQ at ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES, E Tp at CANGANGY 845670, F Tp at 823791.	
	4		206 HAA Bty given permission to engage E/A.	
	8		206 HAA Bty warned to "go out of action" and to provide working parties to dump amn for Fd RA in fwd areas.	
	13		1 Gnr received accidental wounds while cleaning Sten gun and was admitted to hosp.	
LA FONTAINE	14		168 HAA Bty damaged one E/A. Cat II given.	
BENY-SUR-MER	15		Brig. J.K. Smith, Comd 74 AA Bde, flew over from England and visited all units of the Regt.	
LA FONTAINE	18		168 HAA Bty shot down one Ju.88. Cat.I given.	
LA MARE	22		Capt. R.C. Whale (170127), 169 HAA Bty, received abdominal wounds and one Gnr received severe head and leg wounds as a result of enemy shelling whilst preparing new gun positions for defence of CAEN. 169 HAA Bty shot down one E/A and given Cat. I.	
	23		Capt. R.C. Whale (170127), 169 HAA Bty, died of wounds at CCS GAZELLE.	
ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES	24		206 HAA Bty left non-operational posns in area BAYEUX and deployed in new posns CAEN area: BHQ near PRISON 003685, E Tp 002679, F Tp 016707.	
LA FONTAINE	25		168 HAA Bty moved from area LA FONTAINE to posns in def of CAEN: BHQ 045727, A Tp 044737, B Tp 061716.	
BENY-SUR-MER			RHQ moved from BENY-SUR-MER to ST.GERMAIN 009686.	
LA MARE	26		169 HAA Bty moved from LA MARE to posns in def of CAEN: BHQ 029700, C Tp 055698, D Tp 035705.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ST. GERMAIN			Lt. E.F. Weller (171060), Sigs Offr, RHQ, involved in accident with Cdn Jeep and received broken leg and leg wounds. Taken to BAYEUX Hospital.	
ST. GERMAIN	27		60 HAA Regt left comd 106 HAA Bde and came under comd 100 AA Bde.	
	31		Btys had engaged E/A almost every night and, of many claims submitted, total allocated to Regt were five Cat. I, one Cat. I shared and one Cat. II. Gun posns had, over the period, been bombed and shelled but no serious damage other than mentioned above was received.	

August 1944

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
CAEN	1/5		Units still in defence CAEN. No engagements. [to 5/8]	
	6		E Tp 206 HAA Bty deployed for gd shooting but did not carry out shoot as enemy areas had been captured.	
	7/9		No engagements. [to 9/8]	
	10		169 HAA Bty moved to EAST of CAEN (062647) to give all round AA Def.	
	11		Regt. Comd carried out recce for the gd. deployment of the Regt. in area BENOUVILLE-RANVILLE.	
BENOUVILLE		12	Regt relieved of its commitments of the def. of CAEN by 109 HAA Regt. and moved to harbour as follows:- 168 harboured at BEAUVILLE, 169 harboured at BLAINVILLE, 206 harboured at N.W. BENOUVILLE. RHQ deployed in two sections Rear HQ at Beauville, Regt. Comd Post at BENOUVILLE. Regt ceased to be under comd. 100 AA Bde and came under comd. 1 CORPS in support 6 A/Borne Div.	
	13		All Radar Eqpt. and personnel moved to area LA MARE to carry out maintenance and trg whilst Regt. in gd. role. Lt. Teverson called in from 206 Bty to act as Regt. Sigs Officer.	
	16		Bde. Comd 74 AA Bde. visited unit. Regtl. reps. were sent to 150 and 191 Field Regts and 53 Lt A.A. Regt. and inf. whom Regt was supporting.	
	17		169 Bty advanced to HERONVILLE and 168 Bty to GRANVILLE E of the River ORNE.	
	19		Enemy withdrawing speedily and 168 and 169 advanced to TROARN whilst 206 Bty adv. to BOIS de BURES (1570).	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	21		Enemy still in retreat 168 and 169 and 206 Btys adv across River DIVES to deploy in area GOUSTRANVILLE.	
BRANVILLE	22		With enemy still rapidly getting 'out of range' Regt had to move to deploy in area BRANVILLE.	
	23		A further move saw 168 Bty at BEAUMONT Sur AUGÉ 169 Bty at GLANVILLE 206 Bty at LAVALEE	
	24		169 Bty adv to DREUX to keep within range of enemy.	
	25		Enemy still retreating. 168 Bty advance to QUETTEVILLE. 169 at ST BENOIT D'HEBERTOT 206 in area East St BENOIT D'HEBERTOT. Capt. O'MEARA M. (231880) C.F. att to this unit to replace Capt. F.J. Higgins C.F. who was att to 24 CCS on 26 Jul. 44.	
	26		Regt. ceased to be in support 6 Airborne Div., who were withdrawn from the line (order of the Day att. as App. A). Unit remained under comd. 1 Corps.	Regt. expended 2450 rds in ground role.
	29		Regt. ceased to be under comd. 1 Corps as from 1200 hrs and reverted to be under comd. 74 AA Bde.	
	30		Regt ordered to recce posns for AA Def. of ROUEN. RHQ moved to ST ELOY de FOURGES with Bty. Recce gps. REME and Btys remained in old locations. RADAR eqpt. And personnel returned to Regtl area for deployment in AA Def. of ROUEN.	

26/8/44 Order of the Day

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

1. On the 6th June we came to Normandy. We seized the bridges, the Le Plein – Le Mesnil high ground and the Ranville areas.
2. What we seized we held.
3. For two months we sat on the defensive while General Montgomery's great plan unfolded itself.
4. On the 17th Aug we started a grim pursuit. Since then we have advanced 40 miles. This is an average of 7,000 yds a day as the crow flies, as the troops have had to march it has been half as far again.
5. We have fought and beaten the enemy at CABOURG, GOUSTRANVILLE, DOZULE, BRANVILLE, ANNEBAULY, PONT L'EVEQUE, and BEUZEVILLE.
6. In this fighting we have lost many good friends. We have, all of us, at times been tired out and weary.

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7. We have fought side by side with our gallant allies, the Belgians and the Dutch. The Green and the Red Berets have fought as one. 150 and 191 Field Regiments and 60 Heavy Anti Aircraft Regiment have supported us splendidly, effectively and loyally.
8. I congratulate you on your great achievements: on your stamina, on your skill and on your grand grim determination.
9. The motto of the 6th British Airborne Division is “GO TO IT”. You have gone to it and right splendidly you have done it.

Richard N Gale
Major-General
Commanding 6th British Airborne Division

26 Aug 44

September 1944

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ROUEN	2		Regt deploys in AA Role for defence of ROUEN and Seine crossings under Comd 74 A Bde. RHQ at Mont St Aignon, 168Bty at Brisguillaume, 169Bty at La Maine, 206Bty at Pont L'Arche.	
	9		Regt O.O.A. at ROUEN for move to ST. OMER at 1600hrs. Relieved by 83 HAA Regt RA.	
ST. OMER	10		Regt arrives ST, OMER area. RHQ ay Lumbres. All Btys harbouring at Harlettes.	
BOULOGNE	12		Recce of area GRIGNY. Carried out by Regt and Bty Comds. Regt in action in ground role for support of attack on BOULOGNE. Regt Comd Post at Houlefort. 168Bty at Grigny. 169Bty and 206Bty at Mont-des-Boucards. Regt under command 2 Cdn AGRA.	
	16		Recce of posns in CALAIS area carried out.	
	17		Operation 'Wellhit' against BOULOGNE. Regt fired over 150 r.p.g. Between 0800-1200hrs mainly against enemy posns on Mont St Lambert. Rapid rate of fire caused window of gravity tanks to be blown out on some guns.	See Appendix 'A'
CALAIS	18		Cease fire ordered at 1100hrs and Regt moved to support attack on CALAIS. RCP and Btys at BEAULIEU.	
	20		Two reinforcement Offrs joined to replace casualties-Lt BEARDMORE, K(300618), Lt BLACK (296491).	
	25		Operation 'Undergo' against CALAIS. Regt allotted for use CBO.	See Appendix 'B'

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	27		Capt T.CHRISTIE, RAMC(279552) joined Regt from No.8 Base HOSP. 168Bty posn shelled from CapGrisnez- 1 gun knocked out by direct hit on gun pit-no casualties.	
	29		Regt moved to harbour area BOURSIN. Awaiting orders to advance.	
	30		Capt W.CLARK RAMC(169606) posted from Regt to No.8 Base Hosp. Regt to date fired 14000rds since landing in this theatre.	

17/9/44 – Operation ‘Wellhit’

Notes to Task Table. Op WELLHIT [hand written]

1. Z hr will be notified later
2. Watches will be synchronised by BBC time signal at 0700, 0800, and 0900 hrs without fail.
Zone A time is in force
3. Every gun will have an aiming post planted in line with ME sight, first when laid on task No 929 and then (moved during the break in firing) on its new task in the HB programme. Guns in succession in each tp will check their line on their own A2 starting with No 1 after 25 rounds, No 2 after 30, No 3 after 35, & No 4 after 40 rounds. This check should cause not more than 1 r.p.g. to be missed, and should discern any “skewing.” Should skewing develop, one gun at any one time will correct, then resume ordered rate of fire.

25/9/44 – Operation ‘Undergo’

Operation UNDERGO [hand written]

1. 60th HAA Regt has been allotted for the use of CBO
2. ‘CB Programme’ is to be put into force by 3 methods.
 - a. An “at call” programme, as shown on the attached Task Table, insofar as it affects the regt (??? Flak)
 - b. Concentrations of 1 Tp at Scale 5 at call from CBO (through R.C.P.) on any H.B. reported active by Infantry (??? ??? ???)
 - c. As for (b) above at call from Air OP, through R.C.P.
3. H Hour will be notified.
4. All watches will be synchronised with BBC time at every hour during daylight, w.e.f. 0700 hrs 25 Sep.
5. If no registration is possible before H Hour with Air OP, “60” Range Table to be used unaltered.

Task Table – Operation WELLHIT

TIME ON TARGET	Bty or Tp	Task No	Coords	Amn	Scale	Remarks
Z+5 to Z+20 1000 / 1015	ALL	929	70885272 ht 170m	Fuze 117	4 r.p.g. p m	Gun fires 15 rounds [illegible]
Z+30 to Z+55 1025 / 1050	A	6855 GS	6862 5576 ht 80m	208 A/B	4 r.p.g. p m	Gun fires 15 rounds. To be checked as above.
- Do -	B	6960 HE	69806020 to 70006101 ht 35m	- Do -	- Do -	- Do -
- Do -	C	6756 BG	6740 5617 ht 35m	- Do -	- Do -	- Do -
- Do -	D	6756 DX	6767 5660 ht 60m	- Do -	- Do -	- Do -
- Do -	E	7059 BH	7098 5917 ht 60m	- Do -	- Do -	- Do -
- Do -	F	6855 AL	6813 5532 ht 70 m	- Do -	- Do -	- Do -

Z = 0955

Additional Task Table – Operation WELLHIT

TIME ON TARGET	Bty or Tp	Task No	Co-ords and height	Amn	Scale	Remarks
Z+65 to Z+80	A & B <i>Engaged 1052</i>	6855 AL	6813 5532 ht 80m	208 A/B	2 r.p.g. p m	ONLY TO BE FIRED ON ORDERS OF CBO
	C & D <i>Not fired</i>	6852 DL	6889 5260 ht 80m	208 A/B	ditto	
	E <i>Not fired</i>	6951 AJ	6980 5172 ht 110m	208 A/B	Ditto	
	F	7151 AI	71115148	208 A/B	ditto	

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Not fired

ht 45 m

October 1944

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
DIXMUDE	1		Whole Regt moved to area DIXMUDE pending receipt of orders.	
ANTWERP	3		Regt moved to area ANTWERP for AA role.	
MERXPLAS	4		Fresh orders were rec't that Regt was to deploy under comd 4 AGRA in a ground role in support 1(Brit) Corps. RHQ & Btys in action MERXPLAS. Btys engaged day and night against enemy posns.	
BAARLE-NASSAU	5		Regt advanced area BAARLE-NASSAU to continue ground role in support 1 Pol Div and 49 Div. RHQ at KLOOSTER. Mines encountered. 1 Jeep blown up. No casualties.	
	6		Fresh posns reced by Regt area POPPEL but never occupied.	
	7-19		Regt fired both day and night in support 1 Pol Div, 49 Div and BOBFORCE. Satisfaction expressed by both Divs as to results obt'd.	
BRASSCHAAT	20		Posns reced in area BETHANTA, nr BRASSCHAAT and occupied by Regt during the afternoon in support 49 Div. 'I' patrols reported in area and Regt patrols sent out, pending move up of Inf. Enemy not encountered.	
KALMTHOUT	22		Posns reced in area KALMTHOUT & occupied by Regt during afternoon.	
	24		Enemy shelling. 1 GTV in 206 Bty Waggon Lines slightly damaged. No casualties.	
ESSCHEN	28		Regt moved to previously reced posns ESSCHEN.	
ROSENDAAL	29		While firing a salvo HE Fuzed 223, a number of shells burst in flt. Prematures investigated and it was considered that the fuzes were over-sensitive and burst when fired in heavy rain. Later, instrs were received to the effect that Fuze 223 should NOT be used.	
	31		Regt moved to posns N of ROSENDAAL in area OUD GASTEL. Enemy posns on R.MAAS and tps crossing R.MAAS engaged. To date Regt has expended 25,000 rds in this theatre. Guns of two Tps nearing end of 4th quarter of their life.	

November 1944

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. M.B. Turner R.A.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
OULD GASTEL nr. ROOSENDAAL	2 – 3		Hy firing programme carried out by Regt during night 2/3 Nov in support of attacks by 49 Inf Div and 104 US Inf Div towards the MAAS. Message of congratulation from CRA 49 Div att at Appx "A".	
ROOSENDAAL	6		Cease fire ordered. Regt conc in brickworks 4 miles E of ROOSENDAAL preparatory to move to new area.	
	7		Regt moved from conc a rea and harboured area REEK, nr GRAVE.	
NIJMEGEN	8		Regt occupied posns in relief of 107 HAA Regt in area NIJMEGEN. RHQ and 168 Bt y N of R.WAAL. All Btys deployed in combined AA and Gd Role in def of NIJMEGEN and FRAVE Bns. 168 Bty A Tp also deployed in CD role for def of R.WAAL. 74 AA Bde order of the day att at Appx "B".	
	12		Owing to rise of R.WAAL making it possible for the enemy to flood posns N of River, RHQ & 169 Bty moved S of River. 206 Bty moved to new posns SE of town, nr power stn. Difficulty experienced in getting guns off posns owing to mud.	
	12 – 15		Btys fired on enemy posns and mortars in Gd role in support of 50 (N) Inf Div.	
	16		169 Bty posns shelled. 1 O.R. wounded: no other casualties.	
	18		169 Bty posns shelled. 206 Bty evacuated gun posn owing to floods, and re-deployed in two new posns.	
	19		C Tp 169 Bty shelled. 1 O.R. Killed, 1 gun damaged, 1 GTV and 1 3-ton lorry destroyed. Posn evacuated and C Tp re-deployed on fresh posn. Enemy fighters engaged by day.	
	20		A Jeep of 206 Bty was driven into the NIJMEGEN reservoir. 3 O.Rs drowned.	
	25		Owing to hy floods of R.WAAL, BHQ 168 Bty, A Tp 168 Bty and D Tp 169 Bty evacuated posns and re-deployed in Brickworks.	
	26		BHQ 168 Bty, A Tp 168 Bty and D Tp 169 Bty cut off by land, owing to flooding. DUKW service initiated to supply these units.	
	30		All Btys engaged during the night in AA role against enemy fighter-bombers. During the month Btys have been employed daily firing in gd role in support of 50 (N) Inf Div and 49 Inf Div.	

2/11/44 - Message of thanks

OC 60th Hy AA Regt

116 [?] Hy AA Regt

1. The following message received from CRA 49 (WR) Inf Div is forwarded for necessary action.

“The three Inf Bdes supported during the attacks of the last three days have specially mentioned the accuracy and efficiency of the arty support given by fd. Med. And HAA Regts.

Please inform gun dets.”

Sgd. ???? Maj RA

74 AA Bde

2 Novr. 44

8/11/44 – Order of the Day

SPECIAL BRIGADE ORDER.

By

BRIGADIER J.M. SMITH – COMD 74 AA BDE.

8 Nov 44

The Bde Commander has received the following letter from Lieut. General Sir JOHN CROCKER, K.B.E., C.B.,D.S.C., M.C., G.O.C. 1 (Brit) Corps :-

“Dear Brigadier,

74 AA BDE, under your comd, will be leaving 1 Corps very shortly. It may be impossible for me to see you before you go.

I would like to thank you and all ranks under your command for the splendid work you have done during the recent operations.

I know the formations you have supported, Polish, American and British, have all been most appreciative of the help and co-operation received from your regiments. All have done splendidly but perhaps I may mention particularly 60 HAA REGT which joined us earlier than the remainder and which has been specially brought to my notice for its enterprising and valuable work.

Many thanks and all good fortune,

Yours sincerely,

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(Sd) John Crocker.”

The Bde Commander congratulates all ranks on their excellent record to which LAA and S/L troops have contributed as well as HAA units.

D N Crane

Maj RA,

BM, 74 AA Bde

B.L.A.

December 1944

Commanding Officer: Lt. Col. G. G. O. Lyons MBE RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NIJMEGEN	6		23 O.Rs of the Regt transferred to Infantry.	
	10		Lt. Col. M.B. Turner RA relinquished comd of Regt on promotion to A/Brig and on assuming comd 75 AA Bde. Maj. E.A. Brown RA in comd pending posting of new C.O.	
	14		168 Bty A Tp transport evacuated by barge from posn cut off by floods.	
	15		168 Bty BHQ evacuated by barge to NIJMEGEN (MR 70946210).	
	16		168 & 206 Btys fired in support of op "BOLO" carried out by 49 Div.	
	20		DUKW service of supplies to 168 Bty A Tp and 169 Bty D Tp discontinued, floods having subsided sufficiently to allow vehs to reach posns by rd. B Tp posn shelled. 1 O.R. Wounded	
	21		Warning received of possibility of enemy airborne attack. All guards doubled. Anti-paratroop def measures put into effect throughout Regt and continuing.	
	22		BHQ 206 Bty moved to St. Joseph School, NIJMEGEN.	
	27		D Tp 169 Bty moved to new posn (MR 711651). Lt. Col. G.G.O. Lyons, MBE, RA assumed comd of Regt.	
	30		AOP reports enemy parade dispersed by Regt's gun fire and casualties inflicted.	
	31		C.O. Visited all posns. During the month the Regt fired daily in support of 49 Div in gd role. Enemy fighters	

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			and DIVERS were engaged on a number of occasions. Site works and maintenance continued daily by all Btys.	

17/12/44 – Operation BOLO

Subject- Op “BOLO” Ref. 87/142

CC [?] 169 & 206 Bty., RA

1. The following message has been received from HQRA[?] 49 Div.
2. Op “BOLO” was a recent operation carried out by 49 Div, which was supported by C, E and F Tps.
3. “F” Tp 206 HAA Bty successful in silencing a machine gun at 72177304

BLA,
17 Dec 44
CRW.

Copy to:- 168 HAA Bty, RA.
War Diary.