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"11 (Coln) Independent M. G. Coy. (P.T. Fusiliers)"

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(THE PRINCESS LOUISE FUSILIERS)

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ITALY MR 293295 Sheet 172	1 Jul	44	<u>THE PRINCESS LOUISE FUSILIERS (11 CDN INF BDE MG COY)</u> Bright and warm. The day was observed as a holiday. During the morning sports were held. Brigadier I.S. Johnston, D.S.O., E.D. visited the lines and commented on the physical fitness of the men. In the afternoon swimming parades were held.	JH
	2 Jul		Bright and warm. R.C. Church parade held in the morning, swimming parades were held in the afternoon. Movie in the evening.	JH
	3 Jul		Bright and warm. Major P.B. Kennedy, Commanding Officer inspected the MMG Coy in the morning. Remainder of the day was spent in normal training with sports in the afternoon.	JH
	4 Jul		Fine and cooler. Major General B.M. Hoffmeister, D.S.O. and Brigadier I.S. Johnston, D.S.O., E.D. inspected the unit at 0730 hrs. Major P.B. Kennedy inspected Group H Q. Remainder of the day spent in normal training and sports.	JH
	5 Jul		Bright and a bit cooler. Training and sports as usual. Lieut J.L. Crochetiere returned to the unit. Movie in the evening.	JH
	6 Jul		Bright and warm. Major P.B. Kennedy inspected No 1 Mortar Coy in the morning and No 2 Mortar Coy in the evening. Xmas parcels from the Laies Auxiliary distributed and photos taken. 20 men leave for 5 days leave to ROME.	JH
	7 Jul		Bright and warm. 70 Other Ranks for 5 days leave to ROME plus 11 officers. 20 ORs leave on 1 days leave to ROME.	JH
	8 Jul		Bright and warm. Majority of unit on leave. Remainder preparing for Exercise "Time Out". Lieut C.S. Boyd and Cpl Brown, L.D. left on course at Benevento.	JH
	9 Jul		Bright and warm. Major N H Minshull to recce area at 1700 hrs for Exercise "Time Out" harbour party. Moved off at 1800 hrs on exercise. Total of 61 vehs from F Echelon Harboured for night outside Dragona	JH

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	10Jul		Bright and warm. Stayed in harbour all day. Moved off at 1600 hrs, crossed Volturna and harboured near ALIFE.	JSA
	11Jul		Bright and warm. Moved off from ALIFE at 0200 hrs for unit area.	JSA
	12Jul		Thunder and heavy rain, clear in the evening. Another leave party left for Bari Rest Camp. Normal training, movie in the evening.	JSA
	13Jul		Reveille changed to 0600 hrs, first parade 0730 hrs. We have been notified that a new Brigade, the 12 C.I.B. will be formed and that the P L Fus will supply the Sp Unit for that Brigade. 15 officers attending get ahead course.	JSA
	14Jul		Bright and warm. Normal training. # 2 Mortar coy out on night exercise, exercising deployment and setting up of mortars at night.	JSA
	15Jul		Bright and warm. Lieut W M Chisholm on 2 24 hr exercise, purpose of scheme, battle drill.	JSA
	16Jul		Bright and warm. R.C. Church parade in morning, swimming in afternoon.	JSA
	17Jul		Bright and warm. Normal training and sports.	JSA
	18Jul		Bright and warm. 13 ORs leave on 7 days leave to Salerno Rest Camp.	JSA
	19Jul		Bright and warm. Training as usual. Major P.B. Kennedy and Major N H Minshull left for AVELLINO to arrange for reinforcements for new Sp Gp.	JSA
	20Jul		Bright and warm. Reinforcements arrive to complete new est. Most of them from, S.L.I and RCA. Lieut J R Ball, I.S. Hamilton, A O Pilon and Lieut Drummond T.O.S from S.L.I. Lieut C D Nickerson awarded the Military Cross for outstanding leadership in	JSA

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	20Jul		the LIRI VALLEY battle.	JSH
	21Jul		Bright and warm. Day spent in interviewing new men and getting them settled down.	JSH
	22Jul		Bright and warm. New men posted to coys. 2 Mortar coy went to the beach for the day. Movie in the evening.	JSH
	23Jul		Bright and warm. R C Church parade in morning. 2 Mortar coy came back from a very good holiday at the beach.	JSH
	24Jul		Bright and very warm. Showers. More postings.	JSH
	25Jul		Sunny, very hot, showers. Normal training. Capt Jackson from 2 Bde came to make arrangements to conduct three day course in muleteering to start on 27 Jul. Movies in the evening.	JSH
	26Jul		Bright and warm. Training normal. 47 blood donors went to 13 F.D.S. MMG Coy on ranges. Personnel for 12 C.I.B. moved off to their new area. One Pl MM's under comd of Liuet K C Tracy move out on Frameup Exercise.	JSH
	27 Jul		Bright and warm. Training normal. Exercise "FRAMEUP" in progress, 1 pl in sp of C.B.H. 5 15-cwts to go to OFF. Show in the evening, "Stormy Weather".	JSH
	28Jul		Bright and warm. Exercise "CRAMPION" "O" Gp at Brigade. Training in progress with 20 mules brought here by Capt Jackson, R.C.A.S.C. Exercise "FRAMEUP" completed. 1 and 3 pls MMG in sp of Ir R of C and Perth R.	JSH
	29 Jul		Bright and warm. Mule training in progress in Mortars. Exercise "TRIGGER" being tied up for 31 Jul.	JSH

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	30Jul		Bright and warm. Church parades for RCs at 0900 hrs. Pay parade at 1400 hrs.	JH
	31Jul		Cloudy and warm. 15 incl, Major P.B. Kennedy, Capt E Tomes, Capt R L Simmonds, Capt D.G. Bauld and Lieut I S Hamilton, CSMs and NCOs attended Exercise "TRIGGER" which turned out to be inspection of selected units from 1 Cdn Corps by His Majesty, The King. Brigadier I S Johnston, D.S.O., E.D., Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde in charge of parade. Carriers leave camp at 1530 hrs for Start Point of Exercise "CRAMPION."	JH JH

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MR 293295 Sheet 172 Italy	1 Aug	44	<p><u>PAGE 1</u> <u>THE PRINCESS LOUISE FUSILIERS (11 CDN INF BDE MG COY)</u></p> <p>Move off for Ex "GRAMPIAN", order of convey, Mortar Coy and Adm. Carriers have already left in a tracked convey. Good time was made. Camp was set up at 1500 hrs just off Highway 6, 18 kilometers South of Rome. That evening some officers, including Major P B Kennedy, Capt D G Bauld, Lieut W M Chishelm, Lieut A O Pilon and Lieut I S Hamilton took turns to see the beauties of Rome (Architectural).</p>	JSH
On the Move	2 Aug		<p>Second day of convey. The Neapolitanites gave cheers and hand waves and smiles at the boys as they passed through the streets of Rome and surrounding villages on Route 2 North. Camp set up between Route 2 and Lago De Bolsena, approximately 15 kilometers North of Bolsena. The swimming was refreshing. A corn roast and watermelon party was held at 2000 hrs followed by a show in the Perth Regiment lines.</p>	JSH
	3 Aug		<p>Third and last day of convey. Hot and sunny. Roads very dusty. Arrive new area. Lovely estate of Count Recca Scotti 1 mile from Route 75, 15 kilometers South of Perugia. Four three tonners lost on trip due to mechanical breakdown. One returned later. Major P.B. Kennedy, Capt E Tomes, Lieut I S Hamilton, Lieut A O Pilon and Lieut L W Henderson were invited to set up in the Count's house for sleeping.</p>	JSH
	4 Aug		<p>Bright and warm. Clouded over in the afternoon. Maintenance of vehicles and weapons all day. Adm jeep painted. Capt G S Bauld went off on a new recon.</p>	JSH
	5 Aug		<p>Bright and warm. Carriers arrive in new area. Day spent in preparing for move tomorrow. Some of the ORs partake of an Italian Spaghetti dinner graciously donated by an Italian overseer in Count Recca Scotti's estate.</p>	JSH
	6 Aug		<p>Leave camp at 0800 hrs (Estate of Count Recca Scotti) 1 mile Southeast of Highway 75 and 15 kilometers from Perugia. Route to Perugia, Highway 3 to Feligno, Highway 3 to Trevi. Camp at MR 972738.</p>	JSH
MR 972738	7 Aug		<p>Bright and warm. 5 Corps HQ have reconed our camp area, we must move to new area 1/2 mile on Highway 3. Leave at 0945 hrs arrive new area at 100 hrs. Set up camp at MR 980730. Better area. Camouflage stressed. Expect to stay for 7 to 10 days. EFI issue arrived this afternoon.</p>	JSH

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MR980730	8Aug		(Page 2)	
			<p>Bright and warm. Coys on normal training. Lieut I S Hamilton, Adm Offr reced a 75x range to-day. A new brick barn is being cleaned out by the prisoners for use as a guardroom? Orders came through to-day to remove all British aircraft recognition markings from the vehicles and put on the American star recognition markings. Show to-night "Lifebeat". Major General B M Heffalester, DSO, ED put Rene out of bounds also allé towns and villages. We have no unit flashes or Division patches showing.</p>	JDI
	9Aug		<p>Bright and warm. Rain in afternoon. Normal training. All Lieuts and Pl Sgts attend lecture (Counter Mortar) at Bde HQ. Major P B Kennedy gave lecture at Bde at 1700 hrs on MMGs in Bde Sp Gp. Sgt Peelzer given citation from Div I.O. on his good work in capturing an Italian spy attempting to enter our lines as a barber and thus obtain information to sell to the enemy.</p>	JDI
	10Aug		<p>Bright and warm. Rain in morning. Rene 48 hrs leave granted now, 2 Officers, 6 ORs allotted. At 1900 hrs MMG officers held a mess dinner and invited all other officers to attend. A good time was had by all, we went to a show after.</p>	JDI
	11Aug		<p>Normal training. Bright and warm. The C.O.? Major P B Kennedy and all MMG officers went off on recess for new scheme "Canyon". Rene leaves cancelled.</p>	JDI
	12Aug		<p>Bright and warm. MMG Coy start on "Canyon". Mortars officers as spectators. Mobile bath set up. Mortar Coy and HQ attend. Two new 60-cwts to Mortar Coy.</p>	JDI
	13Aug		<p>Bright and very hot. R C Church parade for HQ and Mortar Coy. "Canyon" still in progress.</p>	JDI
	14Aug		<p>Very hot, 127 degrees in the shade. MMG Coy return from "Canyon" and go to mobile bath in afternoon. Special chicken dinner held at 1900 hrs for H Q Officers.</p>	JDI

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	15Aug		Bright and warm. Maintenance on vehicles. Major P B Kennedy, Capt E Tones, CSM B W Harvey and GSM L A Herne with 2 NCOs go to see Lt/Gen Sir Oliver Leese at Irish HQ.	SSA
	16Aug		Sunny day and a little cooler, sigs scheme in progress. Refreshing breezes blowing down the valley.	SSA
	17Aug		Bright and warm. Vehicle painting for these vehicles in HQ still unpainted. HQ has a party at night and due to a shortage in chicken it was restricted to a normal supper plus many gallons of VINO.	SSA
	18 Aug		Bright and warm. 5 drivers off to Naples to pick up new 3 ton lorries. Training off. MMGs preparing to move.	SSA
	19Aug		Carriers move off at 1800 hrs to SP for exercise "OLIVE". Capt R L Simmonds, officer i/c convey. Bright and warm.	SSA
	20Aug		Bright and warm. R C Church parade at CBH lines. HQ vehicles maintained for incoming move.	SSA
	21Aug		Convey on exercise "Olive" starts pas SP at 0345 hrs. Capt T L Allen convey commander. Arrive new area just off Route 76, 4 kilometers west of Jesi.	SSA
	22Aug		Camp set up in new area just South and West, 4 kilometers from Jesi. Bath parade in afternoon. Vehicle maintenance.	SSA
	23Aug		Bright and warm. Vehicle maintenance. 350 maps come in for incoming push.. "I" Gp kept busy all day tabulating them. Air photos also come in. "O" Gp by Major P B Kennedy to brief all officers.	SSA

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	24Aug		Bright and warm. Vehicles prepared for move. Lieut A O Pilen plus recce party to push off on 1 hours notice. MMG have party in lines with 228 litres of VINO.	SDA
	25Aug		Bright and warm. Recce party leave for new area. Brigadier I S Johnston talks to all ranks at 1400 hrs telling of intention of Canadians in this show. Major P B Kennedy reads speech by Corps Commander.	SDA
	26Aug		Bright and warm. Move off to new area at 1100 hrs. Convey commander, Lieut I S Hamilton. Two vehicle casualties en route. Received letter appendix from Italian Signiera questioned by FSS and believed to be strongly Pro-Nazi. New area bad for malaria but we expect to move in the morning as the First and Second Bdes are across the Metaure River.	SDA
	27Aug		Bright and warm. Recce party left at 0545 hrs, returned at noon. Area not practical, move cancelled.	SDA
	28Aug		Bright and warm. Major P B Kennedy attended "O" Gp at 0830 hrs. Major P B Kennedy held "O" Gp at 0930 hrs. Moved to new area. At night ammunition truck hit, lighting up sky for miles and jamming traffic for two miles either side. Lieut I S Hamilton and Fus Berry managed to save signal truck by driving it away from the blazing 60-cwt while bombs and detonators were blowing up. CSM Harvey tried twice to move second ammunition truck but failed because of a weak battery. The third attempt was successful. At "A" Echelon Fus English was seriously wounded by schrapnel. At Main HQ Fusilier Naugler was injured by a carrier.	SDA
	29Aug		Mortar and MMG pls up with the infantry. Attack successful, we move again to new area up beat route to a river bank between Membareccio and Menteciccardo.	SDA
	30Aug		Bright and warm. Feed mill near camp ran loose and flooded road, jammed traffic outside camp. Coys up forward. Mortars shoot approximately 200 rds. Mortars, 12 Can Lt Bde Sp Gp under command Major P B Kennedy for next sheet.	SDA

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	31Aug		<p>(page 5)</p> <p>Move again to new camp on fwd high slope of high feature near S Angelo. Have wonderful view of battle of the Foglia River and Gothic Line. Casualties very slight. Many fires at night from burning houses, tanks, machines, etc.</p> <p><i>P.B. Kennedy</i> (P.B. Kennedy) Major Officer Commanding Princess Louise Fusiliers</p>	<p><i>JK</i></p>

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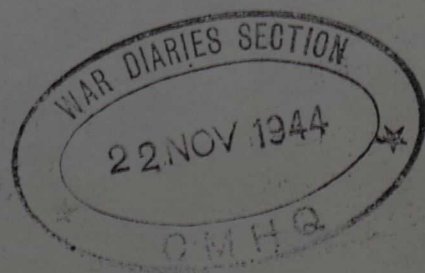
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S Angelo Italy	1 Sep 44		<u>THE PRINCESS LOUISE FUSILIERS</u> (page 1)	
		0330 0900 1225	<p>Still at Bde area S Angelo. Mortars firing past Gothic line. MMGs report wireless set smashed, also Driver Operator wounded.</p> <p>CBH reported two coys firm on Monte Marconi. Bn firm by first light.</p> <p>Perth R exploited northwards to Volpin, point 204. Sp Gp pls across Foglia river.</p> <p>Irish to exploit forward through CBH. PLDG to secure point 253 and advance on Tomba de Pesaro.</p>	JJA
		2040	<p>Stonk on Tomba De Pesaro- four pls mortar and one Pl MMG. 400 bombs in 10 minutes.</p> <p>Irish secure in Tomba de Pesaro, little if any resistance.</p>	JJA
	2 Sep 44		<p>Camped just South of Tomba de Pesaro. S.P. gun firing at us once in awhile. Killed Capt K M Harrison, P L Fus, Camp Commandant at HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Major P B Kennedy's jeep damaged by shell. 1 Pl Mortars in Sp of CBH and Perth R.</p> <p>12 Cdn Lt Bde passed through. 1 and 2 Coys Mortars placed u/c 12 Cdn Indep MG Coy.</p> <p>Intention:- to establish bridgehead over Conca. TAC HQ 11 C.I.B. Sp Gp moved to MR 003794.</p>	JJA
	3 Sep 44	0400	<p>No church services to-day. Everybody on maintenance. Have just arrived at new area South of S Angelo. A lot of air activity, everybody staying near slit trenches.</p> <p>"O" Gp Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde. One P Mortars and one Pl MMG u/c Irish. Intention to follow up 5 C.A.B. Remainder 11 C.I.B. Sp Gp moved to MR 968824.</p>	JJA
4 Sep 44	2000	<p>Stayed in field South of S Angelo all day, moved up at night to new location MR 929865. Air attacks on convoy. One casualty in "A" Ech, one m/c smashed. Light bombers, strafing and bombing.</p> <p>"O" Gp by COMD 11 C.I.B. at O.P. overlooking Coriano. Intention: Irish to relieve Westmr R, CBH to pass through and secure feature to right of Irish. Reliefs to be completed by first light.</p>	JJA	
5 Sep 44		<p>Bright and warm. One Pl mortars attached to Irish R of C. MMGs moved up at 0500 hrs, no reports yet. We have many bombers and fighters overhead. Corps Arty fire on Coriano at 1700 hrs. Irish R of C have patrols up as far as Fuime Rodella but come back as 1 Br Arm'd Div have not yet taken Coriano.</p>	JJA	

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	6 Sep 44		<p>Situation very sticky. Hy cas inflicted on inf in Coriano "bowl". Recce made to get mortars and MMGs up to ridge.</p> <p>Cloudy. Very few Jerry planes over last night. One SP Gun fired intermittently on our left, harrassing fire, a more or less peaceful sleep was experienced by all thanks to our night fighters overhead. Major PMB Kennedy is setting up an Ops HQ at Bde. Recces have gone fwd from MMGs and Mortars on foot to see possibilities of manhandling weapons over bridge, vehicles are spotted too easily. 12 Cdn Lt Bde intend a flanking attack West and North of Coriano to cut the roads. 11 Cdn Inf Bde will push up to Fuime Rodella and will then be approx 6000 yds from Rimini. Situation unchanged.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
	7 Sep 44		<p>Rained all day. Pte Tremblay, killed in action with 3 Pl MMGs was buried this morning. Lt-Gen Sir Oliver Leese is here conferring with Lt-Gen E.L.M. Burns. Coriano is more than a Corps show. An army will take part in it now. Situation unchanged. Plans laid for siezing Lorenzo feature by 11 C.I.B. Recce by night to posn Mortars and MMGs forward to support advance.</p>	<p>DM</p>
	8 Sep 44		<p>Rain. Jerry Arty fire has increased to-day. Mortars have two opportunity shoots. Rum ration was issued to all. No air acticity until two planes appeared at 0200 hrs 9 Sep. 5 casualties, 1 killed, four wounded. Situation unchanged. Positions heavily shelled and mortared.</p>	<p>DM</p>
	9 Sep 44		<p>Bright and warm. Roads beginning to dry up. 2 reinforcements come up from 4 Bn. Enemy arty fire not so heavy. Allies have a terrific arty concentration around our camp. One casualty, wounded from MMG. Situation unchanged, Positions heavily shelled and mortared.</p>	<p>DM</p>
	10 Sep		<p>Bright and warm. Constant enemy shelling. "A" Ech moved up to S Giovanni. Theatre opened for boys down the line for rest. Casualties - nil. Rum ration issued to all. "O" Co held by Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Plan - 11 C.I.B. to take Coriano ridge on night 13/14 Sep. Right - C.B.H. Left - Perth R, Irish to take town.</p>	<p>DM</p>

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	11 Sep 44		Bright and warm. Enemy shelled us at 0700 hrs., a growing habit with him. RCE kitchen 75 yds west of us hit. 2 killed, 10 wounded. Rest centre in S Giovanni proving very enjoyable to the boys. Theatre and canteen opened to 11 C.I.B. Few German planes over this evening. German airforce in this area seems to consist of four planes working in relays.	SSA
	12 Sep	1400	Bright and warm. Major P B Kennedy attends "O" Gp at HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Ops instrs comes in giving detail of next attack. It is to be 3 phases and includes 5 Cdn Armd Div, 1 Cdn Inf Div and 4 Br Inf Div. Message arrives notifying us that the German Army has violated the neutrality of S Marino. This Div will not observe the neutrality of S Marino. Co-ordinating conference held by Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Fire plan for Mortars and MMGs laid on. Mortars & Counter Mortar.	SSA
	13 Sep 44	0100	Bright and warm. # 1 P. Mortar arrives back from fwd position. It has three damaged mortars due to enemy fire. We receive notification to be ready to move back to rest area to-morrow. Beaufighters patrol sky to-night. No enemy aircraft overhead. H Hour fire plan carried out. Perth and CBH frim by first light. Irish entered town in morning - mopping up all day.	SSA
	14 Sep		Major P B Kennedy goes back to confer with Major Dutton of HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde, re area near S Giovanni. We move back at 1400 hrs. No casualties en route, set up new camp completed by 2330 hrs.	SSA

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S Giovanni	15Sep 44		(Page 4) Bright and warm. Men spent most of the day washing up after the period in the line. Notification comes in of shows and bathing allotments. Three shows in S Giovanni. A beach club is set up at Cattolica.	JSA
	16Sep 44		Bright and warm. Day spent in maintenance of vehicles. Small arms inspection. Ordnance inspection of all arms. Officers mess functioning in S Giovanni.	JSA
	17Sep 44		Bright and warm. A memorial service and church parade was held in unit lines. H/Capt Roland of Irish R of C conducted the service. The names of our fallen comrades were read out by Major P B Kennedy. We held a silent minute of prayer.	JSA
	18Sep 44		Bright and warm. Normal maintenance. Day spent in cleaning up. All shows were fully attended. Instruction for move cancelled. Sitrep shows Greeks on outskirts of Rimini.	JSA
	19Sep 44		Bright and warm. Normal maintenance. 600 maps come in from Bde for distribution. Greeks capture Rimini. Canadians across Bologna - Rimini road. Allies are now well past all mountain barriers leading to Lombardy Plains.	JSA
	20Sep 44		Move again cancelled, due to rain. Allies have successful advances over mountains. 7 more reinforcements arrive. New transfers and paint comes in for vehicles.	JSA
	21Sep 44		Rain, Instructions come in for service chevrons to be worn. Our vehicle establishment is cut by one 60-cwt and 1-15 cwt. Vehicles to go to Div pool. Move not yet teed up. Our area is now North of Rimini.	JSA
	22Sep 44		Bright and warm, slight showers. New traces arrive for boat route well up past Rimini. Routes much flatter as we are now past mountains. Many appear with 5 service stripes and less to-day on their right sleeves denoting the length of service in the Cdn Army (A).	JSA
	23Sep		Recce party under Lieut D M Smith moves off at 0500 hrs. Arrive new area at	JSA

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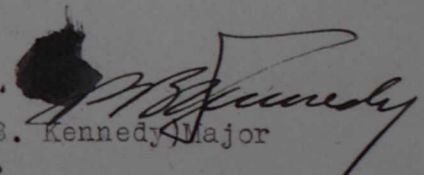
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S Ginstano	28Sep 44		Perth R take over area presently occupied by CBH. Sent instructions to coy to push pls fwd with view to support crossing of Rubacone. Capt R L Simmonds evacuated due to ankle injuries received in M/C accident. Capt K C Tracy detailed to take over Comd of coy. Sgt Corkum took over comd of 1 Pl MMG.	JCK
	29Sep 44		Cloudy, intermittent rains. Area reced vicinity of S Mauro for Main HQ	JCK
	29Sep 44		Cloudy with heavy rains. Minister of National Defence, Colonel Ralston paid a visit to H Q 11 Cdn Inf Bde and TAC H Q, 11 Cdn Inf Bde Sp Gp.	JCK
S Vito	30Sep 44		Bright and warm. Few clouds. Lieut Bookbinder's platoon had a premature charge blow a barrell, killed two and wounddd three. Bde and TAC HQ receive terrific shelling at 1240 hrs. Lines out. "A" Ech moved South of S Vito. Three fires started at Bde HQ.	JCK


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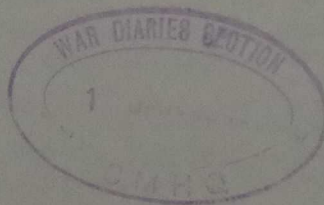
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Field Italy	1 Oct		THE PRINCESS LOUISE FUSILIERS		
			Bright with intermittent showers, Battle for Rubiconne continues, R.C. Church parade at Bde Hq. 2 direct hits on Mortar Coy Hq forced them to come over to this Hq. Jerry kept up his fairly heavy shelling all day. Capts Blair and Andrew called to "O" Gp at 12 C.I.B. Sp Gp pls reverted to 12 Bde control.		SDA
	2 Oct		Bright and warm. Light shelling. 1 Div Arty moved in and set up a Command Post at Main Hq. No casualties. Relief of 11 C.I.B. completed but PLF pls remained in position standing by.		SDA
	3 Oct		Bright and warm. Slight shelling, one landed in kitchen-- mud for lunch. No casualties. MMG coy touched up San Angelo X rds on request from 4 PLDG's.		SDA
	4 Oct		Bright and warm. Intermittent shelling of Main and Tac Hq. Water trailer punctured.		SDA
	5 Oct		Bright and warm. Intermittent in and around Main and Tac Hq. A cow stepped on a mine setting one off. Other shrapnel scratched wall at Main Hq. Otherwise fairly quiet.		SDA
	6 Oct		Main Hq heavily shelled. Office truck hit, sigs 60-cwt hit by shrapnel, MIR truck hit by shrapnel. Major P.B. Kennedy deemed it advisable to move Adm Branch of Main Hq back to "A" Ech.		SDA
	7 Oct		Bright and warm. Main Hq heavily shelled. Minefields around "A" Ech shelled for 15 mins. No casualties.		SDA
8 Oct		Bright and warm. No shelling. New 15 cwt, carrier and M/C arrive at "A" Ech for replacements. Battery shortage acute because of damaged batteries. Quiet night, no casualties.		SDA	

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	9 Oct		Rain. Lieut Hamilton goes as recce officer to recce new rest area in Riccione. Coys and "A" Ech prepare to move to-morrow. Intermittent shelling of TAC HQ continued all day.	JJA
	10 Oct		Lieut Hamilton contacted DAA& QMG, & 11 C.I.B. at 0900 hrs and given buildings Clean up party moved in at 1030 hrs to clean up. 48 th Highlanders of Canada have not yet moved out. "A" Ech moved in at 1330 hrs, 2 pls Mortar and 1 Pl MMG.	JJA
	11 Oct		Bright and Warm. Area being cleaned up. HQ established, B.O.R. etc set up. Coys lines, Vehs parks and all allotted areas being cleaned up. New area reced for another move.	JJA
	12 Oct		Bright and Warm . Move cancelled. Canteen set up. 3 Offrs and 10 OR'S sent on civilian evacuation scheme. Major Kennedy has an interview with Major General B.M. Hoffmeister re new War Establishment. Pay parade at 1500 hrs.	JJA
	13 Oct		Bright and warm. Normal maintenance. Some vehicles painted. Adjt inspects new ceremonial guard mount. Mens canteen, reading room and bar now opened. Surplus 4.2" Mortar Amn turned over to 1 Can Div for their attack.	JJA
	14 Oct		Bright and warm. Normal training. C.O. inspected HQ Lines accompanied by Capt E Tones, Lieut Hamilton, and Sgt Poelzer. Area much improved. All vehicles are grounded with effect from today. Transport Office set up.	JJA
	15 Oct		Bright and warm. R.C. Church parade at 0930 hrs. 6 of E at 1000 hrs. Major P.B. Kennedy, Capt G S Bauld start on 3 day leave. Capt A J Andrew assumes temporary Comd of Unit.	JJA
	16 Oct		Bright and warm. Normal maintenance and training. A few Officers on leave to Florence Maintenance on weapons carried out.	JJA
	17 Oct		Bright and warm. Normal maintenance and training, Men's Wet canteen opened.	JJA

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	18 Oct		Fine in morning with rain in afternoon. Major Kennedy and Capt Bauld returned from leave to Florence. Normal maintenance and training. 50 OR'S went to see DAF concert party in RICCIONE.	WJA
	19 Oct		Bright and warm. MMG's fired on beach, testing sights, otherwise normal training.	WJA
	20 Oct		Bright and warm. 6 Offrs on inspections of MMG's and Mortars in Inf Bns. Capt G S Bauld away on a series of Courts Martial. Lieut Hamilton and Capt E Tomes leave on a four day trip to Rome.	WJA
	21 Oct		Cloudy and cool. Warning order for move comes in. Uniton 120hrs notice from 1200 hrs. Recces parties despatched but returned at 1800 hrs. "O" Gp held by Major P ^r B Kennedy Bde intention- to relieve 2 NZ Div East of Savio night of 22/23 Oct 44.	WJA
	22 Oct		Bright and warm. Two convoys, carrier and wheeled leave for new area at 0900 hrs and 1145 hrs respectively. Mortar pls to sp Ir R of C on right over PISIGNANO- SAVIO lateral, also CBH and PERTH over SAVIO. Capt F A Neal and H Bookbinder proceeded as fire reps with Perth and Ir R of C.	WJA
	23 Oct		Slight rain. MAIN Hq and "A" ECH moved essentialvehs up to GAMBETOLLA. Rest of "A" Ech and "X" Ech remained present area south of RICCIONE. 1 Pl Mortar fired 100 bombs at MR 592172 on call from Lieut Bookbinder, fire rep with Ir R of C. Reports of effective fire sent back by Irish patrols.	WJA
	24 Oct		Intermittent rains. New area at GAMBETODLA is convent attached to church. Billets good No Casualties. Mortars moved up to SAVIO and prepared to cross when br erected. Main Hq moved to 614163.	WJA
	25 Oct		Bright and warm.in morning. Order comes in to move at 1400 hrs. "A" Ech moved to MR 597151. T7ree casualties to X3 list. Bridge over SAVIO to be open at 1800 hrs. Order of march over bridge- - CBH, Perth, Ir R Of C , PLF.	WJA

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	26 Oct		Rain all day. Roads becoming impassable. QM and Admin Officer go to visit TAC HQ on routine business. No casualties. Word comes in to move to CERVIA. Q.M. goes on recce but all roads impassable over canal. Major Kennedy visited the BM and was told not to take mortars across SAVIO as Bde was firmed up and relief in sight.	JJK
	27 Oct		Continuous rain. Recce made on Hornet lateral, only road open. Platoons are ferrying rations over Savio on rafts. Other platoons are working on road with Engineers. Q.M. makes the rounds issuing rum rations to the rain soaked men. Move postponed for 48 hrs.	JJK
	28 Oct		Q.M. goes to CERVIA to put "X" area up in billets. "A" Ech and "F" Ech stay in present billets for another 48 hrs. Good report comes in from Bde on good work our boys did on roads and bridge.	JJK
	29 Oct		Q.M. went on another recce. Evidently we are to go to another area other than Cervia. Rain has stopped. Slight breeze is drying things up.	JJK
	30 Oct		Sun finally came out. Recce party and harbour party on one hour notice.	JJK
	31 Oct		Bright and warm. Roads drying up. Normal maintenance on vehicles being carried out.	JJK

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(P.B. Kennedy) MAJOR,
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Italy MR597151	1 Nov		Bright and warm. Recce party notified will move as soon as bridges are repaired. Normal flank protection continues. No action against Jerry. No casualties.	S.Y.
	2 Nov		Rain. Recce party move off 0800 hrs. Have flat tire, change and set off at 0830 hrs. Unit to move off on 4 th Nov 44.	S.Y.
	3 Nov		Bright and warm, Adj. Office staff, Advance party and ration truck leave at 1330 hrs for new location. 60-cwt broke down. Advance party change over to M.I.R. truck. Sleep in a house in Urbino for the night.	S.Y.
URBINO	4 Nov		Adj. contacts QM at new location just North of URBINO. Mortars in large just North of town. All quarters are good. Plenty room for vehicles. Coys move in at 1500 hrs.	S.Y.
	5 Nov		Rain. New vehicle park set up for HQ vehicles. All roads muddy. Coys spend all day getting settled.	S.Y.
	6 Nov		Bright and warm. At C.O.'s conference, Major P.B. Kennedy lays down system of training. All 7 Brit Arm Div ve7s are being maintained to be turned in for new ones. Brigadier's conference at 1400 hrs.	S.Y.
	7 Nov		Bright and warm. Coys start training. Muster parade held by C.O. and Q.M. Pay parade starting at 1330 hrs. Brigadier, IS Johnston, D.S.O., E.D. inspects quarters. Party in Officer's Mess at night.	S.Y.
	8 Nov		Bright and warm. Coy training syllabus carried out. Workin parties to fix "Manchester By Pass" and Visitor's Car Park.	S.Y.
	9 Nov		Rain. Fine in afternoon. Normal training. Leave parties leave for ROME and FLORENCE. Snow falls for the first time during the night.	S.Y.

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	10 Nov		(Page 2) Sunny but chilly. Normal training carried out.	A.Y.
	11 Nov		Slight rain. Major P.B. Kennedy starts seven days leave in Caserta. Capt. G.S. Bauld assumes temporary command of the Unit.	A.Y.
	12 Nov		Sunny and chilly. R.C. voluntary Church Parade at the Cathedral in Urbino and Protestant church parade at the Opera House. Show in the afternoon and evening.	A.Y.
	13 Nov		Sunny. Normal training. Dental inspection carried out for the entire unit by Major Connors, Dental Officer at 24 Cdn Lt Fd Amb.	A.Y.
	14 Nov		Sunny. Normal training. Q.M. parade in the afternoon.	A.Y.
	15 Nov		Slight rains. Normal training. G.O.C's Inspection called off. 16 Other Ranks go on leave to Rome and Florence.	A.Y.
	16 Nov		Bright and warm. Normal training in morning. Innoculation parade in the afternoon.	A.Y.
	17 Nov		Sunny and chilly. Normal training. Training film shown in Urbino in the afternoon. Sports in afternoon, CBH and PLF tie in soccer game.	A.Y.
	18 Nov		Sunny and chilly. Route march in morning. Half day for training. Dance in Urbino in the evening for Other Ranks. Major P.B. Kennedy returns from seven day leave.	A.Y.
	19 Nov		Sunny, cloudless day. R.C. Parade at Cathedral and Protestant Church Parade at the Opera House in Urbino. PLF mounted town guard at 1600 hrs.	A.Y.
	20 Nov		Sunny and chilly. Normal training. Capt. T.L. Allen takes over as Administration Officer. Lieut. I.S. Hamilton goes to Mortar Coy. Training film at 1000 hrs.	A.Y.
	21 Nov		Dull and chilly. Normal training. Major P.B. Kennedy visited Platoons. Officers have dance in the evening.	A.Y.

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	22Nov		Clear and warm. Normal training. Sports in afternoon. PLF vs Irish in soccer, Irish won 1-0.	S.Y.
	23Nov		Clear and warm. Visit from G.O.C. in morning Normal training.	S.Y.
	24Nov		Clear and warm. Normal training during morning. Visit from Corps Comd in afternoon. Innoculation parade at 1300 hrs.	S.Y.
	25Nov		Dull with showers. Normal training. Received 250 tickets for No. 6 Detachment Cdn Army Show in Urbino.	S.Y.
	26Nov		Clear and chilly. Voluntary Church parade in Urbino.	S.Y.
	27Nov		Clear and chilly. Normal training.	S.Y.
	28Nov		Clear and chilly. Normal training. Lecture on rehabilitation at 0900 and 1330 hrs. Warning was given to prepare recce party for short trip to the North.	S.Y.
	29Nov		Clear and chilly. Normal training. Recce party leaves at 0900 hrs. (Lt. T.L. Allen, Sgt. Llewellyn, E.H., Cpl. Brown, L.D., and Fus Powell, H.B.). Recce party goes to Main Div at St. PIETRO, but is routed from there to CERVIA.	S.Y.
	30Nov		Showers. Normal training. Preparing for move. All vehicles loaded by nightfall.	S.Y.

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URBINO	1 Dec		Dull with rain. Unit left URBINO at 0900 hrs and arrived at CERVIA at 1400 hrs. Remainder of the day spent in getting settled in billets.	GA
CERVIA	2 Dec		Clear and chilly. Recce party leaves again for Main Div at MR 543244. M.M.G and Mortar Coys change billets. Show in the evening.	GA
CERVIA	3 Dec	44	Bright and sunny. Church parade at 0900 hrs. "F" Ech on 1 hrs notice to move from 1200 hours.	GA
CERVIA	4 Dec		Bright and sunny. Unit moved at "F" Ech 1400 hrs and "A" Ech at 1500 hrs. MMG and Mortar Coy set up at MR 498303 and 495300 respectively. "A" Ech found accomodation in S STEFANIO at MR 554280.	GA
S STEFANIO	5 Dec		Clear and chilly. Capt E. Tomes left on recce "SOUTH". Coy Commanders and adjutant moved forward and contacted C.O., Major P.B. Kennedy at MRB464322. "F" Ech moved to MR 4632. 2 Pl Mortar in action at MR 49294252. "F" Ech moved to PIANGIPANE MR 490402.	GA
PIANGIPANE	6 Dec		Clear and chilly. "A" Ech moved to PIANGIPANE MR 475379 at 1015 hrs. 1 Pl M.M.G fired in early morning. All Pls in action by 1400 hrs. Carried out harassing fire tasks during afternoon. Impending attack put forawrd 24 hrs. 3 Pl M.M.G fired during night.	GA
PIANGIPANE	7 Dec		Clear and chilly. Accomodation party went to RAVENNA but plans were changed and party returned. 2 Pl Mortar fired during the day. Attack put forward another 48 hrs.	GA
PIANGIPANE	8 Dec		Dull and chilly. Very quiet. Little shelling.	GA
PIANGIPANE	9 Dec		Clear and chilly. No change in position of Pls. Very quiet.	GA
PIANGIPANE	10 Dec		Clear and chilly. Capt. E Tomes returned from Recce "SOUTH". All Pls in action. Attack went in at 1930 hrs.	GA

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PIANGIPANE	11 Dec	44	Clear and chilly. Attack going well. Bridgehead firmly established. 3 Pl. M.M.G. moved to 457409, 2 Pl. Mortar moved to 452400.	GA
PIANGIPANE	12 Dec		Dull and chilly. 1 Pl Mortar and 1 Pl M.M.G. crossed over LAMONE at 1030 hrs and took up positions at 1 Pl Mortar MR 443418, 1 Pl M.M.G. at 432408. 3 Pl MMG and 2 Pl Mortar crossed Lamone at 1300 hrs (2 Pl Mortar at 423404, 3 Pl MMG at 432410). "A-1" Ech moved at 1300 hrs to 457409. C.S.M. Harvey, C.S.M. Horne and CQMS Foster captured one German prisoner. (All parties unarmed).	GA
PIANGIPANE	13 Dec	44	Dull and chilly. No. 2 Pl Mortar fired 40 rounds behind smoke screen laid down by the enemy. No. 3 Pl M.M.G did harassing fire task in front of P.L.D.G's for 12 Bde.	GA
PIANGIPANE	14 Dec	44	Dull and chilly. Lt. T.L. Allen and advanced party left for the "SOUTH" on a recce. 1 Offr Capt. G.P. Murphy arrives from 4 Bn as a reinforcement. Very quiet. No change in positions.	GA
PIANGIPANE	15 Dec	44	Dull and chilly with rain in afternoon and evening. No change in positions of Platoons. Very quiet.	GA
PIANGIPANE	16 Dec	44	Bright and warm. Main HQ moved to new position across LAMONE. Mortar Pl shelled. 1 truck and 1 carrier burnt by fire, otherwise quiet day. No change in positions of Platoons.	GA
PIANGIPANE	17 Dec	44	Dull and cool. Capt. E. Tomes on recce for new "A" Ech area. R.C. Church parade held at 1020 hrs. No change in positions. Very quiet.	GA
PIANGIPANE	18 Dec	44	Dull and chilly with showers. Attack scheduled to go in this evening. 1 Bde using Sound machine. 2 Pl Mortars moved to MR 405405. M.M.G Coy in posn at 1 Pl 422412, 2 Pl 422408 and 3 Pl MMG at 426420.	GA

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PIANGIPANE	19 Dec		Dull and cold. Attack due to go in this evening. Fire plan for MMG and Mortars laid on. No change in positions.	GC
PIANGIPANE	20 Dec		Clear and cold. Very quiet. Recce party returned from recce to winter quarters in PESCARA. 1 Pl Mortar shelled out of position. Lieut. D.M. Smith and Fusilier H.R. Goodwin wounded and evacuated to hospital.	GC
PIANGIPANE	21 Dec		Dull and chilly. Very quiet. All platoons moved. 1 Pl Mortar at MR 40554255, 2 Pl Mortar at MR 398431. M.M.G Coy in position at , 1 Pl 40404195, 2 Pl 402418 and 3 Pl at 393425.	GC
PIANGIPANE	22 Dec		Bright and warm. "A" Echelon moved to VILLAVUOVA in morning. Very quiet. No change in positions of platoons. Advance party warned to stand by for move to PESCARO.	GC
VILLANUOVA	23 Dec		Dull and cold. Snow flurries. Advance party left for PESCARO at 0900 hrs. No change in position of Platoons. Very quiet.	GC
VILLANUOVA	24 Dec		Dull and cold. Very quiet. No change in positions. Mortars and MMGs fired during night.	GC
VILLANUOVA	25 Dec		Bright and warm. quiet all day. A very good Christmas dinner enjoyed by all. 1 reinforcement arrived from 4 Bn.	GC
VILLANUOVA	26 Dec		Dull and cold. Very quiet. No change in positions.	GC
VILLANUOVA	27 Dec		Bright and warm. Very quiet. No change in positions.	GC
VILLANUOVA	29 Dec		Bright and warm. Unit moved to new quarters in RAVENNA in morning. Afternoon spent in getting settled down.	GC

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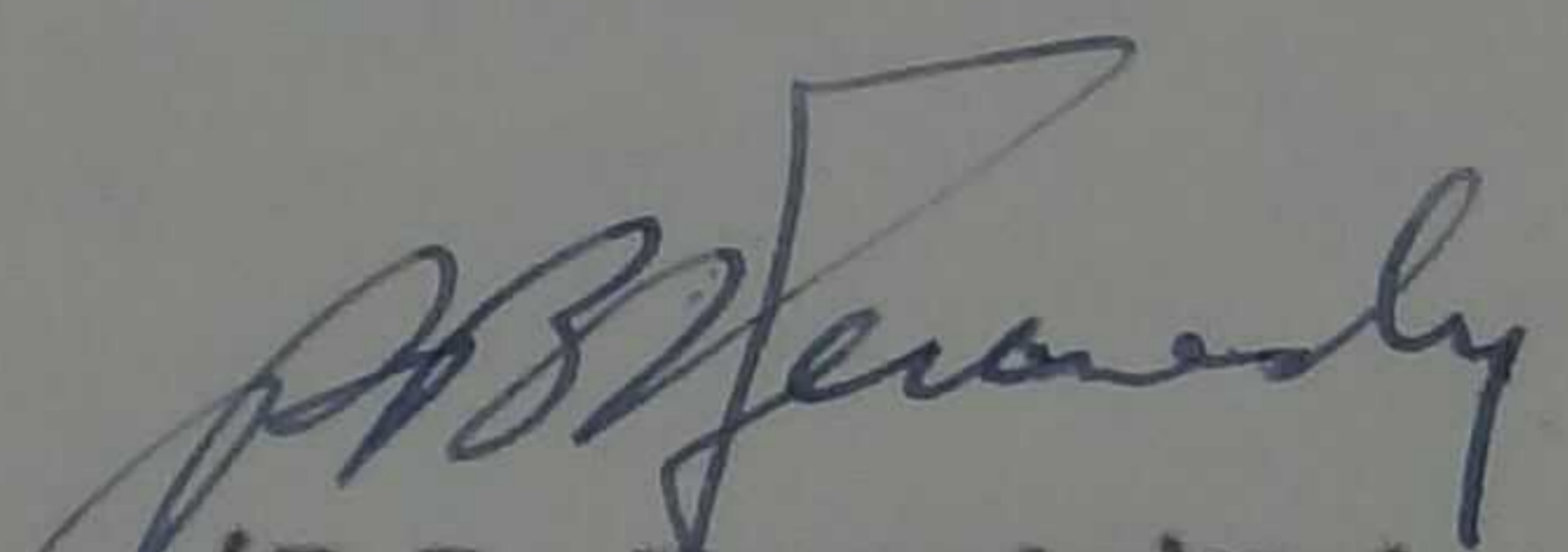
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RAVENNA	29 Dec		Bright and cool. Everybody settled down and enjoying rest. Pay parades in afternoon. 1 WASP flamethrower drawn from HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde.	JG
RAVENNA	30 Dec		Bright and warm. NAAFI issue. 3 WASP Flamethrowers drawn from Corps Workshops.	JG
RAVENNA	31 Dec		Bright and warm. Recce party went forward to recce positions for new operation. 2 Wasp Flamethrowers drawn from 12 Bde Workshops.	JG


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 11 Cdn Indep MG Coy