

③ 30<sup>th</sup> August 1944: Capture of GISORS [A<sup>o</sup> Coy], BEAUVAIS [A<sup>o</sup> Coy] and fightings near LA HOUSSOYE [B<sup>o</sup> Coy].

(i) What are your general memories of this day?

(i) A<sup>o</sup> Coy: Advance with 417 R.D.G.: What are your memories?

Major R.R.H. JAMES, L/Cpl D.W. REID and Rfn C.S.P. VAN WESEMIALL were killed on the road, at GOINCOURT [western outskirts of BEAUVAIS]. Do you have any information or memories about this action?

(ii) B<sup>o</sup> Coy: 13/18 Hummers was halted between LA HOUSSOYE and AUNEUIL and lost 3 Tanks - Did B<sup>o</sup> Coy take part in this fighting in the open country?

(iii) C<sup>o</sup> Coy: Operation with the S.R.Y. - your memories of this day as the Company avoided the big cities (Gisors and Beauvais)

④ 31<sup>st</sup> August 1944: The Guards Armoured Division takes the lead. Movement of the Brigade towards AMIENS.

(i) General memories of this day.

(ii) Rfn J.H. BRONLEY was killed at LA HOUSSOYE. From French Civilians it was due to an accident on the main road. If you were in B<sup>o</sup> Coy, do you agree with this?

⑤ You can find enclosed:

(i) An Order of Battle of 12 KRRC: Could you try to complete it in writing the Officers at key posts you remember?

(ii) A figure of the KIA's of the battalion: Could you try to complete the missing information? [mainly the Platoon number of these].

I thank you in advance for your help. Anyway I am well aware that 50 years later it is not easy to have accurate memories of the events, but any information you remember may be of interest. Thank you for your comprehension.

Thank you for the precious time you could spend in answering my letter.

Yours Sincerely

Benoit Colletreau -

# Order of Battle -

- 12<sup>th</sup> King's Royal Rifle Corps -

25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August 1944

[ L'AIGLE - CONCHES - S<sup>te</sup> COLOMBE - VERNON - Live! EPTE valley -  
DANGU - GISORS - LA HOUSSEYE - BEAUVAIS - AMIENS ]

C.O.: L<sup>t</sup> Colonel The Hon. M. G. EDWARDS.

2<sup>nd</sup> i/c:

Adjutant: Captain S. J. CONSTANCE. Intelligence Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

• HQ Company : C.O:

- Signal Platoon: Captain S. J. McWATTERS
- Admin. Platoon

• "A" Company

[ 4/7 R.D.G. ]

Majol R. R. H. JAMES  
(KIA 30 Aug. 44)

L<sup>t</sup> Nigel C. C. TRENCH

• "B" Company

[ 13/18 R.H. ]

Majol W. F. DEEDES

• "C" Company

[ S. R. Y. ]

Majol H. R. CLEAVER

• "D" Company

[ Reserve ]

Majol W. A. YOUNG-SMITH

Platoon

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Scout Platoon

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Mr P.C. PLUNKETT sent to me a long letter (30<sup>th</sup> January)  
with all his very interesting memories + a photograph.  
On the map, (4) shows the site where he was during the battle.

Thank you very much for your so precious help.  
Things begin to be very clear regarding this 29<sup>th</sup> August  
1944.

With all the best wishes for the New Year.

Yours Sincerely

Robert Gifford