

Maj Gen Gerald Lloyd Verney (1900-1957)

[1] Brief List

- I 6th Guards Tank Brigade: Papers covering Operation BLUECOAT July 1944
- II 7th Armoured Division: Papers covering operations Aug-Nov 1944
- III 1st Guards Brigade: Papers covering Feb 1944-May 1945
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[2] Descriptive List

I 6th Guards Tank Brigade

Papers covering Operation BLUECOAT. The operations of 8 Corps South of Caumont (Normandy) 30-31 July 1944

- I/1/1 1944 Aug Principal timings 30 July. Rough notes [by Verney ?] Manuscript 1p
- I/1/2 Order given by Verney relating to the actions of the 6th Guards Tank Brigade. Typed carbon 2pp
- I/1/3 'An account of the part played by the 6th Guards Tank Brigade in Operation 'BLUECOAT' 30th July 1944. Appendices: narrative of events and part played by 4 Tank Grenadier Guards and 3rd Tank Battalion Scots Guards. Map Ref. Sheets 34/14NE 37/14 NW. Scale 1: 25,000 with key. Duplicated 21 pp
- 1/2 1947 Sep Battlefield Tour. Account of Operation Bluecoat, including extracts from a lecture by Verney, notes for the guidance of conducting officers, photograph and maps. Prepared under the direction of G(Training) HQ British Army of the Rhine. Directing Staff Edition. Printed. 81 pp.
- 1/3 n.d 'Notes for lectures to Guards Training Btn Pirbright by [Verney] on the Battle of Caumont. Lessons and remarks addressed to young soldiers, plus plan. Typed carbon 22pp.

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II 7th Armoured Division

Paper covering operations from Aug-Nov 1944 (Mont Picon; Seine Crossing; Gallop; Relief of Ghent)

- II/1 1944 Aug 14-Nov 18 Diary Brigade Command Brief Entries. MS Includes list of officer casualties in 2nd (Armoured) Brigade
- II/2 n.d. Article by Verney entitled 'The Long Gallop'. An account of events from 30 Aug to the capture of Ghent. Typed carbon 5pp
- II/3 n.d. [Copy] letter found in Churchill tank - left by Squadron of 11th Canadian Army Tank Btn for the 'action' crew of Tank 'Conquest'. Typed. 1p
- II/4 1944 Oct 13 Translation of captured German document dated 4 Oct relating to 7th Armoured division. Duplicated 1p
- II/5 1944 Sep Lists of staff and senior officers 7th Armoured Division. Duplicated 10pp
- II/6 1944 Aug-Sep 21 Army Group Special Order. Copies of letters found on a German. Order of Day by Major-General Verney. Details of Operation LINNET [to seize Meuse crossing near Lille]. All duplicated. Plan. Sketch map 'Trace P' [to be used over GSGS 4336 1 : 100,000 Sheet 7]

III 1st Guards Brigade

Papers covering period Feb 1944-May 1945 (Italy; Po crossing)

- III/1 'Battle of River Po'. Sketch maps, diagrams. Cross sections of N. Italian river. Notes for lectures to Guards Training Bth Pirbright on the Battle of the Po April 1945 [first lecture at I/3 above]. Typed carbon 23pp
- III/2 'Operations in Northern Italy and Southern Austria Apr-May 1945'
- III/2/1 1945 Apr 30, May 6 Narrative [by Verney] on events. Typed carbon plus MS [Two copies]

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- III/2/2 1945 Jun 13 Account of operation Apr-May by Captain N. Nicholson B10 1st Guards Brigade. Duplicated 23 pp plus photographs and maps
- III/2/3 1945 Mar-May Miscellaneous papers:
 (1) Order of Battle 11 Mar 1945
 (2) Letters from Brigadier Verney to O/C RASC Regiment 9th Armoured Brigade
 (3) Notes on conferences with Hungarian authorities. 13 May 1945
 (4) Notes on Operation Rattig. House to house search on 23 May 1945
- III/2/4 1945 Apr 10-May 22 1st Guards Brigade Communications and reports SITREPS Nos 1-40. All duplicated
- III/2/5 1945 Apr Special orders of the day F.M. Alexander Notice to soldiers of 15th Army Group from General Clark. Special message from Lt-General McCreery to Eight Army.
- III/3 'Records. Italy-Austria'
- III/3/1 [1944] Composition of 6 British Armoured Division; lists of officers. Pages from a notebook. Typed 15 pp
- III/3/2 n.d. Notes on German 10th Army. Typed 2 pp
- III/3/3 [1945 Mar] Extract from 'The Times' 23 March 1945 headed 'The Guards in Action' - clearing of Wesel bridgehead. Duplicated 1 p 2 copies
- III/3/4 1945 Apr-May 1st Guards Brigade Operation instructions 9-15 together with diary notes, reports messages, telegrams, orders to Brigade Command and notes for lectures. MS typed and duplicated
- III/3/5 [1946] Humorous poems and anecdotes. Author unknown, sent to General Verney in March 1946. File entitled 'Amogothic lines and other outbursts of an uncivil affairs officer. Sicily Aug 43. Romagna January 45.' Typed carbon
- IV Pamphlets
- IV/1 1943 Jan Malaria. A Pamphlet for officers on personal protection, suppressive treatment, organization, equipment and data for medical officers. Covering letter dated 26 June 1945 sent to HQ 1st Guards Brigade
- IV/2 1944 Nov 21 Army Group. Some notes on the conduct of War and the Infantry Division in Battle. Inscribed copy to Gen Verney from F.M. B.I. Montgomery, 1-11-44.

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IV/3	1944 Dec	21 Army Group. The Armoured Division Battle
IV/4	1945 Jun	21 Army Group. High Command in War.
IV/5	1946 Apr	British Army of the Rhine. Morale in Battle : Analysis
IV/6	1946 June	War time Tank Production. Reports by Select Committee on National Expenditure and the replies to these Reports by the Government of the day. Cmd 6865

Campaign MapsTurkey 1922-23

- V/1 Constantinople and surrounding country. War Office
Nov 1908 Revised to 1909. Sheet 2
Scale 1 : 63,360 Linen/paper
- V/2 Turkey. Kiat Khana: Belghrad and its forests.
O.S. March 1917, reprinted at War Office 1920.
Scale 1: 25,000 Linen/paper

France, Belgium, Holland and Germany 1944

- V/3 Europe and the Mediterranean. National
Geographic Society. 1938
Scale 1: 6,000,000 Paper
- V/4 France. St. Lô-Vire. War Office 1942 Revised
1943 Sheet 6F. Scale 1: 100,000 Paper
- V/5 Operation BLUECOAT (towards Vire) Planning map
July 1944. Scale 1: 25,000 Paper
- V/6 Operation BLUECOAT as above. Transparent sheet
Showing troop movements to be placed over V/5
above.
- V/7 N.W. Europe France, Le Harve, Amiens. War Office
1938 2nd edition 1943. Marked with Air/Army
positions 24 Aug--3 Sep 1943. [Sheet No 4]
Scale 1:250,000 Paper
- V/8 N.W. Europe. France, Amiens, Mons. War Office 1937
3rd edition 1949. Sheet No 5. Scale 1:250,000
Paper
- V/9 France [Rouen, Chartres, Paris]. Marked
June 1943. Sheet 7. [Scale 1:250,000] Oiled linen/
paper
- V/10 France [Bayeux, Caen, Falaise]. Marked 5-9,
17-19 Aug. Sheet 7F. [Scale 1:250,000]. Oiled
linen/paper
- V/11 France. Cherbourg and Caen. Sheet 3a and 8
War Office 1914 4th edition 1943. "Army/Air"
Scale 1:250,000 Paper
- V/12 France [Bernay, Lisieux]. Marked with positions
20-28 Aug. [To be read in conjunction with V/7
above?] Sheet 8F Scale 1: 100,000 Oiled paper
- V/13 France: Caen. L'Institut Géographique National
1944. Sheet No 14. Scale 1:200,000 Paper
- V/14 France: Caen-Falaise. War Office 1943. Sheet 7F
Scale 1: 100,000 Incomplete [N.W. Area, Caen
missing]. Paper

- V/15 Battle of Normandy June-Aug 1944 Michelin map No 102 1947. Scale 1: 200,000 Paper
- V/16 N.W. Europe Namur and Luxembourg War Office 1937 2nd edition 1943 "Army/Air" Scale 1: 250,000
- V/17 France and the low Countries. Bartholomew. Northern Sheet. Scale 1: 1,000,000 Paper
- V/18 France and Belgium: Valkenswaard-Bree. Ordnance Survey 1938 Revised 1943 Sheet 26 and 36 Scale 1: 50,000 Paper
- V/19 France and Belgium. Tegelen-Roermond. O.S.1939 Revised 1943. Sheet 27 and 37. Scale 1: 50,000
- V/20 Belgium and N.E. France: Maeseyck War Office 1943 Sheet 4. Scale 1: 100,000 Paper
- V/21 Germany: Osnabrück. War Office 1943 Army/Air Sheet K53 Scale 1: 250,000 Paper
- V/22 Germany: Dusseldorf. War Office 1944. Lower section of map only. [Sheet K52] Scale 1:250,000 Paper
- V/23 Germany: Kassel. War Office 1943 Army/Air Sheet L52 Scale 1:250,000 Paper
- V/24 Germany: Hanover. War Office 1943 Army/Air Sheet L53. Scale 1: 250,000 Paper
- V/25 Germany: Hamburg War Office 1943. Army/Air Sheet L54 Scale 1 :250,000 Paper
- V/26 Germany: Halle. War Office 1943 Army/Air Sheet M52 Scale 1 : 250,000 Paper
- Italy and Austria 1945
- V/27 Haly N.E. Yugoslav border Marked 8-12 May Road map AMS 1943 Sheet No 3. Scale 1: 200,000 Paper
- V/28 Italy N.E. Yugoslav border Marked 30 Apr- 8 May Road map AMS 1943 Sheet 6 Scale 1:200,000 Paper
- V/29 Italy [Padua-Modena] Troop movements Argenta to Padua 20-30 Apr marked. Road map AMS 1943 Sheet 8 Scale 1: 200,000 Paper
- V/30 Italy [N. Italy Ravenna] Troop movements 16-20 Apr marked. Road map AMS 1943 Sheet 12 Scale 1: 200,000 Paper
- V/31 Italy St Veit AFHQ 1945. Sheet 4F Scale 1: 100,000 Paper

- V/32 Italy. Spittal and St. Veit War Office 1943
Sheets 4[?] and 4F to be referred to as 14A T
and 14B. Klagenfurt. Scale 1 : 100,000 Paper
- V/33 Italy: Trieste and Yugoslavia; Ljubljana.
War Office 1943. reproduced 1944. Army/Air
Party Sheets 7B and Y2. Scale 1 : 250,000 Paper
- V/34 Rome. Street map [for tourists] Scale 1 : 12,000
Paper
- V/35 Yugoslavia Velikovec. War Office 1943
Sheet 3 Scale 1: 100,000 Paper
- V/36 Yugoslavia. Slovenji Gradec. War Office 1943
2nd edition. 1945 Sheet 4 Scale 1 :100,000 Paper
- V/37 Austria and North Yugoslavia Road Map: Linz-
Salzburg AFHQ 1945 Sheet 24 Scale 1 :300,000
Paper
- V/38 Austria and North Yugoslavia Road Map: Wien
AFHQ 1945. Sheet 25 Scale 1:300,000 Paper
- V/39 Austria and North Yugoslavia Road Map: Graz-
Varazdin. AFHQ 1945 Sheet 28 Scale 1: 300,000
- V/40 Central Europe: Graz Army/air War Office 1944
Sheet 048 Scale 1: 250,000 Paper.

2nd Accession. Received from Major P. Verney 29 November 1991

Section 6: Working papers for the unpublished Airborne Forces

- 6/1 Notes for Introduction. Also orders of battle for Airborne Divisions in Sicily, Italy, Normandy, Arnhem, the Rhine and India; draft chapters on North Africa, Sicily, Arnhem and Rhine Crossing, and sketch maps of the Mediterranean. MS and TS, 136pp.
- 6/2 'Airborne - Normandy' (first draft), including maps. TS, 33pp
- 6/3 'Arnhem' (first draft), including letters from, and a booklet, 'The Battle of Arnhem', by Col T.A. Boeree. TS, 58pp. Printed booklet, 16pp.
- 6/4 Notes for 'Rhine Crossing', including map of Central Europe 1:100,000, and sketch map of the Rhine. TS, 31pp.

Maps

- 6/5 Germany: Koln. War Office, 1943. Sheet R1. Scale 1:100,000. Paper
- 6/6 Germany: Magdeburg. War Office, 1943. Army/Air. Sheet M53. Scale 1:250,000. Paper
- 6/7 Germany: Schwerin. War Office 1943. Army/Air Sheet M54. Scale 1:250,000. Paper
- 6/8 Germany: Duisberg and Essen. Right hand section of map only. Sheet Q1. Paper
- 6/9 Index to Central Europe series 1:250,000 and 1:100,000 Germany and surrounding countries
- 6/10 Index to 1:100,000 series, covering France, Belgium and Holland

Section 7: Papers of Major P. Verney

- 7/1 File of notes towards Anzio 1944, An Unexpected Fury
(Batsford, 1978)
- 7/2 Notes and draft MS for BROM, re Marlborough's wars,
commissioned by Leo Cooper, but subsequently cancelled.
The section on Blenheim was published by Batsford, 1978.
Unpublished MS refer to Ramillies, Oudenarde and Malplaquet.
- 7/3 Typescript MS and notes towards The Gaiety and the Glory:
the Irishman at War (unpublished).

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