

War Diary 1st Anti-Tank Regiment RCA – Excerpts relating to Major James Sutherland

27 Aug 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
	27 Aug 44		51 Bty. (cont) Major Sutherland and Sgt Major on recon of areas forward. Bde C Gp at 085686 (109 - 11), Lieut Thomas attended. Major Sutherland still out with BSM. Bty HQ moved at 2100 hrs to 192663 for the night. Troops arrived in areas at 2100 hrs. No shelling tonight. 1 CIB to occupy high ground overlooking RIVER FOGLIA tonight and tomorrow.	JH

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	28 Aug 44		51 Bty. (cont) 1/50,000 Evacuated to 4 085 areas under particularly intense shell fire. Sgt Biovin, D Tp reported missing at 1300 hrs 28 Aug 44. Feared that he is a casualty. Both he and his M/C are missing. Capt D.C. Barker assumed command of the Bty. Troops warned of an expected counter attack this evening. Polish Arty later broke it up before it got under way. 57 Bty. Weather clear and hot. Capt P.M. Caddell travelled to HQ 5 KRESSOVA Div	initials MAJOR J.H. SUTHERLAND Died of wounds at 16 MDS at 2359 MDS-28A-44 - Buried at Cassa S. Maria MR 039771. JH

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	30 Aug 44		51 Bty. Major G.T. White, 2 i/c Regt., called in today to tell the Bty that Major Sutherland died of wounds on night of 28/29 August. The Bty is absolutely heart-broken over his loss. His personality can never be replaced in just the same way. Major T.A. Cowan arrived at 1100 hrs to take command of the Bty.	JH

31 Aug 1944

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	31 Aug 44		R.H.Q. Location - Ginestreta Area - 064710. The Corps is still fighting for the line. They will be through by morning but it will be necessary to get Tomba de Pesaro and Monte Luro before the gap in the line is assured. The fighting appears to be all in our favour but casualties are high. 27 Bty. Tac HQ now operating close to Bde and away from Troops. Information slight with 3 CIB more or less inactive. No change in Bde location. 51 Bty. Major T.A. Cowan and Capt Barker went to Bde and R.H.Q. The Brigadier called at the Bty this morning and expressed his appreciation of the Bty's work and his sorrow over Major Sutherland's death. Lieut Christie has joined the 57 Bty and Lieut Roberts assumes command of "E" Tp. BSM Hulvey is at RHQ and is expected back with the Bty. 1 CIB still in reserve. Weather is continued hot and dry.	JH JH JH

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	31 Aug 44		57 Bty. Weather clear and hot. The offrs of the Bty attended an auction sale of the effects of the late Major J.H. Sutherland at 51 Bty.	JH