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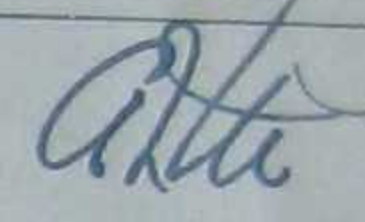

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Pippingford Park Sussex England	1 Feb '42	1000 hrs.	Church parade to N.A.A.F.I. Recreation Hut. Chaplain J.C. Clough-Hon. Capt.	  Appx 1 Appx 2 Appx 3 Appx 4 Appx 5  Appx 6
	1 Feb '42	1530 hrs.	Practice of Bn. boxing team for bouts against 48th Highlanders of Canada in Cdn. Corps championships.	
		0900 hrs.	Trng in accordance with syllabus.	
		1600 hrs.	Bde O Gp in connection with Beaver II Exercise 3, 4, and 5 Feb. This exercise which is to take in whole Cdn Corps includes skeleton Bn. HQs. Part I Daily Orders Part II Orders Field Return of Officers Field Return Other Ranks Movement Order Beaver II Exercise Letters received by Regt thanking for contributions to Blind Babies, Sunshine House-East Sussex Education Committee and a party given to poor children of District.	
		0900 hrs.	Meeting of new mess committee	
			Trng. principally on basis of handling etc. of live grenades and weapon trng.	
		1321 hrs.	Skeleton Bn. H.Q. moved by M.T. to Broomershill and set up at Borough Fm. 1600 hrs. Bn. H.Q. consisted of C.O., Adj., I.O., Sigs Offr., R.S.M., "A & Q" Umpire Maj. J.G. Spragge "G" Umpire Capt. A.C. O'Brien 2 R.F. Assist "G" Umpire Maj. Geo. Pangman and 23 O.Rs including "I" Sec. personnel D.Rs, one cook, M.T. drivers, Sigs personnell, one clerk, and batmen and R.M.P.s.	
		1900 hrs.	Q.O.R. of C. boxing team champions of 3 Cdn. Div. met 48th Highlanders of Canada champions of 1 Cdn. Div. in Cdn. Corps semi finals in gymnasium of Royal Sussex Regt. Barracks Chichester. The 48th Highlanders won by 8 bouts to 6. In order to fill in specified weights which Q.O.R. were short Rfn. G.A. Murray, H. Brassard and S.A. James fought after trng. for only day only. Rfn. J.F. Ross though only a lighthouseweight - fought heavyweight to fill out team. His bout was stopped on account of an injury to his ear received in an earlier fight. Capt. J.C. Clough, Bn. Sports Officer was i/c team Capt. A.C. O'Brien former Imperial Army middleweight champion acted as	



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	2 Feb.	1900 hrs.	one second, Rfn. J. Ramage was other second and Rfn. A.H.S. Williams as trainer. The team who put up an excellent fight though losing 8 bouts to 6 consisted of the following: Bantamweight -- Rfn. S.A.James. H.Q. Coy Featherweight -- Rfn. H.Rocks, "D" coy Rfn. W.H.Shilson "B" Coy Lightweight --- Rfn. L. Felman "C" Coy --- Rfn. L.E.Bloom "B" Coy --- Rfn. G.A.Murray H.Q. Coy  Welterweight -- Rfn. A.Moss "D" Coy -- Rfn. W.Bodner H.Q. Coy -- Rfn. L.Buckle "A" Coy -- Rfn. H.Brassard H.Q. Coy  Middleweight -- Rfn. M.McHale "C" Coy -- Rfn. D. Reed "B" Coy -- Rfn. G. Gemmell "B" Coy  Light Heavy -- Rfn. A.P. Cross H.Q. Coy  Heavyweight -- Rfn. J.F. Ross H.Q. Coy	JH.
Broomershill Sussex Pippingford Park Knepp Castle	4 Feb.	0600 hrs.	Breakfast for Bn. H.Q. on exercise Beaver II. Weather very cold.	
		0900 hrs.	Grenade demonstration and training scheme by Lieut E.A. Dunlop. Major R.M. Hudson acting O.C. in absence of O.C. and 2 i/c on Beaver II.	
		1745 hrs.	Bde O Gp on Beaver II at 1 Cdn Div H.Q.	
		2130 hrs.	Bn. H.Q. made night move to the Chantry, Storrington, Sussex.	
Chantry, Storrington Sussex	5 Feb.	0500 hrs.	Breakfast before stand to.	
		0700 hrs.	Bde O Gp Beaver II C.O. and I.O. then made recce with Lieut S.M. Lett who was acting as Mot. C.O. 3 C.I.B. on exercise	



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Pippingford Park Sussex	5 Feb.	0900 hrs.	Trng continued. D Coy returned from two day scheme at Pulborough	[Initials]
		1330 hrs.	Beaver II exercise completed. Bn. H.Q. returned to camp.	
	6 Feb.	0900 hrs.	Trng. continued in very cold weather. Blizzards made driving very difficult.	
		1800 hrs.	Cocktail party followed by dinner in offr's mess at Pippingford Park for Brig. K.G. Blackader new comd. & C.I.B.	
	7 Feb.	0900 hrs.	Trng. and interior economy.	
		1100 hrs.	Coy. Comds meeting. Trng. will commence at 0830 hrs commencing 9 Feb. Rifle range is to be repaired. Maj. Geo. Pangman to be range offr.	
	8 Feb.	0610 hrs.	Fire broke out in Bn. Orderly Room caused by orderly lighting fire with petrol. Explosion destroyed a great many records, office equipment and other stores. B63503 S/Sgt. Fowlston was badly burned in attempting to put out fire. Fire was got under control quickly by B63573 Cpl. J. Henderson unit fire marshall. Demonstration of spigot mortar, hip firing and sticky grenades put on for 17 Bn. Sussex Home Guard by Capt. J.M.Milne, Lieut E.A. Dunlop and 5 O.Rs from B Coy.	
		1000 hrs.	Voluntary church service. Hqn. Capt. J.C. Clough, Chaplain.	
	9 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Training on both individual and collective basis with A.B.C. rating of all riflemen. Parade put forward $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. due to earlier morning light. Junior N.C.O. course to be <del>run</del> run by Adj. and R.S.M. on basis 3 from each rifle coy, 1 Bn. H.Q. and 5 from H.Q. Coy.	
		1700 hrs.	Meeting mess committee	
		2000 hrs.	Demonstration of R/T on 18 sets by Sigs. Offr.	[Initials]
10 Feb.	0830 hrs.		Trng. continued including sec. and pl as well as individual trng on T.O.E.T. basis. O.C. and Maj. R.M.Hudson left on privilege leave. Major J.G. Spragge in comd. with Maj. J.E.C. Pangman as 2 i/c. Capt. MacLaren left on short course R.C.A.M.C.	



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	11 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng. continued.	
		1330 hrs.	T.E.W.T. under Capt. A.C. O'Brien, 2 R.F. unit umpire on anti panzer I.A. for Bn. on M.T. move.	
		1930 hrs.	Bde O Gp exercise syndicates representing H.Q. & C.I.B, Q.O.R., R. de C, N.S.R. syndicate under Maj. J.G. Spragge Maj. J.E.C. Pangman acting 2 i/c Lieut R.D. Medland, Adj., Lieut A.I. Matheson, I.O.	
	12. Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng. continued including demonstrations by "I" Sec on Handling etc of P.W.	
		0900 hrs.	Bde O Gp at South Downs near Lewes.	
		1330 hrs.	Demonstration by Capt. A.C. O'Brien and Lieut L.J. Dampier showing effect of sticky type, 68 and 36, incendiary A/Tk rifle and Bren gun on armour plate, brick walls, iron locks, etc. Capt. Caldwell, R.C.A.M.C. returned to 14 Fd. Amb. on return to unit of Capt. D. MacLaren unit m.o.	
	13 Feb.	0800 hrs.	Maj. Spragge absent at fougasse and minefield demonstration Maj. J.E.C. Pangman a/o.C.	
		0830 hrs.	Individual and collective trng. continued.	
		1330 hrs.	Weapon demonstration continued for R de C Hom Guard and other units. A Coy at P lborough on recce of posns.	
		2015 hrs.	Lecture on "Sussex for Bde officers at Memorial Hall Danehill by Admiral Beamish. Unit Orders for Guards and Sentinels	Appx 7
	14 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng. and interior economy. Bn. Orderly Room again ready for use after fire due principally to work done by R.E.s under Lieut. P.J. Parkhouse.	
		2100 hrs.	Dance held in offr's mess.	
			Plan of Mandora Barracks, Aldershot	Appx 8
	15 Feb.		Lieut C.N. Bradshaw sent on A.A. defence course Field firing by B Coy at old Lodge	
	16 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng. continued with on pl. of each coy on individual trng including T.O.E.T. review using live rounds and two pls on collective trng. A great deal of work has been done on patrols, grenades of different types, battle drill and field firing. Junior N.C.O. school started under Adj and R.S.M.	



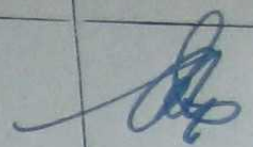

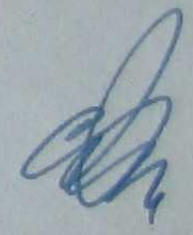
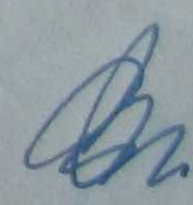
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	16 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Field firing by A Coy and I Sec on proposed range East of old Lodge. Lieut J.I. Mills left for battle drill school.	
	17 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng. cont'd. Two German speaking personnel sent on Div. interrogation course. C.O. and Major Hudson returned from leave. Billeting recce of Pulborough area made by "I" Sec. Recce of H.Q. Coy area made by O.C. H.Q. Coy carrier offr and T.O.	
	1500 hrs.		Cloth model T.E.W.T. for co-operation of tks and infantry by Capt. A.C. O'Brien, 2 R.F. I.Q. test of all member of Bn. continuing under Lieut. J.R. MacInosh, C.M.H.Q. staff.	
	1530 hrs.		3rd Cdn. Div. individual boxing championships held at Isle of Thorns. Rfn. A.P. Cross lost a close decision in the lighthouseweight class. Rfn. Shilson won in the featherweight preliminary and Rfn. G.A. Murray in the lightweight class. Corps G. exercise Victor II which is inclusive to Bde HQs is being carried on in concentration areas. 70 O.Rs R.E. moved to unit lines for quarters only. The detachment under Lieut. Parkhouse is working on camp.	
	18 Feb.	0730 hrs.	A. & B Coys went to Eastbourne for scheme with Royal Armoured Corps of tk and infantry combined tactics. Q.M. and I.O. met representatives of 8 C.I.B. S.A.Q.C. and 3 Cdn. Div. R.C.E. at Pulborough concentration area. It is impossible to billet quarter or to put bn. under canvas in area 5039 I" map 133 as suggested. Billets and cover can only be found in small spots some distance apart. Need of camouflage is imperative as role is operational. Decision is made to refer to 3 Cdn. Div for ruling.	
	19 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng. cont'd. In individual trng. "piecework method" used which rewards smartness on part of men. Maj. J.G. Spragge left on Senior Officers Course. Maj. R.M. Hudson acting 2 i.c. Lieut. P.J. Parkhouse, R.E. moved into officers quarters Chelwood Vetchery. M.T. holidays now Mon. and Thurs of each week.	



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	20 Feb.	0730 hrs.	C.O. I.O. Coy and Pl. Comds left camp to meet G.O.C. 3 Cdn. Div. Maj-Gen. C.B.Price and Brig. K. G. Blackader comd. 8 C.I.B. at Codmore Hill Stane Street at 0900 hrs. G.O.C. & Brig. inspected each sec and every A/Tk gun and M.G. posn. of Q.O.R. of C. defensive posn. including B and C Coy R de Chaud, 105 A/Tk Bty and 2 Pls. C.H. of O(M.G.) under comd. in Pulborough area. Bty Comds 105 a/tk Bty and 11 Fd Bty and Coy Comd. C.H. of O. were also present. General defensive posn. pulled in with reduction of Bn. task as result of inspection. G.O.C. finished inspection at 1500 hrs. and then proceeded to N.S.R. and R. de Chaud posns. The whole inspection lasted till dark and covered several miles on foot across country.	
		0830 hrs.	Trng. on task work continued with regard to individual trng. Work being covered includes T.O.E.T. review with live rounds, battle drill, field firing, range practises, sniper firing practise, P. tactics incl. pl. in withdrawal and attack, O Gps and T.E.W.T.s for officers. Junior N.C.O. school under Adj. and R.S.M. assisted by unit umpire, I.O. Q.M. and C.S.M.s, signal school for reinforcements and personnel of I Sec. Carrier Pl. and Mortar Pl. Trng. of 100 per cent reinforcements for carriers and mortars and practise in 2" mortar firing by pl. mortar men.	
		1930 hrs.	Semi-finals of 3 Cdn. Div. Individual Boxing championships. The following personnel of the Bn. entered: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> Featherwt. Rfn. H. Rocks "D" Coy  Rfn. W.H.Shilson "B" Coy  Lightwt. Rfn. G.A.Murray H.Q. Coy.  Welterwt. Rfn. W.Bodner H.Q. Coy.  Lighthheavy Rfn. A.P.Cross H.Q. Coy  Rfn. J.F.Ross H.Q. Coy </div>	
	21 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng and interior economy.	
		1330hrs.	Q.M. Capt. Bawden and a 2 i/c Maj. R.M. Hudson made recce for <del>sample</del> site outside of square 5039. They located an excellent site n.w. of Codmore Hill at 490405 approx.. While the Bn. is exactly at War Establishment with regard to officers	



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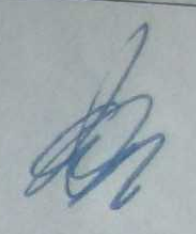
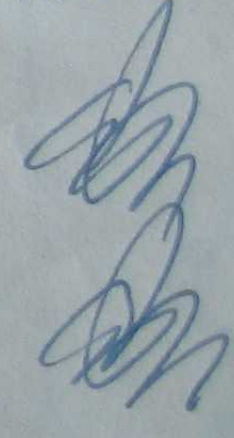
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	21 Feb.	1330 hrs.	difficulty is experienced due to a constant number being away on leave, sick or on courses, with help being given to the Home Guard (17 Sussex Bn.) and often special duties being necessary for demonstrations, umpiring, etc. offrs are subject to double duties.	
		1900 hrs.	3 Cdn. Div. Individual Boxing finals were held at Isle of Thorns, Chelwood Gate. Rfn. H. Rocks, Q.O.R. of C. won the featherwt and B63713 Rfn. J. F. Ross the lighthavywt championship.	
	22 Feb.	0900 hrs.	Holy Communion Recreation Hut.	
		1000 hrs.	Church parade. Hon. Capt. J.C. Clough, chaplain.	
		1100 hrs.	Roman Catholic parade chaplain Hon. Capt. Hickey, N.S.R.	
		1330 hrs.	O.C. and B & D Coy comds made recce of Pulborough area.	
			Clipping re Capt J.M. Milne Q.O.R. of C. from Toronto Daily Star 12 Jan. 42	
			Clipping Toronto Globe and Mail 12 Jan 42 on Bn's new camp in England (Pippingford Park)	Appx 9
			Clipping Toronto Globe and Mail 9 Jan 42 on commando trng showing photo of Lieut E.A. Dunlop B Coy	Appx 10
			Syllabus Regt N.C.O. school	Appx 11
			Toronto Newspaper clipping regarding appointment of (Lieut-col) Judge Ian Macdonell former O.C. of Q.O.R. of C. as vice-chairman Ontario Civilian Defence Committee	Appx 12
			Letter addressed to Lieut-col H.C. MacKendrick O.C. Q.O.R. of C. from Maj-Gen. R.V. Alexander G.O.C. Pacific Command.	Appx 13
	23 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng. continued with emphasis on Coy M.T. packets convoys and anti-panzer I.A. Capt. A.C. O'Brien, R.F. unit umpire found unconscious in his bed and sent to military hospital Horsham.	Appx 14
	24 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng in anti-panzer I.A. using carriers as tks and thunder flashes as bombs.	



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	25 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Special range practises for snipers under I.O. Particular attention paid to route marches, two inch mortars and a/tk bombs by rifle coys.	
		1930 hrs.	Bde O Gp T.E.W.T. O.C. Lieut-col MacKendrick A/Brig, Maj. Kelly Bde umpire were Directing Staff. Maj. R.M. Hudson a/O.C. Maj. J.E. Pangman a/2 i c. Lieut R.D. Medland Adj. Lieut. A.I. Matheson I.O.	
	26 Feb.	0745 hrs.	Bde O Gp made recce of Pulborough Bellingshurst Bucks Green Bn. area of Arun R.	
		1100 hrs.	Bde O Gp discussion under a/Brig Lieut col H.V. MacKendrick.	
		0830 hrs.	Coy and Pl. trng continued.	
		1300 hrs.	O.C. 2 i c I.O. made recce with Maj. A. Rutherford R.C.E. of Pulborough area camp site.	
		2200 hrs.	E.N.S.A. entertainers after show for O.R.s in N.A.A.F.I. Recreation Hut guests of officers mess.	
	27 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng. continued. R.C.E. advise 120 men needed for 2 weeks on Pulborough camp. Capt. W.E. Bawden and Lieut. R.W. Sawyer after going to Mackelsfield to complete arrangements for visit of one rifle coy and Band to be guests of Mr. G.W. Weston advised that Mr. Weston had been obliged to cancel entire visit.	
		1900 hrs.	Lectures started in German.	
		1930 hrs.	Rfn. J.F. Ross and H. Rocks advanced to semi-finals in Cdn Corps individual boxing championships in Brighton.	
		2000 hrs.	E.N.S.A. show at Recreation Hut.	
	28 Feb.	0830 hrs.	Trng. and interior economy.	
		0900 hrs.	O.C.T.U. candidates of 8 C.I.B. paraded by Bn. I.O. to Cdn. Corps Rear H.Q. for selection Board. Q.O.R. of C. candidates S.t. Virtue B63975 A Coy, B63530 Sgt K. Williams, H.Q. Coy, B63522 L/Cpl. K. Macleod Bn. H.Q., B64448 Rfn. H.G.W. Bean, H.Q. Coy	
		2110 hrs.	B64465 Rfn. J.C. Handrahan B Coy killed by English civilian hit and run driver while walking near R.A.P. on Wych Cross-Nutley rd.	




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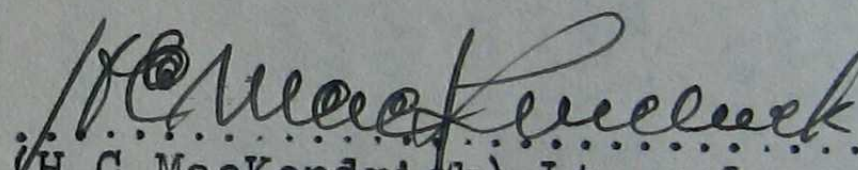
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	28 Feb.	2110 hrs.	This was the first fatality in the regiment since mobilization.	
		2300 hrs.	60 cwt. driven by Rfn. J. Payne returning from East Grinstead overturned on East Grinstead-Forest Row Rd. B64050 Arthur Jackson D Coy spare driver riding in the front seat was instantly killed while B64330 Rfn. Brownlee was seriously injured in the eye and ribs. Rfn. K Earley B63959 showed great presence of mind in immediately going to Forest Row and advising police, military authorities and ambulance B63618 Sgt. Forbes C Coy sent casualties to Hospital Lingfield for treatment and inspection and promptly placed picquets on highway until civilian police took over. Duty offr Lieut A.V. Malone was up entire night reporting to 8 C.I.B. gathering evidence, sending off M.O. and collecting details. One inch maps 125 Tunbridges 124 Guildford 133 Worthing marked as to present locations Gp. photos taken at Mandora Barracks Aldershot of A B C D H.Q. Coys and Bn H.Q.	  Appx 15 Appx 16

  
 (H.C. MacKendrick) Lt.-col.  
 Comd. The Q. O. R. of C. (AF)