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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Willingdon	1 July	0800	The Bn. moved off under command of Major T.C. Rymer (attached) for WARNINGORE Wood near Lewes which was to be the Bivouac area for the duration of the Exercise. The Advance Party left by tpt at the same time. This consisted of the C.O., 2 i/c, Adjt., I.O., O's.C. 3 and 4 Platoons, all Coy. Comds., one Regt. Provost, 1 D.R. The purpose of the Advance Party was to hear the narrative and cover the ground over which the Infantry & Tanks would advance and on which the Arty and M.M.G. would register fire.	
Lewes		0900	Umpires & all arms taking part were represented at this Conference which was held by Brig. K. Blackader. Brig. J. Plow of the Artillery ^{was} present.	
Sussex		1600	The Advance Party arrived at Bde. H.Q. for Conference.	
		1900	The C.O. and I.O. attended a meeting to co-ordinate arms at the Grand Stand on the LEWES Racecourse which was Bde. H.Q.	
			The marching tps arrived at the BIVOUAC AREA.	
			The C.O. called an 'O' Group on the Downs at a point overlooking the ground over which the attack would move.	
			Part I Orders Part II Orders Q.O.R. Sports 30 June '42 General Instructions Exercise "CRUMP"	Appendix I Appendix II Appendix III Appendix IV
WARNINGORE WOOD	2 July	0500	Reveille	
LEWES		0545	Breakfast	
		0630	Bn. moved out of Bivouac Area for the Assembly area on the Downs.	
			For Reference see Appendix V, Vol XXVI of this War Diary. This Appx. is a map enlargement of No 4 Training Area: No 4 Training area is shown on specially printed copies of Ordnance Survey of England & Wales Sheet 134 1/63360.	
			The Bn. Bivouac area was the portion of WARNINGORE WOOD shown on sheet 134 square 8132. The Whole Wood was Bde. Bivouac Area.	
TRAINING AREA NO 4	7 hrs	0745	The Bde was in position for the practice attack. This practise was ordered for the purpose of rehearsing Umpires, Comds., Safety Personnel & troops of all arms in order to co-ordinate fire & movement & eliminate unnecessary danger.	

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TRAINING AREA NO 4		0800	<p>The attack commenced with a 2 Bn. front & one Bn in reserve moving in the immediate rear. The Queen's Own Rifles was the Right flank Bn. - The North Shore Regiment the left with Le Regiment de la Chaudiere in reserve.</p> <p>The 11th Canadian Army Tank Bn. was assembled at Rectangle Wood and also in this vicinity the Q.O.R. Carrier Pl. M.M.G. of 'C' Coy The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa were on either flank. A/Tk 2 pdr guns were in position giving flank & rear /of the 105 A/Tk Bty.</p> <p>flank protection. A.A. guns of the 3rd Canadian A/A Regt. were standing by to move forward to the objectives in order to give protection on re-organization. The 12th, 13th and 14th Canadian Field Regiments R.C.A. were in position to the North below the Downs. 'B' Coy of the 14th Field Ambulance were ready to deal with any casualties.</p> <p>In the Bn. the Coys were formed up in a two up & two in reserve formation. 'B' Coy was forward on the right and 'D' on the left. 'A' Coy in reserve to the rear of 'B' and 'C' in the rear of 'D'.</p> <p>At the moment of Zero hour the advanced Coys moved forward. Owing to a misunderstanding on the part of a 'D' Coy umpire the troops moved forward too fast & went into the assault ahead of the tanks. The same thing happened with the Bn. on the left flank.</p> <p>The 1st phase of the attack was completed by the attack on the first objective & subsequent reorganization on the captured ridge. The 2nd pahse was carried out by the reserve Bn. which moved through the two forward Bns on the word 'LEAPFROG'.</p> <p>The Q.O.R. carriers gave right flank protection to the Tanks which moved forward diagonally from the right. The 3" Mortars gave fire as required by the Infantry. A conference was held at Bde. H.Q. in the Grandstand at the LEWES Race Course to discuss the attack & improve co/ordination.</p> <p>The Arty began registering on targets for the attack. The troops had not been under shell fire before & showed much interest at first but quickly became accustomed to it & returned to their rest in the shade.</p>	
		1200		
		1300		

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TRAINING AREA 4		1500 (ZERO HOUR)	The full scale attack commenced in the same order as in the morning rehearsal. The advancing movement checked on reaching the first ridge which commanded a good view of the forward slope and ridge of the enemy position which was the Bn. objective and the end of the first phase of the Bde. attack.	
		1505	The Divisional Arty. brought a concentration at normal rate on the forward slope of the enemy position.	
		1506	The Arty. completed its concentration & the infantry continued the attack calling in 3" mortar & arty. for fire on opportunity targets. Meanwhile the C.H. of O. (M.M.G.) brought flanking fire onto targets. Resistance having been declared broken by the umpires the Arty ceased and the Tanks moved forward with Carrier support and smoke cover from the mortars. Upon reaching a given point on the objective S.A. fire ceased, the Tanks topped the ridge & the Infantry went in with the bayonet. The first p phase was completed with good control throughout & re-organisation took place. The 3 Cdn. Light A.A. Regt. moved up & assisted the reorganization. The M.M.G. also moved forward in order to give flanking fire in the 2nd phase. The attack was a great improvement on the rehearsal.	
		1645	'LEAPFROG' 1645 was received & the Reserve Bn passed through the re-organised positions with tank & arty support. The use of smoke was popular in this phase.	
WARNINGORE WOOD		1830	The Bn. commenced the march back to the Bivouac.	
		1900	The Bn. arrived back in Bivouac the exercise having been completed with no casualties in the Bde.	
		2200	The C.O. called a Bn. 'O' Group at which orders were issued for the march back to WILLINGDON.	

Map enlargement of Training Area No. 4

Map enlargement of WARNINGORE WOOD

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HAMSEY 835318 RD JUNC. 943254 WILLINGDON	3 July	0600	Reveille	Rat. Appendix VI Appendix VII Appendix VIII Appendix IX
		0645	Breakfast	
		0800	A l Ech moved out of the Area.	
		0830	The marching Tps moved out.	
		0915	The Bde. S.P. was passed.	
		1135	The column stopped for lunch.	
		1315	The Column moved on	
		1415	Bde. D.P. was passed.	
		1620	The Bn. arrived back at the Billets.	
			Field Return of Officers Field Return of Other Ranks Field Return of Officers (SPECIAL INCREMENT) Field Return of Other Ranks (SPECIAL INCREMENT)	
	4 July	0830	Coy Parades & Interior Economy	Rat.
	5 July	0925	Church Parade	Rat. Appendix X
		0950	Service in St. Elizabeth's Church, Old Town, Eastbourne Chaplain Hon. Capt. J.C. The Service was attended by Brig. Blackader, Maj. Spankie B.M. & Lieut W.Fess, M.C.O. of the Q.O.R. /Clough.	
		1900	A Band of the Cdn. Armoured Corps attached to the unit.	
		2000	The largest convoy yet seen during the Unit's stay in WILLINGDON passed close to Beachy Head. The air raid alarm was heard & our fighter planes were active in numbers over FRISTON R.A.F. Station, but no sound of combat was noticed.	
			Training Syllabus for Week Ending July 11th.	
	6 July	0745	2 Coys & B.H.Q. marched from WILLINGDON to Hampden Park to see a propaganda film entitled "NEXT OF KIN". Apart from being the best of all the training films seen by the Bn. it was excellent entertainment & likely to impress upon the minds of all ranks the vital need for better security. The Cdn. Armoured Corps band played.	Rat.

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	1000hrs.		The remainder of the Bn. saw the same film.	
	1400		The Bn. paraded on the sports field at Southdown College in rehearsal for the coming inspection by the Brigadier. The attached band took part in this rehearsal.	
	1600		The Officers played baseball against the Sergeants. The former were victorious for once and expect a challenge to meet a much stronger Sergeants' team sometime in the future.	
	1930		The C.O. held an N.C.O. selection meeting at Ratton Wood Mess.	
	2000		Mr. Monohan of the Canadian Auxilliary Services showed a film at "Ratton Wood" Mess. The star is famous for hereexotic glamour. The attendance was good!	
	7July	0830	Parades.	
		1000	The Bn fell in in line on the Southdown College sports field.	
		1015	Brig. K. Blackader arrived with Maj. D.F. Spankie, B.M. & Lieut. W.Fess. The General Salute was given & the Bn. inspected followed by the March Past. After many weeks of unbroken fine weather the change came and rain fell throughout the inspection. The Band under Band Master P. Murphy played during the Inspection & March Past.	
		2145	The "Local Alert" was sounded and a plane passed overhead. Gun fire was heard from the top of the Downs and shortly afterwards a plane appeared for a brief spell under the clouds heading East. It was thought to be a German on reconnaissance.	
	8July	0830	Parades.	
		1330	The Bn. marched off for the Bde. sports at Polegate from which the North Shore Regiment emerged victorious.	
		1930	A Dance arranged by Mr. Monohan for O.R.'s was held at a Hall in Hampden Park.	
	9July	0605	The Local Alarm was heard followed shortly by two heavy explosions, machine gun fire & A.A. fire. The M.O. & stretcher bearers received an emergency call to go to the A.L.C. School at CUCKMERE HAVEN. It was learned later that two enemy planes, ME. 109's had flown in at low level from the sea and attacked the R.A.F.	

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	9 July	0605	Station at FRISTON where they dropped two bombs & raked tents & buildings with machine gun & cannon fire. One plane then turned West & attacked the A.L.C. School at CUCKMERE. Seven casualties were sustained. Two of these, an Officer of the 16th Fd. Ammunition Coy., R.C.E. and a Private of the 14th Fd. Ambulance R.C.A.M.C. died very shortly after being taken away. At the R.A.F. Station a bomb narrowly missed a machine gun pit & machine gun fire crashed into the side of a wireless truck in which a man was sleeping. It missed his head by three feet. No casualties were sustained. Two Squadrons of SPITFIRES left the airdrome on 8 July.	
		0830	Parades & training - "B" Coy moved to a bivouac area near HELINGLY for training as a self contained unit.	
		1600	The I.O. & I Sgt. visited the R.A.F. at Friston to get information on the morning raid.	
	10 July	0830	Parades and training "B" Coy in bivouac near HELINGLY. This Company carried out night & day tank hunting and destroying exercises etc. Officers & men of the Special Increment carried on normal training with the Bn. Field Return of Officers Field Return of Other Ranks Field Return of Officers Special Increment Field Return of Other Ranks Special Increment	
	11 July	0800	The C.O. made a trip to 3 C.I.R.U. at CROOKHAM	
		0830	Parades & training.	
		1400	A Bn. Officers' M/C school was held at FOLKINGTON.	
		2000	A Dance was held at "RATTONWOOD" Mess. Major McLean & Lieut. Bradshaw were visitors. Special Increment trained with the Bn.	
	12 July	0925	The Bn. paraded for Church.	
		0950	Church Service at St. Elizabeth's Church-Eastbourne.	

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	13 July	0730	17 Officers & 40 N.C.O.'s left by tpt for the Grandstand at the LEWES Race Course to act as Safety Personnel for Exercises "VALE" This Exercise was carried out by the 7th Bde. It was held in Training Area No. 4 on the South Downs & almost identical with the 8th Bde. Exercise "CRUMP".	<i>Rat.</i> Appendix XV
		0830	Bn. Parades & training. Special increment training normal. Instructions for Safety Personnel Exercise "VALE"	
WILLINGDON	14 JULY	0830	Parades & training	
LEWES		0830	The Safety Personnel carried out a rehearsal and ground Recces on Area No. 4 with the 7th Bde. With the exception of Personnel for 'A' Company of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles all the Q.O.R. Safety Personnel were with the Regina Rifles. Special Increment training normal.	
WILLINGDON	15 JULY	0830	Parades & training.	<i>Rat.</i> <i>Rat.</i>
LEWES		1400	The Safety Personnel went into the attack with the 7th Bde.	
WILLINGDON		1800	The Safety Personnel arrived back from LEWES. Special Increment training normal.	
	16 July			
		0545	Enemy aircraft were over Eastbourne but there was no action.	<i>Rat.</i>
		0830	Parades & training.	
		1100	Civil Police visited the Bn. in connection with an assault case in Eastbourne.	
		1345	The I.O. with 2/Lieut. A.R. Brock of the British Intelligence Corps attached to the Bn. left for 3rd Div. H.Q. at HEATHFIELD to attend a meeting of 3rd Div. Intelligence Officers in connection with Exercise "KITTEN II" to be held on 17 July '42.	
		1400	All available Officers left to attend a lecture on fighting in Lybia given at STATE HALL - HEATHFIELD.	
		1930	A meeting of all Officers was held at "RATTON WOOD" Mess. The new committee was nominated and Bn. affairs discussed.	
		2100	Enemy planes were again overhead but there was still no action.	

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FIRTH WOOD 148510	17 July	0600	The C.O. with a skeleton B.H.Q. Staff left WILLINGDON in three vehicles for the Bn. R.V. at FRITH WOOD. Road Junction M/R 148510 Sheet 126 was the Bn. Assembly area for Exercise "KITTEN II"	Ral
		0720	B.H.Q. was established at the Road Junction & the exercise commenced. "KITTEN II" was an exercise to practice Staffs, Intelligence and Signals. All movement of troops was in theory and B.H.Qs. made timed moves.	
SHANE FARM 064490		1200	B.H.Q. had moved forward again to this third position where it became established.	
MARK CROSS 021501		1600	B.H.Q. had moved forward again to this third position where a Bde. Order Group was held.	
		1730	The Exercise ended and the party started its return journey.	
WILLINGDON		1800	The party arrived back in WILLINGDON. Field Return of Officers Field Return of Other Ranks Field Return of Officers (Special Increment) Field Return of Other Ranks (Special Increment)	Appendix XVI Appendix XVII Appendix XVIII Appendix XIX
	18 July	0830	Parades & Interior Economy carried out by Coys.	Ral
		1130	Officers and Men from each Coy & B.H.Q. marched from the area to the Sports Field at HAILSHAM where the Divisional Sports were held. Track & field events were held. The Bn. had no great success in the events. Divisional Bands played in a "Mass Retreat" after prizes had been distributed by Lt. Gen. A.L. McNaughton. Personnel of the Special Increment as usual took a part in normal Bn. Parades duties and activities.	

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WILLINGDON	20 July	0600	Reveille. The order for reveille half an hour earlier came into force.	
		0800	Inspection of Billets.	
		0830	Parades & training. Personnel of the Special Increment are not being trained separately but carry on the normal Parades, training & Duties of the Bn. Q.O.R. of C. Offence Reports (Field Service only)	
	21 July	0800	The 2 i/c - R.Q. & IO left by Tpt for HASSOCKS, Sussex where the Bn. area of the P.P.C.L.I. is located. A Recce was made of this Area.	Appendix XX <i>Rel.</i>
		0830	Bn. Parades & Training. 'D' Coy fired on CRUMBLES Rifle range Sheet 134, M/R 9819. During this training one C Coy man received a slight injury in the arm from a No 36 Grenade splinter. The C.O. went to SEAFORD to see a demonstration given by the A.L.C. School. Lieut. W. Weir arrived from 3 C.D.I.R.U. to take up duties in the Bn.	
	22 July	0800	Company Inspections as usual.	<i>Rel.</i>
		0830	Parades & training.	
		1600	Three Officers of the P.P.C.L.I. visited the Bn. area in connection with their take over.	
		1700	Lieut. J.H.K. Booth returned to the unit.	
		1900	Formal Mess at B.H.Q. Mess.	
	23 July	0800	The C.O. left for HASSOCKS to look at the area to be taken over by the Q.O.R. Normal Bn. Parades & training went on which included the Special Increment.	<i>Rel.</i>
	24 July	0830	Parades, training & preparation for Exercise "HAROLD", Lieut. A.J. Greathed left the Bn. with one Rfn. for duty with 2nd Cdn. General Pioneer Coy.	<i>Rel.</i>
		1300	Bn. 'O' Group.	

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Willington	25 July	0930	Exercise "Harold". Ordnance Survey of England & Wales Map sheets 134-135 1/636360. The marching tps moved from the Bn. S.P. The route was through Pevensey, Bexhill & Hastings. Tpt. moved by a route which varied slightly from that of the marching tps.	Rel.
Bivouac Area 254326		1710	The marching tps arrived in the area. Tpt having moved independantly had arrived earlier. Rain made the start of Exercise "Harold" unpleasant.	
		2130	Bde. O. Group.	
		2330	Bn. O. Group.	
Nr NORTHIAM 264419	26 July	0230	Reveille	Rel.
		0330	The C.O. with a small party left to recce anew area near NORTHIAM and at the same time the marching tps began marching out.	
		0600	The C.O. liaised wit the R.C.E. in the village of Northiam.	
		0900	The C.O. leaised with the F.O.O. of the 12 Cdn. Fd. Arty. The Bn. carried out normal bivouac duties and the carriers did Recce work south of ROLVENDEN M/R 283497. A prisoner was taken & sent to Bde. This man was special 'I' personnel whose object was to get captured in order to test the Intelligence in the 3rd Cdn. Div.	
		1415	The Bn. moved again for a new bivouac area. Tps and tpt moved together.	
		1515	B.H.Q. was established & companies moved to their positions in the area.	
		1630	C.O. & I.O. attended Bde 'O' Group.	
		1830	Bn. O Group.	
		1915	The C.O. with I.O. and one 'I' Section man went forward to recce the approached to the enemy territory along the R. ROTHER. The Bn. had been given the task of corssing the river by assault boats during the night & attacking the ISLE OF OXNEY which was held by the enemy.	
		2230	Bde. O Group. Orders for the river cossing were cancelled & fresh orders for a move were issued.	
FOUR OAKS 299426		2400	The Tpt and marching tps, having met at this point, moved off for a point at 272409 where the C.O. was to be met and fresh orders received.	

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HORNS CROSS 272409	27July	0130	The C.O. issued his orders and the tpt left followed immediately by the troops. The men had left GREAT KNELLE very lightly equipped for the river crossing and owing to the sudden change in orders it had not been possible for them to get to the tpt to get their haversacks and groundsheets. Steady rain fell all night during the march which soaked the men but owing to the hardness of their physical condition no ill effects were suffered except by the feet. Sodden boots & socks softened the hard skin of the feet which felt the wear & tear of the march. A larger number of men from Units on the road ahead were passed asleep in the wet grass beside the road, rolled up in their groundsheets.	Rel.
LE RETTE 1736		0715	The Bn. halted for breakfast.	
BRIGHTLING 1239		0815	The Tpt left with the troops to cover the final few miles to the new area.	
		1030	The new area was occupied by the Bn. The men were billeted in stables for a short time but later Coys occupied positions and patrols started which continued all day. A number of prisoners were brought in and it was found that the enemy on the immediate front were the GREEN HOWARDS.	
		1630	Bde 'O' Group.	
		2130	Bde 'O' Group.	
			Patrols continued active throughout the night but little was seen of the enemy.	
	28July	0400	Reveille	
		0430	Stand to	
		0530	Stand down.	
		0545	Breakfast followed by a day of fighting patrols, prisoners taken, Intelligence work & repulsing the enemy's attempts to break through 'D' Coy which occupied a position on the road in the central section of the Bn front at M/R 123397.	Rel.
		1415	Bde O Group.	
		1600	Food	
		1630	Bn O Group.	
		1730	The Bn was ready to move forward into the attack as reserve Bn. with R de Chaud. on the left flank forward & the N.S.R. on the right forward. Forward progress was held up owing to the strong enemy resistance experienced by the forward Bns. The attack was east towards ROBERTSBRIDGE with the roads as the axis of advance.	

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BRIGHTLING	28 July	1730	The R de Chaud & Q.O.R. were on the left road & N.S.R. on the right. Enemy infiltration caused the road behind the Q.O.R. to be blocked but that trouble was removed & access to the rear re-established. In the absence of the C.O. the 221/c commanded during this attack.	
		2130	Bde 'O' Group. Orders were received for an immediate withdrawal to the ^{WEST} alert. A recce party, present at this O Group, left at once for the new area.	
		2315	The Tpt moved out followed by the marching troops. The weather had cleared and was perfect with a three quarter moon to make night marching easier & pleasanter.	Rel.
NASH STREET 986315	29 July	0215	The Tpt arrived & was placed against the hedges of a large field.	
		0545	The troops arrived and were immediately given breakfast. Within a very short time nearly all were asleep.	
		0815	The C.O. & I.O. were called to a Bde 'O' Group.	
		1000	Bn 'O' Group at which orders were given for the tpt to move to a Battle position on the South Downs a distance of about eight miles. Orders called for the Infantry to follow.	
ROAD JUNCTION 970315		1045	The Bn. left the area.	
		1145	Anti tank guns attached to the Regt. engaged enemy Recce vehicles two of which were put out of action. This delayed the march and caused the tail of the marching column to be late in crossing the line of the railway which was timed for not later than 1200 hrs.	
BOSTAL HILL STH DOWNS 936229		1345	The C.O. was called to a meeting and the column came under command of Maj Grout.	
		1415	B.H.Q. was established.	
		1545	The 2 i/c left on a recce of the Bn position with an 'I' Sect Corporal. Coy positions were mapped. Patrols were sent out & remained active all night. From the high ground O.P's were able to command an excellent view of the ground over which the enemy attack would come. His recce patrols were seen & contacted and a few prisoners taken. In the evening an alarm of enemy air recce came through but before his planes arrived thick fog enveloped the Downs hiding all positions completely. The fog came suddenly from the Channel causing a perfect screen.	Rel.

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BOSTAL HILL	30 July	0400	Reveille	
		0430	Stand to.	
		0530	Stand down.	
		0545	Breakfast followed by a day of patrols and very active Intelligence work. Reports from patrols and observers all along the front showed signs of the enemy. Much of the information was incorrect and misleading and the accurate reports, while showing the enemy active on the right flank, failed to divulge information of his whereabouts in front. The conclusion reached was that his F.U.P. must be a line well to the north of our positions and that his attack would come before or at about first light. The weather remained clear and fine with a good moon.	Rat.
		1930	Bde 'O' Group.	
		2030	Bn. 'O' Group.	
		2215	Stand to.	
		2330	Stand down. The sound of gunfire was heard from NEWHAVEN a short distance to the South & brilliant flashes & searchlight beams were seen. This was found to have no connection with "HAROLD" & was discovered to be the Coast Defence Batteries engaged in target practice. An air raid alert was heard. Planes flying North passed overhead & were engaged by A.A. fire. The all clear went soon after.	
	31 July	0400	Sounds of fighting came from the East in the direction of the N.S.R. Rifle fire & Thunder flashes were heard and brilliant flashes seen. It was evident that the enemy in this sector were attacking up a draw on the right at the rear of the N.S.R. & in front of the R. de Chaud which, if they got through would bring them directly onto B.H.Q. of the Q.O.R. of C. This was his logical method & therefore expected. In consequence the Bn. was stood to and very shortly afterwards B.H.Q. was withdrawn to a position of greater safety further back in the Downs.	Rat
		0430	Figures in some numbers were seen silhouetted against the lightening sky in the East, moving in towards B.H.Q. This meant either the first infiltration by the enemy or the R de Chaud withdrawing. It proved to be the latter and very soon after the enemy streamed up from the draw and the position of B.H.Q. was overrun. There was an unaccountable lack of Umpires. No decisions were given therefore but for the purpose of completing this "Set Piece" it was assumed that the enemy had achieved	

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	31 July	0430	success. The condition of the English troops was good. They had had a long march to the point of Battle, some claimed 70 miles, and had marched 10 miles from their start line to the Downs. Yet when they finally came in to attack they did so on the double with yells and cheers. The Canadians knowing it to be a staged act blazed off the little blank they had. Tossed a few thunder flashes & then resorted to obscene language by way of showing their disgust at having to submit, virtually without any real resistance.	
		0500	The attack ended and no definite news having been received men of both sides stood in groups talking & arguing. As it grew light the English troops disappeared over the side of the Downs & the Canadians got busy on breakfast. It was assumed, and hoped, this marked the end of the exercise. Soon after the message "HAROLD NEGATIVE" came in and B.H.Q. repaired to its original position where it cleaned up or went to sleep.	
		1000	Brig. Blackader drove up and gave warning to stand by for a warning order to march back to WILLINGDON.	
		1030	The warning order was received and orders were given for preparation to move.	
		1130	Tpt and the Advance Party moved off followed by the marching troops. The M.T. moved across the R. Cuckmere and via EXCEAT and FRISTON to EASTBOURNE. The marching troops crossed the Downs via JEVINGTON.	
		1245	Tpt arrived back in Willingdon and the Advance Party prepared to take over the billets.	
		1530	The marching tps arrived back. The remainder of the day was spent in settling in to billets.	
			Field Return of Officers Field Return of Other Ranks Field Return of Offrs (Special Increment) Field Return of O.R's (Special Increment)	
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