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	10 Oct.	0830	Coy Parades & training	Rat.
		1430	Coy. Comds. meeting.	
		1500	Acting on Lt-col. Spragge's orders the I.O., Lieut. R. With, arranged with the owner of Wick Farm, Mr. C.O. Selback who occupies a residence adjacent to the Farm on which the Q.O.R. Anti Raid R.V. is located, for his private phone to be used in the event of Police & Public phones at the R.V. failing during an emergency.	
	20 Oct.	0830	Coy. Parades. After the spell of wet weather the Coy lines were in poor condition. The wet ground was churned up into mud and all the tents & men's equipment were very damp. The appearance of the sun was welcomed and advantage of it was quickly taken, blankets being hung on fences to dry & equipment laid out on the ground. Outside training became easier & more pleasant.	Rat.
		1400	Lt.-col. Spragge attended a Conference at Bde. H.Q. - The A/Adj. Lieut. H.S. McRae attended a meeting at 3 Cdn. Div.	
		1900	The last period on Booby Traps & Demolition was held for Officers & N.C.O's. by the W.T.O. Capt. E.A. Dunlop. Uncharged Booby Traps were set by teams in the Officers' Mess for other teams to find and neutralise. It was one of the few occasions when all the Officers are able to foregather. The time & place permitted access to refreshments with the result that the period was amusing as well as instructive.	
			Owing to the great need for the conservation of petrol & rubber the use of Army vehicles is greatly restricted & allotments of petrol for each month are made to Coys. and sub-units with orders for the use of vehicles to be kept to a minimum.	
			Part I Orders	Appendix 1
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	30 Oct	0800	Lt.-col. Spragge left for 3 C.D.I.R.U. at Aldershot. The A/Adj, Lieut. H.S. McRae left for 2nd Echelon.	Rel.
		0830	Coy Parades & the usual Saturday morning duties & Interior Economy.	
		1200	Half holiday.	
	4 Oct.	1100	Voluntary Church Parade.	Rel.
		1130	All the Officers gathered at B.H.Q. Mess where a lively one & a half hours was spent with Capt. Robertson & Capt. Harris present as visitors to their Regiment.	
	5 Oct.	0810	Lt.-col. Spragge & Major Lequesne, Capt. Lett, Capt. Heyes, Capt. Dunlop, Lieut. GORDON the five Coy Comds with the Pioneer Officer Lieut. Parkinson and the I.O. Lieut. With left for a lecture on "Enemy Air Bombs & Land Mines" by an English Officer at the "Radio Centre" Cinema in East Grinstead. This Officer claimed to have lifted 100,000 Enemy land mines many of which had been re-planted in use against the enemy. He was decorated with the George Cross. It was generally agreed he deserved it.	Rel.
		1400	Capt. Lett, Capt. Heyes, Capt. Dunlop and Lieut. Gordon attended a demonstration of 2 pr. and 6 pr. Anti-tank guns at Birling Gap Anti Tank School. A weekly inspection of each Coy commenced with the inspection of H.Q. Coy With B.H.Q. and afterwards 'B' Coy by the 2 i/c Major Pangman.	
	6 Oct.	0830	Parades & Training Syllabus carried out by Coys.	Rel.
	7 Oct.	0830	Parades.	Rel.
		2000	Lt.-col. Spragge with the Coy Comds attended a meeting at Bde.	
	8 Oct.	0830	Parades.	Rel.
		1400	Lt.-col. Spragge, the 2 i/c Maj. Pangman, Lieut. Weir the R.Q. & Lieut. With the I.O. left for Wykehurst Park to look over the Winter Camp into which the Bn. will soon move. This was the Camp originally intended for the Bn. until the plan was changed.	



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	8 Oct.	2000	A meeting of the Officers' Mess was held and a new committee selected. Capt. Lett. was elected President, Lieut. Gordon Vice president and Capt. Sutherland, the Dental Officer, Lieut. Lake & Lieut. Hamilton Committee members.	Rat.
	9 Oct.	0830 1330	Parades & training. 'D' Coy carried out Field Firing with Carriers & Mortars from 3 and 4 Platoons, with 18 men from the 'I' Pl to make up strength.	Rat.
	10 Oct.	0830 0900 2000	Parades & Interior Trx Economy. Lt-col. Spragge with the Coy. Comds. left for a T.E.W.T. This Exercise began for the Bn. on Woodstonbury Hill M.R. Sheet 134 square 7233 and continued in a Northerly direction to HURSTPIERPOINT, M.R. 7135. A dance was held at B.H.Q. Mess in Stonepound House, HASSOCKS. Brig. R. Gibson & Lt.-col. Gibson of the Winnipeg Rifles were guests. This dance which was named "Stinker 5" being the fifth in a series named after the fashion of Exercises was a great success.	Rat.
	11 Oct.	1100	Voluntary Church Parade.	
	12 Oct.	0830 1100 1135	The Bn. prepared for the march which was to be inspected by the Hon. J.L. Ralston Canadian Minister of National Defence. This inspection was quite informal although Lieut.-Gen. A.G. McNaughton, Maj.-Gen. H.D. Crerar, Maj-Gen. R.F.L. Keller, the new G.O.C. 3 Cdn. Div., Brig. K.G. Blackader and various other high ranking Canadian Officers were to be present. The Bn. had an early lunch. The Bn. less "C" Coy which was on other duty left the Bn. S.P. at STONEPOUND CROSS ROADS, M.R. Sheet 134 square 7334 and moved to HURSTPIERPOINT CROSS RDS., Sheet 134 square 7135 which was Bde. S.P.	Rat.  Rat.



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HURSTPIERPOINT		1155	The Bn. passed the Bde. S.P. and continued the march via Road Junction M.R. Sheet 134, 703359 to a point at M.R. Sheet 133, 652366 where it awaited the signal to move past the point M.R. Sheet 133, 652357 where the Minister stood.	
M.R. 695363 M.R. 652366		1400	Whilst marching a Raid Alarm was heard & bomb explosions. Followed by the R. de Chaud and N.S.R. the Bn. moved forward in column at a brisk pace.	
M.R. 652357		1420	After a short delay on the road the head of the Bde. column passed the Minister and moved EAST at Henfield Road Junction to a point M.R. 653348 where the whole Bde. moved off the Road for a rest.	
M.R. 653348 HASSOCKS & CLAYTON		1500	The Bde. in its former order marched for home.	
		1700	The Coys. were back in the Bn. area and moving to their lines. The bombs heard during the march fell on BRIGHTON causing some casualties near the Railway Station.	
	13 Oct	0830	Parades. The Ass/Adj. left for 2nd Echelon.	
		0930	Capt. McKenzie G.3 (I) 3 Cdn. Div. delivered a lecture on German Army Organization in the Studio Cinema, HASSOCKS. This was followed by a lecture on German Army Identification by Lieut. I. Tucker Burr, I.O. 3 Cdn. Div. These lectures were attended by Officers, N.C.Os. and the Intelligence Pl.	Rat.
		1400	Lt.-col. Spragge left for Bde.	
	14 Oct	0830	Coy Trg. according to Syllabus.	
		1030	Pay Parade. A & H.Q. Coy.	
		1030	C.O. weekly conference at Bde.	Rat.
		1500	Pay Parades for Bn. H.Q. and attachments.	
		1600	C.O. & R.S.M. visited new camp.	
			"B" Coy moved to new area as Adv. Guard.	
		1815	Alert.	
		1930	All clear.	Rat.
	15 Oct	0830	Coy Trg. according to syllabus.	
		0900	Security lecture by Div. Security Sgt. Bn. H.Q.	
		0940	"LADYBIRD" practice Anti-Raid SHOREHAM. C & D Coys moved to forward area.	
		1000	Security lecture by Div Security Sgt. to H.Q. Coy.	
		1200	"LADYBIRD" all clear.	



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	15 Oct	1320 1410	Air raid ALERT. Air raid ALL CLEAR.	Rat.
	16 Oct	0830 1400 1600 1930	Coy trng. according to Syllabus. Carrier Pl. Demonstration for Offrs. C.O. O.Gp. - Order of March to new camp. Regimental dance at Keymer Hall.	Rat.
	17 Oct	0830 1000	<del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> Preparations for Move. Capts. Dunlop, Malone, Lieut. McRae, Sgts. Land and Watson made recce of new camp. The Bn. commenced one week's duty on A.A. Defence & Air Observation at PORTSLADE/BY-Sea Power Station. Lieut. H.S. McRae became Adjutant. The new establishment became effective.	Rat.
WYKEHURST PARK	18 Oct	0630 1250 1315 1325 1336 1350 2015	Reveille followed by preparations for move. Tpt. passed Bn. S.P. at STONEPOUND. The marching troops passed Bn. S.P. at STONEPOUND CROSS RDS. M.R. Sheet 134, 735346 led by the 'I' Pl. which controlled the A.A. Defence for the column. This defence was provided by Bren gunners from Coys mounted on bicycles who moved forward in bounds in such a way as to provide an Air Sentry at about every 200 yds along the column throughout the march. Tpt. passed Bde & Bn. D.P. at WYKEHURST PARK. Bn. passed Bde. S.P. at HURSTPIERPOINT M.R. sheet 134, 717356. Bn. passed Bde. D.P. at WYKEHURST PARK. Major J.E.C. Pangman, 2 i/c held an 'O' Group for the march to SALTDEAN for Exercise "HATTRICK".	Appendix 5 Rat.

MOvement Table #1



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Sheet 134 732287  SALTDEAN M.R. Sheet 134 815209	19 Oct	0600	Reveille. Preparations for march to SALTDEAN.	Rat.
		0830	The marching troops moved past Bn. S.P. at the West Gate of the Park. A Rear Party stayed behind to do Camp Guard and duties. Vehicles movement was independant of the marching troops but followed the same route except between PATCHAM & STAMMER where all the foot troops cut across country.	
		1200	The column halted for haversack lunch. Tea was supplied by the Auxiliary Services Truck.	
		1300	The column continued marching. A.A. Protection was supplied by Cyclist Bren Gunners & throughout the march.	
		1415	The head of the column arrived at the Bn. D.P. and Coys were led by guides to their billets having marched 22 miles.	
	20 Oct	1900	A meeting of Coy. Comds. and Umpires was held at B.H.Q. billets in a house on the front called "PANTILES". Major. J.E.C. Pangman was chief Umpire for the Bde. assisted by two Coy. Umpires, Major Matthew of the R. de Chaud and Major. McNaughton of the N.S.R. Pl. Umpires were drawn from Bn. Officers.	Rat.
			"B" Coy as Stand-to Coy was confined to billets.	
		0700	Reveille	
		0800	Breakfast	
		0815	The Umpires left to look over the ground on which the Exercise was held. This area was in the valley running NORTH from HARVEY'S CROSS, M.R. Sheet 134, 819242 to NORTON FARM 814253.	
		0845	The four Coys marched out to HARVEY'S CROSS where C & D remained on the high ground overlooking the Valley as observers, while A and B rehearsed the attack. This rehearsal was repeated by C and D Coys. Food was served by the Cookers immediately afterwards.	
		1535	'B' Coy in the valley crossed the start line at M.R. 812240 with two Platoons up & one in reserve, attacking NORTH up the valley. 'A' Coy assembled on the high ground at M.R. 818247 waited its turn to attack NORTON FARM under covering fire from 'B' Coy after its capture of BALSDEAN FARM.	



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	20Oct.	1335	In support of the two Coy attack were two Sections of Carriers, three detachments of 3" Mortars and two 2 Pr. A/Tk guns. The Carriers sections moved in pincer fashion to points 818248 and 810248 each supported by one A/Tk gun, these guns being drawn very successfully by their Jeeps up and down the steep slopes of the Downs. From there approximate points dismounted Bren fire was brought to bear on the two Farm houses which were enemy positions, containing an eight gun battery and one Platoon of protective Infantry. Meanwhile, from a point approximately at M.R. 818247, the 3" Mortars waited to bring fire to bear on Balsdean Farm when called upon. The call for this fire came when the two B Coy Platoons came under enemy fire at a point about 300 yds. South of Balsdean Farm. On the completion of this concentration being marked by one 3" Smoke Bomb, the right forward <del>by</del> Platoon assaulted with bayonet and grenade under covering fire from the left Platoon on a spur above and South of the Farm. In this <del>xxx</del> fashion the Farm was captured and a house on the north of the Farm buildings captured, from which point the reserve Platoon was able to give covering fire to "A" Coys. assault on Norton Farm buildings 200 yds. to the north, which followed a concentration of 3" Mortar fire. Both coys' assaults were under cover of smoke from 2" & 3" Mortars. During the concentration of Mortar, rifle and Bren fire a small balack and white dog which had attached itself to the Regiment, weeks before, in Hassocks and which had been on all its marches, dashed madly from one Freshly fallen smoke bomb to another, emerging quite unscathed by the flying metal and debris. After the action, very pleased with himself he trotted triumphantly back to billets with the troops. Unfortunately when this action was repeated by "C" and "D" coys. he repeated his role and was hit in the stomach by a flying fragment. Directly the action was over a bullet put him out of his misery.	Rat.
		1630	The coys marched back to billets, "C" coy being "stand to" coy. was confined to billets	
	21Oct.	0700	Reveille	
		0800	Breakfast	
		0830	Coys left billets for the Harveys Cross.	
		0935	"C" & "D" coys. repeated the exercise carried out by "A" and "B" coys. while the latter two coys. observed from the high ground, East of the valley	Rat.



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Newmarket Hill M.R. 8025	21 Oct	1030	The Exercise was completed and coys. marched straight from the training area for the march home. A short cut was taken over the Downs to Newmarket Hill.(M.R. 8025)	Rel.
		1200	Haversack lunch was eaten and tea served by the cooks. Tpt. took cover in a wood on the hill with the troops.	
		1330	The march was continued.	
Wykehurst Park		1830	The head of the Column reached the East Gate and the coys dispersed into their lines.	
	22 Oct	0630	Reveille	
		0730	Breakfast	
		0830	Parades by coys. The <sup>NEW</sup> establishment became active, upon the Bn. arrival at Wykehurst park. Except for each Rifle Platoon advancing its number by one, Rifle coys. remained the same, but H.Q. coy. was disbanded and the personnel with B.H.Q. personnel reformed into <del>two</del> two sub-units, namely, B.H.Q. Wing, and the Support coy. The former under command of Capt. A.V. Malone and the latter under Capt. E.A. Dunlop. The day was spent in organization and settling into the new Camp. The new Establishment and Commands appear in Pt. I Orders NO. 118, 17 Oct. '42	Rel.
	23 Oct	0830	Parades, training and duties. Owing to the fact that at the present time there are NO training areas available in this camp it is proposed to carry out revision and individual training. In such a good hatted camp with the Bn. once more concentrated, much benefit should be derived in training, and smartness from this policy. The huts are comfortable and good facilities exist for the mens' entertainment. This is <sup>VERY</sup> being necessary as the camp is 7 miles west of Haywards Heath and the restrictions on transport and cutting down of civilian bus time tables make travel into the town in the evenings virtually impossible for a camp of approximately 1000 men. This figure includes the 11th Bty. of the 12 Fd. Regt. R.C.A. which is in apotion of the camp. The officers <del>are</del> are billeted with the Q.O.R. officers in the Castle on the estate.	
		1100	"A" & "B" coys. took over the N.S.R. role at Shore-by-sea. This role includes protecting the gas works and Power Plant on the Spit at Portslade-by-sea against enemy Seabourne raids. One Platoon each night is on duty on the Spit while the remainder on the mainland are prepared for immediate Stand To. This detachment is under command of Major DD. J. LaQue and will remain in postion until the N.S.R. have completed their Exercise at Saltdean.	Rel.



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	23 Oct	1330	The "I" Sect made a recce. of one of the two R.Vs. for the new Bn. Anti-raid Role. When the Bde. moved into Winter Camps the Q.O.R. exchanged its Anti-raid Role with the R. de Chaud. Route, mileage, time and telephone were checked and personnel made familiar with their duties in event of emergency.	
		1630	Lt-col. J.G. Spragge left on Privilege Leave. In the absence of Maj. J.E.C. Pangman and Major D.J. Lequesne, Capt. S.M. Lett commanded the Bn. Capt. W.R. Taylor R.C.A.P.C. late Paymaster and Major in the Q.O.R. of C. arrived to celebrate the beginning of his 42nd year of continuous service with the Regiment. Until May 1942, he was with the 1st Bn but being too old for the Field was sent to the 3 C.D.I.R.U. as Paymaster where he continued working with the Regiment though not officially part of it.	
		1830	Dinner was served in the big dining room with Capt. Taylor as guest of honour. Major J.E.C. Pangman who was present for dinner gave up his seat as Officer Commanding in the absence of Lt-col. J.G. Spragge in favour of Capt. Taylor for the evening. After dinner Capt. Taylor was re-attested for another years service with due ceremony. As soon as his signature was written, buglers and drummers outside the Anti-raid room played "The Buffs" Visiting Entertainers gave two performances in the Recreation Hut. The second one was attended by many of the Officers. The entertainers afterwards visited the Mess and a lively evening was spent in the Billiard Room. Capt. C. Bradshaw arrived with Capt. Taylor for the night.	
			Ward Robertson Taylor's Attestation. Appendix 6	
	24 Oct	0830	Parades, Training and Interior Economy.	
		1000	The A.A. Platoon and "I" Section O.P. ended their week's duty at Portslade.	
		1200	Half Holiday	
	25 Oct	1100	A voluntary Church Service was held by Chaplain H/Capt. J.G. Clough in the K. of C. Hut.	
		1700	"A" & "B" Coys. returned from relief duty of the N.S.R. at Shoreham.	

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	26 Oct	0830	Parades and training.	
		1120	An enemy plane, a Junkers 88, flying beneath the rain clouds at about 1000 ft. passed over the Camp in a Northerly direction. Several enemy planes were reported in the vicinity. Exploding bombs, gunfire and machine gunning were heard in the distance but nothing active occurred near the Camp.	Rel.
		1400	Maj. J.E.C. Pangman and Lieut. R.A. With, with 4 Sigs., 2 D.Rs. 2 "I" men, I cook, I Batman and I driver were ready to move off with 1 station waggon, one signals NO. 11 Set truck and 1-15 cwt. truck to take part in a Div. Skeleton Exercise known as "PLUM" which was to have been an overnight scheme.	
		2030	Orders were received that H.Q. of the Bns. would be in position for the exercise by 0645 hrs 27 Oct. '42. In consequence orders were issued for the same personnel less the cook to be ready to move at 0515 hrs. The change in orders was well received as the night was cold and wet.	Rel.
	DETACHMENT			
	27 Oct	0400	Reveille for all going on the exercise.	
		0430	Breakfast for the Detachment.	
		0515	The Party left to take up its position at College Farm, Shoreham M.R. 633255.	
M.R. 633255		0635	The Detachment in position.	
		0645	The exercise commenced. Its purpose was to practice Div. and Bdes. in movement and operation during action and was a T.E.W.T. which moved Northward towards Horsham. 8 Cdn. Inf. Bde. was Reserve Bde.	Rel.
WYKEHURST		0830	Parades and Training	
		1800	The detachment returned from Exercise "PLUM"	
	28 Oct	0830	Coy. Parades and Training.	
		1230	Brig. K.G. Blackader lunched at the Bn.	
		1330	Sports.	Rel.



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	28 Oct	0830 1230 1330	Coy Parades and training. Brig. K.G. Blackader lunched at the Battalion. Sports.	Rel.
	29 Oct	0830 1830 1915	Coy Parades. The Adjutant and Quartermaster left for Rear Division. A short course was started for the training of Aircraft Recognition Instructors. This important subject will be included in Winter Training. All available Officers left by tpt for a Bde. Conference on Exercise "Hattrick" held recently at Saltdean. The criticisms of Umpires were discussed by Brig. K.G. Blackader. The main criticism was of the lack of fire control when covering fire was being brought to bear on targets. Battle Drill as applied to a Bn. was discussed also the Bde training programme for November.	Rel.
	30 Oct	0830 1700  1930	Parades and training. A meeting of Officers was called by Major J. Pangman. The Medical Exercise "Sawbones" was discussed. This Exercise to take place between 2nd to 6th Nov. incl. of those dates will be to practice R.C.A.M.C. in the handling and evacuation of casualties. Casualties will be supplied by Bns. Points brought out in the Brigadier's Conference 29 Oct. were discussed where they concerned the Battalion. Lt.-col. J.G. Spragge returned from leave. A Dance was held for the men in the K. of C. Hut.	Rel.
	31 Oct	0830 1200	Parades and Interior Economy Half Holiday The end of the month finds the Bn. settled in the new Camp with routine running smoothly and the two months syllabus of Basic Training proceeding well. It is thought that the Bn. will remain in this Camp until the beginning of the New Year when a move to Shoreham-by-sea to take over duties guarding the shore in the vicinity of the Gas Works and Power Plant is likely to take place.	Rel.

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BATTALION ORDER  
BY  
Lieut.-col. J.B. Spragg  
Commanding The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

PART I

PART I ORDER NO

No. 112  
1 Oct. '42

LAST PART I ORDER ISSUED 25 Sept. '42

I. STRENGTH DECREASE

"A"

Lieut. R. Fleming S.O.B. to 3 C.D.I.R.U. on  
attending C.M.H.Q. Course No. 303 w.e.f. 29-9-42.

Lieut. D.K. Hazzard S.O.B. to 3 C.D.I.R.U. w.e.f.  
29-9-42 on admission to No 1 Can. Gen. Hospital.

2. REGIMENTAL ADJUT BOARD

Effective 1 October, '42.  
Pres: Lieut. J.G. Alley  
Members: Lieut. P.C. Osler  
Lieut. T.A. Cottrill

3. POSTINGS

"B"

B64384 Rfn. Mehara W.H. from H.Q. Coy to "D" Coy.  
B53236 Rfn. Roberts M.F. from B.H.Q. to "C" Coy.  
B64597 Rfn. Romanuk A. from "A" Coy to H.Q. Coy.  
B68041 Rfn. Shileon A.G. from "A" Coy to H.Q. Coy.  
B66045 Rfn. Blair S.E. from B.H.Q. to H.Q. Coy.

4. DRESS

In future at Battalion Dances tunics will be  
worn. If weather is warm, short sleeve issue  
shirts may be worn, but will be worn with belt.  
Braces will not be worn with shirts.

5. RESTRICTIONS ON NEWSPAPER MAILS FROM CANADA  
TO TRANSATLANTIC DESTINATIONS/---Amendment---

1. Information has now been received that the  
restrictions mentioned in Canadian Military Head-  
quarters Circular Letter No. 367 dated 12 Sept. '42,  
para. 3, referring to the case of newspapers mailed  
by publishers which are forwarded in fulfillment  
of a contract, no longer applies and therefore this  
paragraph is cancelled and the following substituted:

"This restriction does not refer to newspapers  
or publications mailed by publishers on a sub-  
scription basis addressed to members of the  
Armed Forces Overseas".

6. BATTALION STRENGTH

Officers

Other Ranks

29 Sept. '42

30

633

30 Sept. '42

33

642

1 Oct. '42

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671



6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS,  
COMMISSIONED, WARRANT AND NON-  
COMMISSIONED.

Formations, are not adequately realized.  
Commissioned

2. War and Non-Commissioned officers are at all times responsible that discipline be maintained. Misbehavior by juniors in rank must be repressed, and if indicated also reported. It is immaterial whether the personnel concerned are on or off duty or belong to the same unit as the officer who witnesses the incident.

3. The general responsibility of all officers, commissioned, war and non-commissioned, for the maintenance of discipline and the good name of the Canadian Army will be brought to the attention of all concerned.

Extract C.C.O. 443- 2/25-9-42

7. DRESS

1. It has been noted that there is considerable slackness with regard to the dress of Canadian soldiers. Unauthorized dress and incorrectly worn, dirty and slovenly dress has been seen in various public places where the soldiers concerned were not engaged in any duty justifying such appearance.

2. Some of the more common faults are:-

- (a) No head-dress, or Cap F.O. tucked under the shoulder strap of the battle-dress blouse or carried in the hand;
- (b) Wearing of ties by C.O.'s.
- (c) Wearing of fatigue clothing and/or canvas shoes when walking out;
- (d) No battle-dress blouse or blouse with more than one button undone, often exposing a white or coloured shirt or sweater;
- (e) Inadequate hair cut;
- (f) Dirty and ill fitting uniform.

3. I.C.C.O. 315/42 which makes provision for C.O.s. to wear the neck of the battle-dress open, ceases to be effective as from 1 Oct. '42.

4. It will be notified to all ranks that the Provost have been instructed to enforce Dress Regulations strictly. All personnel improperly dressed will be returned immediately to his unit for disciplinary action, including forfeiture of any balance of leave.

Extract C.C.O. 442 2/25-9-42

8. RATION STRENGTH

Officers

Other Ranks

2 Oct. '42

3 Oct. '42

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9. FUEL Fuel for heating purposes is NOT available until Nov. 1. NO fires will be lighted in quarters before this date.
10. SALVAGE Salvage centre is located near north corner of N.A.A.F.I. Coys will send salvage to this point
11. AIR LETTER SERVICE - WESTBOUND TRANSATLANTIC

1. A special Armed Forces Air Letter Form is now available for sending communications by ~~airmail~~ Air Mail to addresses in Canada. The rate of postage will be 6d which rate is applicable only to letters sent on the special forms, provided for the purpose and addressed ONLY to Canadian addresses.
2. Owing to limited aircraft capacity on the Transatlantic Service, the issue of the Air Letter Form will be restricted.
3. It is to be understood that this Air Letter Service is dependent upon the capacity of aircraft for carrying Air Letters as well upon weather conditions, and therefore certainty of service cannot be assured.
4. Companies will indent for these forms through Bn. Orderly Room.

C.R.O. 2568 d/29 Sept. '42.

12. DRESS

The sewing of fixed seams in battle dress trousers with a view to obtaining a permanent crease, causes the trousers to become prematurely unserviceable.

This practice will therefore cease forthwith. Fixed seams will be removed from all battle dress trousers at present in wear. CAORO 2625 d/14 Oct. '42.

13. RATION STRENGTH

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
17 Oct. '42	38	675
18 Oct. '42	35	670
19 Oct. '42	36	638
20 Oct. '42	34	652

14. DETAIL

Duties commence 1800 hrs day previous to date shown.

Oct. 22	Lieut. J.D. Pickup	T.E. PARKINSON
23	Lieut. P.C. Osler	J.C. ARBER
24	Lieut. W.T. Kieley	R.A. WITH
25	Lieut. P.T. Green	R.C.S. BLUE
26	Lieut. D.B. Hamilton	



BATTALION ORDERS  
BY  
Lieut-Col. J.G. Spence  
Commanding 1st Bn. The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

SHEET I

PART I ORDERS

No. 123  
29 Oct. '42

LAST PART I ORDER ISSUED 27 Oct. '42

1. N.A.A.F.I.

The N.A.A.F.I. is OUT OF BOUNDS except between 1200 hrs and 1330 hrs and after 1630 hrs. daily. Saturday afternoons and Sundays excepted.

2. LECTURE HUTS

Lecture Huts are allotted as follows:

Hut #56 B.H.Q. Wing & Support Coy  
#61 C & D Coys  
#65 A & B Coys

K. of C. Hut on application to Adjt.

3. DUTIES

1800 Hrs.	Duty Coy	Stand To Coy
Oct 31	B	A
Nov 1	C	B
2	D	C
3	A	D
4	B	A
5	C	B
6	D	C
7	A	D

4. FUEL

Coal, coke, or wood will NOT be removed from the Unit Dump, south of kitchen without permission from the Quartermaster.

5. ELECTRIC LAMP BULBS

Electric lamp bulbs under NO circumstances be removed from sockets in the same building or from another building to replace unserviceable bulbs. Unserviceable bulbs will be returned to Coy. stores for replacement. If broken, brass ends are sufficient. Personnel failing to observe this order will be severely dealt with.

6. AMENDMENT

Attention is drawn to Order #121 Para 1. This order includes wash basins, electric lamp bulbs and all items of barrack equipment in ablution and latrine huts. Coy Commanders will again draw this to the attention of all ranks.

7. DRESS

Correct head dress for walking out is F.S. Green Cap complete with red pom pom. Pom poms are now available at B.Q. stores on repayment.

8. RATION STRENGTH

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
28 Oct. '42	39	684
29 Oct. '42	40	700



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	10 Oct.	0830	Coy Parades & training	
		1430	Coy. Comds.' meeting.	
		1500	Acting on Lt-col. Spragge's orders the I.O., Lieut. R. With, arranged with the owner of Wick Farm, Mr. C.O. Selback who occupies a residence adjacent to the Farm on which the Q.O.R. Anti Raid R.V. is located, for his private phone to be used in the event of Police & Public phones at the R.V. failing during an emergency.	
	20 Oct.	0830	Coy. Parades. After the spell of wet weather the Coy lines were in poor condition. The wet ground was churned up into mud and all the tents & men's equipment were very damp. The appearance of the sun was welcomed and advantage of it was quickly taken, blankets being hung on fences to dry & equipment laid out on the ground. Outside training became easier & more pleasant.	
		1400	Lt.-col. Spragge attended a Conference at Bde. H.Q. - The A/Adj. Lieut. H.S. McRae attended a meeting at 3 Cdn. Div.	
		1900	The last period on Booby Traps & Demolition was held for Officers & N.C.O's. by the W.T.O. Capt. E.A. Dunlop. Uncharged Booby Traps were set by teams in the Officers' Mess for other teams to find and neutralise. It was one of the few occasions when all the Officers are able to foregather. The time & place permitted access to refreshments with the result that the period was amusing as well as instructive. Owing to the great need for the conservation of petrol & rubber the use of Army vehicles is greatly restricted & allotments of petrol for each month are made to Coys. and sub-units with orders for the use of vehicles to be kept to a minimum.	
			Part I Orders Part II Orders Field Returns Petrol Allotment, Orders for October	Appendix Appendix Appendix Appendix



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	30 Oct	0800	Lt.-col. Spragge left for 3 C.D.I.R.U. at Aldershot. The A/Adj, Lieut. H.S. McRae left for 2nd Echelon.	Rel.
		0830	Coy Parades & the usual Saturday morning duties & Interior Economy.	
		1200	Half holiday.	
	4 Oct.	1100	Voluntary Church Parade.	
		1130	All the Officers gathered at B.H.Q. Mess where a lively one & a half hours was spent with Capt. Robertson & Capt. Harris present as visitors to their Regiment.	Rel.
	5 Oct.	0810	Lt.-col Spragge & Major LeQuesne, Capt. Lett, Capt. Heyes, Capt. Dunlop, Lieut. GORDON the five Coy Comds with the Pioneer Officer Lieut. Parkinson and the I.O. Lieut. With left for a lecture on "Enemy Air Bombs & Land Mines" by an English Officer at the "Radio Centre" Cinema in East Grinstead. This Officer claimed to have lifted 100,000 Enemy land mines many of which had been re-planted in use against the enemy. He was decorated with the George Cross. It was generally agreed he deserved it.	
		1400	Capt. Lett, Capt. Heyes, Capt. Dunlop and Lieut. Gordon attended a demonstration of 2 pr. and 6 pr. Anti-tank guns at Birling Gap Anti Tank School. A weekly inspection of each Coy commenced with the inspection of H.Q. Coy With B.H.Q. and afterwards 'B' Coy by the 2 i/c Major Pangman.	Rel.
	6 Oct.	0830	Parades & Training Syllabus carried out by Coys.	
	7 Oct.	0830	Parades.	
		2000	Lt.-col. Spragge with the Coy Comds attended a meeting at Bde.	Rel.
	8 Oct.	0830	Parades.	Rel.
		1400	Lt.-col. Spragge, the 2 i/c Maj. Pangman, Lieut. Weir the R.Q. & Lieut. With the I.O. left for Wykehurst Park to look over the Winter Camp into which the Bn. will soon move. This was the Camp originally intended for the Bn. until the plan was changed.	Rel.



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	8 Oct.	2000	A meeting of the Officers' Mess was held and a new committee selected. Capt. Lett. was elected President, Lieut. Gordon Vice president and Capt. Sutherland, the Dental Officer, Lieut. Lake & Lieut. Hamilton Committee members.	Ral.
	9 Oct.	0830 1330	Parades & training. 'D' Coy carried out Field Firing with Carriers & Mortars from 3 and 4 Platoons, with 18 men from the 'I' Pl to make up strength.	Ral.
	10 Oct.	0830 0900 2000	Parades & Interior Trx Economy. Lt-col. Spragge with the Coy. Comds. left for a T.E.W.T. This Exercise began for the Bn. on Wolstonbury Hill M.R. Sheet 134 square 7233 and continued in a Northerly direction to HURSTPIERPOINT. M.R. 7135. A dance was held at B.H.Q. Mess in Stonepound House, HASSOCKS. Brig. R. Gibson & Lt.-col. Gibson of the Winnipeg Rifles were guests. This dance which was named "Stinker 5" being the fifth in a series named after the fashion of Exercises was a great success.	Ral.
	11 Oct.	1100	Voluntary Church Parade.	Ral.
	12 Oct.	0830 1100 1135	The Bn. prepared for the march which was to be inspected by the Hon. J.L. Ralston Canadian Minister of National Defence. This inspection was quite informal although Lieut.-Gen. A.G. McNaughton, Maj.-Gen. H.D. Crerar, Maj-Gen. R.F.L. Keller, the new G.O.C. 3 Cdn. Div., Brig. K.G. Blackader and various other high ranking Canadian Officers were to be present. The Bn. had an early lunch. The Bn. less "C" Coy which was on other duty left the Bn. S.P. at STONEPOUND CROSS ROADS, M.R. Sheet 134 square 7334 and moved to HURSTPIERPOINT CROSS RDS., Sheet 134 square 7135 which was Bde. S.P.	Ral.  Ral.



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HURSTPIERPOINT		1155	The Bn. passed the Bde. S.P. and continued the march via Road Junction M.R. Sheet 134, 703359 to a point at M.R. Sheet 133, 652366 where it awaited the signal to move past the point M.R. Sheet 133, 652357 where the Minister stood.	
M.R. 695363 M.R. 652366		1400	Whilst marching a Raid Alarm was heard & bomb explosions. Followed by the R. de Chaud and N.S.R. the Bn. moved forward in column at a brisk pace.	
M.R. 652357		1420	After a short delay on the road the head of the Bde. column passed the Minister and moved EAST at Henfield Road Junction to a point M.R. 653348 where the whole Bde. moved off the Road for a rest.	
M.R. 653348 HASSOCKS & CLAYTON		1500	The Bde. in its former order marched for home.	
		1700	The Coys. were back in the Bn. area and moving to their lines. The bombs heard during the march fell on BRIGHTON causing some casualties near the Railway Station.	
	13 Oct	0830	Parades. The Ass/Adj. left for 2nd Echelon.	
		0930	Capt. McKenzie G.3 (I) 3 Cdn. Div. delivered a lecture on German Army Organization in the Studio Cinema, HASSOCKS. This was followed by a lecture on German Army Identification by Lieut. I. Tucker Burr, I.O. 3 Cdn. Div. These lectures were attended by Officers, N.C.Os. and the Intelligence Pl.	
		1400	Lt.-col. Spragge left for Bde.	
	14 Oct	0830	Coy Trg. according to Syllabus.	
		1030	Pay Parade. A & H.Q. Coy.	
		1030	C.O. weekly conference at Bde.	
		1500	Pay Parades for Bn. H.Q. and attachments.	
		1600	C.O. & R.S.M. visited new camp.	
			"B" Coy moved to new area as Adv. Guard.	
		1815	Alert.	
		1930	All clear.	
	15 Oct	0830	Coy Trg. according to syllabus.	
		0900	Security lecture by Div. Security Sgt. Bn. H.Q.	
		0940	"LADYBIRD" practice Anti-Raid SHOREHAM. C & D Coys moved to forward area.	
		1000	Security lecture by Div Security Sgt. to H.Q. Coy.	
		1200	"LADYBIRD" all clear.	



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Sheet 134 732287	19 Oct	0600	Reveille. Preparations for march to SALTDEAN.	
		0830	The marching troops moved past Bn. S.P. at the West Gate of the Park. A Rear Party stayed behind to do Camp Guard and duties. Vehicles movement was independant of the marching troops but followed the same route except between PATCHAM & STANMER where all the foot troops cut across country.	
		1200	The column halted for haversack lunch. Tea was supplied by the Auxiliary Services Truck.	
		1300	The column continued marching. A.A. Protection was supplied by Cyclist Bren Gunners & throughout the march.	Rat.
SALTDEAN M.R. Sheet 134 815209		1415	The head of the column arrived at the Bn. D.P. and Coys were led by guides to their billets having marched 22 miles.	
	19 Oct		A meeting of Coy. Comds. and Umpires was held at B.H.Q. billets in a house on the front called "PANTILES". Major. J.E.C. Pangman was chief Umpire for the Bde. assisted by two Coy. Umpires, Major Matthew of the R. de Chaud and Major. McNaughton of the N.S.R. Pl. Umpires were drawn from Bn. Officers.	
			"B" Coy as Stand-to Coy was confined to billets.	
	20 Oct	0700	Reveille	
		0800	Breakfast	
		0815	The Umpires left to look over the ground on which the Exercise was held. This area was in the valley running NORTH from HARVEY'S CROSS, M.R. Sheet 134, 819242 to NORTON FARM 814253.	
		0845	The four Coys marched out to HARVEY'S CROSS where C & D remained on the high ground overlooking the Valley as observers, while A and B rehearsed the attack. This rehearsal was repeated by C and D Coys. Food was served by the Cookers immediately afterwards.	
		1535	'B' Coy in the valley crossed the start line at M.R. 812240 with two Platoons up & one in reserve, attacking NORTH up the valley. 'A' Coy assembled on the high ground at M.R. 818247 waited its turn to attack NORTON FARM under covering fire from 'B' Coy after its capture of BALSDEAN FARM.	Rat.



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	20 Oct.	1335	In support of the two Coy attack were two Sections of Carriers, three detachments of 3" Mortars and two 2 Pr. A/Tk guns. The Carriers sections moved in pincer fashion to points 818248 and 810248 each supported by one A/Tk gun, these guns being drawn very successfully by their Jeeps up and down the steep slopes of the Downs. From there approximate points dismounted Bren fire was brought to bear on the two Farm houses which were enemy positions, containing an eight gun battery and one Platoon of protective Infantry. Meanwhile, from a point approximately at M.R. 818247, the 3" Mortars waited to bring fire to bear on Balsdean Farm when called upon. The call for this fire came when the two B Coy Platoons came under enemy fire at a point about 300 yds. South of Balsdean Farm. On the completion of this concentration being marked by one 3" Smoke Bomb, the right forward <del>by</del> Platoon assaulted with bayonet and grenade under covering fire from the left Platoon on a spur above and South of the Farm. In this <del>px</del> fashion the Farm was captured and a house on the north of the Farm buildings captured, from which point the reserve Platoon was able to give covering fire to "A" Coys. assault on Norton Farm buildings 200 yds. to the north, which followed a concentration of 3" Mortar fire. Both coys assaults were under cover of smoke from 2" & 3" Mortars. During the concentration of Mortar, rifle and Bren fire a small balack and white dog which had attached itself to the Regiment, weeks before, in Hassocks and which had been on all its marches, dashed madly from one Freshly fallen smoke bomb to another, emerging quite unscathed by the flying metal and debris. After the action, very pleased with himself he trotted triumphantly back to billets with the troops. Unfortunately when this action was repeated by "C" and "D" coys. he repeated his role and was hit in the stomach by a flying fragment. Directly the action was over a bullet put him out of his misery.	
		1630	The coys marched back to billets, "C" coy being "stand to" coy. was confined to billets	
	21 Oct.	0700	Reveille	
		0800	Breakfast	
		0830	Coys left billets for the Harveys Cross.	
		0935	"C" & "D" coys. repeated the exercise carried out by "A" and "B" coys. while the latter two coys. observed from the high ground, East of the valley	

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Newmarket Hill M.R. 8025	21 Oct	1030	The Exercise was completed and coys. marched straight from the training area for the march home. A short cut was taken over the Downs to Newmarket Hill. (M.R. 8025)	Ral.
		1200	Haversack lunch was eaten and tea served by the cooks. Tpt. took cover in a wood on the hill with the troops.	
		1330	The march was continued.	
Wykehurst Park		1830	The head of the Column reached the East Gate and the coys dispersed into their lines.	
	22 Oct	0630	Reveille	
		0730	Breakfast	
		0830	Parades by coys. The <sup>NEW</sup> establishment became active, upon the Bn. arrival at Wykehurst park. Except for each Rifle Platoon advancing its number by one, Rifle coys. remained the same, but H.Q. coy. was disbanded and the personnel with B.H.Q. personnel reformed into <del>two</del> two sub-units, namely, B.H.Q. Wing, and the Support coy. The former under command of Capt. A.V. Malone and the latter under Capt. E.A. Dunlop. The day was spent in organization and settling into the new Camp. The new Establishment and Commands appear in Pt. I Orders NO. 118, 17 Oct. '42	Ral.
	23 Oct.	0830	Parades, training and duties. Owing to the fact that at the present time there are NO training areas available in this camp it is proposed to carry out revision and individual training. In such a good hatted camp with the Bn. once more concentrated, much benefit should be derived in training, and smartness from this policy. The huts are comfortable and good facilities exist for the mens' entertainment. This is <sup>very</sup> necessary as the camp is 7 miles west of Haywards Heath and the restrictions on transport and cutting down of civilian bus time tables make travel into the town in the evenings virtually impossible for a camp of approximately 1000 men. This figure includes the 11th Bty. of the 12 Fd. Regt. R.C.A. which is in apotion of the camp. The officers <del>and</del> are billeted with the Q.O.R. officers in the Castle on the estate.	
		1100	"A" & "B" coys. took over the N.S.R. role at Shore-by-sea. This role includes protecting the gas works and Power Plant on the Spit at Portslade-by-sea against enemy Seabourne raids. One Platoon each night is on duty on the Spit while the remainder on the mainland are prepared for immediate Stand To. This detachment is under command of Major <sup>Major</sup> J. Laquesne and will remain in position until the N.S.R. have completed their Exercise at Saltdean.	Ral.



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	23 Oct	1330	The "I" Sect made a recce. of one of the two R.Vs. for the new Bn. Anti-raid Role. When the Bde. moved into Winter Camps the Q.O.R. exchanged its Anti-raid Role with the R. de Chaud. Route, mileage, time and and telephone were checked and personnel made familiar with their duties in event of emergency.	
		1630	Lt-col. J.G. Spragge left on Privilege Leave. In the absences of Maj. J.E.C. Pangman and Major D.J. Lequesne, Capt. S.M. Lett commanded the Bn. Capt. W.R. Taylor R.C.A.P.C. late Paymaster and Major in the Q.O.R. of C. arrived to celebrate the beginning of his 42nd year of continuous service with the Regiment. Until May 1942, he was with the 1st Bn but being too old for the Field was sent to the 3 C.D.I.R.U. as Paymaster where he continued working with the Regiment though not officially part of it.	
		1830	Dinner was served in the big dining room with Capt. Taylor as guest of honour. Major J.E.C. Pangman who was present for dinner gave up his seat as Officer Commanding in the absence of Lt-col. J.G. Spragge in favour of Capt. Taylor for the evening. After dinner Capt. Taylor was re-attested for another years service with dure ceremony. As soon as his signature was written, buglers and drummers outside the Anti-raid room played "The Buffs" Visiting Entertainers gave two performances in the Recreation Hut. The second one was attended by many of the Officers. The entertainers afterwards visited the Mess and a lively evening was spent in the Billiard Room. Capt. C. Bradshaw arrived with Capt. Taylor for the night. Ward Robertson Taylor's Attestation. Appendix 6	Rel.
	24 Oct	0830	Parades, Training and Interior Economy.	
		1000	The A.A. Platoon and "I" Section O.P. ended their week's duty at Portslade.	
		1200	Half Holiday	
	25 Oct	1100	A voluntary Church Service was held by Chaplain H/Capt. J.G. Clough in the K. of C. Hut.	Rel.
		1700	"A" & "B" Coys. returned from releif duty of the N.S.R. at Shoreham.	Rel.



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	26 Oct	0830	Parades and training.	
		1120	An enemy plane, a Junkers 88, flying beneath the rain clouds at about 1000 ft. passed over the Camp in a Northerly direction. Several enemy planes were reported in the vicinity. Exploding bombs, gunfire and machine gunning were heard in the distance but nothing active occurred near the Camp.	
		1400	Maj. J.E.C. Pangman and Lieut. R.A. With, with 4 Sigs., 2 D.Rs. 2 "I" men, I cook, I Batman and I driver were ready to move off with 1 station waggon, one signals NO. 11 Set truck and 1-15 cwt. truck to take part in a Div. Skeleton Exercise known as "PLUM" which was to have been an overnight scheme.	
		2030	Orders were received that H.Q. of the Bns. would be in position for the exercise by 0645 hrs 27 Oct. '42. In consequence orders were issued for the same personnel less the cook to be ready to move at 0515 hrs. The change in orders was well received as the night was cold and wet.	
	DETACHMENT			
	27 Oct	0400	Reveille for all going on the exercise.	
		0430	Breakfast for the Detachment.	
		0515	The Party left to take up its position at College Farm, Shoreham M.R. 633255.	
M.R. 633255		0635	The Detachment in position.	
		0645	The exercise commenced. Its purpose was to practice Div. and Bdes. in movement and operation during action and was a T.E.W.T. which moved Northward towards Horsham. 8 Cdn. Inf. Bde. was Reserve Bde.	
WYKEHURST		0830	Parades and Training	
		1800	The detachment returned from Exercise "PLUM"	
	28 Oct	0830	Coy. Parades and Training.	
		1230	Brig. K.G. Blackader lunched at the Bn.	
		1330	Sports.	



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	28 Oct	0830 1230 1330	Coy Parades and training. Brig. K.G. Blackader lunched at the Battalion. Sports.	Rel.
	29 Oct	0830 1830 1915	Coy Parades. The Adjutant and Quartermaster left for Rear Division. A short course was started for the training of Aircraft Recognition Instructors. This important subject will be included in Winter Training. All available Officers left by tpt for a Bde. Conference on Exercise "Hattrick" held recently at Saltdean. The criticisms of Umpires were discussed by Brig. K.G. Blackader. The main criticism was of the lack of fire control when covering fire was being brought to bear on targets. Battle Drill as applied to a Bn. was discussed also the Bde training programme for November.	Rel.
	30 Oct	0830 1700  1930	Parades and training. A meeting of Officers was called by Major J. Pangman. The Medical Exercise "Sawbones" was discussed. This Exercise to take place between 2nd to 6th Nov. incl. of those dates will be to practice R.C.A.M.C. in the handling and evacuation of casualties. Casualties will be supplied by Bns. Points brought out in the Brigadier's Conference 29 Oct. were discussed where they concerned the Battalion. Lt.-col. J.G. Spragge returned from leave. A Dance was held for the men in the K. of C. Hut.	Rel.
	31 Oct	0830 1200	Parades and Interior Economy Half Holiday The end of the month finds the Bn. settled in the new Camp with routine running smoothly and the two months syllabus of Basic Training proceeding well. It is thought that the Bn. will remain in this Camp until the beginning of the New Year when a move to Shoreham-by-sea to take over duties guarding the shore in the vicinity of the Gas Works and Power Plant is likely to take place.	Rel.

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(J.G. Spragge)

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Lt.-col.