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| WYKEHURST<br>PARK 702434<br>(Entrance)<br>695435 | 31<br>Dec<br>42 |                                            | Today the O.C. "C" Coy. received a telegram (Appendix 5) from one Rfn. Feldman who was then A.W.L. 7 days - "Sir, I will be back on Friday. Happy New Year." It was sent "PRIORITY"                                                                                                    | Appendix 5                                     |
|                                                  | 1<br>Jan<br>43  | 0730<br>0800<br>1100                       | Reveille.<br>Breakfast.<br>The Sergeants entertained the Officers in the Sergeants Mess with a punch (1)<br>A quiet New Years day was spent by all.                                                                                                                                    |                                                |
|                                                  | 2<br>Jan<br>43  | 0630<br>0830                               | Reveille.<br>Parades and Trg.<br>I.O. out with a jeep on a recce of road blocks in the N.W. part of 8 C.I.B. area - object salvage Road blocks were found on the bridge over the ADUR.<br>Rfn. Feldman up for Bn. Office was awarded 14 days C.B. and 14 days pay. He thanked the C.O. |                                                |
|                                                  | 3<br>Jan<br>43  | 0630<br>1030<br>1100<br>1800<br>2030       | Reveille.<br>Church Parade - Rev. J.C. Clough.<br>R.C. Church Parade in N.A.A.F.I.<br>Bingo K. of C. hut.<br>Movie, Boom Town in Officers Mess.                                                                                                                                        |                                                |
|                                                  | 4<br>Jan<br>43  | 0630<br>0830<br>1815                       | Reveille<br>Parades and Trg.<br>Movie, Boom Town in K. of C. hut.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                |
|                                                  | 5<br>Jan<br>43  | 0630<br>0830<br>1830<br>1830<br>to<br>2030 | Reveille.<br>Parades and Trg.<br>"B" Coy. out on night scheme. One Pl. defended and two attacked.<br>Cards. Cribbage, K. of C. hut.                                                                                                                                                    |                                                |
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|       | 6 Jan 43 | 0630<br>0830<br>1830<br>1900                       | Reveille.<br>Parades and Trg.<br>Concert Party - Mystic and Melody. K. of C. Hut.<br>Formal Mess Dinner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                |
|       | 7 Jan 43 | 0630<br>0830<br>1400<br>1830<br>1830<br>to<br>2000 | Reveille.<br>Parades and Trg.<br>Bn. "I.O." at Bde. for conference with other Bn. "I.O."s and Bde. I.O. on liaison and on exercise DEVILS DYKE coming up this month. Exercise to involve "I" problems both in recce and identifications.<br>Film. The Day will Dawn, in the K. of C. Hut.<br>"D" Coy. out on night scheme. Coy. l8m sets were not functioning well.<br>"I" Log is practically empty.      |                                                |
|       | 8 Jan 43 | 0630<br>0830<br>0930<br>1830<br>1830<br>to<br>2100 | Reveills.<br>Parades and Trg.<br>5 Officers and 100 Other Ranks (Drivers) returned from ALC trg at Rothesay, Scotland. All seemed interested in what they had learnt and happy at having had the trg.<br>Cards - K. of C hut.<br>"C" Coy. out on night scheme. Owing to extreme darkness, the attackers were most unfortunate, firing on one another and the defenders were consequently most successful. |                                                |
|       | 9 Jan 43 | 0830<br>1330                                       | Parades and Trg.<br>I.O. in Cuckfield on liaison with 13th Haywards Heath Bn. Sx. H.G. and Cuckfield Police.<br><br>One instance of bad security re the A.L.C. Trg in Scotland is to be found as Appx 6 Rfn. Bowman got 14 days C.B, 14 days Pay. He states that he had no memory of having said anything but had been drunk in the pub when it happened.                                                 | Appendix 6                                     |

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|       | 10 Jan 43 | 0700<br>0830<br>1400<br>1830         | Reveille<br>G1098 check of Rifle Coy. stores by Q.M.<br>Lt.-col. J.G. Spragge attended a conference at 3rd. Cdn. Div. H.Q.<br>Cards in K. of C. hut.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                |
|       | 11 Jan 43 | 0830<br>0900<br>1348<br>1830<br>1900 | Parades and Trg.<br>The G1098 check of Bn. continued, Bn. H.Q. and Support Coy. being dealt with today.<br>The Gas chamber being made available "C" and "D" coy. and Bn.H.Q. Wing underwent D.M. under direction of Gas Offr. Capt. J.I. Mills.<br>RED HURSTPEIR POINT (1343) 1409 WHITE (1402)<br>K. of C. hut - Movie Bill Hancock Rides again.<br>Capt. J.N. Gordon lectured to W.O.'s and Sgts. on Night Fighting and on the previous weeks scheme in particular. |                                                |
|       | 12 Jan 43 | 0830<br>1330<br>1830                 | Parades and Trg.<br>The Gas chamber was again in use. "A" "B" and Support Coys. enjoying its special benefits.<br>Educational afternoon. Rather poor attendance. On the whole little interest has been shown in the Comd's regarding it, as something of a nuisance and to lack of support for "Gas Offr" and Spl.<br>K. of C. hut. Concert Party.                                                                                                                    |                                                |
|       | 13 Jan 43 | 0830<br>1100                         | Parades and Trg.<br>C.O.'s O group on the revised rates of pay and the new "Proficiency" pay. Query whether once given it can be taken away. And it makes a Cpls. position worth little more than a L/Cpls. and distinctly less than that of a L/Cpl. with trades pay.<br>Coy. Comdrs. to turn in list of those eligible for extra pay before scheme coming up                                                                                                        |                                                |

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|        | 13 Jan. '43 | 1130 | Lieut. T.E. Parkinson spoke to Canadian listeners about the Q.O.R. in England. Sgt. Foulkes and Cpl. Saltstone also assisted in the broadcast.                                                                                          |                                                |
|        |             | 1400 | Capt. Mackenzie the G.S.03 I 3 Cdn. Div. lectured to Officers and N.C.Os. on the German Pz Div, its organisation, characteristics and German tactics.                                                                                   |                                                |
|        |             | 1830 | K. of C. Hut Movie: The Day Will Dawn.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                |
|        |             | 1900 | Formal Mess Dinner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                |
|        |             | 2015 | Lt.-Col. Spragge spoke briefly to the officers assembled. Capt. J.N. Gordon lectured on Diagrammatic Orders and on Night Fighting.                                                                                                      |                                                |
|        | 14 Jan.     | 0830 | Parades and Trg.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                |
|        |             | 1130 | O Gp for Movement to Scheme. Particular attention paid to keeping petrol consumption down owing to the decreased allowance for January.                                                                                                 |                                                |
| 702434 | 15          | 0845 | Head of column of marching troops passed Start Line - the gate of WYKEHURST PARK. B.H.Q., D.C. B.A.                                                                                                                                     |                                                |
| 735284 |             | 1150 | Lunch in football ground at PATCHAM.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                |
|        |             | 1315 | Left PATCHAM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                |
| 690255 | 1           | 1450 | Arrived billet area - Brewery.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                |
|        |             | 1400 | Tpt moved off from S.L.; D.C.B.A. B.H.Q. and S dispersing at UPPER BEEDING. Thence Sp Coy Tpt moved to LIMESTONES 611312, and the remainder to billet for B.H.Q. and Rifle Coys.                                                        |                                                |
|        |             | 1700 | Supper.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                |
|        |             | 1800 | O Gp scheme LIAISON for Saturday.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                |
|        |             |      | Trace showing scheme LIAISON which was run through twice on Saturday 16 and Monday 18 is attached.                                                                                                                                      | Appendix 7                                     |
|        | 16 Jan. '43 | 1830 | Coy Comdrs move off to Assembly Area 675275.                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                |
|        |             | 0900 | Marching Tps move off.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                |
|        |             |      | The object was to practice Coys in attacking close together, keeping close contact and so to minimise task of engaging own tps. Also to practise sec. and pl. comdrs in Fire Control and finally in anti-Counter attack Reorganisation. |                                                |
|        |             |      | Trace "Exercise" LIAISON                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                |

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| 673274<br>673271<br><br>684290<br>683300 | 16 Jan. |      | <p>In the Narrative the 7 and 9 Bdes have taken a line roughly that of the 27 Grid line. 8 Cdn. Inf. Bde. without supporting arms even support companies is to take the high ground of the Downs. N. Shore R left to take TRUEBIE HILL 660300 and Q O R of C right to take FULKING HILL 681300.</p> <p>The attack was in two Phases. In Phase I (1) A Coy attacked and took the high ground in 683284 (Spot Height) Point 438.</p> <p>(11) B Coy attacked up the draw on the other side of the valley and captured junction 684290. That point has been so churned up by tanks it is no longer a rd junction but a sea of mud. They stopped at the edge of the scrub. Unfortunately all targets were not fully engaged &amp; fire was concentrated on particular targets.</p> <p>(111) D Coy in reserve followed B.</p> <p>(IV) C Coy attacked on left flank and made its way to high ground on W slope of Tumuli 6728. As it ran in to trouble using smoke from waiting too long before advancing it was stopped part way across the valley from the Start Line. One platoon was dropped as a fire platoon and got crossed helping the latter across. This operation delayed them considerably and other Coys were waiting some time for their Success Signal from C which meant that Southern and Western approaches were covered.</p> <p>Phase II</p> <p>(1) B Coy consolidated at 684290 covering South and East.</p> <p>(2) D Coy on access of C Coy went through and took Point 541 reorganising covering North and Western approaches. Having watched C Coy's smoke screen dissipate D Coy was successful starting the mortar just as the forward movement took place thus gaining the advantage of using the dense parts of the smoke.</p> <p>(3) D Coy had the success of B proceeded forward to capture Track Junction 690298. and reorganise covering North and East. One platoon came too far West and hindered the earlier stages of D Coy's attack. One 2" Mortar smoke landed near them and spurred them into activity in their proper place.</p> |                                                |

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| 684290<br>690215 | 16Jan. | 1700 | <p>A special feature was the issue of ammunition., and Bren mags per Bren gun. Only 5 rounds were issued per man; the idea behind this being that there was too prevalent a tendency to just shoot for the sake of shooting which would be disastrous in action considering supply problems. 2" Mortar Smoke was not so rationed however as training on laying the smoke was considered to override this.</p> <p>#18 Sets with Coys and 4 #38 Sets for Intra-Company communication.</p> <p>Brig. K.C. Blackader was present and watched the earlier phases of the scheme. On the whole it did not work well. It is interesting to note that the Coy Comdrs were different for every Company as compared with Exercise SMOKEY in December. A haversack lunch was eaten on the ground and the tps returned to billet and were free until 1800 hrs when Exercise DEVILS DYKE commenced.</p> <p>While the Rifle Coys had been doing the exercise the Carriers, Mortars, Pioneers and A/Tk guns had been exercising on either side of the Thunderbarrow Hill.</p> <p>Exercise DEVILS DYKE</p> <p>Narrative</p> <p>Trace A appendix to Narrative</p> <p>German Order of Battle</p> <p>This exercise laid on by 3 Cdn Inf Bde. It does not appear from the Narrative but 1 Cdn Div has also landed and is operating on the North.</p> <p>Bde O gp was held at 1700 hrs on Beeding Hill, held by R de Chaud, the N Shore R having captured Truleigh Hill. R.V. at deserted house 648286 and O gp worked forward to better positions in scrub on fwd slope. During the orders a "German prisoner" appeared dressed in uniform of the 32nd Pioneer Battalion of 33rd Infantry Division. When searched the Order of Battle (Appx 10) was found on his person. From this full details could be drawn as to strength and dispositions of the enemy in the ultimate objective and also the strength of the outposts facing the Bn.</p> | Appendix 8<br>Appendix 9<br>Appendix 10        |

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| 690295 | 16 Jan. | 2130 | <p>The "Verposten" contained 2 coys with 2 3" mortars and 2 M.M.Gs attached; the main position 3 Inf Bns, 3 Pls A/Tk guns, 3 half troops of Field Arty and 1 Tp of Med Arty. Finally the Regiment (equivalent to British Bde) was reinforced by a battalion of Engineers. The "94" identifies the Regt and the regiment is found to be part of the 32nd Inf. Div. Some confusion was caused in identification by the fact that the 32nd Engineer battalion is actually in the 12 Pz Div and on that basis it was thought this indicated the presence of Tanks in the neighbourhood. As it later transpired that such would be in Panzer Uniform the identification could only be the 32nd Pioneers in the 32nd Inf. Div as the uniform was the ordinary Field Service.</p> <p>The strength of the Outposts from their location was plotted by the I section acting as observers. Bren guns firing tracer were meant to indicate a pln posn and Thunderflashed the 3" M. The M.G. posts were not spotted, they were over the crest of the hill. Generally the spotting was fairly accurate..</p> <p>The Bde intention as far as the Q.O.R. of C. was concerned was to move forward from the vicinity of LOCK BARN 635284 to which to attack the enemy positions which were on THUNDERSBARROW HILL largely in 6728. The 7 Cdn Inf Bde to the South had suffered heavy casualties and been held up by fire from these Outposts; the N Shore R on the North had penetrated farther than anyone else; 1 Cdn Div had kept in touch with them and covered the left flank that far East. 9 Bde was to pass through our posns once we had reorganised and attack the main enemy posn; meanwhile our Bn was to clear up the outpost, at the same time giving time to land both 9 Bde and more Arty.</p> <p>The C.O. had returned to billet before the I section. After their return when firing ceased at 1830 information was passed to him as to strength, disposition and locations of enemy from which his plan was made up. The Order group was held and the Orders are briefly as follows:</p> <p><u>Enemy</u> 1. 2 Coy Outpost with 2 3" Mortars and 2 M.M.Gs; in support 1 Tp Med Arty. 1 Eng. Bn from Pz Div. 6 Inf or Fd Arty guns and 12 A/Tk guns.</p> |                                                |

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|       | 16 Jan '43 |      | <p><u>Own Tps</u> 2. Q.O.R. of C. (complete Sp Coy less one Mortar); 1 Bty 12 Fd Regt in support; 1 Lt Sec 14 Fd Amb.</p> <p>3. Right flank: R de Chaud on BEEDING HILL.<br/>Left flank: N Shore R on TRULEIGH HILL.<br/>Both are held up with heavy casualties.</p> <p><u>Intention</u> 4. Q.O.R. of C. will capture THUNDERS BARROW HILL up to and including Point 454 (663279).</p> <p><u>Method</u> 5. Attack in 2 Phases. In Phase I two Coys will silence M.Gs in area 661285 (in scrub) at edge of copse and hydro poles. In Phase II two Coys will kill the enemy in the area of barn 663279.</p> <p>6. Phase I D Coy right, B left will cross Start line, track from 647290 to 650293 (a) D Coy's objective M.G. post W of track and N of the power lines in area 659286. (b) B Coy will silence M.G. posts in area of road and hydro line reorganizing covering all approaches from East.<br/>(c) D Coy will give covering fire for Right flank in Phase II</p> <p>7. Phase II: 2 Coy attack C right and A left. (a) C Coy will take out M.G. post on fwd slope in front of barn (663279). (b) A Coy's objective <del>will</del> all posns in rear of the barn and including barn.<br/>Start Line - Hydro Poles. Zero Coys will inform C.O. of their own arrangements herein.</p> <p>8. On capture of objectives all Coys will reorganise on the line of track running through the hill and be prepared for immediate counter attack.</p> <p>9. R de Chaud will give covering fire towards the barn on Phase I. N Shore on Phase II will give fire against any possible enemy approaching from NORTHEAST.</p> |                                                |

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|       | 16 Jan '43 |      | <p>10 (a) #4 Pl will give covering fire from the centre of posns from Z plus 8 until Phase I is complete.</p> <p>(b) #5 Pl will give Smoke covering in front of Point 454 from Z plus 8 until Z plus 13 to allow for tps coming in from left on Phase I. Rate normal. Thence by observation.</p> <p>(c) 6 and 7 Pl will move fwd on success of Phase I to Area Toggington Farm 656297.</p> <p>11 (a) On success Phase II 4 Pl will send one section to each flank; the remainder will be under bn control for patrol work. (b) 5 pl will R.V. area Scrub and Hydro Poles 660287. (c) 6 Pl will send 4 guns to farm 663279 and 2 guns to left flank with B Coy (d) #7 Pl will send 4 men to each Rifle Coy to assist in the laying of minefields.</p> <p>12. The F.O.O. Arty will move to area Pt 454 663217.</p> <p>13. Patrols: one section per Coy will go as far fwd as track from Mile Oak 678270 to Edburton Hill 672300. It will be sent as a Recce patrol.</p> <p>14. Administration. F tps under R.S.M. will follow B.H.Q.</p> <p>15. R.A.P. area unused house 645295 in Phase I; Light Section working therefrom. on Phase II it will move to Freshcomb Lodge area 658295 and light section will then work on axis of N and S track through Thunders Barrow Hill. The Beach Dressing Station is the Cement Works 635277.</p> <p>16. Amn. Blank and thunderflashes may be used. 2" Mortar Smoke may be used if bomb lands not less than 200 yds north of hydro lines. All ball amn will be withdrawn if not already done (It had been during the early part of the afternoon).</p> <p>17. Haversack Rations: Dress F.S.M.O. entrenching tools.</p> <p>18. Intercommunication. 18 Sets with Rifle Coys, 4 Pl, B.H.Q., 38 Sets 4 each rifle Coy.</p> <p>19. No Verrey lights at any time.</p> <p>20. B.H.Q. area Tumulus 651292 in Phase I; moving to rear of B Coy at rd. junction 636294. about 660287.</p> <p>21. Bde H.Q. at rd junction 636294.</p> <p>22. Zero 1000 hrs; Synchronisation of watches 0900 hrs.</p> |                                                |

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| 690255 | 16 Jan '43 | 2230 | A movement order was also given out and the bn warned that the night might have a Home Guard attack. This was not as clear as it might have been.- the exercise was not definitely allowed for as the the all day and all night affair which it was.. Before midnight very little took place except the usual preparations for something resembling a state of siege with the officers from Bde in their dual capacity of command and umpires watching over every move. |                                                |
|        |            | 2245 | The one message of importance was a "shelling report" from the R de Chaud indicating the enemy was preparing a box barrage on roughly his own Outpost posns; the 4 points being 665287 - 661287 - 661282 - 665282.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                |
|        | 17         |      | The first message arrived about 0115 hrs having been delayed owing to a misunderstanding with the R.C.C.S. on the 11 set. It was timed 0039 and spoke of enemy patrol protecting laying of mines at 659283 - 662281 - 662284 and 668287 - protecting the main approaches to enemy posns.                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                |
|        |            | 0130 | From then until Reveille at 0500 hours messages came thick and fast. Enemy paratps at MILE OAK and at GOLDING BARN 643300. Owing to lack of information about tps on the North a patrol from Sp Coy was sent out after there tps. Also against fifth columnists near HORTON HALL (wearing uniform of 4 Bn Sx HQ) On same information 1 Cdn Div on North patrol from Sp Coy cancelled but not before it had gone out some distance.                                      |                                                |
| 611503 |            | 0300 | Attack on billets of Sp Coy (LIMEWORKS) by 4 Bn Sx HQ. This was beaten off in spite of the strength being diminished by the absence of the patrol and two prisoners, which were taken being Home Guard, were released.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                |
|        |            | 0315 | One "prisoner" in German uniform brought in, questioned and released, theoretically sent to Bde.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                |
|        |            | 0350 | Gas bombs on 1 Cdn Div Area to North from High Level bombing attack. The Gas Officer informed said it was likely mustard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                |
|        |            | 0355 | Two "prisoners" in German uniform captured by guard, questioned and released. The "prisoners" were all Bde R.C.C.S personnel some in German uniform one in battledress with special epaulets was meant to be a parachutist.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                |

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|       | 17 Jan. '43 | 0358 | "Air Raid Red". High level bombing attack with GAS during the questioning of the prisoners. The Gas Officer informed made a Reece and decided that it was most likely mustard gas we would be unable to proceed as with the scheme since we would remain in billets with the gas until an hour after sunrise. The Chief Umpire objected that all that we had experienced was tear gas. The tps took a very dim view of thunderflashes and of people shouting Gas and the whole episode was not entirely successfu, largely because the scope of the exercise had never been quite clear to anyone. Nothing further of any account disturbed the remaining hours of the night. |                                                |
|       |             | 0500 | Reveille.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                |
|       |             | 0600 | Breakfast.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                |
|       |             | 0700 | Marching Tps move off for Exercise Area Assembly Area Road and Track Junction 643288.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                |
|       |             | 0800 | Tpt move off with Coy Comdrs & to road and track junction 643288. Thence the Coy Comdrs went forward and the positions of the various enemy posts were pointed out as far as was known by the I.O. from an O.P. about 65129.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                |
|       |             | 0830 | Arrival of marching tps lead by guides to Coy Assembly Areas N.E. of Beeding Hill.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                |
|       |             | 0915 | Zero. B and D crossing start line, Excellent smoke screen laid down by 2" mortar again on the principle of starting to move and firing the first bombs at the same moment so that the full advantage is taken of the smoke at its best.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                |
|       |             | 1000 | The forward coys were declared held up by Arty fire. The 12 Bty under command was asked for Counter Battery work which was proceeded with commencing at 1035. B and D Coys moved up as the enemy guns were neutralised. B Coy's 18 Set was declared a casualty and no communications received from them except later by runner. A Coy asked for and received at 1041 3 minutes rapid on the barn. B Coy has meanwhile taken its posn but went forward and attacked the barn on its own. This caused some confusion but with some rearrangement A Coy and C Coy proceeded to carryout the rest of their tasks.                                                                 |                                                |
|       |             | 1027 | B.H.Q. moved in spite of lack of success signal from B to a position in the scrub behind B Coy position. The I.O. went forward to contact B Coy and met a runner who brought a message that reorganisation was underway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                |
|       |             | 1100 | A Coy meanwhile experienced some difficulty because of the 2 M.G. posts not spotted because over the crest of the hill from the O.P. of the previous evening. C Coy gave sme supporting fire and B also helped so that A Coy was able finally to clear out its posts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                |

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|        | 17 Jan. '43 | 1145 | The C.O. and the Brig went forward to observe the consolidation. A point on liaison by wireless is noteworthy. The Carriers came in asking for instructions and the repetition over the wireless of their role cut off vital liaison between A and C at an important time.. Haversack lunches were eaten in the field.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                |
|        |             | 1230 | The Rifle Coys moved off to their billets and Sp Coy moved off to the LINWORKS, arriving about 1400 hrs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                |
|        | 17 Jan. '43 | 1830 | Meeting of all officers and O group for LIAISON II to take place Monday. The C.O. spoke on the errors made in LIAISON I and in DEVILS DYKE and expressed the hope that LIAISON II might show an improvement. In particular in future there should be laid on to Coy clerks to give a <del>short</del> short Sit Rep periodically especially if the Coy Comdr is too busy. The intention in LIAISON II is the same as in I, it is the same exercise repeated using different Coys in the various roles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                |
| 690255 |             | 2145 | A.A. fire heard overhead. Reported to 8 Cdn Inf Bde.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                |
|        |             | 2210 | Sirens all Clear. Reported to 8 Cdn Inf Bde.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                |
|        | 18 Jan.     | 0435 | Air Raid - AA fire overhead. <i>Infantry Bde</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                |
|        |             | 0500 | All Clear.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                |
| 675272 |             | 0630 | Reveille. 0730 Breakfast 0900 Marching tps move off to assembly area as for Saturday N.W. of Brighton Waterworks B Coy took the left flank, D Coy the first phase of the centre with A Coy following, and C Coy the right flank. The weather was gentle with a clear sky and a slight breeze and haze. The smoke screen laid down was astounding in its effectiveness. B Coy was able on the left to utilise the smoke screen laid down by D and C on the right which drifted slowly down the valley and acted as well for them with only a couple of bombs feeding it. The same policies as regards firing and restrictions on ammunition and liaison were in effect but with markedly more success. In the final stages the companies consolidated and took up positions of reorganisation laying out the places where they would dig in. |                                                |

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| 684290                            | 18 Jan.     | 1300 | <p>Tea was brought forward to Bn. H.Q. on the final phase and was had by the tps before moving off.</p> <p>B.H.Q. D, C, B, A in that order moved off from road and track junction across the Downs to Rd Junction 696296 and thence Rd junction 708302 to Rd Junction 703317, <del>696296</del> and thence to Rd junction 708329 thence by London-Brighton Highway to Wykehurst Park the head of the column arriving at 1625 hours at the entrance. Beautiful weather made the march quite enjoyable; two men fell out for unavoidable reasons.</p> <p>K of C. Hut Movie.</p> <p>Parades and Trg.</p> <p>The battalion settled in back to basic trg and to consolidation after the scheme.</p> <p>Movie: The Corsican Brothers.</p> <p>Parades and Trg.</p> <p>Coy Comdrs meeting; in part as a forecast of trg this meeting dealt chiefly with the critical petrol situation within the battalion. Owing perhaps to the absence of the T.O. and leave for Tpt Sgt and possibly owing to some trouble the petrol allowance was considerably exceeded. As a result the Comdg Offr grounded all vehicles except the ration truck.</p> <p>2 i/c's meeting concerned with the keeping of M.F.M. 6s.</p> <p>K of C Hut Concert party.</p> <p>Formal Mess Dinner. Afterwards the C.O. spoke briefly and very much to the point on the question of the responsibility of offrs for vehicles under their charge.</p> <p>Parades and Trg.</p> <p>A full blown investigation by the C.O. into the petrol consumption in January and preceeding months and into all transport records is under way. Vehicles are now allowed out if the Work Ticket is signed by the C.O.</p> <p>Educational afternoon. Gradually falling off.</p> <p>K. of C. Hut Movie.</p> |
| 702434                            | 18 Jan.     | 1830 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|                                   | 21 Jan. '43 | 0830 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|       | 22 Jan. '43 | 0830<br>2130<br>2130                 | Parades and Trg.<br>C.Os. meeting (All Offrs). Discussion A and Q especially tpt. responsibilities.<br>Dance. K. of C. Hut - well attended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                |
|       | 23 Jan.     | 0830<br>0955<br>1000<br>1100<br>1120 | Parades and Trg. Attention of all ranks drawn to D.O. Pt I #10 Para 6 dealing with the recently executed enemy agent whose task had been to locate and size up Canadian troops.<br>Red - Hurstpierpoint 1007 White<br>Wed - Worthing - 1000 White.<br>C.Os parade<br>In the absence of Lt.-Col. J.G. Spragge, Lt.-Col. H.E. Lamb (Royal Rifles of Canada) and Capt. J.N. Gordon inspected the bn - and thoroughly.<br>Red - Worthing - 1717 White.<br>The generator in Wykehurst Castle having broken down the Castle is plunged in darkness except oddly enough for the Bar. Candles and oil lamps proved a dim light. | Appendix 12                                    |
|       | 24 Jan. '43 | 1100<br>1700                         | Church Parade by Rev. J.C. Clough.<br>Concert Party "Giant Otherfellow" brought in by Padre for Sunday evening. Generally good reception although not an ordinary concert party.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                |
|       | 25          | 0830<br>0937<br>1345<br>1630         | Parades and Trg.<br>Red - Worthing - 1000 White.<br>Red - Worthing - 1400 White.<br>Educational afternoon. The German class because of numbers - the entire I section - is the healthiest member of the Educational body.<br>K. of C. Hut - Movie "Hellzapoppin!"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                |

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|                                   | 26 Jan.     | 0530<br>0730                         | Reveille. 0630 Breakfast. Head of column of marching tps left Wykehurst Park Gate (702434). Detail of March 300 Q.O.R. of Canada marched to Studio Theatre, Hassocks for three Trg Films that did not materialise. The management obliged with a newsreel and trailers of current features.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                   |             | 0845<br>0927<br>1830                 | Red - Hurstpeirpoint - 0859 White.<br>Red - Warninglid - 0944 White.<br>Movie K. of C. Hut - "Hellzapoppin".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                   | 27 Jan. '43 | 0830<br>1500<br>1830<br>1900<br>2115 | Parades and Trg. Coys preparing for Brigadier's inspection on Thursday. The Bn. paraded, rehearsing for the formal inspection. Movie - K. of C. Hut "Hellzapoppin". Mess Dinner. Afterwards Major V.A. Gianelli, E.D. addressed junior offrs on customs of the Service. Movie Anteroom "Hellzapoppin".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 702432<br>702434                  | 28 Jan.     | 0830<br>0930<br>1015<br>1245         | Bn fell in by Coys and moved off from Coy parade grounds to London-Brighton highway for inspection. Arrival of Brig. K.G. Blackader. General salute B.H.Q., A.B.C. Coys on parade. (Sp Coy Duty Coy.), (D Coy engaged on tactical exercise with Sec. Carriers and 2 3" Mortars laid on by B.H. with Bde Def. Pln as enemy). Brig. Blackader spoke briefly to the troops after the inspection. C Coy was inspected in more detail by Brig. Blackader. Groups from A and B were tested in T.O.E.Ts. Lt.-Col. Gossage, 14 Ed. Amb inspected the R.A.P. and questioned soldiers chosen at random on elements of First Aid. Capt. F.L.J. Gosselin, S.C. 8 Cdn. Inf. Bde. inspected the Orderly Room. Brig. K.G. Blackader and Bde Staff were guests of the offrs at lunch. |

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|       | 28 Jan. '43 | 1330 | Ten men, one officer and one N.C.O. went to Welcome Bottom Rifle Range to fire Rifle, Bren, T.M.C. and 2" M. Owing to extremely inclement weather the test was not regarded as representative and was laid on again for Saturday morning. Brig. K.G. Blackader inspected the Orderly Room and Q.M. Dept. and Unit lines. Generally the inspection seems to have been fairly satisfactory.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                |
|       |             | 1830 | Movie. K. of C. Hut "My Favourite Blonde".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                |
|       | 29 Jan. '43 | 0830 | Parades and Trg.<br>Muster Parade of Bn.<br>Pay Parade.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                |
|       |             | 1600 | C.O.s meeting of all officers. Exercise LOOKING II (Feb. 1 and 2) discussed. The object of this is to train all ranks in spotting enemy posns by fire and in mopping up enemy posns. Two Coys will attack one day while the other two will defend, the defence being laid out as a German Coy. locality. Live amm is to be used from fixed "enemy" posns in early stages. As an added trg element a midday meal is <u>not</u> to be provided.<br>The C.O. also read excerpts from Training by General Paget and excerpts from a letter from Capt. E.A. Dunlop of this regiment now on attachment in a theatre of war. |                                                |
|       |             | 1730 | Sp Coy offrs and Sgts received a lecture from the ILO. on the Anti-Raid Role.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                |
|       |             | 1830 | Movie K. of C. Hut "My Favourite Blonde".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                |
|       |             | 1930 | Three German prisoners escaped yesterday from a camp in the vicinity. A report from 43 Bty. that their sentry had challenged a foreigner who had gone North (Towards the gate of our camp) caused some excitement. The guard was doubled for one hour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                |
|       | 30 Jan.     | 0700 | Reveille. This day was treated as Sunday by the bn except for the Orderly Room and the Coy. Comdrs who were busy on a Vehicle tool check.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                |

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| 702434<br>733284<br>690255<br>702434<br>632294<br>690255 | 31 Jan. '43 | 0630<br>0845<br>1200<br>1330<br>1400<br>1500 | <p>Reveille 0730 Breakfast</p> <p>Head of Column of marching troops left Wykehurst Park and marched SOUTH on the London-Brighton highway, B.H.Q., A., B., C., D., M.O.</p> <p>Lunch at Pate ham.</p> <p>Move off via Red Hill to Brewery in Portslade.</p> <p>Tpt. Sp. B.H.Q., A,B,C, D, move off from Wykehurst Park -15 v.t.m. and 15 m.i.h. to D.P. via Muddleswood and Terry Cross.</p> <p>Marching tps arrived at billets 50% allowed out until 2200hrs, 15% until 2359hrs. The men enjoyed being billeted in a town especially so soon after pay day.</p> <p>Appendix 13 is the Annual Report of the Nat. Institute for the Blind. Attention is drawn to page 10 and attached letters. The men who went with the padre in December to the Padre's party for these children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A collection was taken up at the Church parade Sunday 3 Jan. '43 on behalf of these children, realising with other gifts £8-17-6 as per receipt.</p> |                                                |

*J. J. Shragg* 2nd Col.  
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(J. J. Shragg) Lieut.-col.  
Comd 1st Bn. The Q.O.R. of C.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S INSPECTION

TIME: 1100 hrs. 23 Jan. '43

PLACE: Field - East Side of Brighton  
Road approx 250x SOUTH  
of main gate.

DRESS: F.S.M.O. - Ground sheet in  
haversack, water bottle on  
right side, sword under left  
arm, Respirator at alert without  
sand bag covering, Camouflage  
nets on helmets, Boots and  
anklets. Gloves will be worn.  
All uniforms will have: Queen's  
Own Rifles shoulder titles,  
and Div patches, also (Canada  
badges if available)  
All platoon and Coy weapons  
2" Mortars, A/Tk Rifles &  
Bren guns will be on the ground  
for inspection. T.S.M.Gs.  
will have butts on.

Officers will wear anklets;  
pistol on rt side, ammunition  
pouch on left side.

Band: Respirators slung, steel  
helmets with camouflage nets

RSM will advise Coys re  
markers.

#2 Platoon will supply A.A.  
protection.

Vehicles will be inspected  
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