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SHOREHAM 652248	1May	0600	Reveille	<i>lmp</i>
SHOREHAM 652248	2May	0630	Reveille	<i>lmp</i>
Bisley		1350	Q.O.R. of C. boarded train for Bisley Camp	
382770		1630	Arrived and allotted tents to Coys. Everyone C.B.	
		2100	All personnel on ranges for explanation and organization by Lieuts. R. Fleming and W.G. Harvey.	
Bisley	3May	0530	Reveille. All Coys on ranges firing all day as much as possible. The new rifles fire surprisingly well although everyone is very rusty owing to the almost complete lack of facilities for any range firing during the past year.	<i>lmp</i>
Bisley	4May	0530	Reveille.	<i>lmp</i>
		0700	Personnel who are participating on Exercise WELSH left for camp.	
		0800	Continue firing on ranges.	
SHOREHAM 652248		1730	O.Gp. for Ex. Welsh.C.O. at 8 Cdn Inf Bde. ^{30e} Comd for exercise gave out orders.	<i>lmp</i>
		2100	C.O. O.Gp for Exercise WELSH Maj. Lett T/Comd. Q.O.R. of C. Exercise WELSH gave out orders for the move to concentration area.	
BISLEY RANGES 382770 383763	5May	0530	Reveille	
		0730	Bn. continued firing on Long and Short Siberia Ranges.	<i>lmp</i>
		1730	Bn. Boarded train at BROOKWOOD for camp. R. de Chaud having taken over the ranges.	
		1930	Arrived SHOREHAM.	
SHOREHAM 652248		0715	Convoy of Bn. H.Q. for Exercise WELSH moved off to reach Bde. S.P. on time. List of personnel and vehs on WELSH Trace showing route & Movement Table 3 Cdn. Div and 8 Cdn Inf Bde.	Appendix 6 Appendix 7.

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051336 058246 near EASTBOURNE	5 May	0820 1055 2100 2200	Bde. S.P. . Bn. in posn. Later a move was made to 053243 vicinity HANKHAM. Bde. O Gp. Lt. Col. J.G. Spragge Q.O.R. of C. A/Bde Comd disposed the 8 Cdn. Inf Bde; the O gp moved to H.Q. 12 Fd. Regt.	<i>lmp</i>
SHOREHAM 652248	6 May	0345 0600 1300 1430	Gunfire was heard to sea by the O.P. in the Old Fort 658238; the Stand To pls. were consequently warned and waited for the stand down at 0410. Reveille. 70 O.Rs. Q.O.R. of C. S.O.S. to 1 Cdn. Depots as reinforcements for 1 Cdn Div(!) The funeral of the late Capt. H.S. McRae sometime the very able and well liked Adjutant of this bn. took place to-day. The firing party was under R.S.M. H. Fox whose account is attached.	<i>lmp</i> Appendix 8
BROOKWOOD CEMETERY 392759			"Smokey" joined the regiment in Sussex, N.B. and was a Cpl. when sent to O.C.T.U. in England. On rejoining the regiment he was for a time with B Coy then A/Adjt. He became Adjt. in October 42 and was to become a Div. L.O. 1 Cdn. Div when he was killed in a road accident 30 Apr. The Army lost in him an able officer.	
Vicinity EASTBOURNE O 53243		0600 0800	Exercise WELSH Reveille and Stand To. C.Os. O gp. Major Lett T/Comd Q.O.R. of C. addressed all ranks on the object and detail of this Exercise. Given in a racy and colloquial style it put the entire "Skeleton Bn" in the picture and was much appreciated by all ranks.	<i>lmp</i>
		0945	Left Area 0954 Over Bde. S.P. 1005 Over Div. S.P. See Movement Table 6 May '43	Appendix 9
9920 9924			"Opposition" was encountered at JEVINGTON and an attack with Arty. on enemy in the Downs area LONG BARROW HILL. The "attack" being unsuccessful Arty. fire was called for and given. The attack was however, unsuccessful; Bn settles down. 3 Cdn. Div. Location Statement	Appendix 10
SHOREHAM 652248 Vicinity EASTBOURNE	7 May	0600 1800 0530 0800	Reveille 3 Cdn. Div Ban, with the Bn. for the day gave a concert in Windlesham Gdns. "WELSH" Reveille 0700 "Attack" 9 Bde. supported by 7 and 8, successful. O gp. for move. See Movement Table 7 May	<i>lmp</i> Appendix 11

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932228 STOCKBRIDGE 811547	7May	0930 2015 2115	Zero S.P. Rd. Junc. 881269. Moved to posn. vicinity EAST of STOCKBRIDGE O gp Enemy 1 Bn on high ground. Bde to make silent river crossing and drive enemy out. Attack began, and was cleared through.	<i>lump</i>
SHOREHAM 652248	8May	0600 1600 1000	Reveille. Parades and Trg. continue in spite of the shortage of offrs - one per coy during the past two weeks has been the effective strength. 3 Offrs and 7 Sgts. R.C.A.F. arrived for an attachment of about 7 days. WELSH B.H.Q. in new posn. Arty. O.P. nearby. Attack put in by Bde. with Arty support. The advance continued during the afternoon with a number of delaying actions.	<i>lump</i>
687504		2000	Q.O.R. in posn for night.	
SHOREHAM 652248 STOCKBRIDGE 678504	9May	0630 1900 0010 0450	Reveille Routine as usual. C Coy Film "Lancer Spy". Bde. O gp for immediate move March Table for move, Route Xrds 042538 Rd. Junc. 5853 X Rd 539619, Observatory 511698. Over Start Line N. Shore R. bumped enemy on BALL DOWN. Enemy infiltrated somewhat our D.F. and S OS tasks were laid on. Task Table The fire on these tasks prevented the enemy from making headway. (The day cleared up and clothes, etc. were dried somewhat). Towards evening the forward coy. was relieved and later patrols were sent out. O gp for DAWN ATTACK area CHURCH HILL 4773 (O.S. 112) with forward posns GREAT Forest DOWN. Attack by 7 and 9 C.I.B. 8 C.I.B. in reserve.	<i>lump</i> Appendix 12 Appendix 13
SHOREHAM 652248	10May	0630	Reveille. Windy and rainy weather. Change of comd. owing to Major S.M. Lett proceeding on Senior Officers Course. Capt. E.A. Dunlop T/Comd. Q.O.R. of C.	<i>lump</i> Appendix 14

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O.S. #122 500686		0430 0530 0600	Heavy Arty Fire heard. Reveille Breakfast. Weather stormy and rainy again. Major S.C. Heyes arrived to take the place of Major S.M. Lett.	Appendix 15 Appendix 16
O.S. 122 586865		1430 1830	O gp for move. Trace for Movement and March Table. Over Bde. S.P. moving to CIRENCESTER 2847. Route Lark Hill - Cherhill - Wootton Bassett - Cirencester. See Appendix	
SHOREHAM 652248	11May	0600	Reveille. Weather fine. Routine as usual.	Appendix 17
CIRENCESTER 428308		0048 0830	Q.O.R. of C. in posn. Ogp for move to SENNY BRIDGE. March Table	
O.S. 104 367250		1130 2220	Moved Off. Arrived Bivouac Area.	
SHOREHAM 652248	12May	0600	Reveille. Weather dull.	
O.S. 104 367250		0800 1300	Weather fair but heavy mist. All available proceeded to area 3458 to see Arty. demonstration. Impressive but a little obscured. Move to concentration area prior to return.	Appendix 18
SHOREHAM 652248	13May	0600	Reveille. Weather fine.	
DEVY NOCK 378498		1500 0400	Baseball game Sigs vs. C Coy 11 - 16. Reveille and Breakfast.	
645413		0600 0718	Left area. Over Start Line at CHICK HOWELL. Route SENNYBRIDGE - BRECON - ABEREAVENNY - GLOUCESTER - CIRENCESTER (1155) SWINDON - NEWBURY - BASINGSTOKE - FARNHAM - ALFORD(1755) - BILLINGSHURST - SHOREHAM.	
		2000	Arrived SHOREHAM.	

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SHOREHAM 652248	14 May	0600	Reveille. Weather fine. The I Section were out in German uniform this morning, first at A coy and in the afternoon at C Coy. Major Bert Wemp ex Mayor of Toronto and City Editor of the Toronto Evening Telegram visited the Q.O.R. of C. today, saw the A/Tk pl in action firing seawards (the target was again sunk), lunched with the officers of Bn.H.Q. and visited A and C Coy in the afternoon. Pictures were taken, the most amusing potentially at least, being three members of the I section in German uniform being chased by C Coy! Sergeants Party!	Ampt.
SHOREHAM 652248	15 May	0600	Reveille. Weather Fine. Sgt. Hall - A/Tk Pl and Sgt. Land - I Sgt. left today pursuant to the policy against personnel in the field over 40. This loses for the unit two of the finest sergeants that it has seen.	Ampt.
648257 513278		1410	Bn. S.P. Entire Bn. proceeded via North Lancing - Sompting Abbots - Salvington - Patching Hill to Michelgrove on the estate of the Duke of Norfolk, for three days in Trg. Area 7 arriving 1525 rather hot from marching.	
		1750	Supper.	
		1930	Ogp. A ll specialists to Rifle Coys - Sigs to A, I sec to B Coy. The object of these three days is to practice thoroughly the Lane (or German) and Pepperpot (roughly the method before Battle Drill became popular) methods of attack. Training to be done by Coys.	Ampt.
SCHEME "TEACHER" 518276	16 May	0630	Reveille. Training in Lane attack carried on by coys with carrier & mortar support. Also some practice of Pepper Pot method.	Ampt.

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SCHEME "TEACHER" 518276	17May	0600	Reveille Coy training as on 16 May.	Lmp
		1130	A very unfortunate accident occurred in which Sgt. Lavalle was quite seriously wounded by a .303 bullet which passed thru his upper left leg smashing the bone en route. The accident was caused by the untimely discharge of a rifle in the hands of Rfn. Shilson who had loaded & applied the half cock. The M.O., Capt. Kirsch was soon on the scene and Sgt. Lavalle was on the way to hospital. Coy training continued. During the afternoon Brig. Blackader paid the regiment a visit and watched the various coys in their training.	
		1900	O gp for a dawn attack on Black Patch Hill 5328 from Harrow Hill 5129.	
SCHEME "TEACHER" 518276	18May	0245	Reveille	Lmp
		0300	Tea after which the various coys. left for their F.V.Ps. Zero was at 0405 and a heavy artillery barrage was laid down for about 30 mins. The attack went in at first light was considered to be quite successful. At 0630 a demonstration was given of the effect of heavy Bren gun fire on stipulated targets. Breakfast was issued on Harrow Hill and then the regiment returned to their temporary camp and made preparations for the return to Shoreham. Start Point was Twin Houses 522270 at 1015 hrs. Capt. Dunlop led the march home and reached the D.P. 649251 at 1400 hrs.	
SHOREHAM 642258	19May	0600	Reveille.	Lmp
		0800	Day mainly spent in cleaning equipment in preparation for D.V. parade for tomorrow.	
		0830	R.C.A.F. personnel attached to us (3 Offrs & 7 Sgts.) left for their own camp. From all reports they had enjoyed their stay with us and had learned a considerable amount.	
SHOREHAM 642258	20May	0600	Reveille.	Lmp
		0900	S.P. for D.V. parade was at 621247 and all coys congregated there independantly.	
		1200	The parade then proceeded led by Lt.-Col. J.G. Spragge to Findon Roundabout 555283 where we marched past the Duke of Gloucester and his party. Also present were Major-General R.F.L. Keller and Brigadier K.G. Blackader. The morning march was uncomfortable due to the fact that serge tunics had to be worn and as the day	

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SHOREHAM 642258		1100	was very hot. Lunch was had just south of Findon and at 1300 hrs we continued on our way to Shoreham arriving at 1500 hrs. Word was received that one of our former men B65045 Rfn. Allaway, F.G. had died in hospital during the night of T.B. Rfn. Allaway had arrived in England in July, 1942 and had come to the field in Sept. Amilitary funeral will be held at Brookwood cemetery on Sat. 22 June '43.	gmf.
		1215	Four F.W. 190 appeared over Shoreham flying at 19,000 ft. All A.A. opened up and the battery on Mill Hill is believed to have hit one of them. The planes immediately climbed to 30,000 and fled in a south-westerly direction.	
		1500	A draft of 4 offr. & 32 O.Rs. arrived and were posted to various existing coys. These offr., N.C.Os. and men will mainly be used to reform D Coy when it comes into being once more.	
SHOREHAM 642258	21 May	0600 0800 1800	Reveille. Coy training as usual with B Coy on improvised ranges. (652277). Baseball game B Coy vs. Sp Coy which B Coy won 19-0. Sp Coy were rather peaved and Capt. A.V. Malone wore a broad smile.	gmf
SHOREHAM 652248	22 May	0600 1400	Reveille - routine as usual. Rfn. Allaway formerly of C Coy who was taken with "galloping" consumption and died on Wednesday was buried today at Brookwood Cemetery.	gmf
600294 5929 & 5829	23 May	0700 1000	Reveille. A Coy, 1 Sec Carriers and 2 3" Mortars under Capt. R.D. Medland and Capt. H.E. Dalton proceeded NORTH from their billets to Trg Area 6 for exercise HOT SPOT. From CROSS DYKE they advanced meeting opposition first from HILL BARN and then from NO MAN'S LAND. This was cleared and the last part of the exercise was not completed owing to the time taken. The exercise was carried out by the N.C.Os., officers acting as umpires and was regarded as a good one.	gmf

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		1300	Lt.-Col. J.G. Spragge went out to Trg. Area 7 to observe the exercise and then with Lt. R.L. Bickford, Adj. and Capt. W.J. Weir, Q.M. and others proceeded on a recce of the new area to which Q.O.R. of C. will be moved.	<i>Ymp</i>
SHOREHAM 652248	24 May	0600	Reveille - Routine as usual. This is NOT a holiday in England.	<i>Ymp</i>
707417 739417	25 May	0600	Reveille	
		1000	Advance Party left for new billets - vicinity BOLNEY X RDS and MOON HILL. Major Johnston (attached) and Capt. E.A. Dunlop in charge.	
		1200	A formation estimated at 14 F.W. 190 fighters and fighter bombers dropped 25 bombs on Brighton causing considerable damage and civilian casualties. 65 men from A & B Coys were despatched immediately to help in cleaning up and digging people out.	
		1330	D.V. - Dean Mackenzie of the National Research Council arrived with Maj-Gen. R.F.L. Keller. Brig. Blackader and Lt.-Col. Spragge accompanied the party around. Sp. Coy although duty coy produced a gun team from the A/Tk sergeants who in spite of difficulty with weather and the target put up an excellent show. B Coy when visited gave a demonstration of field work and especially of the use of the 2 inch mortar.	
		1800	The battle of the century - the return match of Sp and B Coy took place; B Coy won again 6-5 but only by a very narrow margin.	
		2000	A Coy personnel returned having been relieved by personnel from Cdn Gren. Gds.	
SHOREHAM 652248	26 May	0500	Men from A & B Coy returned from working in Brighton tired but happy at having had some construction work to do.	<i>Ymp</i>
		0600	Reveille.	
		1700	Draft of 4 men from R.U. Capt. Collins, I.O. 2 Loyals and Capt. Williams arrived and were in conference with the B.M. and the C.O. Later they took over the Shoreham district papers and proceeded to work on them.	

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SHOREHAM 652248	27 May	0600 1000 1400	Reveille. Preparation for move accentuated. Capt., I.O. 2 Loyals took over documents on the situation in Shoreham from I.O. Q.O.R. of C. I.O. Q.O.R. of . accompanied Capt. Collins and Capt. Williams in a recce of billets and Anti Raid positions. Movement Order and Admin. Directive for move On Sat 29 May '43 issued by Adj. t.	<i>AmP</i> Appendix 18
	28 May	0600 1100 1900	Reveille. Enemy air activity during the day considerable. A ll available men attended a demonstration of the P.I.A.T. firing H.E. on armour plate. There is no great noise but the flash when the bomb strikes is very impressive and it penetrated 2" of armour very easily. The traditional baseball game between the officers and the sergeants was won by the officers 11-10. Again this year they nearly lost but came from behind at the last moment and a hit by Ali Baba (Lt. D.B. Hamilton, Mortar Pl) with bases loaded the game. Lt. Leaney brought in the winning run. /won	<i>AmP</i>
SHOREHAM 652248 PORTSLADE 692250 PATCHAM 734203 GRAVENHURST 704417 MOONHILL	29 May	0600 1000 1100 1210 1300 1535	Reveille. In some cases it was earlier in order to get billets cleaned. Sp Coy and Tpt moved off to new area. Head of coln. of marching tps over S.P. Not many marched owing to the necessity for leaving a fair sized rear party and having sent a fair sized advance party. B Coy was left in SHOREHAM on duty until the 2 Loyals were in completely. Lunch for marching tps. at Brapool Park PATCHAM. Sp Coy in at Gravenhurst Moved off via Pyecombe, Clayton, Hassocks, Burgess Hill to Moonhill the new location of A, C, D, H.Q. Coy, B.H.Q. Arrived new area of the bn. Most of the Bn. are in tents but parts of H.Q. are accommodated in nissen huts. Daily Routine Moon Hill Camp and Gravenhurst Camp	<i>AmP</i> Appendix 19.

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MOONHILL 734417	30 May	0700 1045 1145	Reveille Coy. Comdrs meeting re O.C.T.U. candidates. Major J. McLean Q.O.R. of C. was present. C.O.s. meeting of all officers re training for forthcoming month and reviewing the move from SHOREHAM. Programme of Gas and First Aid instruction sketched. Also Bn night training foreshadowed for one week in June.
MOONHILL 734417	31 May	0600	Reveille. Again a demand has come for personnel for 1 Cdn. Special Depot. This forced transfer is resented strongly by the men who are forced to go as is evidenced by the number who went A.W.L. from the last draft. Last time 9 D.Ms. were taken; this time 10 and that leave Sp Coy very nearly grounded.

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