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	1		TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. JUST AS WE PASSED THE NORTH OF IRELAND A DENSE FOG DESCENDED AT ABOUT 0700 HOURS. AT 1000 HOURS THE FOG BEGAN TO LIFT AND WE FOUND OURSELVES OPPOSITE THE NAZY OUTLINE OF ARMAN. AS THE MIST FINALLY CLEARED THE WHOLE BEAUTIFUL PANDORAMA OF THE FIRTH OF CLYDE UNFOLDED ITSELF. DUTIES WERE DROPPED FOR THE TIME BEING AND EVERYONE MADE THE MOST OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A BIT OF THE SCOTTISH LOWLANDS AT THEIR BEST. BY 1300 HOURS WE LAY OFF PELENSBURGH AND GOURCOK. WE HAD EXPECTED TO LAND IMMEDIATELY, BUT THE BOARDING OFFICER DID NOT COME ABOARD UNTIL 1700 HOURS WITH THE INFORMATION THAT WE WOULD NOT DISEMBARK UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE NIGHT WAS SPENT PREPARING SHIPS AND REGIMENTAL MOVEMENT ORDERS.	APPENDIX 1 <i>Law</i>
	2		THE MORNING WAS SPENT IN ROUTINE TRAINING AND THE AFTERNOON IN PREPARING AND PACKING KIT FOR DISEMBARKATION. THE BAGGAGE PARTY HAD MEANWHILE WORKED ALL DAY UNLOADING INTO THE BAGGAGE LIGHTER. BY 1700 HOURS OUR OWN TROOPS BEGAN TO GO OUT ON THE TENDER FROM WHENCE THEY DOCKED AT GOURCOK FOR ENTRAINMENT. LT-COLONEL, AS G.O. TROOPS, AND THE ADJUTANT WERE REQUIRED BY THE G.S.O. TO REMAIN AND PROCEED TO ALDERSHOT ON THE LAST TRAIN. REFERENCE TO SHIPS ORDERS IN THE APPENDICES WILL SHOW THAT FIVE TRAINS WERE USED TO TRANSPORT THE SHIPS PERSONNEL.	<i>Law</i>
	3		ALL TRAINS LEFT GOURCOK AT VARIOUS HOURS BEFORE MIDNIGHT, AUGUST 2ND, AND PROCEEDED GENERALLY BY WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE WEST SCOTTISH ROUTE AS DIFFERENTIATED FROM THE CALEDONIAN ROUTE. FROM GOURCOK IN DUNFREMLOCH THE PATH PROCEEDED TO FARGLEY, STRATHBUNGE (LANARKSHIRE) KILMARNOCK (ARYSHIRE), THROUGH DUNFRIES (DUNFRIESHIRE) TO ARNAR AND GRETHA JUNCTION, CROSSING THE BORDER THENCE TO CARLISLE IN CUMBERLAND. THE C.O.S. TRAIN ARRIVED IN CARLISLE AT 0340 HOURS WHERE SOME EXERCISE ON THE PLATFORM WAS AVAILABLE, LEAVING AT 0400 HOURS. REFERENCE TO ATTACHED ORDERS WILL SHOW THAT THE C.O.S. TRAIN WAS COMMANDED BY MAJOR CHUTE OF THE 13TH FIELD COMPANY, R.C.E. WITH LT-COL. HAZARD COMMANDING THE 5TH FIELD AMBULANCE, ALSO ON BOARD AS A GUEST. COL. HAZARD HAD SAT AT THE C.O.S. TABLE ABOARD SHIP AND IS VERY PLEASANT COMPANY. HE FEEL IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT THE LATTER SCOTTISH HAVE MADE FAST FRIENDS WITH STILL ANOTHER UNIT. FROM CARLISLE THE ROUTE CONTINUED TO PRESTON, WOLONGHAMPTON, READING, STORM ALICE JUNCTION, BROXTON AND WORCESTER, WHERE A PASSING VIEW OF THE CATHEDRAL WAS SEEN. SKIRTING THE HALVERN HILLS WE PASSED THROUGH THE COTSWOLD COUNTRY VIA EYESHAM AND MORETON-IN-THE-MARCH, TO OXFORD AND READING WHERE WE JOINED THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY FOR ALDERSHOT ARRIVING AT 1610 HOURS. (TOTAL MILEAGE FROM GOURCOK 454 MILES; FROM CAMP BORDEN, ONTARIO: MILES.) THE BALANCE OF THE DAY WAS SPENT IN THE ALLOTMENT OF QUARTERS AND IN GENERAL ORGANIZATION. DURING THE MORNING SOME NEWSPAPERS WERE OBTAINED IN CREWE AND WE FOUND THAT THE ARRIVAL OF THE 2ND CANADIAN DIVISION HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED, WITH THE DAILY EXPRESS CARRYING A PICTURE OF OUR OWN PIPE-MAJOR COPLAND. DURING THE NIGHT WE HAD OUR FIRST A.I.R.-RAID WARNING. (PURPLE) FOR KEY PERSONNEL ONLY. NOTHING FURTHER DEVELOPED.	<i>Law</i>
	4		WE HAVE BEEN QUARTERED IN HAIDA BARRACKS RECENTLY VACATED BY THE 28T A.A. REGIMENT. CAPTAIN TURNBULL, CAPTAIN GREEN, CAPT. KNIX AND CAPTAIN BROWN HAD OUR QUARTERS ALLOTTED AND WERE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN GETTING ORGANIZED. THE MORNING WAS SPENT BY THE OTHER RANKS IN A GENERAL CLEAN-UP OF THE BARRACKS AND BARRACK AREA. THOSE NOT ON DUTY IN THE AFTERNOON TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE VERY PLEASANT WEATHER TO GO FOR A WALK. OFFICERS SPENT THE DAY IN ORGANIZATION WORK. WE WERE ALL INTRODUCED TO MAJOR-GENERAL D. G. JOHNSON, VC, CB, DSO, MC, COMMANDING ALDERSHOT COMMAND AND MAJOR-GENERAL COLON, CB, CBE, DSO, GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING 2ND CANADIAN DIVISION.	<i>Law</i>
	5		OUR FIRST PARADE IN ENGLAND AND THE TROOPS ACQUAYTED THEMSELVES WELL AFTER THE LONG ABSENCE OF BATTALION PARADES. WE HAVE AN SPLERDID HARD-SURFACED PARADE GROUND, WHICH SHOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT. TRAINING WAS CARRIED ON THROUGH THE DAY ACCORDING TO SYLLABUS. (WEEK OF AUG. 5 TO AUG. 10TH, 1940.) THE WORK OF GENERAL ORGANIZATION CONTINUES.	APPENDIX 2 <i>Law</i>
	6		TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. P.A.D. IS BEING ORGANIZED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CAPTAIN GREEN AND LIEUT. MACINTYRE. QUARTER STORES AND SH. GROUNDLY ROOM ARE NOW BETTER ORGANIZED. IT WOULD HERE BE POINTED OUT THAT NO HELP IN THE MATTER OF ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM DIV. H.Q. THERE WERE FOR INSTANCE NO COPIES OF STANDING ORDERS AVAILABLE FOR US. THROUGH THE GUIDANCE OF VARIOUS OFFICERS WITH WHOM PERSONNEL CONTACTS WERE MADE A GREAT DEAL OF USEFUL INFO TITN WAS OBTAINED.	<i>Law</i>

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ALDERSHOT.	AUG.			
	7		TRAINING CONTINUES AS LAID DOWN IN THE SYLLABUS. WE ARE ENJOYING PARTICULARLY FINE WEATHER FOR THIS PURPOSE. GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN P.A.D. WITH THE BATTALION SCHEME NOW IN FULL OPERATION.	<i>JS</i>
	8		TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. THE C.O. HAS HAD WORD FROM AREA H.Q. THAT A SCHEME WILL BE HELD AUG. 10TH TO TEST THE ABILITY OF THE VARIOUS UNITS TO TAKE THE FIELD.	<i>JS</i>
	9		THIS MORNING THE FIRST DETAILS FOR "LANDING" LEAVE LEFT FOR THEIR VARIOUS DESTINATIONS; 243 ALL RANKS PARADED AT 0630 HOURS AND LEFT FULLY ARMED AND EQUIPPED. ABOUT 150 LEFT FOR LONDON WITH THE REMAINDER HEADING FOR VARIOUS OTHER DESTINATIONS. TRAINING CONTINUES AS PER SYLLABUS. THE C.O. AND COMPANY COMMANDERS MADE A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE AREAS TO BE TAKEN OVER BY THE UNIT IN TO-MORROW'S DEFENCE SCHEME. THROUGH THE AFTERNOON OPERATION ORDERS WERE DRAWN UP. (SEE APPENDIX.)	APPENDIX 3
	10		AT 1110 HOURS THE CODEWORD "OLIVER" WAS RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH AREA COMMAND. THE FALL WAS SOUNDED BY 1115 HOURS "B" COMPANYS ADVANCE PLATOON WAS MOVING OFF. "C" AND "D" COYS. MOVED IN DUE COURSE AT PROPER INTERVALS. H.Q. COY. MOVED BY H.T. (IT SHOULD HERE BE RECALLED THAT ALL OF "A" COY. AND 86 OF H.Q. COY. WERE ON LEAVE). "C" COY. TOOK POSITIONS ALONG THE LEFT HALF OF OUR FRONT AND "D" COY. ON THE RIGHT. "B" WAS IN RESERVE ON BEACON HILL. BN. H.Q. ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN. (SEE MAP). BY 1400 HOURS ALL UNITS WERE IN POSITION AND HAD CONTACTED SATISFACTORY WATER SUPPLIES BASED WITH FLANKS. AT 1520 HOURS WORD WAS RECEIVED FROM SOUTH AREA H.Q. THAT AN ENEMY TANK WITH SOME CYCLISTS WERE REPORTED IN BRENTWORTH. THIS INFORMATION WAS RELAYED TO THE COYS. AT 1535 HRS "C" COY. REPORTED ENEMY LIGHT TANKS ON LONG HILL IN OUR REAR. NO CONFIRMATION COULD BE OBTAINED RE THIS, HOWEVER FROM RESERVE AREA. VARIOUS MESSAGES WERE EXCHANGED RE THIS BUT NO CONFIRMATION COULD BE OBTAINED. AT 1704 "D" COY. REPORTED MORE AFVs MOVING FROM BROADBAIL, THESE HOWEVER DID NOT APPROPRIATE OUR LINES. AT 1705 "B" REPORTED TANKS ON HEATH ROAD THESE WERE ENGAGED BUT A SQUADRON BROKE THROUGH AND PASSED BN. H.Q. AND BN. TRANSPORT WHICH WERE WELL CONCEALED AND PROCEEDED TO OCCUPY OUR TOOL DUMP. THEY THEN PASSED EAST OUT OF OUR BN. AREA. AT 1725 "D" COY. REPORTED REPULSING ENEMY LIGHT TANKS, EVIDENTLY THOSE REPORTED EARLIER IN BRENTWORTH. MEANWHILE SUPPER WAS COOKED AND SERVED UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS. POSITIONS WERE EVACUATED AT 1900 HOURS WHEN THE EXERCISE FINISHED. IT IS BELIEVED THERE WAS THE THOUGHT ON THE PART OF THE HIGHER COMMAND THAT THE ENEMY ATTACK MIGHT IN FACT BE LAUNCHED ON THIS DAY AND THAT THE EXERCISE WAS AN ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. APPARENTLY THE ESSEX SCOTTISH WAS THE ONLY UNIT OF THE MORE NEWLY ARRIVED CANADIANS WHICH TOOK PART IN THIS EXERCISE SO IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS UNIT WAS IN THE POSSIBLE POSITION OF BEING THE FIRST IN THE 2ND CDN. DIVISION TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ACTION HERE. THE MAP LOCATION REF. MAP ALDERSHOT TR. AREA 50/16 S.E. - 50/16 N.E. AND OUR DEFENSIVE POSITION WAS ALONG THE LINE OF TANK OBSTACLES WARREN CORNERS 255057 - UPPER OLD PARK 268500 WITH RESERVE SECTORS ABBURY HILL 2500 AND BRUKSBURY HILL 2700. WE WERE JOINED TO-DAY BY LIEUT. D. A. DEZIEL WHO HAVING BEEN OVER AHEAD OF US HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A SANITARY COURSE.	<i>JS</i>
	11		CHURCH PARADE THIS MORNING AT WHICH OUR OWN UNIT AND THE R.M.L.I. ATTENDED. THE SERVICE WAS TAKEN BY MAJOR NEPBURN, MC, SENIOR CHAPLAIN, ASSISTED BY MAJOR VAUGHN-JONES THE RECTOR OF ST. GEORGES GARRISON CHURCH IN WHICH THE SERVICE WAS HELD AND CAPTAIN D. B. EAST, THE BRIGADE PROTESTANT PADRE. MAJOR NEPBURN PREACHED A VERY UPLIFTING SERMON AND IN GENERAL KNEW IT WAS FELT THAT THIS WAS OUR BEST AND MOST USEFUL CHURCH PARADE FOR SOME LONG TIME. THE R.M.L.I. PARADE WENT TO ST. MICHAELS CHURCH AND WAS TAKEN BY CAPTAIN M. J. DALTON, THE BRIGADE P.C. PADRE. DURING THE EVENING MR. L. A. DEZIEL REJOINED THE REGS AFTER A MONTH'S WAR INTELLIGENCE COURSE. MR. DEZIEL IS A RACONTEUR OF THE FIRST ORDER AND SEVERAL OF US SAT UP UNTIL WELL AFTER MIDNIGHT LISTENING TO ACCOUNTS OF HIS EXPERIENCES.	<i>JS</i>
	12		TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. (SEEN OF AUG. 12 - AUG. 17TH, 1940)	APPENDIX 4
	13		TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS.	<i>JS</i>
	14		THIS MORNING WE EXPERIENCED OUR FIRST AIR-RAID WARNING. THE SIRENS SOUNDED DURING OFFICER BREAKFAST AT ABOUT 0730 HRS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE KEY P.A.M. PERSONNEL BREAKFAST CONTINUED AS USUAL. THE OTHER RANKS HAD ALREADY FINISHED THEIR BREAKFAST AND WERE PREPARING FOR PARADE. NOTHING HAPPENED AND THE PARADES PASSED SIGNAL WAS GIVEN ABOUT HALF AN HOUR LATER. TRAINING CONTINUED AS PER SYLLABUS. A GOOD DEAL OF WORK IN THE FIELD TRAINING AREAS WAS BEING DONE. A COMPANY RETURNED FROM LANDING LEAVE TO-NIGHT.	<i>JS</i>

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ALDERSHOT	AUG.			
	15		TRAINING CONTINUES AS PER SYLLABUS. THE WEATHER IS USUALLY WARM AND IS IDEAL FOR TRAINING. WE HAVE HAD NO RAIN SINCE ARRIVING IN ALDERSHOT.	
	16		8 th COY., PART OF HQ COY. AND 1ST REINFORCEMENT COY. LEFT ON LANDING LEAVE THIS MORNING. TRAINING GOT UNDERWAY TODAY AS USUAL BUT WAS INTERRUPTED JUST BEFORE NOON BY THE AIR-RAID SIRENS. THIS TIME THE PLANES COULD BE HEARD BUT WERE WELL CONCEALED ABOVE THE CLOUDS. THE BULL THUD OF BOMBS COULD BE HEARD FAR TO THE SOUTH. A SECOND WARNING CAME IN THE AFTERNOON TOWARDS 1715 HOURS. THIS TIME ONE ENEMY PLANE CAME BELOW THE CLOUDS AND WAS ENGAGED BY SOME NEIGHBORING L.A.S. THE PLANE WAS TOO HIGH HOWEVER TO BE CAUGHT. OUR GUN A.S. POST DID NOT FIRE. A GREAT COLUMN OF SMOKE WAS SEEN TO RISE UP FARMSBOROUGH WAY AS A LARGE BOMB DETONATED IN THAT TOWN. THE MAIN ATTACK WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THE AERODROME HOWEVER. LIEUT. WINGAY HAPPENED TO BE VISITING AT BORDON AT THE TIME AND ALONG WITH MR. KNOX THE BREN GUN INSTRUCTOR WAS ABLE TO GET UP TWO GUNS & ENGAGE THE ENEMY CRAFT. THUS IT MAY BE SAID THAT LIEUT. WINGAY IS THE FIRST OF OUR UNIT TO ACTUALLY GET A SHOT AT THE HUN. THESE TWO GENTLEMEN WERE FORCED TO TAKE COVER HOWEVER AS THE BOMBS BEGAN TO DROP CLOSER, THE LAST BEING ABOUT 150 YARDS AWAY. SEVERAL BUILDINGS WERE HIT AT BORDON DURING THE RAID AND THERE WERE SOME CASUALTIES.	
	17		TRAINING CONTINUED THIS MORNING AND WAS QUITE UNEVENTFUL. SATURDAY AFTERNOONS CONTINUE TO BE FREE FOR THOSE RANKS NOT ON DUTY AND FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE FINE WEATHER WAS TAKEN BY MOST OF THE PERSONNEL. CANADIAN MAIL IS IN AND BN. O.C. IS VERY BUSY WITH ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE. NO TIME FOR LEISURE IN THIS DEPARTMENT.	
	18		CHURCH PARADE THIS MORNING AND TO ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, GARRISON CHURCH. THE SERVICE WAS TAKEN BY MAJOR NEPBURN, MC, SENIOR CHAPLAIN OF THE 2ND CON. DIV. ASSISTED BY MAJOR MACLEAN, CHAPLAIN OF 8TH BDE. THE LATTER DELIVERED AN INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL SERMON BASED ON WORDS OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE AND LORD KITCHENER AND WELL RECEIVED. TWO RED AIR-RAID WARNINGS WERE RECEIVED BUT NO TROUBLE IN OUR CAMP.	
	19		TRAINING WAS CARRIED ON ACCORDING TO SYLLABUS. FIRST TIME THE REGIMENT WAS ON THE RANGES IN ENGLAND WITH HQ COY. AND A COY. ON NO. 2 RANGE WITH 42 AVAILABLE TARGETS AND 6 OUT OF COMMISSION. AN EXCEPTIONALLY PROFITABLE DAY WAS SPENT AND AS WE HAD BORROWED AN ARMOURER SERGEANT FROM 1ST PIONEER BN. WE WERE ABLE TO ADJUST A GREAT MANY RIFLES THAT WERE DEFECTIVE WHEN RECEIVED. THE MEN ARE SHOOTING VERY WELL AND HAVE SHOWN GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR MARKSMANSHIP.	APPENDIX 5
	20		TRAINING CARRIED ON AS PER SYLLABUS WITH TWO COMPANIES OUT ON THE RANGES. LT-COL. A.S. PEARSON, G.C., HAD A CONFERENCE WITH G.O.C. 2ND CON. DIV. RE A PRIVATE REGIMENTAL MATTER. G.C. WAS ALSO CALLED TO A CONFERENCE WITH OTHER CG. S. REGARDING ASSUMPTION OF A "POSITION OF READINESS" WHERE THE BN. WOULD MOVE TO IF THE BALLOON WERE HOISTED. HE WOULD THEN BE IN THE NATURE OF A RESERVE UNIT TO BE PLACED WHEREVER FOUND NECESSARY. THIS WAS A CHANGE FROM OUR EARLIER POSITION AS WE WERE THE 1ST UNIT OF 2ND DIV. TO BE PUT IN A POSITION OF DEFENSE WHEN WAS DONE ON 10TH AUG. 40. THE AREA HQ. APPARENTLY ASSUME WE ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR SECTRE NO. 4. G.O. HELD A MEETING OF OFFICERS AT 2000 HRS TODAY DISCUSSING A NUMBER OF SECRET DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO INFORMATION THE OFFICERS REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE OF.	APPENDIX 5A
	21		BRIGADIER G.W. TOPP, DSO, MC., MAJOR A. R. BOY, BRIGADE MAJOR AND AN O.C. PARTY OF 30 OF ONE. HQ. 4TH CON. INF. BDE. ARRIVED AT ALDERSHOT AT ABOUT 0100 HOURS. THE O.C.S ARE BEING GILLETTED WITH ESSEX SCOTS AND WERE MET BY A SUPERB WELCOME. THE BRIGADIER AND HIS OFFICERS ARE AT THEIR HQ. AT ALDERSHOTT HOUSE. LT-COL. A.S. PEARSON MET THEM AT THE STATION TOGETHER WITH CAPT. L. R. McDONALD AND ESSEX SCOTTISH TRANSPORT. A RED AIR-RAID WARNING WAS RECEIVED AT 1345 HRS AND CLEARED AT 1415 HRS. AN OPEN CLOUDY SKY WAS OVERHEAD AND WHILE PLANES COULD BE VERY PLAINLY HEARD AND SOME OF OUR OWN BRIFLERS WERE AROUND IN VIEW. NO BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN THIS IMMEDIATE AREA.	
	22		CONFIRMING ORDERS RECEIVED REGARDING UNIT TAKING UP "POSITION OF READINESS" IN AREA IN CONJUNCTION WITH REMAINDER OF CANADIANS & 4TH CON. BDE. INSTEAD OF OUR OWN DETACHED TASK OF DEFENDING SECTRE 4 IN THE ISLAND DEFENCE SCHEME. THE G.O. CALLED ON BRIGADIER TOPP WITH REFERENCE TO A PRIVATE IN ESSEX SCOTS, BRIGADIER AGREED TO FORWARD G.O.S. REQUEST FOR A TRANSFER OF THE SAID PTE. AND RECOMMEND SAME TO G.O.C. DIVISION. TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. NO AIR-RAID WARNING WAS SOUNDING BUT AT ABOUT 2245 HRS SOME GERMAN PLANES WERE OVER AND A FLARE WAS DROPPED IN OUR LINES BESIDE THE DEVS. BARR. SOME BARR. WAS QUICKLY THROWN ON FIRE AND IT DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO GIVE MUCH LIGHT. NO DAMAGE DONE AROUND HERE BUT APPARENTLY SOME OF WHAY APPEARED TO BE ADDRESS TOUGHMAN AND CONSIDERABLE FLASH AND LIGHT WERE VISIBLE.	

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	23		TRAINING CARRIED ON AS PER SYLLABUS. LT-COL. SALMON, CSE, 2ND CBN, DIV. CALLED THIS AFTERNOON TO LOOK OVER TRAINING. BRIGADIER TOPP, BRIGADE COMMANDER 4TH CBN, INF. BDE. PROCEEDED TO LONDON AND APPOINTED LT-COLONEL A. S. PEARSON OF ESSEX SCOTTISH ACTING BRIGADE COMMANDER UNTIL HIS RETURN.	<i>per</i> APPENDIX 6
	24		AN RED AIR-RAID WARNING AT 1600 HRS BUT NO BOMBS DROPPED ON THIS IMMEDIATE VICINITY. HOWEVER AT ABOUT 2330 HRS WHILE THERE WAS NO WARNING, OTHER THAN THE PURPLE, THERE WERE VISIBLE A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY A NUMBER OF ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN OUR FIGHTERS AND ENEMY BOMBERS. IT APPEARED THAT AT LEAST ONE BOMBER WAS BROUGHT DOWN ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT DEFINITE. TRAINING CARRIED ON AS PER SYLLABUS.	<i>per</i>
	25		CHURCH PARADE AT 0915 HOURS TO ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH THE R.C. PARTY AT SAME HOUR TO ST. MICHAEL'S GARRISON CHURCH. MAJOR UCLEAN DIVISIONAL CHAPLAIN PREACHED AT PROTESTANT SERVICE WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY EAST, R.N.L.I.. REMAINDER OF DAY, OUTSIDE OF DUTIES, WAS GIVEN OVER TO THE MEN FOR RECREATION AND WASHUP. COY. OFFICERS ATTENDED DEFENCE AREA TO PERFECT OWN DEFENSE SCENES.	<i>per</i>
	26		DURING THE NIGHT OF 25/26 WE HAD ANOTHER AIR RAID WARNING BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 0100 HOURS. SEVERAL BOMBS WERE DROPPED, THE LAST APPEARING TO BE WITHIN HALF A MILE. WE DID NOT LEARN JUST WHERE THESE LIT. LATER, BETWEEN 0300HRS AND 0330 HOURS SEVERAL MORE OR LESS IMMEDIATE BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN AN OPEN AREA ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE OF PUTTERHAM J ST OFF THE HODSDICK. SOUTH AREA COMMAND ASKED US TO SEND A COMPANY TO HELP SUPPRESS THE FIRES. WITHIN 45 MINUTES OF RECEIVING THE CALL "C" COY. WAS MOVING OUT OF THE BARRACKS AREA IN UNIT TRANSPORT, ARMED AND WITH FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT. THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL OF SEARCHLIGHT ACTIVITY DURING OUR TRIP OUT, ALL APPEARING TO BE IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR OBJECTIVE. ARRIVING IN THE HODSDICK WHERE VIEW BECAME UNOBSTRUCTED, A SIGHT SUCH AS PROBABLY NONE OF US HAD SEEN BEFORE SPREAD ITSELF ACROSS THE FIELDS BELOW. OVER POSSIBLY 40 OR 50 ACRES HUNDREDS OF SMALL FIRES BURNING LIKE GREAT ROMAN CANDLES STROBED ABOUT THE DARK LANDSCAPE. OVER ALL THIS THE SEARCHLIGHT BEAMS CROSSED AND RE-CROSSED, EVER SEARCHING FOR THE HIDDEN HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. DARK WAS BREAKING AS OUR CONVOY DREW UP AT OUR OBJECTIVE. WE FOUND A DETAIL OF IMPERIAL A.A. TROOPS WHO HAD BEEN FIGHTING THE FIRE SINCE ITS INCEPTION. THESE MEN HAD THE SITUATION FAIRLY WELL UNDER CONTROL. TOGETHER WITH THEM "C" COY. SET ABOUT QUELLING THE REMAINING CENTRES OF CONFLAGRATION. THE C. C. AND HQ. RETURNED TO BARRACKS AT 0630 HOURS. "C" COY. ARRIVED BACK AT ABOUT 0600HRS. TRAINING CONTINUED DURING THE DAY WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. BY NIGHTFALL HOWEVER, FIRES HAD AGAIN BROKEN OUT IN THE THICK BUSH AND BRACKEN BACK AT PUTTERHAM AND IT BECAME NECESSARY TO DISPATCH ANOTHER COMPANY TO COMBAT THIS. "A" COY WENT OUT AND RETURNED AT ABOUT 2300 HOURS. AIR RAID RED LASTED FROM 2300HRS UNTIL 0400HRS. BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN THE PUTTERHAM AREA BUT WELL AWAY FROM OUR TROOPS.	<i>per</i>
	27		NO AIR RAID WARNINGS TODAY AND TRAINING WAS UNINTERRUPTED. PURPLE WARNING TONIGHT AT 2100 HOURS. SIX EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD PROBABLY FIVE OR SIX MILES AWAY IN THE DIRECTION OF FARNHAM.	<i>per</i>
	28		THE C.O. SPENT THE MAIN PORTION OF THE DAY ON PAPER WITH BDE. STAFF IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED BDE. HOSTILE SCHEME. A TENTATIVE OPERATION ORDER HAD BEEN PREPARED EARLIER, BUT ON 26.00. RETURN WITH BDE. C.O. AT OUR SECOND ORDER WAS DRAWN UP. THIS WORK WENT ON UNTIL ABOUT 2200 HOURS WHEN A CONFERENCE OF COY. COMMANDERS & EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WAS HELD. THE SCHEME IS TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, HENCE A GOOD DEAL OF PREPARATION HAS TO BE DONE. "D" COY. RETURNED FROM LANDING LEAVE TODAY. TRAINING WAS CARRIED ON, INTERRUPTED ONLY BY THE MOVING OF RELIEFS TO COMBAT NEW OUTBREAKS OF FIRE AT PUTTERHAM.	<i>per</i>
	29		REVELLE WAS EARLY THIS MORNING IN ANTICIPATION OF AN EARLY START ON THE BDE. SCHEME. AT 0600HRS THE CODE WORD "DROCK" (STAND TO) WAS RECEIVED. COMPANIES WERE SOON IN READINESS TO MOVE. "BRANELL" (MOVE OFF) CAME OVER THE PHONE AT 0735HRS. THE HEAD OF OUR COLUMN WAS TO PASS POINT 324 AT 0800 HOURS. THIS TOOK PLACE ON THE. BN. TRANSPORT MOVED OFF ABOUT 20 MINUTES LATER. THE GENERAL IDEA OF THE SCHEME WAS TO HAVE THE BN. TAKE UP A POSITION OF READINESS IN A PROPERLY DEFENDED POSITION FROM WHENCE IT COULD MOVE RAPIDLY BY H.T. TO ANY OF THREE INDICATED IMPORTANT TACTICAL KEYS. AT 0834 BN.H.Q. WAS ESTABLISHED AND POSITION REPORTED TO BDE.	<i>per</i>

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	29 (cont'd)		AT 0800HRS ALL COMPANIES WERE REPORTED IN POSITION. AT 1000HRS THE C.O. BROUGHT BACK INFORMATION THAT ENGAGING FOR THE BUSHING AREA WOULD TAKE PLACE AT 1115HRS. BY 1045HRS ON. MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 1 WAS ISSUED (SEE APPENDIX). THE MOVEMENT TOOK PLACE IN GOOD ORDER AND WITHOUT INCIDENT. SN.H.Q. WAS ESTABLISHED AT 1200HRS AND ON. ORDER NO. 2 ISSUED CONFIRMING AREAS TO BE OCCUPIED BY COYS. THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN VERBALLY DESIGNATED BY THE C. O. AND CAPT. GREEN WHO WAS ACTING AS I.C. FOR THE DAY. MR. L. A. DETSEL, LOOKING QUITE AT HIS CASE ON A MOTOR BIKE AND L.C. HAVESACK LUNCHES WERE EATEN BY THE COYS. AFTER GETTING INTO POSITION AND TEA WAS BREWED OVER OPEN FIRES. POSITIONS WERE LOOKED OVER BY THE STAFF AND WERE CASE AT 1445HRS TO MOVE OFF AT 1515HRS. THIS APPEARED TO BE A FAIRLY SHORT NOTICE BUT THE HEAD OF THE COLUMN MOVED OFF ON TIME. ON THE WHOLE THE DAY WAS HELD TO HAVE BEEN FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL. TOMORROW'S CONFERENCE WITH THE BRIGADIER. "B" COY. LEFT ON LEAVING LEAVE TODAY.	APPENDIX 2
	30		ROUTINE TRAINING TODAY. A MEETING OF ALL OFFICERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE BDE. SCHEME WAS HELD IN ONE OF THE LECTURE ROOMS, RAIDA BARRACKS. PERTINENT REMARKS WERE MADE BY BRIGADIER TOPP AND MAJOR ROY. (SEE COLLECTIVE APPENDIX ON SCHEME) THE BRIGADIER WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THE SCHEME.	
	31		TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. AT 1505 HOURS, WHICH WAS WARM AND BRILLIANT, WORD CAME FROM SOUTH AREA COMMAND THAT FIRE HAD BROKEN OUT AGAIN ON PUTTERHAM COMMONS. "FALL IN" WAS SOUNDED AND FIFTY MEN UNDER MR. MAGINTYRE DISPATCHED BY H.L.T. TO SUPPRESS THE FLARE. SUPPER RATIONS WERE SENT TO THE SCENE OF OPERATIONS AND THE JOB WAS FINISHED BY 2030 HOURS. STRENGTH AS OF 32 SEP 40: 32 OFFICERS AND 384 O.S. REGIMENTAL PART 1 ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1940----- REGIMENTAL PART 11 ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1940-----	APPENDIX 6 APPENDIX 9