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Halnacker	1 Jul	45	Captains H.W.P. THOMSON and H.C. LAIRD went on an arty shoot to ALFRISTON. ATTACK and WITHDRAWL of two coys. This exercise proved to be a good one and a great deal of benefit was gained by the two capts concerned and by the arty. Although officially a holiday the Essex worked all day as it is planned to make Saturday the day off. Regt'l dance Fri nite and Sports Saturday morning. Battle Drill practice by 'A' Coy and 'B' Coy and the trg coys was only interrupted by the Padre's Hour. Sp and Bn.H.Q. personnel proceeded to 30 yd range otherwise kept up their normal duties. It has been found necessary, since certain "Yankee" soldiers were thrown into a static water supply tank, to keep unit patrols in CHICHESTER on pay days and holidays. Consequently a patrol composed of one oftr and one Sgt, two other NCOs and sin ptes has been reporting into this nearby town at 1900 hrs. Of course, Essex personnel didn't throw them into the tank. The officers had a lecture in preparation for 'OUTBURST' which incl an outline of what is expected and battle procedure. The C.O. gave the lecture which was followed by M.T. (Driving). Two rfts arrived from 3 C.I.R.U., a piper and a carpenter.	FT
	2 Jul		Another fine day and a very busy one too. With 'C' Coy as duty coy still. 'A' Coy took on the demon "Battle Drill" and 'B' Coy went to the ranges as did personnel from Bn.H.Q. H.Q. Coy and Sp Coy. Trg Coy did pl battle drill. Major T. Hall from 2nd Echelon commenced a survey of unit personnel, with particular reference to tradesmen and specialists. This day he did Bn. H.Q., HQ and Sp Coys as well as 'A' Coy. Col. Macdonald and his adjt visited 3 C.I.R.U. and lunched with Col. MacIntosh. Purpose of visit to ascertain the number of rft oftrs who would be attending the reunion, these were Lts. Haggand, Hogan, E.W. Stewart, Bradley, Ritchie, Chauvan, Stevens and Diesbourg who proceeded in the afternoon. Lt Col. Hadley was dri en back by the C.O. A mess dinner was held and was attended by all the a/m who were welcomed by the C.O. A general outline of the forthcoming events was given by him (Copy of programme is incl as a Appendix) These commenced with a most successful regt'l dance at 2000 hrs, the chief purpose of which was to raise funds for the units PsW in Germany. Arranged chiefly by the Padre, H/Capt Cardy and the Pmr, Capt "JOE" Cottrell with the assistance of Sgts Biggs and Merry, etc. the dance raised approx £150-0-0 (\$700.00) for the cause. Also istigated by the a/m oftrs was a raffle of cigarettes which also aided considerably in raising funds if a little "shady". However, no one objected. The dance was held at the GOODW OD HOUSE the former home of the Duke and	FT

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alnacker	3 Jul		<p>Duchess of Richmond. A beer garden was set up in the spacious garden and refreshments w were served. Many girls from the local services attended, the RAP band from FORD AIRPORT played and the surrounding woods and the dance floor were crowded. Col. Macdonald drew the winning ticket but the owner (??) never turned up. Dance broke up at 1130 hrs with the "female" guests being returned to their quarters by tpt. No male stowaways reported. All concluded that it had been a very successful affair! A particularly successful aspect been the financial gain which was largely due to the well organized selling of tickets which were offered on a voluntary basis but everyone had to buy 'em!</p> <p>Holiday to make up for 1 Jul commenced with a later reveille. First event for the day, sprts, the results of which would more or less determine who were to represent the unit at the Bde Track Meet. These were quite successful in spite of the absence of a large number of tps on leave etc. 'A' Coy too, had to proceed to the ranges and 'C' Coy were "dutized". However, the Brig, who visited the events was a little happy and it is guessed that that's Sumpin! During the afternoon a game of softball was played between ALDERSHOT COMMANDOS (the visiting rfts) and the residents. The latter winning after a terrific 5 innings of torrid baseball, by a score of 10 to 9. The batteries: Capt. Lund and Lt. Cohen for the Residents and Lts. Williams and Hogan for the Commandos. In the mean time the ranks of rfts had been strengthened by Lt. 'Bud' Lynch. Capt. Joe Brown had arrived from HQ CRU and by Capt. W. Dalrymple from 2 Wing C.T.S. who served as spectators. Tea was served in the ofrs lines at HALNACKER and the list of guests increased by the arrival of Majors Lorne McDonald and Ralph Sheppard from CMHQ. Maj D. MacRae, MC from Army, Capt Doug MacFarlane P.R.O. from army who brought Mr Harold Morden, assoc Editor of the Windsor Star along to see what was going on. From Courses come Capt. P.A. Wansborough, Capt. D. Campbell, Lts. Phil Granjean, Ian Macdonald, but unfortunately Capt. 'Jake' Harris, Lt. Tom Martin couldn't get away. One or two ofrs from the R.U. couldn't make it either incl Lts. McGrimmon, Chandler, Milne, Hodges, and Pope. Col. Pearson, OBE, ED was unavoidably absent as was Col. Mothersill as well as all those grand ofrs in German Prison Camps. After tea came the business of taking a reg'l picture all arranged, who should come along but the G.O.C. Maj/Gen E.L.M. Burns, OBE, MC, Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div, Brig J.E. Sager, ED and their Staffs. Lt Col. Wilson, A&Q, Lt. Col. Rutherford, Q1 Mjr 'Tommy' Jones DAAG and oh yes the A.D.C. Brig Sger brought the B.N. Major Lillie and his S.O. George MacSquire.</p>	FD

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HALNACKER	4 Jul		<p>No unexpended portion of the days rations arrived, however! Of course, the a/m had to be incl in the picture - such colour! After the ordeal was over cocktails were served as a "revitalizer" and the movement for CHICHESTER and ye local UNICORN commenced. Here a regt'l dinner was served to all the people already written about. This was done in the luncheon room of the hotel and it was served in the pleasant room very efficiently and, said the committee, quite reasonably. Pipe Major Stoker had the piping task for the evening. Speeches were given by Col. Macdonald who after the King introduced the speakers, Maj-Gen Burns, Brig Sager, Maj McGrae and Harold Morden. All spoke well and most sincerely. The C.O. confined his remarks chiefly to the effs offr, the G.O.C. spoke briefly but with portent. Brig Sager spoke rather "vividly" about the R.S.M. and other things. Mjr McGrae very respectfully of those, our offr at DIEPPE and the braveness of both offr and men there (He knows as he was there and has lived to tell the tale) Mr. Morden spoke of how the people of WINDSOR felt. Next each offr was introduced or introduced himself. The most outstanding of which was the introduction of R.S.M. (WOL) William Potts, this well liked and much respected soldier was handsomely applauded for minutes when he rose to introduce himself. Well, he might have been as he has served faithfully and efficiently as R.S.M. for ten years. Always a gentleman and most willing and obliging to do something for all ranks. R.S.M. Potts will be missed and another link with the 'old' regiment gone. The R.S.M. is to go to ALDERSHOT where he will be employed as R.S.M. on the 5 Jul. After a very pleasant dinner all ranks were dismissed to their 'private' parades by the Commanding Offr. Most moved back to the mess and continued to make merry. The committee, Capt Laird, Capt Cottrell, Lieut Wilson did an efficient job of organizing the dinner and everything was well taped. Capt. Wansborough acted in the capacity of P.M.C.</p> <p>Upon arrival "red rimmed" eyes gazed in amazement at the change that had occurred to the camp site during the night; fun makers(?) had accomplished by loosening of tent ropes, the same results as a well placed bomb and several tents were down with the occupants sleeping peacefully in the mess. One O.R. remarked when he saw it, 'If I'd have done that I'd have been doing already my second day of detn right now!' A church parade of approx 300 all ranks was the next thing on the schedule. This parade was attended by the rft offr but several of the other offr (guests) were noticeable by their absence, funny they couldn't make it .! It turned out to be a most successful parade however.</p>	

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HALNACKER	5 Jul		<p>The church, the BOXGRAVE English Church, is a most appropriate 'kirk' for a reg'tl church parade as it's atmosphere effects even the most reluctant soldier. A march past was held for RSM Potts on the way back to camp and he took the salute in an unprecedented but deserving breach of tradition. After the three cheers Mr. Potts walked off the parade as he has seen so many C.Os. do before him. After dinner, a meeting was held to discuss the dress regs with the intention to try and standardize them and any questions that might arise. Chief topic dress regs, changes: balmoral to be worn with Kilt at all times, Sam browne with slacks optional but glengarry to be worn; carrying of sticks when walking out and on long route marches optional. With this accomplished the gathering broke up and the rft offrs returned by tpt to 3 C.I.R.U. The general consensus of opinion being that the re-union had been most successfull and really worth while and will do a great deal to improving reg'tl spirit and relations of the rft offrs in the R.U. and the 'Field Unit' other events of the day: Lt. J.A. McCormick proceeded to hospital with chronic appendix. The C.O. accompanied by his adgt and his guest Mr. Harold Morden proceeded to MIDHURST to dine out. 'A' Coy, the only people that worked moved out to POLECAT to do minelaying for two days on their own strengthened by attachments from other coys, and bde tps.</p> <p>Back to work but not without interference. Ten offrs attended a lecture in HORSHAM given by Gen McCreery S.O. to General Alexander in North Africa and his subject of course was the campaign there and it was considered well worth while. Mj.J.D.Mingay was in charge. Capt Mackenzie attended a large scale 'Smoke' demonstration. Mjr. A.L. Saunders proceeded on course to WINTERBOURNE to attend the Sr. Offrs gas course. Lt. S.B. MacDonald went to ALDERSHOT on a Sanitary Course for offrs and the I.O. attended a demonstration of Enemy A.F.V.s at the School of Technology at Chertsey, Sy. The Unit was visited by Lieut. Hye of the P.R.D., C.M.H.Q. and Lt. Grant a L.S. War Correspondent who was chiefly interested in the Americans with unit and the work they were doing. They proceeded to the scene of the mine laying being down by 'A' Coy accompanied by Mr. Morden who is a Canadian W.C. The Unit suffered a set back when the M.D. shot the C.O. off to hospital. The colonel has been suffering from an injury caused by the accidental release of a very pistol by one of the officers on an exercise the contents of which struck him on the leg. Lack of rest has caused useiration. Mjr. J.D. Mingay will act as C.O. With OUTBURST approaching the unit lacks the services of its C.O. OC 'HQ' Coy (on course) Messing offr (on course) Cr Pl Comd (on course) A/Tk Pl Comd (on course) 2 i/c A/Tk Pl (on course) Pnr Pl Comd (S.O.S.) to hospital) O.C. 'A' Coy (on</p>	

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HALNACKER	6 Jul		course), Lt. Rands (on leave) Capt Harris (on course) So trg goes on 'A' Coy minelaying, 'B' Coy on the ranges, 'C' Coy on regt'l duties, 'Sp' Coy some on ranges, 6 Pl minelaying Oh yes, the mortar pl comd Lt. Baxter proceeds on a Rangefinding Corse tomorrow. During the evening Mickey Rooney was featured in 'Andy Hardy's Double Life' At Brig Hq Brig Sager featured in an exercise called OUTRAGE and Major Mingay Coy Comds, those available, the T.O. and I.O. had to attend - it was an outrage. More important ops- Regt'l Ball Team stand off the challenge of the Rest 15 to 3. Identification section reported (one sgt nine O.Rs.) to do the finger printing and photographing of the unit. 'B' Coy was done at 1900 hrs.	
	7 Jul		'A' Coy back to take over as duty from 'C' Coy tomorrow. Reported that the men enjoyed the trg(minelaying) and Lifting) very much. Was under R.C.E. supervision assisted by Pnr Pl. Coy stood march well. Capt Thomson took over the coy in the absence of Mjr Saunders 'B' Coy moved out to the Bde ranges and on to POLECAT to do the minelaying. 'C' Coy did its last day of fatigues 'C' Coy and all available personnel of BHQ and HQ and Sp were fingerprinted. Major Mingay and Capt Lund proceeded to No 1 Cdn Gen Hospital to see Lt.Col. Macdonald who has unfortunately been confined there. After the bandage was on his leg he was given 10 days C.B. with the likelihood of further punishment. Discussed promotion of Lieuts M.J. Hefferman and P.A. Tilston to A/Capts and the C.O. instructed the Adj to make recommendations. A21881 C.S.M. Campbell, J.B. to be recommended as R.S.M. A21972 Sgt Affleck, L.O. to be C.Q.M.S. of 'A' Coy and L/Sgt Wilton to be Tech Sgt. The officers had a visit from Capt. 'Mac' Show, A.D.J.A. who lectured on Courts of Inquiry and Courts Martial. M.T. class for officers - drg 30-cwts. No accidents reported.	FJ
			Recommendations submitted for promotion for Lieuts. Tilston and Hefferman as well as GSM Campbell. Trg for day: Trg films shown in the morning followed by padre's hour; 'A' Coy took over regt'l duties and 'C' Coy carried on with battle drill 'B' Coy AMBERSHAM COMMON, POLECAT on mine lifting trg. 'SP' Coy took balance personnel to 25 yd range. Weather fine after showers. Fingerprinting det completing work on odds and ends. Three N.C.Os. reported on 'ROTATION' from 3 C.I.R.U. Mjr Mingay accompanied by Capt D. Mackenzie visited 'B' Coy at AMBERSHAM COMMON after supper and reported that all was well. No night work at all.	FJ

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HALNACKER	8 Jul		Rained during night but opened a clear day. 'G' Coy continued with Battle Drill except for a lecture on Battle Drill Procedure given by Mjr Mingay after lunch. In the evening they proceeded to AMBERSHAM COMMON to do their turn at minelaying with the attached personnel from 'Sp' and HQ Coys 'B' Coy returned at 2030 hrs. This trg consists of a route march of 10 miles there and back. Whilst at the trg area the tps kept busy for almost two days handling mines. 'A' Coy duty coy, 'Sp' Coy no 4 pl under Lieuts MacLellan and Havill returned from their 6 pr A/Tk school with the 2 Cdn Div A/Tk at GOOMEWOOD where they had undergone rigorous and thorough trg in all phases of 6 pr work. Reports are they performed very satisfactorily particularly in view of the fact that the A/Tk had a considerable number of new additions just before they went to the school. Lieut. A. McCrimmon and 19 O.Rs. rfts arrived from 3 C.I.R.U. (4 Cpls were incl in the draft) Lieut A. McCrimmon will return to the Pnr Pl which he commands. All today's rfts have according to their I.T.Rs completed their trg at 3 C.I.R.U. and should be in fairly good shape. Mjr Mingay proceeded to No 1 Gen to see the C.O. Capt A.R. Johnston proceeded on course to KISWICK to take the carrier wing rtg for four weeks. Revealed today that the unit had it's first traffic accident in over two months when Pte Sargent of 'A' Coy tangled with a civilian near MIDHURST. Not a serious accident.	FJ
	9 Jul		Capt Roy Lund who has been Adjut for the past ten months is not well. He has an infection that has settled in his face, particularly in the eye and ear area. He remained in bed throughout the day and it looks as though he would go to the hospital. Lt. P.A. Tilston took over the duties of adjutant and the war diary will record with what success. 'A' Coy spent morning doing squad and arms drill with 1½ hrs of map reading. In the P.M. they went to the 2" mortar ranges and Lt. Courtin A/O.C. during Major Saunders' absence reported "firing above average" and was personally pleased with the results. For 'B' Coy the day was one of administration and interior economy. 'C' Coy had their first day at Ambersham Common for mine laying and lifting. During the day it rained so we shall hear upper Mjr Mingay delivered a lecture to all ofrs and procedure.	FJ

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HALNACKER	10 Jul		Capt Roy Lund was admitted to Casualty Clearing Stn. He needs medical treatment and then a good rest. Ten months is too long a tour of duty for anyone as adjutant- especially if the person doesn't drink, smoke, and takes only one 7 day leave during that time. The carrier pl went out for a road run of approx 30 miles. They were checked by the provost for speeding! We'll learn the sequel some time next week. 'A' Coy were given the day off, as they missed Dominion Day last week by going to the ranges instead of observing it as a Sunday. 'B' Coy sent 18 men to the 2" mortar range. These are the better shots, the object of Capt Laird being to use his trg arm for trg his best man rather than let the poor and ininterested shots wasted it. The remainder of the coy practised river crossing and tpt of wounded across water obstacles, without a river. 'C' Coy must be having a miserable time at Ambersham Common. The morning was fine but since noon it has rained hard. The 2 i/c and all coy comds went this P.M. to No 1 Cdn Gen Hosp. for a meeting with the C.O. Object of meeting to discuss re-organization of bn on new W.E.	JJ
	11 Jul		Both R.C. and Prot church parades were voluntary today. Attendance at the protestant service was on the ^{light} side. None too many catholics out either. Mjr Mingay A/O.C. had a meeting of all drivers at 0900 hrs re Exercise OUTBURST. At 1115 hrs another meeting was held for all oftrs, W.Os and NCOs down to and incl Sgts. The A/OC brought out many details, collected during the week, that are to be observed during the exercise. The Brigadier's order that the PIAT mortar and 3 or 4 bombs was to be carried on a bicycle created quite a stir. This afternoon worried coy comds were experimenting with methods of fastening this weapon to its means of tpt. One coy finally decided to ride the PIAT and carry the bike. This afternoon four of the jr oftrs plus the adjt went to No 1 Cdn Gen Hosp. to see Col. Macdonald. It was only a social call, The O.Cs leg is progressing favourably and he was in good spirits.	JJ
	12 Jul		In preparation for Exercise OUTBURST, and because of an anticipated river crossing all companies spent the morning reveiwing and practising the drill for the use of assault boats to cross rivers. In mid afternoon the bn(less the track team and rear party) moved to the concentration area. It was not much of a move, only about a mile up the main road thru our camp, in the woods. The move was completed in good order and as the weather was dry it was a good bivouac area. A supper of poorly cooked watery macaroni(unsalted) and	JJ

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HALNACKER			soggy mashed potatoes was served with cheese and tea. If a cook in civilian life prepared such a meal he would be fired. Major Mingay went to bde at approx 2000 hrs for orders and held his own 'O' gp at 2145 hrs. Most of the bn(except those on duty) were asleep shortly after 2300 hrs. Capt J. Harris returned from the School of Inf Having completed a four weeks course.	
	13 Jul		Everyone up at 0300 hrs. Breakfast in the dark and the marching tps moved off at 0400 hrs. We were second bn in the order of march and therefore 'P' Echelon wasn't due to move until 0700 hrs. At that time the fighting vehicles moved to area Slindon Common and sat there until after 2200 hrs that night. Although 'P' Ech was only 20 minutes behind the tps it was dull and monotonous back there. A reasonable amount of information came back, and it was realized that the river Aron proved a difficult obstacle to cross. Orders for P Ech to move finally came through, and it moved forward to join the inf coys, accompanied by the cookers, which 'A' Ech had been prevailed upon to release.	FT
	14 Jul		It was a good thing that the cookers came up with the P Ech as it was the men were not fed till after midnight. Then the question "Where are the blankets?" They were still in 'A' Ech. Bde advised that blankets would be up at 0300 hrs, but they finally arrived after 0700 hrs. Incidentally last night supper was a good one when finally served. It came out of tin cans. At daybreak everyone was up, drivers busy camouflaging vehs and everyone digging slit trenches. At 0900 hrs everyone got into their trench and remained there while the G.O.C. and Brig made their inspection. Their criticism was not too severe of the siting of trenches or of fire plans, and cease fire came at approx 1130 hrs. Dinner was served, the marching tps crossed the start line at 1330 hrs to go back to camp arriving at 1800 hrs. It was about a 16 mile march, covered in four and a half hours. There were very very few casualties on the march back, which is not a bad record when it is remembered that most of the men had less than 3 hrs sleep the night previous and the day before they had marched and fought the same 16 Miles into posn.	FT
	15 Jul		Today was one devoted to cleaning up and general administration. All coys were busy throughout the morning checking maintenance on vehs and weapons and in the afternoon a sports parade was held on the local bn sports fd. It was just the sort of day you require after exercise, time to clean up and then a little recreation. Lt. J.B. Baxter	FT

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HALNACKER	16 Jul 43		<p>returned from the small arms school, Netherhaven Wing, where he had just completed a ten day range taking course.</p> <p>The P.G.C.M. of A21319 L/Sgt Wilton, E.H. was held this morning. Lt. Ian Macdonald was brought in from a course as witness as was A21162 Sgt Atkins, T.E. brought in from 3 CIRU. The case was adjourned shortly after lunch, until Monday the 18th, to await the return of A22202 L/Cpl Salesman E.J. the 'A' Coy storeman who is in the opinion of Lt. Ponsford, the legal light for the defence was an important and necessary witness. Extra Duties developed in a hurry today. A work party of 1 NCO and 24 Men; a guard for the R.R.C. of 18 men and 3 NCOs and 1 offr; plus enemy for the RHLI of 20 men. 'B' Coy are duty coy and they are more than stripped of personnel. Trg of all coys was of a general nature a period of arms drill, ABCA lecture, padres hour and battle drill featuring frontal attack pepper pot method filled the day.</p>	FT
	17 Jul		<p>Saturday once again. No Bn parade or inspection this week, in lieu coys held their own individual parades and spent the morning making their own individual inspections. When these were completed they set themselves to work to make preparations for the tank-ing trg that takes place next week and for which we move out tomorrow. During the day Capt Laird raised a question that has been brought up before but now appears as though it must be faced before it gets out of control, namely it is, the behaviour of the men, in Chichester, on pay nights and immediately afterwards is not good and we must check it before some unfortunate incident happens. During the day Capt Wansbrough returned from the coy comds course having obtained the grading Q.1 Lt. Ian Macdonald also returned from Pl Comd (tactical) course and Lt. Grandjean came back from C.T.S. having attended the carrier wing. Lt. Martin also came back from C.T.S. having just finished the course of a thousand deaths i.e. Battle Drill for infantry.</p>	FT
	18 Jul		<p>Voluntary Church parades in the morning were not very well attended. Capt Cardy, protestant padre was worried about it but the success of voluntary church parades will always depend upon the training of individuals in their early life. We'll never get them on church parade voluntarily if their parents haven't brought them up to go to church on Sunday. An early dinner and at 1300 hrs the rifle coys started out for the tk-inf trg area</p>	FT

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HALNACKER			vicinity Kithurst Hill. Transport group (P & A Ech) left at 1600 hrs. the bivouac area for the night was Parkam House and the men were comfortable settled for the night when visited by Lt.Col. B.J.S. Macdonald. Recces of the area for tomorrow's training was laid down to Pl Comds and the "I" Sec were busy putting out their tapes from the assembly area to the F.U.B. Major Saunders O.C. 'A' Coy is O.I. Bn. for this exercise. Lt.-Col. Macdonald having only just ret'd from hospital is only a spectator. Major Saunders held an "O" gp at approx 1900 hrs and by the manner in which he gave his orders it looks as though he means business.	
	19 Jul		1000 hrs was Z for todays operations. At that time the engineers began their breaching of the mine field (theoretical) under covering fire. Then the assault and Sp Echelons of infantry took over and put in their attack. For the first rehearsal of such a large and rather complex operation it looked O.K. Not 100 % perfect by any means but more than passible. However the Brigadier was NOT pleased and said so in no uncertain terms. In conclusion he advised all men to get a good nights sleep, in order to do better in the morning. Lieut. J.A. Baxter who has been nominated for appointment of A.D.C. to the Corps Comd went to 2 Cdn Div and Hq 1 Cdn Corps for an interview. He returned to tell us that to date he had passed his T.O.E.Ts and was still in the running.	F.T.
	20 Jul		The Bn. was up before 0300 hrs to put in their first attack of the day at 0615 hrs. In spite of the early and most unholy hour all went well and the Brig was quite pleased with the improvement on yesterdays work. Major General Burns was out as an interested spectator. Its not often the G.O.C. gets out at that time of day to watch bn training. By 0730 hrs the first attack was completed and the men back to their bivouac area for a rest of some hours before the repeat effort at 1300 hrs. The afternoon show was even better than the morning, so much so that the Brig said "Thank you" to the men with a smile. With that all were happy, and early supper was served and the men marched a few miles of the Whiteways Cross Roads to bivouac for the night, in anticipation of practicing river crossings with assault boats in the morning. By the time our fine weather had left us, it was raining quite hard and the marching troops were well soaked when they got to their bivouac areas.	F.T.
	21 Jul		The rain lasted all the night and as the assault boats had not come up by 0800 hrs it looked as though that trg would be called off. However, just before moving off, they did arrive so back to the river Areen where the assault boat drill was practiced for several hours.	F.T.

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HALNACKER			Then the bn marched back to camp arriving there just before 1400 hrs, slightly damp but otherwise cheerful. The Q.M. had drawn extra blankets so clean and dry blankets were issued to the men and a hot dinner served. Then they went to work to rehabilitate themselves while the officers attended a meeting called by the O.C. for the purpose of discussing the recently completed trg and for the introduction of new matters of policy, the two outstanding of which were P.T. for all ranks at 0615 hrs and short regimental hair cuts for everyone, both effective 26 Aug 43. During the bn absence two prisoners escaped from the guard room, K73851 Pte. Olds, P.W. and A22307 Pte. Strudwick, H. Both had already been picked up after an interesting and rather exciting chase by the R.P. but then Pte. Olds escaped again. Pte. Strudwick is still in our possession.	
	22 Jul		There is to be an ordnance inspection of vehicles and weapons Friday, followed by the Colonel's inspection on Sat. Coys are busy getting their records into shape and all drives are hard at work getting their vehicles cleaned up for tomorrow. Today is also the meeting of 4 CIB track and field team. The team did itself proud in the eliminations during the morning so at noon enthusiasm was running high. The track contestants did well in the afternoon, but the field end of the team was weak and the bn ended up in third place. However the bn did provide all the thrills of the meet, for it was in the running events that we stood out and they were closely contested. The hair cutting according to regt standards is in progress. All coys are clamouring for barbers and it is surprising how much talent is being unearthed particularly inexperienced talent.	FF
	23 Jul		The ordnance inspection started in the early morning and all concerned were wondering what standard would be demanded. Although much work had been put on both vehicles and weapons, it is difficult to have trucks and carriers looking really clean when they are kept in the open all the time and at present vehicle park is very muddy because of the rain of the first part of the week. At noon we learned ordnance was not displeased and the inspection was completed around 1500 hrs. We understand the final verdict is well above average—really good. During the afternoon the O.C. had a pleasant surprise. "A" Coy took time off from interior economy to do a little bayonet work stripped to the waist. Lts. Chandler, Martin, and J.D. Patterson were with their pls. All are well built huskies and the Colonel said for once his officers were far superior to the men, both in physical appearance and skill. The clip of shears still sounds throughout the camp. Queues are long at each point where alleged barbers have set up their stands for business.	FF

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	HALNACKER			<p>the sentence confirmed returning for the promulgation an hour afterwards. This was done so that Pte. Black would be returned to No.14 Cdn. Gen. Hosp. rather than send him to No.15 Cdn. Gen Hosp in close arrest. His sentence was forfeiture of sixty days pay. He had been found not guilty of wilful intent to inflict a wound upon himself but was found guilty of negligence in the handling of his rifle.</p>	
		27 Jul		<p>During the day all those at Kingley Vale made use of the short range and practiced hip firing (rifle and bren) as well as firing the sten. Then there were two legs of "HUNT THE HUN" done well. It was a good show and a satisfying conclusion to two days of first class training by approx 75 % of the Bn. 'A' Coy finally arrived back at camp at 2200 hrs tired but happy.</p>	FT
		28 Jul		<p>The day was one of administration and occasional parades. All coys attended muster and pay parades. The M.O. vaccinated or inoculated approx 120 men. The dental offr. checked all of 'B' Coy after which 'B' Coy drew new type respirators had them tested and disinfected and returned them to stores. The Colonel and Adjut left at noon for a trip to 2 Ech and 3 C.I.R.U. the object for the visit being to get the officers we wanted when the new W.E. becomes effective, not the one they might send us. The days work for the Colonel was satisfactory for both Ech and 3 C.I.R.U. are willing to co-operate. On the return trip Lt.-Col. Macdonald stopped at No.1 Cdn.Gen.Hosp to have his leg dressed and the bandage changed. On return to camp he was advised that A22224 Pte. Shaw our recently returned deserter had escaped from custody.</p>	FT
		29 Jul		<p>Ordnance called for a small arms inspection today. It cut short the training for the morning. In the afternoon the Bn. went down to the sprots field and played. Even the orderly room clerks took time off to get into the B.H.Q. vs 'B' Coy ball game. B.H.Q. lost, but then 'B' Coy team is a good one so they were not disgraced. 'A' and 'C' Coy had their dental inspection and drew new respirators. Pte. Turner objections to the Colonel's hair cut order resulted in his electing trial by court martial. His case comes up tomorrow and preparations are being made for it.</p>	FT
		30 Jul		<p>The F.G.C.M. of Pte. Turner started off by his objection to Capt Thomson as a member of the court. Capt Thomson knows Turner of old so perhaps Turner was right. Major</p>	

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HALNACKER	31 Jul		<p>Mingay took Capt Thomson's place on the court. Turner conducted his own defence and the case did not end until early afternoon. Lt. S.H. Bull our leading non-professional legal light prosecuted. 'Sp' Coy had their dental inspection and drew new type respirators. 'A' Coy spent the day at the 25 yd ranges. 'B' Coy and 'C' Coy trg consisted of Padres' hour, ABGA lectures and camouflaging of weapon slits. In the P.M. three hours gas trg including a lecture on the new respirator completed the days work.</p> <p>The 2 i/c made his weekly inspection of the lines. They were not satisfactory so a minor blitz resulted. The carrier pl were obliged to stand by for a second inspection at 1500 hrs. 'A' Coy took off for the classification ranges not returning until after 1600 hrs. 'B' and 'C' Coys spent the morning with administrative matters. At 1330 hrs the O.C. held a meeting of Coy Comd and announced the slate of offr for the new W.E. Coy Comds were advised of the turning over of their men to 'D' Coy and all other coys. 'D' Coy doesn't want the refuse of the Bn. and this view is supported by the O.C. who had laid down that if the new Coy gets too many duds back they go to their original coys. At night almost all the offr proceeded to the Middleton Sports Club at Middleton-on-Sea where a plaque in appreciation of the kindness of the people of Middleton was presented to the Club by the O.C. on behalf of the Regt. The Bn can truly say that the billets there were the most comfortable ever, and the people most hospitable.</p> <p><i>B.J.S. Macdonald</i></p> <p>(B.J.S. MACDONALD ED) Lt.Col., Officer Commanding, Essex Scottish Regiment.</p>	JS

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