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	4 JUN 44		Early reveille for A, B and D coys and after breakfast they moved off to LYDDEN SPOUT Ranges. At 0900 hrs an RC parade was held for Bn at RHILL lines. Sp coy made use of bn ranges during the day. Interior economy was carried out by C coy. HQ and BnHQ used the bn range for zeroing rifles in the afternoon. In the morning members of the unit of Jewish faith were taken to 2 Corps HQ under Lt Zaldin where a service was held. In the evening a showing of "Reveille With Beverly" was shown by YMCA in the NAAFI tent.	f6
	5 JUN 44		Following breakfast those of HQ coy who had not been inoculated paraded to the MO for T&BT and typhus booster. D coy heard a security lecture in the morning, completing their day with a mine laying and wiring drill in the afternoon. C coy carried on with routine pl trg followed in the afternoon by mine laying drill. Comic relief was added with a "piggy back battle" the elimination of which was won by 15 pl. B coy held tabloid sports which unfortunately were marred by an accident when A 22403 Pte D.H. McPhee in the running broad jump fractured his ankle. This was a busy day for the medical sec. MOs from 21st FDS and 11 Fd Amb took blood tests of 300 members of Bn. In the evening Lt Wilson gave a lecture for offrs and Sgts of C coy on Air Photography. Work was completed on the unit newspaper "The Piper", and the first edition was run off. An interesting pool is being conducted in the offrs mess with tickets numbered 1 to 31 and going quickly at £1 per draw. To the lucky man who has the 'D' Day number will get £30. Suggestions are put forward that the winner stage a party for the mess. In the afternoon, Lt W.L. Hogan arrived at the unit from #2 CERG replacing Lt C.J. Havill who returned to #2 CERG to take up other duties.	f6
	6 JUN 44		At 0930 hrs, HQ coy paraded to showers which Mobile Bath Unit had set up in B, C & D coy areas. 'A' coy carried on interior economy which incl painting of bn numerals on kit bags. 'B' coy commenced their 24 hr leaves and the balance of coy were inspected to check on individual gas protection. Guards from B coy will be taking over C coy's lines to enable C coy to get in on what will be the last 24 hr pass for some time. C coy made use of prepared position set up in area of BnHQ to hold exercises in pl attacks and crossing of mine fd and wire obstacles. In the morning D coy engaged in the wiring of prepared posn and did some small arms firing on ranges. Around 1030 hrs an inquiry was made at BnHQ from C coy concerning a radio broadcast which had been heard at 1000 hrs. Gen Eisenhower had announced that the Allied Forces had invaded France early in the morning. On calling 4 Cdn Inf Bde HQ no official word concerning D Day could be obtained. Excitement ran high and at noon several Offrs & ORs gathered in the NAAFI	f6

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	6 JUN 44	cont'd	tent to hear the BBC. At last it is really 'D' Day. The reports are most encouraging and our tps seem to have encountered less difficulty with the coastal defences than had been expected. In Tabloid sports held in 'D' coy in the afternoon, # 3 sec, 16 pl, won by a comfortable margin. All ranks being aware of the part to be played in future operations by B, a gala atmosphere prevailed throughout the day. At 1830 hrs members of HQ coy incl BnHQ clerks who had never fired a PIAT, were instructed in use of the weapon and had a chance to use it on range.	
	7 JUN 44		Bn took part in Bde inspection by Maj Gen C. Foulkes, GOC, 2 Can Div. Reveille at 0645. No PT. At 0830 hrs the coys of bn fell in and moved off as coys to the field adjacent to Sp coy. The dress consisted of balmoral, gaiters, and web belt. The Bn was formed up, sized, divided into 5 coys. The parade was then taken over by Col Macdonald and moved to area where the inspection was to be held. Here the Bde consisting of Bde HQ, Essex Scottish Regt, RHLI, R Regt C were handed over to Brig Sherwood Lett. The G.O.C. arrived accompanied by LtCol C.R. Archibald, GSO I, and LtCol L.A. Deziel, AA & QMG. The General Salute was played by Pipe Band of Essex Scottish Regt. Gen Foulkes then inspected units of Bde. During the inspection the 2 Corps Inf Band played. The first selection was a medley of syncopated swing numbers. A Bde L.O. soon stopped this and music of a military nature took its place. Following his inspection Gen Foulkes spoke to the tps expressing satisfaction with assembled personnel. He stressed the importance of security and instilled a note of optimism with the statement that all going well, the European War might end this year. Brig Lett led the Bde in three rousing cheers and an unprecedented tiger, which were enthusiastically given and the bn then moved off to coy areas. In afternoon, muster parades were held in all coys. The checking of personal gas eqpt is almost completed. Personnel of Bn who so desired were taken by MT to 2 Div HQ in evening where an RCAF Concert Party was given. Col Macdonald accompanied by Major Jones and numerous other oftrs and ORs attended the show. The RCAF Dance Band was all that could be desired. The Revue, which proved there are Canadian women left in the world, had a very professional flavor. All declared that it was the best show seen in a long time.	J.F. x
	8 JUN 44		Interest at present in Bn centres on the allied offensive in Europe. The news bulletins given by BBC are regularly listened to either at YMCA truck or NAAFI. The 'I' sec is completing war maps of battle areas which will inform the coys of up to the minute moves. The issue of AV battle dress is continuing with B coy and HQ coy receiving their	J.F. x /4



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	8 JUN 44	cont'd	supply of the uniforms which resemble in smell the sanitary odour emitted by the Mens Room of a high class hotel. A coy continued the grim grind of preparation by putting in a morning on the 30 yd ranges and following the shooting with a program of tabloid sports in afternoon. Lt Wilson attended an Intelligence conference at Bde in morning. In the evening a Concert Party was given by members of Can Army Show. The show was held in the open air and threatening skies almost put an end to it. However, the players lived up to the finest "show must go on" tradition, and after the more fragile instruments had been put away, vocalists entertained the tps with great success. The impromptu nature of the show heightened rather than lessened its enjoyment.	
	9 JUN 44		In the morning trg tempo increased with a speed march by A coy of 10 miles. The coy covered the distance in the time of 1 hr, 46 min, and ofrs of coy expressed satisfaction with the performance of their men. B coy carried out a short route march in morning, followed by general routine in afternoon. C coy held tabloid sports in afternoon. Sp coy embussed for HYTHE Ranges in morning complete with haversack lunches and a full days shooting was carried out. C coy made use of bn ranges in the morning. In the evening lectures were given by the IO to B and D coys on the use of aerial photos. At 2300 hrs, NCOs of Bn, C and D coys went on a night compass march. The route was not of a great distance and those who got away early were able to use the semi darkness to advantage.	of
	10 JUN 44		Definite evidence that big things are imminent are increasingly apparent. All ranks of bn are engaged in turning in excess kit and stowing gear for a move that appears to be in the not too distant future. In morning, QM parades were held for the purpose of checking off excess kit. At 1330 hrs coys paraded in their own areas. The dress was battle order with AV battle dress and all Anti Gas Eqpt. Muster parades were held, after which notice was read to the men to the effect that the bn had been warned for special service overseas and any AWIs would be dealt with severely. The coys then moved off to area of BnHQ and were drawn up for regt'l inspection. LtCol EJS Macdonald addressed the men touching on the latest developments of the Normandy Front and reminding the men of the consequences of any AWIs. He concluded with the warning that gas might be used by the enemy, and in the battle areas it would be the individuals own responsibility to look after himself. Following the COs address ofrs of Bn held an inspection of all personal anti-gas eqpt. All personnel who had not signed the overseas posting notice did so at this time. The coys of bn then marched back to respective areas. The CO has granted men privilege of after duty visits to Folkestone, Dover and	appx 2, 4 of

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	10 JUN 44		and Canterbury until 2300 hrs, and many took advantage of privilege to get in last minute trips to town. In the evening, the offrs held a mess dinner at the Connaught Hotel in Herne Bay. Some of the mess surplus was used up and liquid refreshment was 'on the house'. The party warmed up in the mess at Denton Camp and then proceeded by MT to Herne Bay. The party arrived at the hotel around 1900 hrs. Sgt Hosie, mess steward, had set up a small bar and everyone was soon in an excellent party mood. Capt 'Jock' MacLellan presided at the piano and a lusty sing song was soon under way. At 1945 dinner was served. Guests incl Brig Sherwood Lett, DSO, MC, ED; LtCol L.A. Deziel, AA & QMG, 2 Cdn Inf Div; LtCol A.M. Young, ED, Comd R Regt C; and Major Knox, BM, 4 Cdn Inf Bde. Capt S.H. Bull, L.O., 4 Bde and Capt Wright, Camp Comd, 4 Bde were also present. The meal was excellent and voted as one of the best the mess has had for some time. Maj Donald Mackenzie, F.M.C., handled the adm side of the banquet in a very fine style. The Vice-Pres of the Mess, Capt Burgess proposed the toast to the king. The 2 i/c, Major Jones, proposed the toast to 2 Cdn Inf Div and this was replied by the AA & QMG, LtCol Deziel. Major Wansbrough then proposed the toast to 4 Cdn Inf Bde. Brig Lett, Comd 4 Bde, replied to this toast and expressed the honour that was his in again being able to comd this bde in action. He fittingly concluded his remarks with the statement "The Essex Scottish Regt is a very fine Regt". LtCol A.M. Young, Comd R Regt C then spoke briefly on behalf of the R Regt C and R.H.L.I. and expressed the confidence of these regts in being able to fight beside a regt like the Essex Scottish. The toast to the regt was proposed by Major H.C. Laird and the C.O., Col Macdonald replied in his very best manner. He expressed his confidence not only in the bde and in the other bns of the bde, but also in every offr, NCO and man in the regt. The newest Capt of the Essex Scottish Regt, Capt Ron Wright, who is now camp comd of 4 Bde, then spoke briefly. The speeches concluded with a few words from Major Knox, BM of 4 Bde. The dinner concluded with the singing of the Maple Leaf, God Save the King and O Canada, by special arrangement of Jock MacLellan and the rafters really rung. The party then returned to the mess tent at Denton Camp where the remainder of the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.	J.S.
	11 JUN 44		Today being SUN, all ranks attended church parades. The RCs moved off at 0930 hrs to the RHLI lines where Mass was held. At 1045 hrs, the Protestant parade formed up in the area of Bn HQ where a rostrum had been erected. The band of 2 CIC was in attendance. Capt Cardy was in charge of the service and stressed the importance of the task of each individual in the coming action. He likened each man to a 1944 Crusader, doing his part to free a land in which Christianity was being abused. In the afternoon, the GO /6	J.S.



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	11 JUN 44		held an 'O' Cp. In the evening the IO went to Bde to attend a short 'I' meeting.	
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	12 JUN 44		<p>Today initiated a phase of trg that will prove of great value to tps under battle conditions, a familiarity with high calibre weapons. 'A' coy began the series of lectures and demonstrations in the 6 pr A tk guns and 3" mortars, with Sp coy personnel acting as instructors. D coy was duty coy for day, furnishing guards and fatigues. At 1400 hrs members of 'I' sec gave lectures on German Army. This was followed by a period of battle drill. In the evening, NCOs of D coy engaged in a short night compass march. B coy held a briefing of coy personnel in morning the subject being "What to do Under Fire". The briefing was given by CSM Donaldson and was made quite impressive by accounts of his personal experience. Major Laird, O.C., followed with a talk on German Army as we will meet it. In the afternoon the coy made use of bn ranges for firing of rifle, PIAT and 2" mortar. The plans for the coy party are proceeding and a carnival time is anticipated. C coy's routine was small arms firing in morning on bn ranges and in the afternoon personnel donned full marching order and completed a route march of approx 6 mi. In the evening, ofrs of bn attended a meeting at BnHQ. D coy ofrs were i/c of discussions which was on defence, siting of weapon pits and tank hunting. Lt Chandler represented Pte Pearl at Littlehampton in civil court.</p>	<p>Appy 1</p> <p>F.S.</p>
	13 JUN 44		<p>The liaising of rifle coys with Sp continues with C coy receiving instruction. Bath parades were held, use being made of the mobile baths set up in B, C and D coy areas. A &amp; B coys held their route marches in full marching order, in morning, followed in the afternoon by lectures by the 'I' sec. In afternoon Major Jones and Capt Tilston made an unsuccessful trip to Folkestone to find facilities for baths. Booklets on France have been distributed throughout the bn. These books issued by Army contain valuable infm regarding the country, it's people, Do's and don'ts in behaviour to inhabitants, a vocabulary of English-French words, and is, on the whole, a useful pamphlet. In evening, B coy held a coy party at the village hall in Swingfield. Col Macdonald and Capt Tilston dropped in around 0900 hrs just in time to get the last glasses of beer from the original 90 gal. Feeling the need of feminine companionship as the evening progressed, Capt McIntyre carried out an intensive patrol through the main street of Hawkinge luring approx 25 WAAF's into the revelry. Needless to say, a good time was had by all. At 1800 hrs, members of BnHQ and HQ coy paraded to be informed of their respective situations in the battle areas. Major Jones, Capt Tilston and Capt Johnston spoke to personnel regarding conditions whilst in action.</p>	<p>F.S.</p>

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	14 JUN 44		Today began the new daily schedule with reveille at 0615 hrs followed immediately by PT and breakfast. The coys continued their intensified trg with A coy putting in a full day on the bn ranges. B coy with haversack lunches marched to area of Shepherds Well where exercises in pl attack and wood clearing took place. C coys syllabus incl grenade drill and ranging. In the afternoon, there was tabloid sports and softball competition. D coy held their 6 mile route march with full pack in morning followed by gen routine in afternoon. Embarkation tags were received by BnHQ in morning and were immediately distributed throughout the companies. At 1400 hrs, group pictures of ofrs, and NCOs of bn were taken. The sgts party in evening, attended by C.O., 2 i/c, and Padre was reported as excellent. Lt Webster and 2 div mechs arrived as rfts to bn from 2 CBRG. The first official issue of the Bn paper "The Piper" was completed. This issue incl a message to all ranks by Col Macdonald.	appv1 FJ
	15 JUN 44		A coy today carried out a cross country exercise and wood clearing in the vicinity of Wingmore Fms. The exercise took entire day to complete. D coy received instructions and demonstrations in the various Sp coy weapons. In morning, C coy pls held house clearing drill and camp duties. Set firing on bn ranges followed in afternoon. B coy made use of ranges in morning and in the afternoon held tabloid sports. Brig Lett visited the camp area in morning, and carried out a short inspection of the camp sanitary facilities. The A&Q visited area in afternoon. Lt G.A. Ponsford took summary of evidence on the wounding by gunshot of Pte Maki of B coy. In the afternoon, HQ held their route march in full marching order. The route was approx six mi in length and good time was made. Col Macdonald accompanied by Capt Tilston attended a mess dinner at 4 Bde. Guests at the dinner incl Gen Foulkes, Brig Sherwood Lett; Col Young R Regt C; Col Whittaker, RHLI; Col Drury, 4 Fd Regt; Col Morgan-Smith, 11 Fd Amb and several others. An excellent dinner was served. An Ensa party performed and a Monte Carlo evening followed, which it was reported, was both profitable and enjoyable. At 1900 hrs, a TEWT was given by the 2 i/c, which was attended by ofrs and WOs of bn. The TEWT made use of the sand table constructed in Mess Tent and several problems on river crossings were discussed. The highlight of the evening occurred when after a weighty discussion as to whether enemy fire should be returned by the bren gunners in an assault boat, Major Jones asked Lt McCrimmon for his opinion. Lt McCrimmon's answering question of "Is it day or night?" practically brought the house down and the TEWT ended soon after. A showing of "Orchestra Wives" was given in evening at the WAAFI.	FJ



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	16 JUN 44		Trg for D coy consisted of woods clearing exercises in the vicinity of "The Chequers". A coy held sports in morning followed by bath parades. In afternoon coy carried on with PIAT firing on Bn range. B coy and 'I' sec were with Sp coy for the day and had an opportunity to learn something of the Sp weapons. C coy was at bn ranges for SA firing in morning and battle drill for pls was carried on in afternoon. In evening at 1800 hrs, personnel of bn were given a demonstration of carrier borne flame throwers by members of Cdn Trg School in RHLI area. In evening C coy held a party near DNETON and a big time was had by all amid much high class vocalizing and solos by all from C.O. down.	FD
	17 JUN 44		Today 'A' coy morning was taken up by two lectures by Major Thomson, the subjects being Security and VD. In the afternoon personnel of coy held a cross country run of approx 4 miles. D coy's syllabus was forest fighting. Ex in bn area in morning followed in the afternoon by cross country run. Lectures on France and VD were given B coy by Major Laird. Bayonet fighting followed the lectures. In afternoon, CSM Donaldson led the coy personnel on a 4-mile run and this was followed by bath parade. C coy did forest fighting. In afternoon, CO took all oftrs and NCOs on a demonstration and discussion of forest fighting and we expect to find it in France and a drill was evolved which C coy then carried out.	FD
	18 JUN 44		Today being SUN, a church parade for RC personnel was held in RHLI lines at 0930 hrs. At 1000 hrs tpt dvrs and coy dvrs took part in a practice of embarking and disembarking vehs. A ramp was set up and used for this purpose. In afternoon, rifle coys carried out the forest fighting drill taught yesterday. Brig Lett who was expected to observe exercises was unable to attend. Col Macdonald was present at a demonstration of an alternative technique put on by A coy. D coy personnel were given a blood grouping in afternoon. Members of HQ coy fired PIAT on bn range in afternoon. FCGM was held at Canterbury Municipal Hosp in the case of Pte Maki. Major Arrel of RHLI presided. In the evening a showing of "Flesh & Fantasy" was given in NAAFI tent. Major Jones and Lt Chandler received instrs to move as an adv party, and departed for an unknown destination sometime after midnight. The Brig also left, leaving Col Macdonald as acting Bde Comd.	App 1, 4 FD
	19 JUN 44		C coy continued forest fighting in morning and in the afternoon practice packing. A military film dealing with VD was shown in camp and was attended by all coys. The film was an excellent American picture and much favourable comment was heard.	FD /9



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	19 JUN 44	cont'd	B & D coys with HQ coy held individual blood grouping. B coy also made use of En ranges for PIAT and demolition work. Major Laird gave a lecture on the subject of France. D coy continued forest fighting trg in bn area in afternoon. In the evening all offrs met at the mess and discussed the anticipated move and the draft plan of battle standing orders which excited considerable debate. It was unanimously decided to wear Rob Roys until when in contact with the enemy camouflage became necessary. After the meeting, several remained in the mess to quench their thirsts as Lt S. Jones had returned with the monthly NAAFI ration of spirits.	FD
	20 JUN 44		D & B coys again carried on forest fighting.trg. Paint has been issued for the purpose of covering brass eqpt and all coys are engaged in camouflaging their eqpt. A coy completed an 11 mi route march in morning and used the range in afternoon. C coy worked with pns on demolitions while for B coy's afternoon it was kit inspections. Rfts arrived today from CBRG to the total of 17 ORs and have been allotted to coys. An order was received to despatch named men presumably general duty and French speaking from the unit to CBRG to be rfts to Fr Cdn Units in the Div. As it did not follow that men having French names could speak French or desired to leave for French Units, the original demand for 17 ORs was eventually complied with by sending 10. All those leaving the unit however, did so protesting and three had to be taken under close arrest. The Windsor French particularly objected and the CO was kept very busy trying to comply with this most unpopular order and several conferences were held with Brig Young, A/Div Comd, in an effort to get the order modified. But it smells of non military strategy so nothing much could be done. The CO managed to save most of the Windsor boys however. At 1900 hrs, an ENSA concert party was held on the open stage near BnHQ. It was chilly, but the artists carried on. The violinist was particularly good and several remembered his selections played at a concert on Ex Harlequin last AUG. After the concert lunch was served in the offrs mess.	FD
	21 JUN 44		Forest fighting was practiced by D and C coys in morning. Bath parade was held in B coy followed by lectures by the IO on German Army and by Med Sgt on First Aid. A coy's morning syllabus was confined to two lectures, one by Lt Webster on French maps and another by Maj Thomson on security. D coy spent afternoon blancoing eqpt with new dark green cleaner which bn has purchased for better camouflage. Maj Dalton and Capt Cardy held padre's Hrs in A, C and D coys. Coy sports followed the padres talks. The bn personnel received an issue of 100 cigarettes, two bars of face soap and one package of razor	App 4 / 10



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	21 JUN 44		blades today. C coy in evening used bn ranges for PIAT firing. Lt Webb, new mortar control offr at 4 Bde was introduced to Col Macdonald by IO from Bde, and at night Lt Webb held a meeting at Bde attended by Lt Zaldin, the IO, Sigs offr and Mortar offr. At this meeting Lt Webb spoke about his new job as A/CMO (asst counter mortar offr) and stressed the need for accurate infra re mortar fire getting back quickly to him so that counter fire could be quickly brought down on these enemy posns.	
	22 JUN 44		In morning bath parades were laid on by D and C coys. Showers were available in coy areas. C and B limbered up with morning route marches in battle order over routes of approx 11 mi. The speed being made on these 11 mi marches by the coys is around 2 hrs, which is better than the bn was doing prior to Dieppe. A coy held kit inspection for personnel in which a complete check up of kit, arms and eqpt was carried out. In the afternoon, D added to their forest fighting exercise a trg in BLOBS movement. Sec leaders of B coy had full control of forest fighting in afternoon. The 'I' Sgt gave lecture to D coy on the subject of the German Army. C coy in afternoon carried on with bayonet fighting and unarmed combat. Battle Standing Orders have been drawn up and distributed to coys where they have been read to personnel by coy offr. The Adjt accompanied by the IO and Lt Zaldin attended a meeting at Bde the purpose of seeing how Bde would set up and operate in actual ops. At 1800 hrs, there was a meeting of offr at BnHQ at which the CO checked state of preparations and adm of coys. Following this all offr of Bn joined in a review of Bn, Bde and Div Standing Orders. At 2000 hrs, coy comds were dinner guests of the CO in Folkestone.	F.D.
	23 JUN 44		The bn ranges were active today as D and C coys carried on SA firing. D coy personnel in battle order climbed the scrambling net before returning to coy area. B coy had rifle inspection followed by lecture on front line conditions by Maj Laird. Tharmed combat followed lectures. A coy continued wood clearing trg in morning. Standing Battle Orders were read to D coy in morning. In the evening many offr, attended the showing of "A Canterbury Tale" in the town of Canterbury.	F.D.
	24 JUN 44		In the morning both A and D coy held short route marches in battle order. C coy was broken up for pl trg in compass reading and camouflage, lectures and demonstrations being given by pl leaders. B coy syllabus called for rifle firing at Bn ranges. At noon the CO held a meeting of coy comds. The syllabus for coming week was discussed and Col Macdonald stressed the need of keeping men occupied, with the accent laid on inter-	appt 1, 4 F.D.



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	24 JUN 44	cont'd	coy sports. Plans were made for bn competition in softball. Sports were held in all coys in afternoon. D coy softball team defeated B and C coy teams in two excellent games.	
	25 JUN 44		Church parades were held in morning for all personnel. At 1030 hrs BCs moved off to RHLLI lines where Mass was attended. At 1045 Protestant members of bn paraded to BnHQ area where Major Stone, St Prot Padre for 2 Cdn Div gave the sermon. The sermon was on the subject of Confidence, Courage and Cheerfulness. During the service the brass band of 2 Cdn Div played. Major Wansbrough, D coy, was injured while participating in a pl ballgame in morning. He was taken to Canterbury Hospital where it was found he had broken both tibia and fibula of left leg. In afternoon, reg'l team RHLLI defeated Essex Scot in softball for first time for many a day and the offrs team from RHLLI downed Bn offrs team by close score of 10-9. Return games will be played. Col Macdonald held short meeting of coy comds for the purpose of determining how many wanted to take their kilts into scene of operation. The CO has authorized tpt to kit storage for the purpose of picking up the kilts of any offr so desiring and while it is not obligatory most offrs will be taking kilt.	FD
	26 JUN 44		The Bn's intensive trg has been lightened with an inter pl softball playoff for the purpose of determining bn champions. In the morning 8 pl defeated 11 pl by a score of 6 to 4. In 'D' coy, coy HQ defeated 16 pl for coy championship. In 'C' coy the play-off between 13 and 14 pls was won by 14 pl. Following game in morning, a lecture on French vocabulary was given to 'A' coy by Maj Thomson. In afternoon, 'A' coy had cross country run and bayonet fighting. 'D' coy trg was under supervision of pl comds with lectures on French and military tactics. 'C' also held lectures by pl offrs. The bn held muster and pay parades throughout day.	FD
	27 JUN 44		Forest fighting, bayonet drill and softball games were the order of the day for A, C & D coys. 'B' coy held bath parades and French lectures by pl offrs in morning followed by range work in afternoon. In the inter coy softball competition, 'A' coy beat 'C' coy in hard fought game. The C.O. went to London today to get infm regarding Offr rfts to Bn. The Adjt made trips to Div HQ and Bde HQ where MCLO and Bde Staff Capt were contacted to clarify certain points regarding the anticipated move.	FD



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	28 JUN 44		'A' coy held an exercise in pl formations while engaged in skirmishing in the morning. Padre's hr and unarmed combat in afternoon completed syllabus. 'D' coy carried out bayonet fighting and unarmed combat, followed by practice in French vocabulary and lecture on Tactics by pl offr. 'C' coy went to ranges in afternoon after morning of bayonet drill and French lecture. 'B' coy went on compass march by secs in the morning, and later were given a lecture by I.O. on French Maps. In the evening the C.O. held a coy comds meeting at which the changes resulting Major Wansbrough being S.O.S. the unit were discussed. Present plans call for Capt Burgess to take over 'D' coy, his place in 'Sp' coy to be filled by Capt Bull who is at present at 4 Bde HQ.	App 1 FF
	29 JUN 44		Coy trg for the day consisted of bayonet fighting, the study of Fr maps, route marches and bath parades. In the morning Communion Services were held by both Prot & RC padres. Pay parades were held in coys throughout the day and personnel were able to supplement by an equal amount the single £ drawn on the first pay. Notification was received in early evening to pick up movement orders the following day at HQ East Kent Area. The Adj't, IO, Maj Mackenzie, Capt Johnson and Capt Cohen made an enjoyable trip to Harrietsham to Ack the message in person.	FF
	30 JUN 44		PT was cancelled and bn prepared to move. The CO addressed individual coys on the coming operations and outlined the proposed schedule for bn move to France. After the long delay much enthusiasm was evident that at long last the bn would see action. The day was given over to packing of individual and regt'l eqpt and the camp was under CB wef 1200 hrs. All personnel were assigned to the vehicle or marching parties for the move that will take place following morning. In the evening an ENSA party visited the camp and although everyone was very busy, a good crowd was present at the NAAFI tent to see the show. Afterwards the party were guests of the offr mess and light refreshments were served. The mess was put in a state of semi ops to permit the steward, Sgt Hosie, to pack mess eqpt for the move. However, when Capt Cottrell arrived back from London with a goodly supply of spirits the evening automatically extended itself with the result that the offr mess was not made mobile until about 0200 hrs.	FF
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