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Middleton -on-Sea.	1Mar43		Bn arrived in concentration area ready to commence on "SPARTAN" at 0115 hrs (M.R. 306435.ref sheet.124,1" to 1 mile). All vehicles arrived safely and there were no accidents or casualties to report. Coy's immediately established their H.Q's and guards were posted. Sleep was the primary thought in every one's mind and as soon as necessary routine jobs had been completed, the Bn bedded down under the stars. Reveille came a little later than usual at 0730 hrs and breakfast followed shortly afterwards at 0800 hrs. The C.O. carried out an inspection of all coy's checking camouflage in general, fire positions and sanitation. Capt Cloutier, the Bn M.O. who accompanied the C.O. on the inspection stressed the necessity of complete sanitation at all times. At 1200 hrs a most welcome haversack lunch was served. It seems that one is hungry all the time on these exercises and one never seems to lose the feeling. The C.O., I.O. and Unit Recce Gp attended "O" Gp meeting at Bde at 1400 hrs after which the Unit Recce Gp returned to Unit. The C.O., I.O. then proceeded to recce new area returning to Bn at 1840 hrs. The C.O. then proceeded to draw up his orders. The 2 i/c is busy arranging for the mobile bath to come to-morrow and the Adjt is busy on Court Martials. Everyone seems to have plenty of work to do. Bde Water point established for the Bde by the sappers and no other water source will be used. A Bde salvage Point has also been established. No bits of paper, cigarette carton etc, will be left around areas, which might disclose information to enemy. Wireless silence is still in effect but good line communications with coy's have been established. Vehicle maintenance has been intensive and all are in good shape prepared for any move.	R.H.
	2Mar43		Reveille at 0630 hrs seems like the middle of the night and most inconvenient as the boys try to lace boots in the darkness. Breakfast at 0700 hrs and food certainly helps to tackle the days problems. At 0800 hrs the first party moved off for a bath parade sponsored by the Mobile Bath Unit. Parades continued, till by 1300 hrs the whole Bn had taken on a new fresh appearance. Bde gave a big present to-day of over 1100 maps which were distributed to all coy's for use on exercise. The only headache with the maps is where Oh where are they going to be carried: At 1730 hrs all umpires had reported to the unit and were distributed to all coy's. Major O'Connor Fenton of the H.P.E. Regt was in charge of all umpires attached to this unit. At 1830 hrs the C.O. held an "O" Gp and orders were issued for move to new area "Rocks" Recce party had returned from this new area and had located all coy's dispositions. Fire plans had been made by coy comds, and everything was in readiness for the	R.H.

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	3 Mar 43		<p>Bn to take over the positions. Trucks were boarded and everyone tried to snatch a few hours sleep before going on, the move again was to take place around midnight.</p> <p>Shortly after midnight the trucks were once again rolling along the highway. Progress was very good considering the heavy traffic and that most of the trucks were driving without lights. However there were no accidents and the unit certainly had reason to take pride in this fact after seeing vehicles of other units in ditches overturned along the roadside. At 0305 hrs Bn H.Q. was established at "Brooks" (M.E. 374584 ref sheet 124 1" to 1 Mile.) Everyone dead tired but work had to be done. Guards were posted and patrols were active. At 0630 hrs all was quite alive again and a few lucky ones who had managed to grab an hour or so of sleep were up, and about.</p> <p>The weather was very cool and the sky cloudy as darkness lifted and daylight peered in. A cold wash up and a quick breakfast and another day was well on its way. At 1100 hrs C. Coy brought in two suspicious people for questioning. They had been found wandering around C Coy area and spotted by one of the lookouts. Their identity was checked and was not sufficient enough to clear them and their actions. They were then taken as prisoners to Div H.Q. P.W. Cage. This proved how alert everyone was and that no one, no matter who was going to get by us. Recce party was sent out to recon positions for counter attack role. There was little action throughout the day and all ranks had a fairly good chance to rest up. Supper was served at 1700 hrs and shortly after we received our first issue of "Compo" rations. This consisted of corned beef, bacon, beans, jam, tea, sugar, milk, hard tack. One box of these rations was shared by twelve men and they were responsible for cooking and issuing of same. Conditions on Exercise "SPARTAN" were becoming more actual all the time and all we lacked now was live ammunition and the enemy to fire at. Guards and patrol were doubled during the hours of darkness and everyone bedded down for a nights rest. It was very chilly and one blanket was little salvation from the cold and dampness. At 2030 hrs the first Air Raid (Actual) was sounded but no bombs ever dropped and the "All Clear" sounded at 2135 hrs.</p>	
	4 Mar 43		<p>Reveille at 0700 hrs and breakfast at 0730 hrs. All ranks expressed satisfaction with the amount and quantity of the breakfast meal which was the first on the "Compo" ration. Everybody had a chance to try a hand at cooking and no doubt it was the first experience for many. "O" Gp was held at Bde at 1000 hrs and Bn comds received orders and instructions for next move. At 0500 hrs an order had been received there was to be no move before 0500 hrs 5 Mar 43 but after the C.O. had returned from "O" Group the</p>	

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			<p>Unit was on one hour's notice to move. Everything packed and ready to roll again. Route traces were made up and issued to coy's and from these traces it could be seen the Bn was taking a big jump up around "Oxford way". Maps were all set up and routes marked, all was ready to go. At 1215 hrs 9 Pl A Coy reported they had shot down one enemy aircraft. Good work: At 1510 hrs the Bn was lined up ready to move but were held up by the 6th Bde who were also on the move. After waiting for approx 1 1/2 hrs the unit started to move again. Andy's boys were headed for action. As we moved along the 16th Cdn. I T A.A. Regt fed into the column and now we had some real A.A. protection. The Bn moved with good speed and all went fine till approx 1000 hrs. Bn had advanced approx 36 miles without a hitch but all was going too well. A bridge had been blown by the enemy and our advance was held up till the engineers had repaired it. The Bn took up a "hedgehog" position along the road and all ranks tried to catch forty winks! Recce party set out to find where Bn could concentrate. The cold and dampness is wicked and sleep at night is high impossible.</p>	R.H.
5 Mar 43			<p>At approx 0345 hrs recce gp returns and we move again to take another position. Shortly after we had reached the area and parked our vehicles we received order to move again. It was hard on the troops this pushing ahead and with no rest but everyone stood up to it though tired and hungry. The troops were now marching and all through the day we pushed ahead by march route. There was no breakfast and no dinner but still we plugged on.</p> <p>At approx 1500 hrs head of the column had crossed Br at "Sonning" (M.R. 955198 ref sheet 113,1" to 1 mile). A Coy the forward Coy and Bn H.Q. were successful in crossing before the Br was blown but the remainder of the Bn was left on the other side of the River Thames. At 1540 hrs a heavy bombing and strafing by enemy planes took place but no casualties or damage was suffered by this unit. At 1630 hrs our column received another heavy attack by enemy dive bombers in large numbers. Casualties were heavy and approx 90% of unit were affected by this raid. At 1700 hrs A Coy and Bn H.Q. proceeded to Brinfield Heath (ref sheet 113,1" to 1 mile).</p> <p>At 1100 hrs Br at Sonning had been repaired by R.C.E. and remainder of Bn including B.C. Sp Coy's proceeded to join rest of unit. They arrived at approx 2000 hrs and Bn was again together in a concentration area. Meanwhile the R.R.C's and R.H.L.I. had been pushed on ahead and had reached Br and Nettlesridge. (Ref sheet 105,1" to 1 mile) and as such that the R.H.L.I. had been wiped out and that we were now to take this place and as such come under command of the 5th Bde. We remained in this area throughout the night and a tired</p>	R.H.

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	6 Mar 43		<p>bunch of lads caught up on plenty of lost sleep. This had been one of the most trying days of the exercise so far. Marching all day and no food whatsoever. Plenty of reason for growling but everyone was too tired even for that.</p> <p>Reveille 0700 hrs and still no food. Bn was moving and the unit proceeded once again by march route to join our Bde Group at Henly Park, (Ref sheet 105,1" to 1 mile). At approx 1230 hrs we had reached our new area and once again were under 4th Bde command. By 1400 hrs the men were eating their first meal in 44 hrs and nothing ever tasted better. It was still "Compo" rations but chicken couldn't have tasted better at this time. During the afternoon nine prisoners were captured these were interrogated and sent back to Div H.Q.P.W. cage. Prisoners refused to give any information of value but we were able to learn their respective unit and divisions. Enemy recon planes were very active over area and we began to wonder where fighter force were as we had seen no sign of them at all.</p> <p>There was little action during the afternoon and everybody had a chance to rest up a little. At 1630 hrs advance and recon parties were ordered to stand by and it looked as though another move was in the offing. At 2000 hrs the Bn was on the move again and once more by march route with A Coy leading. At midnight the Bn was still plodding along a narrow country road. The recon party had moved off at 1130 hrs and were now surveying the new area.</p>	<p>RAH</p>
	7 Mar 43		<p>At approx 0230 hrs The Bn reached new area at Christmas Commons ("R. 158130 ref sheet 105,1" to 1 mile). Bn H.Q. was established and all coy's took up a defensive position. Unit not far from the enemy now and all precautions must be taken to ensure there were no slipups. Everybody who could, proceeded to go to sleep for a few hours and rest was heavenly. Sunday morning with no chance for even a Church Parade. This was getting to be serious business. "O" Group were called and orders were issued to prepare to move but no sooner had the order been given than it was necessary to change it again. The Bn once more took up a defensive position.</p> <p>Within the next hour or so orders were changed three or four times and everyone was in a dither. However we were learning that these were the sort of things we should have to be prepared for in actual action. We had learned from reports that enemy patrols were active at WALLINGTON and that enemy were withdrawing around WHEATLY, SHABBINGTON and PHAM.</p> <p>At 1300 hrs The Bn finally received an order that was executed before any changes were made it was to move again. Progress was rather slow due to enemy activity en route.</p>	<p>RAH</p>

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			<p>Air activity was encountered around the Athington area but no casualties were reported. The whole Bde was moving to-gether now with the R.H.L.I. and R R C's forward. At Hill Fm(M.R. 038204 the R.H.L.I. contacted the enemy and were responsible for knocking out the Crusader Tanks. Air activity was hot and heavy and several casualties were reported. The Bn was ordered to take area of Chislehamton and men were rushed forward on carriers, tanks etc to hasten the job. It was a succesful action and one again the unit pushed forward.</p>	R.H.
	8 Mar 43		<p>Reveille at 0600 hrs with breakfast shortly after. B.H.Q. cleared out of the xxx school so that classes could continue for the local children. The I.O. attended "O" Group at Bde at 0800 hrs and on his return we learned the Bn was to move at approx 1100 hrs. This move took us N.E. and more in the direction of our objective, "Huntingdon". The move was held at various points, by heavy traffic.</p> <p>At 1500 hrs Bn was held up at rd Junc 095249 ref sheet.94,1" to 1 mile. Information trickled through that the 5th Bde had been held up by enemy at Long Crendon(M.R.1428) and were going to attack at 1730 hrs. We had to pull off the road to allow our support- ing artillery to go ahead to help the 5th in their attack. The attack at 1730 hrs was postponed until 1830 hrs and the unit sat and waited. Then the order came through Be prepared to move at 5 mins notice. the 5th Bde attacked at 1900 hrs and was succesful. Unit received orders to move to Sharbington with all haste possible, on arrival, there unit went into a field near Sharbington and groped around in the dark. The C.O. went to an "O" Group and received his orders.</p> <p>When he had returned and finished his "O" Group the Bn I.O. was sent for by Bde. Orders were changed again. Another "O" Group. Unit was to advance and occupy the high ground at Ashendon and the spur running W.T. with all possible speed. The C.O. then ordered troops on Carriers, 5cwt, 15cwt and all available transport and moved north into the night. Another, night without sleep.</p>	R.H.
	9 Mar 43		<p>The convoy was split at Long Crendon by the ditching of a 25pdr. Eventually the road was cleared and after a chase the convoy was together again. Now the leading Bn of the forward Bde. A Coy the leading Coy, had encountered some enemy carrier G.M.C. patrols. We had patrols out ahead of the column proling for information. On the move again but only for a few hundred yards..</p>	R.H.

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			<p>The head of the column halted near the stream at 162328. A Coy had observed a carrier coming towards them. It proved to be an enemy Arty C.P. moving into position. It was captured and more patrols were sent out. By the time the Brig had come up to see what was cooking the patrol had reported enemy in Lower Pollicot 1432. Upper Pollicot 1433 and Ashendon 1534. The Brig in our C.O.'s station wagon planned a Bde attack with the Essex to take over Ashendon. The other two Bn's Upper and Lower Pollicot, zero was to be at 0415 hrs. At zero 5 intense Arty Concentrations was laid on our objective, and the Canucks really went into action. Not a sound could be heard until 0530 hrs when all hell broke loose on the heights.</p> <p>The Bn had quietly moved into position for the assault. A whole enemy Bn on the hill and a Bde H.Q. We caught them sleeping soundly. One poor enemy patrol will take weeks to get over their surprise of suddenly being surrounded in the darkness, by Canucks, with fixed bayonets. Then shots, thunderflashes and shouts untill our C.O. sent up two green very-lights, our succes signal at 0618 hrs.</p> <p>We had captured along with the R.R.C.'s and R.H.L.I. a whole enemy Bn and one of Englands finest "Black Watch" First light was at 0630 hrs with sunrise at 0731 hrs and when daylight did break the enemy with their red deckled balmorals looked pretty crest fallen. The men were so "bad" they just laid down anywhere and considered which was more important food or sleep. Rations finally did come up "Compo packs" again, just as breakfast were nciely going 72 enemy guns started pounding our position and counter attack was on the way from the N.W. by an enemy Bde. Everyone was running to meet the attack and carriers were whipping around and mortars were going into action.</p> <p>At 0930 hrs umpires declared "Counter attack repulsed". So the Bn returned to their to their bully, beans, bacon and hard tack. After food was gulped down everyone could be seen washing, shaving, shining shoes, then sleep. All was quiet quiet until at 1500 hrs enemy tanks which had been under observation througho ut the early part of the day moved in to attack us. Enemy assault tanks swarmed in to the attack but all was ready for them, roads were blocked and anti-tank guns were all set to blast away.</p> <p>The enemy had one armoured Regt, one motorized Bn and one lorry borne Inf.Reg. Tanks crashed through hedges, fences, fields etc, and everywhere they were met by our troops. Bn H.Q. was in the battle too and captured enemy tanks. It was hectic battle and there was action aplenty: After the battle was over the umpires declared we had</p>	<p>R.H.</p> <p>R.H.</p> <p>R.H.</p>

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			<p>suffered 30% casualties and had lost part of Ashendon and the N.E. spur. We learned that the 4th Bde had been chosen chosen to make a break through and attack the main enemy forces while "Andy" did a left flanker. Suicide Bde allright. There was no mistake about that. Our Brig called an "O" Group at 1730 hrs and planned a counter attack to gain some of our lost territory. The C.O. gathered together every available man, cooks, drivers etc, and they were assembled in a re-entrant and on a whistle blast moved up in three waves. We had perfect surprise: They never expected such a move especialy at supper time. We gained our objective suffering another 30% casualties. Positions was consolidated by 1818 hrs 78 mins after the attack had started. The umpires then quietly told us that we were under artilley fire from an enemy divisions and and that two tank Regt's were going to counter attack us and they were sorry to inform us that we were out of action. The whole Bde out of action. The 4th Bde is now a dead "Bde" out of action for the duration of "SPARTAN". The unit easily reconciled itself to being dead and practicaly died on our beds at an early hour.</p>	R+L
10 Mar 43			<p>Reveille at 0800 hrs and after a good nights rest the first in a long time, the unit felt 100%, and ready to go again. However, now definately out of the picture. We had done our job and did it well. The order of the day was more rest and it was very welcome. The weather was fine with plenty of warm sunshine. During the afternoon the C.O. made an inspection of all ranks. All coy's turned out smartly and the C.O. gave everyone a short talk on the actio that had taken place and the part that our Bn had played in the action. He complimented all ranks in the wonderful fighting spirit they had shown. He passed on the compliments of the Div Commander who had been most pleased with the show the unit had put up. Everybody felt a little prouder of himself to-day nad all had good reason to do so.</p> <p>The Bn had been under plenty of stree and strain and and come out smiling. Where could you find better spirit? Another good night sleep, the second in a row and we were back on top of the world.</p>	R+L
11 Mar 43			<p>Reveille at 0800 hrs with breakfast of "Compo" rations served shortly after. Troops are tiring a little of "bully and biscuit" and all are hungry for some fresh vegetables. A check on all 1098 equipment was carried out by all coy's. All equipment that was found to be missing was listed and turned over to the Adj. This unit has been very lucky and losses of equipment etc, were very small. We have come through "SPARTAN"</p>	R+L

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			so far with a record of no vehicle accident and that is something we can pride ourselves in. The C.O. left this morning to act as an observer for the final attack on our objective "Huntingdon". This afternoon a Bn route march with full "Battle Order" was held with the 2 i/c in the lead. The march was a short one of about 2 1/2 miles but we found the hills were plenty long and there was plenty of puffing down before we returned to our area. Following the march all coy's attended a bath parade at Mobile Bath Unit. It was supper time when the bath parade returned and the short march had given everybody a keen appetite. During the evening everyone sat around in their little groups and held discussions on one hundred and one topics but soon all was quiet again and everyone was fast asleep.	R.H.
	12 Mar 43		Another good nights sleep finished and this morning finds even those who were exceptionally tired and worn out, well rested up. At 0800 hrs breakfast was served and for the first time in nine days the "cooker" had the job of feeding the Bn. It was certainly a treat to have a bowl of "mush" after all the corned beef and hard tack of the past week. Spartan "Cease Fire" came through at 0900 hrs this morning, but it had little effect on the Bn which had been out of action the past two days now. It did however cause some speculation as to when we were to return to billet area. Quite unexpectedly at 1500 hrs that afternoon word came through that recon parties would proceed immediately to return to their own unit billet areas. The C.O. in charge of the small party were on the way at approx 1530 hrs. The rest of the Bn was informed that there would be no move before 0400 hrs 13 Mar 43. Up till the hours of darkness the Bn was busy loading all trucks and cleaning up the concentration area. All latrines were filled in, tin cans and scrap paper were removed to Bde. Salvage Dump. By 1900hrs all was in readiness for the move and so everyone proceeded to take a few hours sleep for reveille was to be very early in the morning.	R.H.
	13 Mar 43		Bright and early at approx 0200 hrs the Bn began to stir again. Blankets were rolled and loaded on trucks and last minutes packing was completed. There was no hot breakfast but "Compo" packs were issued again for the day's rations. The P.C.V's had reported around midnight and were allotted to the separate coy's. The head of the column crossed the S.P. at 0415 hrs. Progress during the first few hours was slow due to darkness and heavy traffic conditions.	R.H.

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			The route was approx 130 miles long and it took a good 13½ hrs to complete the distance. It was a long tiring trip and everyone was glad when they finally arrived back in the billet area. A good wash and clean up were in order after which more of the boys found solid comfort stretched out on a straw paliasse.	R.H.
14	Mar	43	<p>Sunday morning and the weather was very fine. The weather has been exceptional the past three weeks or so and the absence of rain has been a pleasure. To-day all coy's were having a general clean-up of equipment. Orderly rooms were being straightened away so that they could function normally once again. The 7 C.I.R.U. have not left us as yet and are still occupying several billets and carrying out their various duties.</p> <p>For some coy's it was a difficult problem to find enough sleeping accommodations for personnel whose place had been taken over by 7 C.I.R.U. By to-night however all were back to normal again. Small rear party of 7 C.I.R.U. was all that remained.</p>	R.H.
15	Mar	43.	<p>Blue Monday alright: It's a wonder the turnmole on exercise like "SPARTAN" can cause. All coy's still busy checking and rechecking equipment. All maps issued on Spartan being gathered together and returned to Bde, and they certainly prove to be a big headache: Intense maintenance is being carried out on all vehicles, trucks, carriers M.C's have had a rough time of it the last two weeks and it is only by good care and careful maintenance that they were able to stand the tough grind.</p> <p>This Bn has always been "Maintenance Conscious" and it was shown to good advantage on exercise. "SPARTAN". Breakdowns were very rare and only one minor accident occurred. This is a very good record and one we can be justly proud of. To-day is pay-day and the paymaster is one busy man to-day. This afternoon a meeting of all coy comds, Adj, I.O. Q.M. T.O. M.O. D.O. was held to discuss "SPARTAN" Criticism and suggestions were voiced freely and a good many ideas were brought to light. No doubt a good many lessons for all were learned on "SPARTAN". At 1415 hrs this afternoon a very unfortunate accident occurred at Sp Coy. A.50286 Pte O'Reilly, C.V. was accidentally shot drawing a loaded pistol from a haversack. He was very seriously wounded with the bullet entering the left groin and suffered from great loss of blood.</p> <p>Unit stretcher bearers gave immediate assistance and did everything possible to aid the wounded man, he was rushed immediately to a nearby civilian hospital at Chichester.</p>	R.H.

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	19 Mar 43.		Weather continues to be fine and is excellent for training purposes. A Coy carried out one period of squad drill followed by lessons on the Thompson Sub M.G. During the afternoon an inspection of all kit was made. B Coy was Bn Duty Coy and as such guards and fatigues were the order of the day. C Coy carried out T.O.E.T's on all weapons during the morning and during the afternoon a sport parade was held. Sp Coy had a busy day with all personnel engaged in maintenance of vehicles. The signal Pl had a one day exercise of their own. Practice on 18 sets and signal procedure was carried out. The sigs found the time well spent.	R.H.
	20 Mar 43		Weather still fair and warm. All Coy Comds carried out inspection of billets and personal equipment. Everything was found to be in good order and first class shape after a week of unending scrubbing and cleaning. All men except those on duty had the afternoon off to prepare themselves for the coming week, which promised to be one filled with the intricacies of Bn weapons.	R.H.
	21 Mar 43		A nice bright Sunday morning. Protestant Church Parade, under Capt Wansbrough assembled at 0930 hrs. To the shrill of the pipes the parade marched off for service at Methodist Church, Southdown. After Church Parade all ranks had the day off to enjoy themselves after a good week's work.	R.H.
	22 Mar 43.		The weather to-day continued fine and all coy's got off to a running start with a 15 min cross-country run. This was followed by 15 min of body-building calisthenics which put all ranks off on the right foot for another week's trg. T.O.E.T's and lessons on the bayonet and 36 grenades completed the morning's trg. Gas trg and a route march were carried out by all coy's during the afternoon. B.H.Q. and H.Q. coy personnel tested and cleaned all their weapons to-day and received plenty of practice firing with all small arms. The mortar Pl to-day attended the burial of one of their comrades A.50286 Pte O'Reilly, C.J. who had died from G.S.W. on Thursday Mar 18. Burial took place at the Brookwood Cemetery for Cdns. He was a fine chap and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.	R.H.
	23 Mar 43.		Weather continues fair and warm but rain is threatening. All coy's had a brisk half hour of P.T. which included a 15 min run. Bayonet Trg, Rifle Aiming, P.S.M.G.	R.H.

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	26 Mar 43		A grand day for the troops which was back, it was a route march in the a.m. and T.O.E.T's in the afternoon. The C.O. and ten other ofrs from coy comds down, proceeded to the DOWNS to witness an Arty "Shoot". Capt R.H.Lund, the Adj, returned to duties upon completion of leave.	R.H.
	27 Mar 43		Saturday and syllabus shows Adm Duties under Coy arrangements- simply clean up day and very much needed as "Dig" hadnt been kind to kit, clothes, etc. It was another fine day and looked like a promising week-end for those off duty. Major Kennedy, 2 i/c attended a dance at the R.H.L.I. mess.	R.H.
	28 Mar 43		Sunday a beautiful spring day, a lazy one too for the protestants- no church parade Flowers around the area reminds one of Easter.	R.H.
	29 Mar 43		Fine weather holding, unit started on a fresh syllabus of trg. Viewing the syllabus showed that it looked as though a refresher week was ordained mostly individual trg and muchm needed perticularly as to weapons. A Sports meeting was held during the afternoon. A good committee under Capt Thompson discussed inter coy sports, baseball, track and field etc. Summer sports. The 2 i/c attended. In the evening all ofrs proceeded to Bde to listen to Col PAWLE lecturing on SPARTAN. All agreed it was his best effort and the unit has been treated to good lectures by the Colonel. The Adjutant had to attend a lecture at Bde given by Lieut Col, DUNN 2 Ech C.M.H.Q.. Col DUNN passed a great deal of knowledge and	R.H.

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	30 Mar 43		<p>offered considerable assistance in 'A' matters particularly with regard to personnel.</p> <p>Good weather and individual trg on syllabus continues. Lieut Col DUNN visited unit and the 2 i/c and Adjutant were able to have a long discussion with him on numerous matters. Thoroughly conversant and well informed on as to his job Col Dunn promised aid on one or two matters, that had been bothering the unit administrations. A meeting of the selection committee was held at 0730 hrs. C.O. 2 i/c, Adj, and a rep from each coy attended. Eight O.C.T.U's possibilities were interviewed, and three Sgts, Sgt Scobie, Collie, and L/Cpl Jardine were recommended to attend the next O.C.T.U. Selection Board, at C.M.H.Q.. Five Sgts were interviewed as to confirmations of rank and sgt Case was interviewed with the intention of giving him a trial as A/CSM, Sp Coy.</p> <p>The unit this day was blessed by the reporting for duty as unit Padre of H/Cpt Cardy. The unit has been unlucky with its padres, it is hoped that this has changed and the unit now has one who will stay.</p>	R.H.
	31 Mar 43.		<p>A change in the air, weather cooler. The daffodils are bending in the breeze, rain before the day was out, but not before an active sports parade was conducted in the afternoon, under the guidance and generalship of Capt Thompson.</p> <p>It was more individual trg lectures in the A.M., so the change was appreciated. In the evening the ofrs were invited to a showing of "Mrs Minerva" at Middleton Sports Club, kind courtesy of Mr G. Ginn. Y.M.C.A.</p> <p><i>(Signature)</i> (J.H. Mothersill, E.D.) Lt. Col., Officer Commanding, Essex Scottish Regiment.</p>	R.H.

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