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| Middleton-on-Sea | 1 Dec 42 | | Basic trg completed the coys are undergoing Advanced trg in Battle Drill. This trg took up nearly one third of the weekly reg programme. 'A' Coy trained in close order drill, battle drill and physical trg. 'B' Coy practiced on the 200 yd range making some good scores. The weather was fair. 'C' Coy and 'Sp' Coy made a 10 mile route march independently of each other. Two 9-10 mile route marches are made each week in place of one 18-22 miles because of foot trouble resulting from a longer march. | SAR |
| | 2 Dec 42 | | 'A' Coy and 'Sp' Coy trained in close order drill, reviewed the rifle, bayonet, L.M.G., T.S.M.G., 2" mortar and the grenade, to strengthen any weaknesses. 'B' Coy and 'C' Coy trained in Battle Drill. 'D' Coy fired on the 200 yd range. The weather was dull. All coys participated in sports which were organized. Lieut. F.A. TILSTON, Intelligence Officer was S.O.S. upon admission to 15 Cdn Gen Hosp. Wounded by a bullet from a L.M.G. whilst on the 4 Cdn Inf Bde Battle School, his condition was now critical his condition is now critical. Efficient and well liked by all ranks, Lieut. Tilston will be missed. Lieut. S.A. RANDS was appointed Bn. I.O. upon his return from a 3" Mortar Course at DORKING, Surrey. | SAR |
| | 3 Dec 42 | | 'A' Coy made a 9 mile route march and trained in Battle Drill and Fieldcraft 'B' Coy training in close order drill, weapon trg (review), battle drill. 'C' Coy and 'D' Coy trained in battle drill. 'Sp' Coy fired on the 200 yd range. The weather was damp and the light was dull. In the afternoon, 18pl of 'D' Coy won the 3 mile cross country run against all the other sub-units. A cinema held at the Phoenix Club at 1830 hrs, was enjoyed by many other ranks. A dance for other ranks was arranged for 1930 hrs. 46 all ranks attached to 4 Cdn Inf Bde f.a.p. whilst attending Bde Battle School as Ser 1 GOODWOOD PK (MR 3229 - O.S. 1" to a 1 mile), N.E. of CHICHESTER returned to the unit. This is a special school opened to units within the 4th Bde to standarize the Battle Drill. It has received all kinds of attention and L.Os., S.Cs, B.Ms, and Brigadiers 'infest the place'. Major B.J.S. MACDONALD of this unit was selected to be Chief Instructor and it is generally felt that it will be very much of a successful venture. It will do a great deal to standarize trg in the Bde. The balance of the officers and senior | SAR |

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| Middleton -on- Sea. | 4 Dec 42. | | N.C.Os. loaned out to form Ser. 2 with other units of the Bde from 3 - 14 Dec 42. "A" and "C" Coys fired on the range despite poor weather conditions. It is felt that more .45 amm should be available for trg purposes on the Thomson Machine Carbine "B" Coy trained in battle drill and P.T. as well as making a 9 mile route march. "C" and "D" Coys trained in battle drill. A table tennis tournament took place at 1900 hrs at the Y.M.C.A. Canteen. | Rth |
| | 5 Dec 42. | | Trg continued normally in the morning. Winter weather conditions make interesting trg difficult. Heating in various billets and offices is at a minimum; strictest economy is necessary in the conservation of fuel. Lieut F.A. TILSTON's physical condition was classed as dangerously ill after the bullet was removed from his back. The Stretcher Bearers School, conducted by our popular unit M.O., Capt. E. Cloutier, stated in the third week of Nov 42 was composed of 20 men on the basis of 4 men from each coy. It is believed that this is the only unit in the 2 Cdn Div that is conducting such a course, the results of which are very satisfactory. | Rth |
| | 6 Dec 42. | | Despite the cool weather all coys attended the Protestant Church parade at the PELPHAM Methodist Church at 1015 hrs after marching to the skirl of the bagpipes. The R.C. Church Parade heard Mass at 0845 hrs, in the St. Nicholas Hall. Capt. C.P. KEELEY is S.O.S. this bn. being transferred to the 1 Cdn Corps. | Rth |
| | 7 Dec 42 | | "A" Coy trained in battle drill and night trg after firing on the 200 yd range in the morning. Night trg. emphasized the tactical employment of Night Patrols. "B" Coy trained in close order drill, battle drill and P.T. "C" Coy made a 9 mile route march followed by a review on wga on trg. The afternoon time was devoted towards semaphore signalling under the direction of Lieut. A.J. HODGES; "C" Coy trained in night patrols for three hours in the evening. "D" Coy made a route march of the required 9-10 miles, reviewed weapon trg, P.T. and worked with semaphore signalling with an interest. "Sp" Coy trained in specialists duties, gas trg, (Chap II / Gas Trg 1942) and P.T. Coy orderlies are now able to do their duties more efficiently due to the re-issue of bicycles. The beginning of the week saw "C" Coy "stuck" with | Rth |

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| Middleton -on- Sea. | 8 Dec 42. | | <p>providing the farm detail for the coming week. Not so bad as last tour though for only 24 O.Rs. were required to help the farmers.</p> <p>Trg for all coys continued in the normal manner as per syllabus preparatory to participating in 4 Cdn Inf Bde Battle Drill School. Range work consisted of one half day per week per coy under Lieut. J.S. MACLELLAN, Musketry Officer. The bn to date, has received four 2 prs A.Tk guns and will soon be up to W.E. T.O.S. this Bn. were Lieut. G.D.H. Reid to "C" Coy and Lieut. C.W. Christianson to "A" Coy. Col. Mothersill attended a conference at Bde H.Q. of all Bde Commanders.</p> | RH |
| | 9 Dec 42. | | <p>"A" and "B" Coys trained in close order drill, battle drill, semaphore signalling and organized sports. "C" Coy in addition to trg similar to "A" and "B" Coys trained three hours in the evening in Digging and Wiring. "D" Coy trained in close order drill, battle drill, gas trg and organized sports. "Sp" Coy trained in close order drill, specialists duties and organized sports. The C-in-C, Home Forces, Sir Bernard Paget, was expected to appear throughout the whole Bde Area but trg continued as usual as the Essex Scots were not honoured by this important figure of the day. Bn. petrol requirements fall under two distinct requirements or allotments, namely: Adm. Purposes -- 1800 gals, Trg Purposes -- 3200 gals. This is mentioned here because it is felt that petrol requirements, while perhaps necessarily curtailed, definitely is not sufficient for trg purposes. Trg is continuously being effected by lack of petrol requirements.</p> | RH |
| | 10 Dec 42. | | <p>"A" Coy made a 9 mile route march, trained in battle drill, semaphore signalling P.T. and a three hour period was devoted to digging and wiring practice. "B" Coy fired on the ranges, making good scores, trained in battle drill and like "A" Coy practiced night digging and wiring. "C" Coy trained in battle drill and gas trg.; made a route march of 10 miles and still had energy to some P.T. "D" Coy trained in P.T., close order drill, and battle drill. "Sp" Coy made a 9 mile route march, reviewed weapon trg, devoted itself to specialists duties and P.T. The Essex Scottish Hockey Team under A.21710 Pte Jardine, R., won against the R. Regt C. by the score of 2-1, thus winning three games out of three to date. Two more games to be played</p> | RH |

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| Middleton -on- Sea | | | at BRIGHTON. P.O.W. regulations regarding correspondence have been issued. This is a real concern to this unit as so many of our boys are over there. | |
| | 11 Dec 42. | | "A" Coy trained in close order drill, battle drill and P.T. "B" Coy and "D" Coy both made a 9 mile route march independently, trained in battle drill, fieldcraft, semaphore signalling and P.T. "C" Coy fired on the 200 yd range and did P.T. in the late afternoon. Lt.-Col J.H. Mothersill, C.O., attended a one day camouflage course, No 22, at TUNBRIDGE WELLS. Lt.-Col J.H. Mothersill authorized the Intelligence Officer, Lieut. S.A. Rands to conduct a Bn. Snipers and Observers School for the trg of a bn. reserve. 14 O.Rs. are attending the school for three weeks. Five members of the I. Section are instructors. (Vide Syllabus in Appx II). | RH |
| | 12 Dec 42. | | All coys trained in close order drill, A.B.C.A. Lectures and gas trg. The afternoon was a free day for O.Rs. except for necessary duties. | |
| | 13 Dec 42. | | Weather was fair and slightly windy. The R.C. Church Parade heard Mass at St. Nicholas Church at 0845 hrs, Protestant Church Parade was voluntary and a goodly number of men attended. The day was a Day of Rest to O.Rs. save for the essential duties. | RH |
| | 14 Dec 42. | | Approx. 40 ALL Ranks arrived back from Ser. 2 of the Bde Battle School - just a raring to go. To the "Elmer". "A" and "B" Coys each made a 9 mile route march, trained in battle drill and fieldcraft, P.T. and trg in "Night Patrols". "C" and "D" Coys trained in battle drill and fieldcraft. Coys are stressing hardening exercises in co-ordinations with Battle Drill, Major B.J. Mothersill, MC was transferred to 2 C.D.I.R.U. formerly acting in the capacity of 2 i/c, whilst Major B.J.S. Macdonald was attached to the 4 Cdn Inf Bde as C.I. at the Battle School. | RH |
| | 15 Dec 42. | | "A" Coy fired on the 200 yd range, weather being good; trained in battle drill and P.T. "B" Coy trained in battle drill in the morning, fired on the 200 yd range in the afternoon and practiced "Night Patrols" three hours in the evening. | |

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| Middleton -on- Sea | | | <p>"C" and "D" Coys each made a 9 mile route march followed by battle drill and fieldcraft as well as P.T. "D" Coy in addition, trained three hours in Night Patrols. "Sp" Coy trained in specialists duties. Pursuant to C.R.O. No. 132, d/6 Mar 42, the Commanding Officer directed that a board be convened for the purpose of selecting and recommending N.C.Os. for promotion in the best interests of the unit, to be known as the Essex Scottish N.C.O. Selection Board, it has constituted the u/m for:</p> <table><tr><td>Second-in-Command</td><td>-</td><td>Chairman</td></tr><tr><td>Adjutant</td><td>-</td><td>Secretary</td></tr><tr><td>O.C. "Sp"2Company</td><td>-</td><td>Member</td></tr><tr><td>O.C. "A" Company</td><td>-</td><td>Member</td></tr><tr><td>O.C. "B" Company</td><td>-</td><td>Member</td></tr><tr><td>O.C. "C" Company</td><td>-</td><td>Member</td></tr><tr><td>O.C. "D" Company</td><td>-</td><td>Member</td></tr><tr><td>Administration Officer</td><td>-</td><td>Member</td></tr></table> <p>(Vide Regt'l Part I Order No. 157, d/15 Dec 42.). A meeting to discuss arrangements for Christmas was called at "Chenies", all officers attended.</p> | Second-in-Command | - | Chairman | Adjutant | - | Secretary | O.C. "Sp"2Company | - | Member | O.C. "A" Company | - | Member | O.C. "B" Company | - | Member | O.C. "C" Company | - | Member | O.C. "D" Company | - | Member | Administration Officer | - | Member | Rth |
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| | 16 Dec 42. | | All coys trained in battle drill, fieldcraft and competitive sports. "Sp" Coy trained in specialists duties. Normal repairs on all trucks used for trg purposes have been completed to date. | Rth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 17 Dec 42. | | Normal trg was suspended. A.B.C. and D. Coys moved embussed at 1450 hrs to area 6123 for the purpose of participating in an infantry cum-tank-trg exercise, 17 Dec 42 to 20 Dec 42 incl. The unit left the bn. area by M.T. and proceeded to the new billeting area in South Lancing (Vide movement table order No. 1, d/15 Dec 42) and route sketch.) Each unit of the Bde moved at different speeds and density so that determination could be made as to the best means of convoy driving. The billets were excellent. Bn.H.Q. was formerly Miss Francis Days' Home. "A" and "B" Coys stayed at a convalescent home and an apartment house respectively. As soon as the unit arrived our C.O. took the Coy Comds to look over the area and had everything arranged | Rth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Middleton -on- Sea | 18 Dec 42. | | for the morning. That evening the C.O. liaised with the C.O. of H.Q. Sqn of the Army Tank Bn. (from THREE RIVERS) and made final arrangements. The weather was fair for the a/m move. Reveille was at 0530 hrs; move off approx 0710 hrs; the march to the trg area in the DOWNS was cold and a slight rain was falling, arriving at 0830 hrs. Officers and afterwards the N.C.Os. attended at a 1½ hrs lecture over a cloth model on Infantry Tank Co-operation. The men were lectured by their officers until the noon meal. This unit was the only unit to have hot food. After dinner a display of the fire power of a troop of tanks was given and then the bn. witnessed an attack by a demonstration pl. under Lieut. J.C. Cockburn in co-operation with two tps of tanks. Despite the drizzling rain all ranks seemed highly interested in the exercise and spent the evening drying their uniforms. | R.H. |
| | 19 Dec 42. | | Each pl. in succession carried out a three-leg attack with the tanks. The weather was cold with patches of fog giving the exercise an adverse condition for the employment of the tanks, because of the poor visibility. The leading wave of tanks went forward with a pl. 200 yds to their rear followed by the shepherding wave of tanks. Battle drill tactics were employed. Infantrymen had unlimited opportunities to ride, examine and learn all the details of the famous 40 ton "Churchill Tank". Platoons not working with the tanks carried out house cleaning, battle drill and digging. | R.H. |
| | 20 Dec 42. | | On Sunday a relief of cold weather came with the brilliant sunshine and complete absence of wind. The day was devoted to very realistic Coy Attack Schemes. A vital up-to-date offense narrative gave a good background to the exercise. Smoke was amply employed and the attacks were vividly realistic. As the attacks took place along a valley it was possible for the coys not participating to observe the war game spectacle. All troops could hear all orders, instructions and W./T. communication | R.H. |

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| Middleton -on- Sea | | | due to the signal system of amplification of sound. The rear party R.C. Church Parade was held at 0845 hrs, in St. Nicholas Church Hall. Prot. Church Parade was voluntary and a large group attended as usual. | |
| | 21 Dec 42 | | The exercise concluded, the bn. marched 17 miles home after their temporary area had been thoroughly cleaned. At noon the Y.M.C.A. Tea Wagon met the marching column. The unit arrived in MIDDLETON approx 1500 hrs. Slight rain fell throughout the day. General "MUD" with whom all soldiers are familiar though, everywhere throughout the exercise certainly did not lessen the interest of all ranks in the tanks. The whole exercise was a profitable period of trg and everyone deserved a great deal of praise and derived a great deal of benefit from the Infantry Cum Tanks. The tank personnel remarked that this was the best unit with which they had worked. The unit did co-operate very well and it is hoped that this unit will meet them in action. | R.H. |
| | 22 Dec 42. | | "A" and "D" Coys made a 9-12 mile route march followed by battle drill and field-craft. "B" Coy trained in close order drill, battle drill and P.T. "C" Coy trained in firing on the 200 yd ranges, making some good scores and trained also in battle drill and P.T. "Sp" Coy trained in battle drill and specialists duties. Plans took shape to hold a Christmas Party for the children of MIDDLETON AND ELMER to be held at the Phoenix Club on Thurs, 24 Dec 42. at 1400 hrs. A cinema was shown at the battle school at 1830 hrs. A dance for O.R. was held at 2000 hrs, at the Cdn Y.M.C.A. The Essex Scottish Hockey Team won from the 11 Fd. Amb. by the score of 8-3. The game was fast and exciting. Coach A.P. Doucette was pleased with the victory. | R.H. |
| | 23 Dec 42. | | "A" Coy trained in battle drill and competitive sports and fired on the ranges. "B", "C" and "D" Coys trained in close order drill battle drill and competitive sports. Competitive sports between the coys was as follows:- "A" Coy vs "C" Coy "B" Coy vs "Sp" Coy "D" Coy vs "Bz.H.Q." | R.H. |

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| Middleton -on- Sea | | | <p>All 8 cwts have been called in for replacement by "JEEPS". All (4x2) 15 cwt trucks are declared obsolete and will be replaced in the near future by (4x4) 5 cwt (JEEPS). The end of the month pay parade was held to-day making a long period of time elapse before the next pay on 15 Jan 43. The secret is to stretch the "quid" that far. Col. Mothersill and Capt. Reade attended the dance given by the 8 Essex Reg't., Mon. the 23rd. This day the day before Christmas the A.Tk Platoon had to proceed to the Lydd Ranges to shoot under Lieut. Ponsford (Lieut. Washer on leave); they did well indeed and all returned not too late to warm up for Christmas and Lieut. Ponsford made the officers dinner.</p> | Rth |
| | 24 Dec 42. | | <p>A kiddies Christmas party was held in the Phoenix Club on Thurs afternoon at 1400 hrs, when all children of MIDDLETON AND ELMER between the ages of 6-12 years were invited. The officers, N.C.Os. and men of the unit gave their "sweets" which they had received in parcels from home. The collection totalled 100 oranges, approx. 240 chocolate bars, 45 pkgs of gum, 56 lifesavers as well as numerous small cakes, biscuits etc. More than 100 children appeared at the appointed hour. The Y.M.C.A. showed a 3 reel cinema of "Popeye". There too music on the (P.A.) Public Address System everyone played musical chairs for prizes. Sgt R.R. Adams (Provost Sgt) was Santa Claus and was piped in to the hall by Piper Coulson. Every child received 1 orange, 2 chocolate bars, gum or mints, a bottle of Pepsi-Cola. It was apparent that the children enjoyed themselves. They were extremely excited about the sweets. The balance of the candy was delivered to all children in the district under quarantine, on Christmas morning. The Essex Scottish Hockey Team won the championship of the 4th Bde by the close score of 3-2 against the R.H.L.I. Attending the game were Lt.-Col J.H. Mothersill, O.C. this Bn. Capt. J.C. Cottrell, the paymaster; and Capt. R.H. Lund the Adjt., [vide Cdn Y.M.C.A. Program - Week commencing Sunday, 27 Dec 42]. A great deal of credit goes to A.21710 Pte Jardine, R. for his splendid work in organizing the team. This is the third year he has played with the team. The victory will doubtlessly be publicized in Canada. 4 offrs and 25 O.Rs. went to the 4 Wilts (4th Bn. WILTSHIRE REG'T) at Deal, Kent for the purpose of spending Christmas. Messages expressing Season's Greetings were received from 2 Cdn Div., 4 Cdn Inf Bde and other bn. The offrs of the bn. had a</p> | Rth |

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| Middleton -on- Sea | 25 Dec 42. | | <p>Buffet Supper at 1900 hr., so as to be free on Christmas Day to serve the men Christmas Dinner after the traditional custom of the British and Canadian Army. It was quite a stag'. The following offrs were present all but one Essex and the Div. was well represented:- Col A.S. Pearson, recently made a full Colonel and formerly C.O. of this Bn.; Major L.A. Deziel, D.A.A.G. Div. formerly Adj. of this bn.; Major J.D. Mingay, B.M. 4 Cdn Inf Bde; Capt., C.P. Keeley 1 Cdn Corps. The likeable Major Tommy Jones, 4 Cdn Inf Bde, Staff Capt., was a popular and welcome guest. The O.C., Lt-Col J.H. Mothersill and his offrs attended a Midnight Mass conducted by H/Capt. M.J. Dalton, R.C. Padre. Father Dalton has a tremendous following amongst the R.Cs. and Protestants alike. He seems to be the modern Father Duffy of the 4 Cdn Inf Bde.</p> <p>This is the third Christmas spent in Southern England by the 1st Bn. of the Essex Scottish Reg't: The first was spent in ALDERSHOT, HANTS; the second found part of the bn. in ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX and part of the remainder in UCKFIELD, SUSSEX. This year the bn. is together although fairly well dispersed. On this outstanding day of the year breakfast consisted of: corn flakes, ham and eggs and coffee - all the luxuries. The Christmas dinner served at 1230 hrs was ample and well cooked. It consisted of the following:- chicken, boiled potatoes, buttered carrots, custard and Christmas cake/pudding. Each man received one quart of beer and 300 cigarettes. From the Bn. Store the offrs. men and N.C.Os. donated 300 cigarettes to Bde and Div troops. The men of the 153 R.A.C. received a 100 cigarettes per man. The R.H.L.I. and R. REGT. C. received an issued of 50 cigarettes from the Essex Scottish, per each man. The dinner was really a happy occasion. The O.C. accompanied the various guest to the messes. A message of gladness and thanksgiving was broadcasted over the air direct to Windsor, Ontario by Lt.-Col J.H. Mothersill, O.C. of this Bn. Serving at the Bn.H.Q. Men's Mess were Maj. L.A. Deziel, D.A.A.G & Q.M.G., 2 Cdn Div; Capt. R.H. Lund, Adj., Lieut. S.A. Rands, I.O., Capt. J.C. Cottrell, Paymaster; H/Capt. M.J. Dalton, R.C. Padre and other Bn. Officers. More than 200 pounds was spent on extra messing. This money was not spent in vain. The cooks were given the afternoon off which they deserved. It is certain that on this festive day many thoughts were spent on those Comrades-in-Arms, the men at DIEPPE. A Composite Coy from 2 CDIRU. has moved in to take "B" Coys place in its own lines, 115 all ranks commanded by Major Evans R.H.C.</p> | <p>RH</p> <p>RH</p> |

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| Middleton -on- Sea | 26 Dec 42. | | (Baick Watch). This coy will in turn relieve Essex Coys in succession as they are proceeding to Bde Battle School and will take over all duties. Bn.H.Q. (Proper & Adm) marched to LITTLEHAMPTON leaving the Bn. Area at 0800 hrs. The men marched to the skirl of the bagpipes all the way, arriving in the area MR467207 (O.S. Sheet 133 - 1" to 1 mi). There was a lecture and demonstration of tanks given which lasted one hour. The lecture was given by personnel of the 153 R.A.C. The men were permitted to view the sqn. of tanks thoroughly when the demonstration was over. The personnel of the 153 "fell in" and stood to attention until a call for cheers was given as Bn.H.Q. marched past. Bn.H.Q. arrives at MIDDLETON at approx 1600 hrs, after a most useful day had been spent. The weather was very cool and brisk, throughout the day. The bn. less BB" Coy and Bn.H.Q. had a more or less day of leisure. The unit has been informed that more than 2830 bags of mail have been lost due to enemy action and fire at an Atlantic port. Col Mothersill attended a dance at the R.H.L.I. Offrs' Mess. No reports were forthcoming next day as to what exactly happened. | R.H.L. |
| | 27 Dec 42. | | The R.C. Church Parade heard Mass at 0845 hrs in the Middleton Church Hall. Prot. Church Parade was voluntary. Except for necessary duties this was a day of rest. Lieuts. Pope, Macdonald, Christianson and Wilson with 25 O.Rs. returned triumphantly from their visit to the Wilts. The visit was a tremendous success and all ranks were loud in their praises as to how well they were entertained by the "Limies." The visit was very successful in that it did a great deal towards developing a spirit of friendliness - at least between the Essex Scottish and the 4 Wilts. | R.H.L. |
| | 28 Dec 42. | | "A", "D" and "Sp" Coys proceeded by M.T. to the No 7 Trg Area for one day trg. Two rifle coys trained in woods clearing, house clearing, village fighting as well as dry and wet attacks, conforming with Battle Drill Procedure. Sp Carriers carried on with their own specialists tactics; the mortar pl. trained in smoke, range finding; whole th A.Tk pl. trained in the cutting off and destruction of tanks. Coys used their own tpt. It was considered one of the most successful days as this type of trg is most needed by the unit at this time. It is handicapped, however, by the lack of suitable trg areas and their availability to dovetail with our schedules. Belated Christmas Greetings were received from Mayor A. REAUME of WINDSOR, ONT. and the Brig. | R.H.L. |

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| Middleton -on- Sea | 29 Dec 42 | | 4 Cdn Inf Bde and numerous Cdn Field Units. Major W.E. KIME and Lieut. R.W. GREENWOOD were attached for 3 months trg. To-day the bn. carried out interior preparations for the coming inspection of this unit by Maj.-Gen. Roberts, DSO, MC, G.O.C. 2 Cdn Div. With very short notice time did not allow this unit to put on any show at least not the proper Essex Scot demonstration of efficiency and neatness. All helmets were covered with Hessian and painted. There was a shortage of the regular paint brushes and old shoe brushes sufficed to dab the Hessian covering with paint. Unit tpt cleaned their trucks, repainted all identification and tactical signs and painted over the 2 Cdn Div Insignia substituting the prescribed Cdn Maple Leaf. No cloths were available for the cleaning of the billets and trucks etc., buckets had to be used to conserve water; petrol could not be used for removing grease - it was some job. Despite the limitations imposed by time and lack of cleaning materials the billets were never cleaner or brighter. | RH |
| | 30 Dec 42. | | The bn. was inspected by Maj.-Gen. J.H. ROBERTS, DSO, MC, G.O.C., 2 Cdn Div at 0930 hrs, in the meadow of BILSHAM FM (MR 409216 - O.S. Map Sheet 133 - 1" to 1 mi). The bn. marched past at the junction of MIDDLETON and YAPTON RDS. The weather was extremely cold due to the season's first frost and the tps were numb with cold throughout the inspection. The G.O.C. appeared very pleased with the unit and from the remarks after the inspections it is thought that he beamed his approval. The M.T. were later inspected and there were a party of soldiers picked at random to go to the ranges for shooting practice, doing exceedingly well. A quiz on general knowledge in Chemical Warfare was given at random to several Essex Scot as well as other kindred military subjects. The inspection appeared to go well, the G.O.C's. staff missed nothing. | RH |
| | 31 Dec 42. | | "A" Coy trained in close order drill, battle drill and night patrol work. "C" Coy trained in battle drill and P.T. and in the afternoon fired on the range. "D" Coy trained in close order drill, battle drill and P.T. "Sp" Coy was occupied in specialists duties. New Years Eve was celebrated with many an Essex Scot wondering what was in store for the unit for the year 1943? Battle? Nearly a certainty. The | |

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| Middleton -on- Sea | | | <p>finish of the war - we hope so but don't forget dear God we like a scrap, we Canadians for a just cause (Some might say for just any cause). The Officer Commanding left to spend the balance of the week-end on a well earned rest in London.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>APPENDICES</u></p> <table><tr><td>Appx. 1.</td><td>Part I Orders.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 2.</td><td>Part II Orders.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 3.</td><td>Weekly Trg Syllabi.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 4.</td><td>Weekly Y.M.C.A. Programs.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 5.</td><td>Inf Cum Tanks Scheme</td><td><div><div></div><div>(a) Adm Instructions.</div><div>(b) Movement Order.</div><div>(c) Route Trace.</div><div>(d) Billet Trace.</div><div>(e) Synopsis of Trg.</div></div></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 6.</td><td>Field Returns of Offrs and O.Rs.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 7.</td><td>Menus, etc, Christmas Dinner.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 8.</td><td>Standing Orders for M.T.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 9.</td><td>Syllabus of Trg. for Snipers Snipers and Observers School)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 10.</td><td>Co-operation with H.Q. Sqn. 153 R.A.C.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Appx. 11.</td><td>Offence Reports.</td><td></td></tr></table> <p style="text-align: right;"> (J.H. MOTHERSILL) Lt.-Col., OFFICER COMMANDING, ESSEX SCOTTISH REGIMENT CANADIAN ARMY (OVERSEAS)</p> | Appx. 1. | Part I Orders. | | Appx. 2. | Part II Orders. | | Appx. 3. | Weekly Trg Syllabi. | | Appx. 4. | Weekly Y.M.C.A. Programs. | | Appx. 5. | Inf Cum Tanks Scheme | <div><div></div><div>(a) Adm Instructions.</div><div>(b) Movement Order.</div><div>(c) Route Trace.</div><div>(d) Billet Trace.</div><div>(e) Synopsis of Trg.</div></div> | Appx. 6. | Field Returns of Offrs and O.Rs. | | Appx. 7. | Menus, etc, Christmas Dinner. | | Appx. 8. | Standing Orders for M.T. | | Appx. 9. | Syllabus of Trg. for Snipers Snipers and Observers School) | | Appx. 10. | Co-operation with H.Q. Sqn. 153 R.A.C. | | Appx. 11. | Offence Reports. | | <p><i>RR</i></p> <p><i>RR</i></p> |
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