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ASHINGTON, Sussex	1 Aug.		Excellent weather for bn. preparation to move to new area. All stores not required in next few days were packed for dispatch with advance party to MIDDLETON-ON-SEA, Sussex. After the intense training of the SUMMER FORCE on the ISLE OF WIGHT the bn looks forward to good billets. The rear party made MR 573370 (ASHINGTON) habitable but tentage was not ample for a whole bn. There were many inconveniences. There was keen disappointment among the men because EXERCISE SUMMER did not develop into the expected operation. Lt-Col. F.K. Jaspersen spoke to the men assuring them that the bn would not be forgotten and that the 1st Bn, Essex Scot, could look forward to future action.	FT
	2 Aug.		Sunday R.C. Church Parade was held at 0845 hrs at the Y.M.C.A. Harquce, the last Mass and Communion in ASHINGTON. Other than Church Parade and essential duties the bn had a day of rest. Lieut. P.O. Lee S.O.S. to 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde.	FT
	3 Aug.		Coy Comds carried out their syllabi in training. All stores and equipment are being moved to MIDDLETON despite the intermittent rains. The sodden ground and clay make transport difficult of loading. Guards and fatigues for new area were disposed of. Adv. party i/c of Capt. D.F. MacRae were dispatched to take over our new location from The HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD REGT. (1st Div.)	FT Appx. I.
	4 Aug.		Today the bn moved to MIDDLETON. Reveille was at 0400 hrs. Before reaching new area, tps were debussed vicinity of BILSHAM FM and local attack put in on new area. Haver-sackelunches were carried. One signal D.R. received lacerations when his m.c. ran into a M.T. The move was completed by 1100 hrs. Rain was intermittent.	FT
	5 Aug.		Billets were put in shape during early morning by all sub-units and at approx. 1000 hrs all coys mounted their Anti-Raid poems. All ranks were instructed in their various responsibilities in the event of German reprisal raiding parties. At 1200 hrs all operational and administrative arrangements were completed. The Intelligence Pl. immediately made a trace of all billet locations formerly occupied by the Hastings and Prince Edward Regt. (1st Div.) thus ensuring better liaison among all sub-units.	FT

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MIDDLETON,	5 Aug.	(Contd)	Minefields were studied and their locations sent to all concerned.	FT
Sussex	6 Aug.		Gas training and Battle Drill discipline occupied training today. The weather was good. Minor coy adjustments necessary after every move were made.	FT Appx. III
	7 Aug.		Small arms training occupied the morning. Tabloid sports under coy arrangements spent the afternoon. The I.O. drew up March Table d/S Aug for practice evacuation in event of severe hostile air raid.	FT Appx. IV
	8 Aug.		At 0200 hrs the bn practiced evacuation under a theoretical hostile air attack of great severity. Loading of dispersed coys in dark et al were well done. Major T. Hayhurst was satisfied that all ranks did their part well.	FT Appx. IV
	9 Aug.		Change of Summer Time today, clocks and watches were set back one hour from 0101 hrs to 0001 hrs. R.C. Church Parade held at 0830 hrs at Cdn. Y.M.C.A. Protestant Church Parade held at Methodist Church, FELPHAM. Weather was good. A free day and many men explored their local surroundings. General opinion is that MIDDLETON AREA and accommodations are the best enjoyed by this bn so far.	FT
	10 Aug.		Bn exercised in manning battle posns during the forenoon. Exercise LOCO in afternoon, a three mile run doubling all the time with complete equipment. Despite the good general condition of the men after ISLE OF WIGHT training the march was felt by all as extremely strenuous.	FT
	11 Aug.		Training for week ending 15 Aug 42 was planned to keep the bn to the same physical and mental standard that the training on the ISLE OF WIGHT had produced. "C" Coy did a speed march of 10 miles with full equipment.	FT Appx. V

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MIDDLETON -ON- SEA	12 Aug.		Lt-Col. F.K. Jasperson was indisposed and Major T. Williams was A/O.C. Major Williams and Lieut. E.J. Reynolds was taken for an aerial recc6. by Lieut. G. Goodwin, Fleet Air Arm, stationed at FORD AIR PORT. It was an excellent day and observation was perfect.	JJ
	13 Aug.		Bn training as per syllabus. Several officers i/c of Major T. Williams went to CHICHESTER to hear a lecture on SIMMER FORCE by O.C., F.M.R. In the evening "D" Coy conducted twilight shooting. At 2230 hrs "D" Coy went on a compass march.	JJ
	14 Aug.		31 All Ranks including Lieut. P.M. Grandjean and I MacDonald were taken on strength from 2 C.D.I.R.U. and posted to various coys. "D" Coy did a 10 mile speed march with full equipment. The bn, aware that Simmer Force is in effect again, senses that an important operational role is soon to be enjoyed by the ESSEX SCOT. They do not know when or where... Landing, assault, withdrawal, evacuation of casualties are practiced and are letter perfect. Lieut. J.R. Brick gave instruction to officers off operation of 18 Set.	Appx. V JJ
	15 Aug.		The morning was devoted to coy comds syllabus. Saturday afternoon was free for all not on essential duties.	JJ
	16 Aug.		It was raining very hard as the R.C. Parade marched off at 0845 for Mass at the Cdn. Y.M.C.A. A day of rest except for essential duties.	JJ
	17 Aug.		The bn spent the day in preparation for a scheme that later turned out to be the DIEPPE RAID. Secrecy was complete and though all weapons were cleaned and amm. heavily distributed, the men had no inkling of the forthcoming "Jubilee Operation". The assault course was used by all coys and in the evening "D" Coy went on a 12 mile forced march. Preparation was made for a M.T. night exercise (FORD MK.I) to take place night 18/19 Aug. 42.	JJ

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MIDDLETON -ON- SEA, Sussex.	18 Aug.		The bn moved out under cover of Exercise FORD MK.I at various times throughout the day. The unit arrived at various ports including SOUTHAMPTON, PORTSMOUTH and NEW-HAVEN and immediately got aboard the assault ships in the late afternoon. So far as the rear party was concerned Exercise FORD MK.I was a 48 hr scheme and there was no excitement evinced. Few civilians knew that the bn had gone on a scheme until late in the day. (Vide Appx. VI for further details.)	FT Appx. VI.
	19 Aug.		Reveille 0200 hrs and a light breakfast. At 0300 hrs personnel began to get into assault landing craft. The glorious attack on DIEPPE is colourfully painted by Capt. D.F. MacRae, S.D. & G. Highrs. who was attached to the ESSEX SCOTS for some time prior to this smashing raid. (For the keen descriptive powers of Capt. MacRae vide Appx. VII) After the DIEPPE RAID the LEOPOLD, one of the mother ships taking part in the action, returned 20 minutes after loading tps into A.L.C's. and arrived at SOUTHAMPTON about 1200 hrs. No one was allowed off the LEOPOLD until 1100 hrs 20 Aug. 42.	FT Appx. VII
	20 Aug.		The morning London newspapers are replete with the resounding news of the DIEPPE RAID. Fighting is still going on and the rear party are beginning to surmise that their own bn has at last taken active part in activities on Coastal France. The B.B.C. broadcast on DIEPPE this afternoon named the three bns in the 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde. taking part and it was good to know for certain that the ESSEX SCOTS were actually in battle in conjunction with British Commandos, American Rangers and other Cdn. units and attached tps. Cook houses worked overtime and stood in readiness to receive the tired men from FRANCE but only several men began to straggle back from Southern England ports. Rumours filtered through that casualties were high. All ranks were confined to barracks until further notice.	FT
	21 Aug		To provide a sufficient cadre of bn ofrs to the rear party the following ofrs were taken on strength w.e.f. from 21 Aug:- J.H. Mothersill, Lieut. E.C.D. Washer, Lieut. R.E. Johnston, J.A. Baxter, Lieut. F.B. Walton, Lieut. J.A. Reid, Lieut. G.G. Milne, Lieut. A McGrimmon, Lieut. F.A. Tilston, Lieut. S.H. Bull. The rear party were filled with apathy when it became evident that it was no mere rumour that casualties were high.	FT

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MIDDLETON -ON- SEA, Sussex	22 Aug.		13 O.Rs. T.O.S. from No. 2 C.D.I.R.U. with rumours of more reinforcements tomorrow. Casualties are rumoured to be almost 75% of the bn. One unnamed eye witness brings back news that A21275 Pte. BLACK, W.W. was killed by shrapnel as he was going over barbed wire loaded down with the baseplate of a 3" mortar. He is listed in Part II Order No 58 d/29 Aug 42 as missing believed killed. He was a conscientious soldier and our regiment gives silent tribute to him and his comrades who have fallen decisively that the Allies might gain experience and confidence in the opening of the oft-mentioned Second Front. THEY HAVE NOT DIED IN VAIN.	FF
	23 Aug.		The sun is bright but the day is a sombre one to the R.C. Church Parade as it files into the Cdn. Y.M.C.A. at 0845 hrs. Many offer their Masses and Communion to their late fallen comrades in arms. It is a big day in the re-organization of the regiment as the depleted ranks are partly swollen with the 128 O.Rs. from No 2 C.D.I.R.U. "Stand To" is still in effect at last light. The weakened bn is ready to offstand a German reprisal raid with full vengeance. It is not likely that in the event of any such raid that there would be many German prisoners taken - such is the regimental anger. Committees of Adjustment are appointed as published in Part I Order No. 105 d/23 Aug 42. A Memorial service at Brookwood Cemetery for all Cdn. tps fallen at Dieppe was held today. Attending were:- Lt.-Col. J.H. Mothersill, Major B.J.S. Mothersill, M.C., Lt.-Col. A.S. Pearson, Major C.A. Turnbull, Lieut. E.J. Reynolds, Capt. J. Brown, Lieut. A.M. Hayes as well as about 40 men of the original bn who lost brothers and comrades. The service was replete with red tabs. Noted in the assembly were:- General A.G.L. McNaughton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.Sc., LL.D., D.C.L., P.A.M.; Lieut.-Gen. H.D.G. Crerar, D.S.O.; Major-Gen. J.H. Roberts, M.C.; Major-Gen. C.B. Price, D.S.O., D.C.M., V.D.; Major-Gen. G.R. Pearks, V.C., D.S.O., M.C. Numerous brigadiers and colonels were present. Lieut. R.J. Harris was honorary pall bearer for the Essex Scottish Regt.	FF
	24 Aug.		Training continues so far as possible. Organization of the regiment continues. Strict surveillance of our coastal area is the watchword. Inter-coy postings are effected and the reinforcements posted to coys. Transfers of Americans from the unit to the U.S. Army is again cancelled. The regiment needs every available man badly.	FF

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MIDDLETON	25 Aug.		N.C.Os. from other units (BLACK WATCH and CALGARY HIGHLANDS.) arrive. They are to stay with us a month. Fatigues, guards and patrols absorb almost 100% of the men. Billets and coy messes are excellent arrangements but what a drain on manpower. Training parades are almost nil.	FT
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Sussex	26 Aug.		Vickers instruction to N.C.Os. and men of "C" Coy by TORONTO SCOTTISH. Major J.H. Mothersill takes over command of regiment as Lt.-Col.	FT
	27 Aug.		All coys are hard put for manpower but reorganization is taking shape. Reinforcement offrs are finding their way around and are now able to give assistance.	FT
	28 Aug.		Men now able to handle Vickers. "C" Coy receives extra training in this weapon because of interest shown by N.C.Os. and men. General improvement in organization throughout the bn.	FT
	29 Aug.		The end of the Committees of Adjustment work appears in sight. Kits were ready to move to central pool. Billet areas improve in appearance because of removal of missing mens kits.	FT
	30 Aug.		R.C. Church Parade at Y.M.C.A. at 0845 hrs. Lt.-Col. J.H. Mothersill called a meeting of all offrs outlining training and administrative policy. Officers worked at night to complete Committee of Adjustment forms.	FT
	31 Aug.		Training started in seriousness. All men are being tested in T.O.E.T. in all small arms. No exceptions are being made to these tests and it is not unusual to see cooks, drivers, batmen or orderlies appear on parade for an hour before going back to their individual work.	FT

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MIDDLETON -On- SEA, Sussex.			<p>Appendix I-Essex Scottish Regimental Orders (Part I). " II-Essex Scottish Regimental Orders (Part II). " III-Training Programme Week Ending 8 Aug 42. " IV-March Table - M.T. Move 8 Aug 42. " V-Training Programme Week Ending 15 Aug 42. " VI- Attack on DIEPPE 19 Aug 42 by Capt. D.^W. MacRae, now HQ First Cdn. Army. " VII-Attack on DIEPPE 19 Aug 42 by a regimental officer. " VIII- Training Programme Week Ending 22 Aug 42 " IX - Offence Reports. " X - Field Return of Officers and O.Rs.</p> <p>/RLWE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  (J.H. MOTHERSILL) Lt.-Col., Commanding, ESSEX SCOTTISH REGIMENT, CDN. ARMY OVERSEAS. </p>	<i>FF</i>