

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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DATE		Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
MON 26 Apr	P. ME	Middleton -on- Sea.	1 Apr		Weather - gusty but quite mild and warm. Time during trg syllabus taken up by Ts.O.S.T., individual trg and lectures. Quiet on local front but it is good to hear favourable news of action in Tunisia. Selection committee met at 1930 hrs to select new cpls and to confirm old ones. Officers present were: Col. Mothersill, Major Kennedy, Captain Lund, Captain Reade, Captain Mackenzie and Lieut. Hodges.	Rsh
TUE 27 Apr	P. M. 48		2 Apr		Friday - weather holding fine. Grand day for route marching which shows in the trg syllabus, together with lectures on mine clearing, visual and march discipline. Nothing on the entertainment list except local haunts and friends for all ranks.	Rsh
WED 28 Apr	P. M.		3 Apr		This morning was passed by coys in administration, clean up etc, as per trg syllabus. Sat afternoon not much doing as usual, in the army, and at least where it can be avoided. Only essential guards and piquets, etc, remain in the area. The 2 i/c Adjt and Coy Comds and Specialist Pl Comds proceeded to Littlehampton to a lecture on Signal Procedure, maintenance and W/T Sets. Major Kennedy left on leave in the evening. The C.O. proceeded to Bde and Div during the day.	Rsh
THU 29 Apr	P. M.		4 Apr		Sunday and the weather truly most like a summer's day. Sunbathing was indulged in by many ranks during the day. Church parade in the Methodist Hall - H/Capt. Cardy's first parade. Capt. Cardy is enthusiastic and his addition to the ranks of the Essex will be a most profitable one. Judging from his actions, he will be helping the fellows at every opportunity. During the afternoon tea was served at CHENIES with Col. Mothersill and Capt. Reade acting as host. The Pipe Band played for the entertainment of the guests. They played exceedingly well and are rapidly becoming a first rate band, looking smart and playing well on all occasions. A great deal of credit is owing to Capt. Reade who has put quite a bit of effort into arranging it.	Rsh
FRI 30 Apr	P. M. 48		5 Apr	43.	The trg syllabus maintains on the policy of individual trg in weapons and other subjects such as fd engineering, tool and digging drill. An interesting note is added by the incl of a party of R.C.R. Personnel to train the pls in minor clearing	Rsh
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MON 26 Apr	P. ME	Middleton -on- Sea.			etc., one pl to be taken for trg for the whole day in this important phas of inf trg. A/Capt. joined the unit this date. Lieuts. D.J. Hunden, D. Campbell and R.J. Harris received well deserved promotions.	R.H.
TUE 27 Apr	P. M. 48		6 Apr		Weather bright but chillier. The extra hour of daylight saving makes the morning seem colder again. Trg syllabus shows a march to Littlehampton in the a.m. to see a Trg Film. These on the whole were very good and quite worth while. They incl "Locating the Enemy, Minelifting and Combined Ops", but most of the troops went to sleep on the last film so the name is not available. The afternoon more Fieldcraft and Digging of Weapon Pits as per syllabus.	R.H.
WED 28 Apr	P. M.		7 Apr		Individual trg continues as does the fine weather. Lectures were given on ABGA and Current Affairs and recap of L.M.O. and T.S.M.O. were held in the morning. Outside in the p.m. to adopt ground fire posns and to fire from dug weapon pits. Col. Mothersill called an "O" Gp in the evening to discuss defences. The unit was visited by some old members of the W.E. Major Turnbull and Wapt. Keely both returning to Canada to take up posts at the R.M.C. Major Hough of the Essex Scot, our old M.O. has been down for a day or so. Major J.D. Mingay and Major Larry Dexiel came down from Higher Formation, and also Brigadier Penhale who came in for a few minutes during the day. A bit of a do was held and it is good to know that members of the old unit are getting along in the world.	R.H.
THU 29 Apr	P. M.		8 Apr.		To-day the trg syllabus shows the Padre's Hour, weapons and sports, quite a mixture but worth while. Both Father Dalton and H/Capt. Cardy had their turn. During the afternoon a party of officers and N.C.Os. watched a demonstration put on by the R.H.L.I. They put on a good show of taking up a defensive posn. The balance of the tps played baseball, inter coy sports, all were busy. Capt. Ellis of the 4 Cdn Inf Bde Arty gave an interesting lecture to Sub Comds on the "Declaring of Target", in the Officers' Mess. The officer reinforcements were Lieuts. S.B. MacDonald and T.E. Martin who were both posted to W.E., and three officers were posted to Spec Inc. They were Lieuts. G.A. Rau, D.W. McIntyre and W.A. Sovereign. The O.Rs. consisted of 1 Sgt and 9 Ptes.	R.H.
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MON 26 Apr	P. ME	Middleton -on- Sea.	9 Apr		Cloudy rather grey day but not bad for the 9 Apr 45. Training carried out: Sten Gun and other weapons for the morning and further field defences during the apres-midi. The detachment of engineers who were trg personnel in the minefield and booby traps terminated their attachment, after doing some good work with the pls. A very important phase of the work particularly after viewing the write ups in the papers, after the Tunisian action. Lt. Col. Mothersill left during the afternoon for a week-end in London. Capt. Alex "Dummy" Hayes returned this date from a course at Barnard's Castle known as asCoy Comds Tactical Course.	
TUE 27 Apr	P. M. 48		10 Apr		Uneventful day passable day, but the unit spent the day on the weekly clean-up, administration duties and BCA lectures. The 'I' SSG returned from its course to take up unit duties again. Lieut. S.A. Rends will be turning over his duties as I.O. to Lieut. W.C. Wilson, the new 'I' Officer, before he proceeds to 4 Cdn Inf Bde as L.O. 'B' Coy Officers put on a party in the mess, and the B.H.Q. Officers entertained in a quiet way.	Rsh
WED 28 Apr	P. M.		11 Apr		Sunday - cloudy, low clouds, good day for the Jerry to pay a visit. Party of nine O.Rs. from this unit left for the 2 Cdn Inf Div Sniping School at 1330 hrs. The padre is going to institute voluntary Church Parades, we wish him every success. It is not an easy job, however <u>he</u> should be able to do it. Col. Mothersill returned from week-end leave and the Adjt was unfortunate enough to fall into the fish pond at CHENIES - no - he was tripped.	Rsh
THU 29 Apr	P. M.		12 Apr		Real rain for the first time for a long time. Trg continues to have the individualistic touch - L.H.G., judging of distance and observation trg. Night wiring practices were carried out by the rifle coys. The C.O. proceeded to the H.Q. of the 5 Cdn Inf Bde to see Brigadier Whithead in the afternoon. He attended a farewell party for Lt. Col. Hurley of the R.H.L.I. who is returning to Canada as a full Colonel and commandant of the R.M.C. The unit to-day lost the services of Capt. B. Cloutier as Unit N.O. He was very capable, popular and has done a very good job for the unit in reorganising and setting up the R.A.P. Captain R.D. Thompson is to take his place.	Rsh
FRI 30 Apr	P. M. 4		13 Apr		To-day the unit lost the temporarily services of Sgts Coughlin, J.T. BHM, Jacobs	
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TUE 27 Apr	P. M. 48		14 Apr.		One half of the unit proceeded to GOODWOOD PK to witness a demonstration of German Tactics, which was well put on by Capt. Alan Chambers (Cdn Scot), 1 Div Staff. 200 all ranks moved off at 0900 hrs, with Major Kennedy, 2 i/c of the Unit, in charge. The trg syllabus called for the Tactical Demonstration and it was one of the better ones.	
WED 28 Apr	P. M.		15 Apr.		Trg syllabus again set back by the showing of DESERT VICTORY to all ranks of the unit. It was greatly appreciated by a real audience, who thought it was a good fighting picture. Hats off to the 8th Army. How about our turn next? 'A' & 'B' Coys carried on with map reading etc., in the morning and 'C' Coy carried on with the same in the afternoon. Captain H.W.P. Thomson proceeded to Barnard's Castle to attend the Tactical Wing Course for 10 days. Lieut. L.J. Courtin returned from the Battle Wing of the C.T.S and looked very thin. Brigadier H.M.S. Pehhale who is giving up his command to Brigadier J.C. Sager invited Col. Mothersill up to Bde to attend a farewell dinner.	
THU 29 Apr	P. M.		16 Apr.		Col. Mothersill proceeded to Div for a conference with the G.O.C. at 0900 hrs. He then went to Aldershot to assist the Trg Coy at No. 3 C.I.R.U. Those personnel who did not see the German Tactics, a demonstration at GOODWOOD PK on the 14th, witnessed it this date. The balance of the unit carried on with weapon trg, map reading, and psorts. Major Kennedy and Lieut. Wilson went to a Security Lecture for the Div Security Offrs held in the Pavillion in Bognor Regis. Capt. H.C. Laird and Capt. D. Campbell are still on a recce for the 'WELSH' scheme, which will commence on the 19	
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MON 26 Apr	P. ME	Middleton -on- Sea.	17 Apr.		Apr 43 and last until the 3 May 43. A skeleton Bn.H.Q. only, will attend. Bn Parade held in the morning and considering it was the first for some time, the turn out was good and the C.O. was satisfied. Coys continued with coy adm after parade Brigadier J.E. Sayer, ED paid his first visit to the Bn Area at 1030 hrs this date. It looks as if the Bde Inspection is imminent. Blanco will flow capiously, pay books will be at the Paymasters Office and socks will be used for the covering of rifle barrels or have the Canadian Tommies changed. Capt. S.C. Reade is still absent on the Corps Court of Inquiry into the £1037 Barrack Damages supposedly done in the billets in this unit. Weather fine.	RH
TUE 27 Apr	P. M. 48		18 Apr.		R.C. Church Parade held by H/Major Dalton. Capt. Cardy held Voluntary Easter Communion Services in the Men's Mess which was in one or two cases well attended. During the afternoon a ball game was held for the offrs of this unit and the members of the Middleton Sports Club. It was another one sided victory for the officers as it should be. The members of the Sports Club are good sports and both teams as well as a good crowd of spectators had a lot of fun. The weather was id eal for the week-end.	RH
WED 28 Apr	P. M.		19 Apr.		Starting a new syllabus but on the same theme - generally individual training such as L.M.G., ABCA lectures, map reading, individual stak and duties of sentries. Weather - bright and sunny. Skelton Bn.H.Q. under Command of Major E.D. Langston left at 1245 hrs for participation in Exercise 'WELCH'. Cpts Laird and Campbell went as Coy Comds and Lieut. Wilson proceeded as Adjt and I.O. Party consisted of Signallers, 'I' & B.C.R. personnel, as well as cooksm driver, etc a total forming a total of 25 all ranks. Chiefly an Arty Exercise it will take place in and in the general direction of Wales. Selection of N.COs. for confirmation will take place this evening with Col. Mothersill in the chair. The N.C.Os. being confirmed are L/Sgts Holmes & Preston of 'B' Coy.	RH
THU 29 Apr	P. M.		20 Apr.		Day taken up by the preparation of Bn. Parade and the coming dance of the Arm'd Corps Band on 21 Apr 43, but otherwise individual trg prevails. Unit received a visit from Mr. Ross Munroe who was with the Bde at DIEPPE. Accompanied by Lieut. Dolan he was looking for a story of the unit and its organization since DIEPPE. Seemed particularly interested in personnel and where they came from - noted the unit was now composed of officers, though	RH
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TUE 27 Apr	P. M. 48					
WED 28 Apr	P. M.					
THU 29 Apr	P. M.		22 Apr.		Back to the trg syllabus again which incl's the Padre's Hour, a period for each coy with the R.S.M. who lectures on guards and piquets. During the afternoon fd trg, recce patrols, selecting routes came into effect. Two officers arrived for attachment; Major Thornton and Capt. Johnston both of the Scot. Fus. as well as a C.S.M. and a Sgt. Eleven other ranks arrived as reinforcements. Sgt Logan formerly of this unit returned from Canada. Weather not good - cool, cloudy with showers.	Rh
FRI 30 Apr	P. M. 48		23 Apr.		Good Friday - usual Easter weather - well nobody is surprised. Holiday declared by the G.O.C. so the day was grand. Both padres held not too well attended services. K.67655 Pte. Gordon, R.M. was fatally injured when he rode his bicycle into a jeep. Gordon died at 0037 hrs this morning. Court of Inquiry convened with Capt. S.C Reade as Pres and Lieuts. Ponsford and Johnston as members.	Rh
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MON 26 Apr	P. ME	Middleton -on- Sea.	24 Apr 43		Commanding Officer's Parade - Bn formed up at 0900 hrs, and moved off on a short route march along the Middleton Highway to the music of the Arm'd Corps Band under Bandmaster Murphy and by the unit own Pipe Band under L/Sgt. Stoker. Weather was good for the parade with the exception of a rather gusty wind. Major Kennedy, 2 i/c and Capt. Lund, Adjt, were present. They paraded to St. Barnabas Church in EALING to attend the wedding of Lieut. W.H. Pope, unit Sigs Offr. Capt. J.W. Burgess attached to the unit from the Kent Regt also attended. Good news in the Blue Sheets - Capt. S.C. Reade received his promotion to A/Maj and Lieut. E.L. Cohen was finally informed that he was officially Q.M.	Rth
TUE 27 Apr	P. M.		25 Apr 43		Easter Sunday - a most successful Church Parade was held on the Middleton Sports Club grounds. Weather cleared to allow the unit to hold it's finest Drum-head Service for some time. Col. Mothersill read the service and the Arm'd Corps Band supplied the music, playing beautifully.: Oh God Our Hope in Ages Past and Onward Christian Soldiers. Unfortunately the wind competed with the voices and was really too much for the Bn effort though many tried lustily.	Rth
THU 29 Apr	P. M.		26 Apr 43		Trg carried on in accordance with the syllabus - weapon trg in the morning with a coy route march during the afternoon. Weather good for marching - cool, cloudy, but no rain. Seventeen O.Rs. (GD) arrived as reinforcements. Bn present on 'WELCH' returned having completed their part in it.	
FRI 30 Apr	P. M.		27 Apr 43		Coys carried out such trg as V.T., "Approaching Method". L.M.G., Fire Orders and Individual stalk. In the evening a baseball game was played between the Staff B.H.Q. Mess and the H.Q. Offrs. Result the Officers were humbled to the tune of 20-15. Col. Mothersill and the Adjt, Capt. Lund, attended a conference at Bde along with O.Cs. and Adjts of the other inf units in the Bde. The Brigadier outlined his policy with regard to discipline, inspections, and in general. Pending events were discussed incl. Exercises 'BEACH & MAGPIE', use of Area 7, Sports. Weather for the day was fine.	Rth
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MON 26 Apr	P. ME	Middleton -on- Sea.	28 Apr.		Weather continues fine and the bn spent a fairly quiet day as not so quiet trg continued. Trg still individual rather than collective and personnel should soon be prepared for real firing and field work.	RH
TUE 27 Apr	P. M. 48		29 Apr.		Weather mild and quite warm. (All ranks have found that the south of England is pretty nice in the spring). Coys were active with individual trg and BCA Lectures in the a.m. The afternoon was spent on the Sports Club Ground. A field and track meet was held to decide competitions and competitors for the services meet which is to be held on Saturday, 1 May 43. 'Sp8 Coy carried off everything but the 100 yds, tug-of-war and the officers race. 'B' Coy took the tug-of-war, L/Cpl. Jardiene the 110 yds in a good time of 10.4, while Lieut. Grandjean won the 100 yds for the officers. The C.O. went up to London to visit C.M.H.Q. re the Gradation List. Major S.C. Reade took a party of other ranks to Portsmouth on an educational tour. The Party saw all types of vessels and their equipment - armament etc. Lunch was held on H.M.S. 'THE VICTORY', but the troops missed the rum ration.	RH
WED 28 Apr	P. M.					
THU 29 Apr	P. M.		30 Apr.		More individual trg - range comds, fire control, less Lessons 8 & 9, LM.G. Other useful subjects such as selections of line of adv and keeping distinction and direction were also the subjects of the instructors for this date. Weather for the day was wet with intermittent showers although it was fairly warm. A film on R.T. and Wireless Procedure was shown to the Signal Platoon. The film was greatly appreciated by the platoon concerned. Dance for all ranks at the Phoenix Club through the kindness of Bandmaster Murphy and his Arm'd Corps Band. Some officers attended but didn't stay long enough to spoil the party.	RH
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