

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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SHEET 1

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
SCOTTISH RYE AREA	DEC. 1		The C.O. and 2 i/c made a tactical recce for our proposed move from this area. Word was received that Capt. L.A. Deziel had arrived safely in Canada for attendance at Cdn Jr War Staff Course along with Capt. J.D. Mingsay.	K-m
		2	Major F.K. Jaspersona Lieut. D.A. Deziel made an adm recce of the Sns new area in St. Leonards and surveyed the quartering situation.	K-m
		3	Two Officers, Major Wright and Capt. Beekley and two NCO's all of the Prince Edward Island Highlanders arrived from Canada for a three month training attachment to the unit.	K-m
		4	At 1330hrs sub unit reps met the 2 i/c and Adm O. at the Church in St. Leonards and proceeded to their various billeting areas for surveys. The C.O. did a tactical recce with the Bde Comd. During the evening the adjt issued orders for sub unit work parties to prepare for move of accommodation stores to St. Leonards on 5 Dec 41.	K-m
		5	Work Parties proceeded to St. Leonards for purpose of putting our new quarters in shape. In the evening the 2 i/c called a meeting to announce that date of our move to new area would be 10 Dec 41. Adm problems generally were discussed.	K-m
		6	Both the C.O. and 2 i/c visited our new area. The Boom Defence Offr, Dover, visited our HQ at noon. In the evening the C.O. had his coy comds in to discuss the new tactical posns for the Bn and plan generally for the inspection of coy comds of our posns on 6 Dec 41.	K-m
		7	Lt-Col. Bayres, his adjt and I.O. visited our HQ at noon as the 2/6 Duke of Wellingtons are relieving part of our sector. The Cdn Corps Comd inspected our new tactical posns in the afternoon and affected some changes.	K-m
		8	Several officers from the 2/6 Duke of Wellingtons met our offrs in the morning who put the former in the picture prior to handing over. #3 and 4 pls of HQ Coy moved to Uckfield to take over billets in that area. #3 pl comd and three of his NCO's left for a 3" mortar refresher period at 47 Div School of Battle Drill.	K-m
		9	The M.T. holiday was lifted for the Bn. The C.O. and coy comds went on a recce to our new Battle posns and some coys moved stores to St. Leonards.	K-m
			Final preparations were made for the move. Some sub-units turned over stores to incoming sub units of the 2/6 Duke of Well. All coys and Bn HQ had adv parties in the new area.	K-m

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St. Leonards	Dec 10		Change of comd from Essex Scot. to 2/6 Duke of Wellingtons took place at 1400hrs. The Adjt opened BnHQ at Cleveland House, St. Leonards at 1130 hrs. By 1500 hrs all coys reported in new posns. There was a coy comds meeting at 1815 hrs at which adm problems were discussed.	K-m
	11		All coys were busy settling into their new billets. Plans were made for a two week Battle Drill trg period under Majors Williams and Macdonald.	K-m
	12		C Coy did Battle Drill trg under Major Macdonald. Lt-Col. A.S. Pearson was acting Bde Comd.	K-m
	13		Orders were issued for the two week Battle Drill period at Uckfield. There were sixty all ranks proceeding on this trg including staff and students. C Coy witnessed a fieldcraft demonstration conducted by Maj or Armstrong.	K-m
	14		Three hundred and twelve all ranks paraded at 0900hrs to St. Johns Church, St. Leonards, where the R. Regt C. and the Essex Scot. had Church Service under H/Capt. Rahins. Lt. E.B. McCorkell and Sgt. J. Henderson, # 4 Pl., left Uckfield where 3 and 4 pls are quartered, for a special carrier trg period. Adm plans were completed for the Bn Battle Drill Course.	K-m
	15		Personnel left for Uckfield for a two week Bn Battle Drill Course under Majors William and Macdonald. The Bn supplied a working party of 1 nec and 20 men for 2 Cdn Div. The coys all continued "hardening up trg."	K-m
	16		D Coy attended the Fieldcraft demonstration conducted by Maj Armstrong. Lt. P.D. Ambury and Lt. E.C.D. Washer joined the 5 day 2 Cdn Div Umpires Course.	K-m
	17		The C.O. and A Coy Comd attended a luncheon in London in honour of King Peter of Yugoslavia. The personnel on the Battle Drill School continued their trg at Uckfield and the coys in St. Leonards did "toughening up" drills. Major Jasperson and Lt. Deziel continued their quartering efforts in Uckfield.	K-m
	18		A, C and HQ Coys were ordered to make ready for a move very soon to our new area at Uckfield. The weather in St. Leonards at this time is quite cold.	K-m
	19		A Coy fired on Lydd Ranges, despite a very thick fog. D Coy did a route march.	K-m
	20		A Coy and HQ Coy moved to their new quarters area Uckfield. C Coy fired Lydd Ranges.	K-m

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Uckfield.	Dec. 21		Bn HQ and C Coy moved to new area Uckfield. Bn HQ opened at Uckfield at 1230hrs. Personnel attending Bn Battle drill School were on week-end leave.	Km
	22		Sub units were busily engaged in settling into their new Uckfield quarters. The Bn Battle Drill School entered its second week of intensive trg. The C.O. attended a lecture by the Army Comd at Hayward's Heath.	Km
	23		Lt-Col. A.S. Pearson, Major J.D. Green and Capt. W.J.S. Knox attended a demonstration featuring co-operation of Carriers with tanks.	Km
	24		Personnel were busy preparing for Xmas Day dinner and entertainment. An "at Home" was held in Bn HQ Offrs Mess in the evening. Most of the offrs of the unit attended. The Bdn Comd, S.C., I.O., and Staff Learner "A" honoured us with a visit.	Km
	25		The Bde Comd visited two of our coys and the C.O. was busy trying to visit all coys in our dispersed locations. Coys celebrated their Christmas Dinner in coy messes. At Bn HQ the adjt's office had been decorated in the Yuletide spirit and Bn HQ O.Bs enjoyed their Christmas Dinner there, served by Bn HQ offrs. All ranks received 300 cigarettes and gifts from the YMCA. The men enjoyed a day off duty.	Km
	26		The Bn Battle Drill School did a demonstration attended by the C.O. Lt. A.D. Mothersill took over from Lt. D.A. Deziel as Bn Adm Offr. Several offrs listened to Winston Churchill speak over the radio from Senate Chambers in Washington. Adraft of 27 Special Increment arrived and were attd for trg to B Coy in St. Leonards.	Km
	27		The Bn Battle Drill School ended with a six stand exercise which lasted from 0900 - 1630 hrs. Word was received of the appt of Major C.A. Turnbull to GSO II HQ 1 Cdn Armd Bde. A few of the offrs were entertained in the evening by Mrs. Glencannon Campbell of Uckfield.	Km
	28		Bn HQ, A, C and HQ Coys paraded to Holy Cross Church for the eleven o'clock service. Lt. Deziel left with two other offrs of this Bde for the Southeastern Comd Coy Comds School. Lt. M.M. Watson was in hospital. Battle Drill students were given their final tests.	Km
	29		The C.O. and 2 i/c made a lengthy recce of our new battle posns. All coys continued their battle drill training.	Km
	30		Pte. Sterling A. and Calaher, J.D. were tried by FOCM at Bn HQ. Cpl. Brogan and Pte. Brough were selected for P.W. escort to Canada. The Brig. and C.O. went to HQ 2 Cdn Div to see the C.O.C. Bn HQ offrs listened to Winston Churchill speaking from the Cdn House of Commons. Essex Scot Hockey Team playing at Brighton defeated the RNLI 3-2.	Km

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Uckfield	Dec. 31.		<p>The New Year was piped in by Sgt. Laidlaw and some of the Pipers at Bn. H.Q. Offrs Mess.</p> <p>STRENGTH: as of 31 Dec 41; Battalion: 34 Officers and 781 Other Ranks Spec. Increment: 6 Officers and 71 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Part I Orders for the month of December, 1941.</p> <p>Part II Orders for the month of December, 1941.</p> <p>Weekly Field Returns and Offence Reports for the month of December 1941.</p>	<p><i>Rm</i></p> <p><i>Rm</i></p> <p><i>Rm</i></p> <p>APPENDIX 1 <i>Rm</i></p> <p>APPENDIX 2 <i>Rm</i></p> <p>APPENDIX 3</p>

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