

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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SHEET I

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
St. Leonards.	FEB.			
P 1			Church Parade at St. Leonards Parish Church. Major D.F. Spankie, Irish Fus., arrived for a trg attachment as did Lieut. E.S. Laurie, 2nd Cdn Fd Bty, who covered off Lieut. J.K. Hunter to that unit.	
P 2			A trg meeting was attended by Bn HQ offrs and coy comds. Plans were completed for Exercise Beaver II. (See adm Instrn No.1 attached as appx. 1) Trg Program for the period 2 - 7 Feb 42 is attached as appx. 2.	APPENDIX 1 APPENDIX 2
P 3			Stand To for Beaver II Exercise which embraced whole Cdn Corps. Bn HQ moved to Battle Posn. Well looked after by 2 Cdn Fd Coy RCE.	
P 4			Beaver II commenced. At first light. Reported enemy landings and successes on south coast. Bde ordered to move to enemy penetration. Move successfully carried out by Bn. Bn attacked from 3 directions within fifteen minutes. Despite all attempts of the umpires with the help of a finely timed counter attack enemy driven off. Brigadier gave orders for a dawn attack. The Bn is given task of taking first objective - to do this we have to move a depth of 4500 yds. There is a novel situation, the bn comd has two fd regts in support.	
P 5			Start line crossed at zero - enemy give stiff resistance and umpires give bn comd a few anxious moments but after suffering about 35% casualties, objective taken. After consolidation we were attacked by tanks inf and shelled by arty. Our posns however have been well chosen and while we had a rough time of it managed, with the assistance of a coy of RHLI which was slow in arriving, to drive off the enemy. Beaver II ended there. Bn HQ functioned well and scheme was beneficial and instructive.	
P 6			Trg continued rigorously in all coys. Several offrs honoured Lieut. S.C. Reade, who was departing on leave prior to reporting to HQ 2 Cdn Div as Divisional Catering Advisor.	
P 7			Lt-Col. F.K. Jasperson inspected a picked pl of 25 all ranks who were to report at Bde HQ 8 Feb 42 to relieve 4 Cdn Inf Bde Def Pl. which was going on a week's course. This Pl commanded by Lieut. J.S.M. MacLellan. A coy comds meeting was held which embraced subjects of the day. Authority was recd for Lt.-Col. A.S. Pearson to be S.O.S. A recce was made at our battle posns for a new Bn HQ.	
P 8			Lt.-Col. Jasperson visited HQ Cdn Corps. There is considerable snow on the ground at this time.	

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St. Leonards	FEB 9		One half of the jr offrs of the bn attended a lecture on Management of Men by Lt-Col. W.E. Blatz, RCAMC in Heathfield at 1500 hrs. At 2000 hrs one half of the sr offrs heard the same psychologist speak on the same subject. A and C Coys did night attack trg. (Appendix 3 is an advertising agency's proof of an ad. which will appear in LIFE magazine) (Appendix 4 is an amendment to Standing Orders covering Dress Regulations permitting the respirator A/G to be worn at the slung position and the BAYONET on the back attached to the small haversack DURING TRG AND OPERATIONS but NOT for ceremonial.) Trg program for the period 9 - 14 Feb 42 is attached as appx. 5.	APPENDIX 3 APPENDIX 4 APPENDIX 5	
	10		The remaining offrs attended Lt-Col. Blatz's lecture in Heathfield. B and D Coys did night attack trg. Warning order for Bn night Attack exercise issued. Thirty tp carriers will come under our command night of 13/14 Feb 42 for this scheme.		
	11		A sand table lecture and discussion were held in the evening on Tank Destroying Tactics, conducted by Lieut. D.W. Guest. HQ Coy offrs were guests for dinner at Bn HQ Offrs' Mess.		
	12		Lt-Col. Jasperson, Major Wakefield, Capt. Willis and Farebrother, and Lieut. Turnbull attended a lecture by Dr. Berger on Life in a Nazi Camp.		
	13		The bn was preparing for the night attack exercise 13/14 Feb 42. The Commanding Officer received his orders at approx 1430 hrs, gave orders to his O gp who then went on recce. The adjutant prepared and issued the March Table for the move. (attached as appx. 6)	APPENDIX 6	
	14		The bn moved out at 0050 hrs and reached its debussing area at approx 0200 hrs. The coys then moved by march route to the assembly area. At 0500 hrs the leading coy moved fwd to the Forming up Point followed at five minute intervals by the remaining three coys. At 0627 hrs the attack started and by 0645 hrs coys were on the objective. This exercise was well done and very instructive for all.		
	15		F.G.Cs.M. were convened but adjourned for the day. (Trg programme period 16-21 Feb 42 att.)	APPENDIX 7	9
	16		Majors Wakefield and Green began a two-week Battle Drill course in the north of England. In the evening Major J.D. Spankie, Irish Fus., att to Essex Scot for fd trg from 5 Bde, conducted a sand table lecture and discussion for all bn offrs on Battle Procedure in the Bn "O" Gp. These weekly lectures formed an important part of offr trg.		0 1 2
	17		C Coy under Major B.J.S. Macdonald engaged in encounter battle exercise.		

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St. Leonards	FEB 18		A and D Coys did woods clearing trg. Lieuts. J.S.M. MacLellan was taken on strength of the fd unit.	
	19		Lieut.-Col. Jasperson made a recce of our battle area with Lieut.-Col. Todd, comd. 4 Fd Regt. Ross Munn, Cdn War Correspondent, visited Capt. K.W. MacIntyre and wrote up a story for Western Ontario readers. In the evening a meeting of all offrs was held and Major Macdonald conducted a discussion of battle drill applied to coy tactics.	
	20		A coy Coms meeting was held to discuss confirmation of N.C.Os. and re-distribution of W.E. Lt-Col. Jasperson and Capt. MacIntyre were guests of D Coy for dimer.	
	21		Lt-Col. Jasperson attended a one-day course at SEC Camouflage Trg centre, Tunbridge Wells and in the evening attended the Bde Com's party at the Offrs' Mess.	
	22		Church parade at 1000 hrs at St. Leonards Parish Church was conducted by Canon Griffiths, M.C. Lieut. Elliot left for his D & M course at Bordon and Lieut. Hunter returned from his attachment to 2 Cdn Fd Bty.	
	23		Major E.H. Williams and Capt. K.W. MacIntyre joined the S.C. and a rep of the R.C.E. at HORAM and did a recce of that area for the Bns hutted camp site adjacent to our battle posns. A Coy Comd's trg meeting was held in the afternoon. (Trg programme period 23-28 Feb 42 att.)	APPENDIX 8
	24		C Coy did an adv gd exercise with one tp of fd guns and one pl of M.Gs. under comd reps of PRO CMHQ and the film director CMHQ took both candid and moving pictures of the scheme. In the afternoon a fire broke out in our unit workshop, causing considerable damage.	
	25		The GOC inspected B Coy doing an adv gd exercise with tps under comd. He, also, complimented L/Cpl. Scott, J. of B Coy, on his splendid rep from SEC Assault course.	
	26		Capt. B.J. Mothersill, M.C., Lieuts. D.R. Ladore and J.S.M. MacLellan were s.o.s. to 2 CDIRU and Lieut. E.J. Reynolds of Spc Inc ceased to be att to the fd unit. These four offrs are to proceed to Witely to form the P.E. of 2 CDIRU.	
	27		In the afternoon, the Army Commander, Lt-Gen. Montgomery, visited our Bn HQ. He interviewed the C.O., 2i-c, Adj., and coy comds. His visit was a helpful inspiration to this regiment. In the evening a dinner was held at Bn HQ Offrs' Mess to honour A and C Coy offrs, particularly the offrs leaving the bn for R.U. duties.	
	28		Lt-Col. Jasperson proceeded on leave. A cross-country run was held, in which all contestants were fighting order, C Coy having the winning team(pl). In the evening Maj. McLean and Capt. Stevenson visited the Bn. Major Williams was A/C.O. and Lieut. Turnbull a/adjutant. Part I and Part II Orders (see appx 9 and 10). Weekly fd retns and Off reps. (see appx 11&12).	APPENDIX 9 APPENDIX 10 APPENDIX 11 APPENDIX 12

(F.K. Jasperson) Lieut.-Colonel
commanding ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT.

STANDING ORDERS - OFFICERS DRESS (OVERSHIRT) : (cont'd)