

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date 1942	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
In the Field	1 May		Camp area showing decided improvement. General Roberts visited camp for a quick inspection. He seemed well satisfied.	
	2 May		Training resumed. Coys are carrying out two-sided attack exercises. Weather remains dry and fine.	
	3 May		Sunday - day of rest. No church parade held. Improvement of camp area continues.	Appx. 1.
	4 May		Coy. training carried out, emphasis on battle drill and section control. New hut arrives for C.O.'s office.	
	5 May		C.O. prepares T.E.W.T. to be carried out in preparation for BEAVER IV. Two-sided exercises carried out by coys. No visitors declared.	
	6 May		Pioneers making excellent progress on C.O.'s shacks. Weapon training stressed by coys under unit cadre.	
	7 May		N.C.O.'s carried out Bn training while all officers were exercised on T.E.W.T. defence and withdrawal conducted by C.O.	
	8 May		Preparations well in hand for Exercise BEAVER IV. A few last minute changes are carried out and orders given by Commanding Officer at 2000 hrs. Personnel detailed to attend A.I.L.C. Training Centre.	Appx 21
	9 May		Bn moves out on Beaver IV to a concentration area near Hellingley. Bivouacing under the stars. All ranks are only allowed to carry greatcoat.	
	10 May		Since scheme does not officially start until midnight tonight, training and rest carried out. Weather is fine, a little chilly at night however.	
	11 May		Bn moves by march route to area of Barcombe Ho. No enemy encountered. Receive orders late in day to move on Uckfield. Carriers sent off on special job under command Bde. Heavy rain. Manage to get troops under cover which is very fortunate.	
	12 May		Bn moves north of Uckfield and takes up reserve position. Carriers return to command and are sent off in enemies' rear. Capture six 15 cwt. Bn ordered to withdraw.	
	13 May		Beaver IV concluded. Bn returns to Horam by march route. B Coy had some action, in A.M. prior to conclusion of scheme.	

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


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In the Field.	14 May		Receive orders for move. Came much earlier than expected. Exercise/definitely cancelled for us. TIGER	
	15 May		Bn leaves Horam Camp relieved by the H.L.I. Move by M.T. to new camp near BILLINGHURST.	
	16 May		Orders received that we are moving to a new training area. Only 570 all ranks may go. Remainder of Bn to form a Rear Party Group under 5th Bde.	
	17 May		A day of many orders preparatory to move to new training area. M.T. column moved at midnight. A visit was paid by Capt. L. A. Deziel.	 Appx. 3.
	18 May		Bn moved from camp, entrained at Billinghamurst. Short wait at destination. Moved by boat to Isle of Wight and thence to our Camp.	
	19 May		Everyone busy moving canvas, digging out stumps, etc. Received orders to move to Fort Victoria. With limited transport move difficult but achieved.	
	20 May		Spent day settling into new camp. It is a very old fort overlooking channel. Fortunately we are moving tomorrow.	
	21 May		Training commenced-in the afternoon whole Bn was put over a difficult assault course - much mud, water, etc. Men enjoyed it. Bn moved into Norton and Savoy Camps.	
	22 May		Bn made use of assault landing craft for the first time in the A.M. In the afternoon all Coys attacked pill-boxes, using live ammunition and grenades.	
	23 May		New camp best we have had since arrival in England. Moral is high. Training is entered into with enthusiasm, despite long hours. Security is stressed. Mail being censored by unit.	Appx. 4.  Appx. 5.
	24 May		Sunday - Officers busy preparing syllabus for ensuing week. Troops having a well-earned rest.	
	25 May		Cliff climbing and beach firing carried out. Men becoming very adapt at this. Firing from A.L.C's at THORNES BAY. Lecture in Officers' Mess by Lt.-Col. Macbeth.	
	26 May		A day of wind and rain. Half the Bn carried out firing from A.L.Cs in A.M. Coys carried out attacks on YARMOUTH and FRESHWATER.	

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In the Field.	27 May		Speed march of 12 miles carried out: whole Bn in fighting order. Course completed in two hours and forty minutes. C.O. completed course. There were some stragglers and blisters. On the whole a creditable showing.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	28 May		Half the Bn practiced landing and re-embarkation using smoke from A.L.C's. Smoke laid by Navy very effective. In P.M. schemes attacking pill boxes, gun emplacements, etc.	Appx 6. <i>[Signature]</i>
	29 May		The Bn exercised on Field Firing range Crowborough Down. All Coys showed great enthusiasm. Section control has to be improved.	Appx. 7. <i>[Signature]</i>
	30 May		The whole Bn embarked at 0800 - 0815 hrs and proceeded in A.L.C's to THORNESS BAY where firing practice was carried out. At night Bn practiced night landing and remainder of Bn went on board ship.	Appx. 8. <i>[Signature]</i>
	31 May		Officers have first free day since landing on Island. Rest is much appreciated and advantage fully taken of opportunity.	<i>[Signature]</i>
			A.F.W. 3008 - Nominal Roll - Field Return of Officers-May, and Other Ranks.	Appx. 9. <i>[Signature]</i>
			Weekly Offence Reports A.F.B. 2069. Month of May 1942.	Appx. 10. <i>[Signature]</i>
			Regimental Orders Part I for Month of May 1942.	Appx. 11. <i>[Signature]</i>
			Regimental Orders Part II for month of May 1942.	Appx. 12. <i>[Signature]</i>
			Monthly Average Strength - 33 Officers and 770 O.Rs.	
			<i>[Signature]</i> (F.K. JASPERSON) Lt.-Col., Commanding, Essex Scottish Regiment.	