

# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
St. Leonards	APR 1942	1	Major Williams attended ALC demonstration at Portsmouth. Reported it was a good show. Capt. Farebrother, attached British umpire, along with Lieuts. Heckin and Foyer, dressed in German uniforms, put on a very good demonstration - Recognition German Army Uniforms.	
		2	Major Spankie, who has been attached for 3 months, reports to 8 Cdn Inf Bde tomorrow. He has done a good job here and we are sorry to see him go. Major Williams gives out orders for Bn Exercise Westfield. (See march table att'd)	 APPENDIX 1
		3	Bn crosses start point at 0900hrs. Move by march route to Bn assembly area. Orders given at 1030hrs. Zero for attack 1230. Attack successful. Brig. Lett and B.M. inspected manoeuvres and their comments were complimentary - particularly insofar as the spirit of the tps were concerned. Cloth model demonstration attended at Bde HQ by coy comds, 2 i/c and adjt.	
		4	Lieuts. McGregor and Turnbull promoted to rank of Captain. Capt. Farebrother of the 5th Bn Royal Sussex, who has been attached for the past four months, has been warned to leave 5 Apr. He has been of great assistance to the bn and all ranks are sorry to see him go. He was entertained by Bn HQ offrs before the event.	
		5	Communion services held for all wishing to attend, at 0800hrs. Normal Church Parade held at 1000hrs, well attended and Pipe Band was in fine form.	
		6.	Conference held Exercise "Westfield" attended by all offrs. General instructions received for 6 day scheme to take place at end of this week. Trg program for the week attached as appx 2.	 APPENDIX 2
		7	Lt-Col. Jaspersen returned from leave, looks very fit and full of vim and vigor. 2 i/c, Adjt and QMr attended "Q" conference at Heathfield re forthcoming schemes. Action against Hostile Raids, an op inst, issued this date and is att'd as appx 3.	 APPENDIX 3
		8	March Table for Ex. "Flap" issued - see appx. 4. NCO's school finished. School inspected by Bde Comd. Twenty-six personnel attended and all did good work. Majority will be recommended for appointment to L/Cpl.	 APPENDIX 4
		9	Bn moved by march route to Battle Posn at 0800hrs. Weather is miserable. It will be trying for the tps. Bn arrived Battle posn, <del>manoeuvre</del> everyone thoroughly wet. However shelter procured for all ranks.	



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St. Leonards	APR 10		Weather has improved. Lt.-Col. Jasperson called to Bde HQ for exercise FLOP. Ordered to move south road at 1140hrs. Bn moved off at 1220hrs. March was made without incident. Arrived in assy area. Bde cmd ordered carriers to take over town in front of us and A coy despatched to relieve recce bn holding a sector of the downs. Opposition heavier than expected and A & B coys were unable to get fwd. night attack ordered.	
		11	Bn moved fwd to a ssy area and attacked at 0430hrs. Attack successful. 7 Bde attacked through us in co-operation with tanks - it was a good show. Returned by march route to Moram.	
		12	Bn spent day in preparation for exercise FLIP. All offrs made recce. C.O. took salute HQ parade at Hurstmoncleux.	
		13	Moved out on exercise FLIP. Bn was ordered to attack and c.o. got the bn moving in record time. Army Comd and Div Comd watched the exercise. Attack successful. Moved back to St. Leonards in afternoon.	
		14	Bn spent day cleaning up equipment and barracks. Bath parades for other ranks. Trg program for period 13-18 apr 42 attached as appx. 5.	APPENDIX 5
		15	Bn trg carried out by coys. Preparation under way for BEAVER III.	
		16	Coy trg carried out as usual. nothing exceptional to report.	
		17	No definite orders yet as to when BEAVER III commences. Trg carried out on coy basis.	
		18	H/Capt. M.J. Dabon returned from priv. leave to Bire. Capt. D.A. Deziel proceeded on weekend leave.	
		19	Warning order re BEAVER III rec'd. Meeting of all offrs held. Bn moving out first light in morning. appx 6 attd is INSTRUCTIONS - BEAVER III d/19 Apr 42.	APPENDIX 6
		20	Moved to concentration area by m.t. coln moved well. all coys had good areas, tps comfortable.	
		21	Trg program 20-25 apr attd as appx 7.	APPENDIX 7
		22	Day spent resting. BEAVER III starts officially midnight tonight. Meeting of 0 gp for orders at 2200hrs.	
		23	Recd orders. Zero for move 0450hrs. Bn gp complete with all arms moved out of concentration area without a hitch. March Table attd as appx 8. Bumped enemy approaching concentration area. Bn deployed and fought way in. C.O. called to Bde in afternoon and recd orders that Bde was to attack. Attack launched south of MORCHAM and carried out successfully. Towards evening we were well committed, had contacted elements of 48 Highrs, H & PE regts.	APPENDIX 8



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N.R.	23		Recd orders at 0415hrs to launch attack west at 0530hrs. Fwd coys crossed start line at zero. Progress was made but due to faulty umpiring situation became very confused. Umpires spent most of day sorting out situation.	P
	24		Moved to concentration area near the Downs. Negative Beaver, recd at 1300hrs. Bn mm moved back to billets by m.t. no casualties on retn journey.	P
	25		Spent in maintenance on vehs and equip.	P
	26		Bn parade held. Largest Church parade in many months. Brig. Lett took salute on march past after the Service.	P
	27		Preparations for move to Camp site well in hand. Essex Scot. entertained at a dinner at Beauport Club. Lt.-Cols. Pearson, Basher and LaBatt, Brig. Lett and Major Cunningham were guests. Carrier Offrs attended conference held by Brig. Lett.	P
	28		Org program for period 27 Apr - 1 May att'd as appx. 9.	APPENDIX 9
			Stores are being moved to camp site. Billets being cleaned up in preparation for turning over to BAQC. Meeting of offrs held and final orders for the move given.	P
	29		Bn moved during night 28/29 Apr by march route to Camp. Encountered enemy force (camp workers) south of camp site and had to fight our way in. (see march table re this att'd as appx 10)	APPENDIX 10
	30		Much work on camp site still to be done. coys spend day in cleaning up coy lines.	P
			STRENGTH: as of 30 Apr 42: 32 offrs and 761 O.Rs.	
			Regtl Orders Part I for the month of Apr 42:	APPENDIX 11
			Unit Orders Part II for the month of Apr 42:	APPENDIX 12
			Weekly fd retns and offence reports for Apr 42:	APPENDIX 13

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