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1st Bn, ESSEX SCOTTISH REGIMENT

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Slinfold Camp, Horsham, Sussex	JAN 44		Another year has started and it's leap year. It is the earnest wish and hope of every member of the unit that this year will see our regt doing its full share to bring the enemy to his knees, and bringing complete victory to the Allied Nations. The morning got under way rather slowly for many as the celebration of the previous evening was still having it's effect. After breakfast the Offrs entertained the Sgts in the Offrs Mess. Some dynamic punch (recipe unknown) was served and a very attractive buffet lunch set out. After the toasts and pipe selections, the sgts took their departure, some of them rather reluctantly. In the afternoon, Lt. Col. Macdonald, Majs Wansbrough & MacKenzie, Capts Cohen, Johnston, and Bull and Lt. Wilson went to Bde as guests of Brig Sager. The affair was an enjoyable one. Excellent punch was served and many Happy New Year Greetings were passed among the various guests, which incl Maj Gen Burns, Brig Whitehead and Offrs of the Bde and supporting arms. Congratulations are in order for Maj Wingay who has been awarded the M.D.E. In the evening the camp was very quiet as a large number had gone to Horsham and other nearby centres to enjoy a social evening.	A.H.Z.
	2 JAN 44		For the most part, Sunday was a day of rest for the entire camp. It was a grand day & quite mild, a contrast to the usual type of New Years weather back in Canada. In the afternoon, Col Macdonald went to 4 Bde HQ to attend a dinner given by Brig Sager in honour of LtCol Wilder of the R Regt C who is leaving shortly to assume a staff appointment at D.M.T. in Canada.	A.H.Z.
	3 JAN 44		The first day of trg for 1944 started out with B coy as duty coy for the week and A coy going to the Kithurst Ranges. C & D coys had trg in mine lifting and laying, while Sp coy carried on Specialist Trg. The day seemed to drag slowly by as the anti-climax of the holiday season set in. However, the spirit of "Get on with the job" is in the bn, and the coming months should be packed to the full with trg for "D" day. Another very enjoyable evening of boxing with the stevedores next door. This time, it was to decisions and much blood was spilled, the Americans having the edge. All enjoyed the evening, even the boxers.	A.H.Z.
	4 JAN 44		TUE dawned with frost in the air which recalled some of the chilly mornings of 17 exercises last fall. A coy spent the day at mine lifting and laying. C coy proceeded to Kithurst Ranges where some fairly good scores were obtained in spite of the difficulty in seeing the target clearly. This was caused by a haze which enveloped the range area. D coy trg consisted of practice in the pl attack, while Sp coy carried	A.H.Z.



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			out Specialist Trg. We played RHLI in first game of the finals in hockey and were defeated 4-3, with one of our best players A.W.L. He was not popular.	A.H.Z.
	5 JAN 44		A real sharp morning today with a heavy frost on the ground which tended to make one want to stay in bed but did not keep the bugler from sounding his calls at the usual time. A & C coys in the morning had their security lecture, weekly medical lecture, and padres hour. Sports occupied their afternoon. D coy were at Dog Barking Range - an inferior 4 target 100 yd range. Sp coy had use of the trg area 6, and did carrier & 3" mortar trg. We are in luck to have this area. Lt. McIntyre prevailed upon C.T.S. to let us make use of the ground when they are not using it, and the area is much more suitable than our original allotment of the "Lower Beeding Area". The main advantage is that wet practices may be carried out. Lt. W.C. Wilson, I.C., left today on a 2 wk Bn-Bde "I" Course at Melwyn Garden City. A number of the offrs were entertained at the neighbouring U.S. Army offr mess to a very fine meal - the chief item being delicious large steaks.	A.H.Z.
	6 JAN 44		Much milder today - just a nice fall or spring weather. A & C coys training are identical today. Both coys have the morning for mine lifting and laying and in the afternoon battle drill with stress on the pl in attack and defence. C coy went out to Dog Barking ranges while Sp coy continued their work on trg area 6. Our tpt is in short supply these days. Several vehicles are in workshop and some are in use at the current waterproofing schools. Thus, when we want to move a coy it becomes difficult. However, we've learned that PCASC are willing and able to move our men about so from now on we'll make full use of them. After supper, the G.O. and all subalterns went to 4 Cdn Inf Bde for an address by the Bde Comd on man management. Maj Wansbrough, the Adj't, Capt Maclellan and the Padre went to Sgts Mess where a smoker was being held. It was a combination get together of the members of their mess and a farewell party for Sgt. C. Musson who goes away tomorrow to get married. Cold supper was served, lots of beer was available, and then the impromptu entertainment began. CSM Logan was chairman and during the evening brought out much hidden talent. The surprises of the evening were CSM Paquet, (Sp Coy) who revealed himself as a classical pianist of ability, CSM Kelen who produced a first class tenor voice and Sgt. Marchant who gave some excellent violin selections. The G.O. arrived from Bde about 2200 hrs. He spoke to the Sgts at some length after which the entertainment continued. God Save the King played at midnight.	A.H.Z.



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	7 JAN 44		The mortar and bren gun teams of all rifle coys moved off to Kingley Vale at 0730 hrs for two days special trg supervised by Lt. McIntyre. C coy is allegedly duty coy but so many of their men are away they have to call on D coy for assistance. The C O continued his inspection of lines and billets and coy records and stores. This is one phase of the pl competition on which marks are awarded. We hear the A tk pl huts are first class. The C O held a coy comds meeting at 1330 hrs. It lasted till after 1700 hrs but many pending matters were cleaned up. After supper, the C O, Coy comds and carrier offr proceeded to bde for a cloth model exercise on "Carrier Tactics".	A.H.Z.
	8 JAN 44		The morning was one for organization and interior economy. Not many men are in camp as the bren & 2" mortar teams are still at Kingley Vale and the carriers & 3" mortars are still on Area 6. During the a.m. the C O completed his adm inspection. The coy lines and general area have shown a decided improvement these last few days. CSM J. Hamilton appeared before the C O again re the charge laid of "returning salvage amn not properly sorted". Interesting evidence was produced by Capt. J. MacLellan to the effect that this Unit has never received H.V.A.F. A tk amn, so it was therefore impossible for any to be incl in salvage. This was reported to higher authority and it apparently took the wind out of their sails for we have been advised to report these facts and drop the charges. At Horsham Drill Hall tonight elimination boxing bouts were held. We met the R. Regt C. in eleven bouts ranging from featherweight to heavyweight. The hall was a good one and it was packed with offrs & tps of the bde. Lt McGrimmon out T.O. was contestant in the first bout. He was a last minute substitute because of the overweight of the original entry. Only warned at noon, his trg consisted of abstinence from cigarettes and food for eight hours. He must be given credit for a hard and fast short fight. A stomach blow in the second round finished "Gus", but his gameness raised his already high esteem by several notches. Next day however, we discovered that his opponent sustained a cracked rib in the encounter. Some satisfaction anyway. Of 11 bouts, we won five, the R Regt C won 6. Total points for the night, R Regt C 17, Essex Scot 16. It was a good evening's entertainment, Pte Morton, a last minute entry, securing a knock-out for us in a good bout.	A.H.Z.
	9 JAN 44		SUN morning calls for work as usual. Capt. S.H. Bull and Sgt. Turgeon were despatched for a one week course at the London School of Street Fighting. Lt. W Harper & Lt. G. Palmer having finished their period of Spec Inc returned to 3 CINU. Eight drivers went on the waterproofing course at Hayling Island. Then Protestant church parade at 1600.	A.H.Z.



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			hrs, followed by the R.C. parade at 115 hrs. The balance of the day was quiet. Noone seemed to have accumulated work to clean up and the afternoon and evening were spent by most doing personal business or just plain resting.	A.H.Z.
	10 JAN 44		MON once more and the normal rush and bustle that accompanies it. Thirteen men despatched to 2 Cdn Inf Div Sniping School Five more dvrs sent away to the bde water-proofing school and the Q.M., messing offr plus three coy 2 i/cs went to Bde HQ to see a demonstration of a new field cooker. Another NCO school got under way at our Regt school at Findon. The C O had planned a detailed vehicle inspection but it was cut short because of the necessity of going to Div HQ. The reason for this trip was unknown until after his arrival when it was to meet the new Div Comd, Maj Gen C. Faulkes. This change in comds is a surprise to all and one that is regretted at this particular time. Since taking over this div, we have learned at first hand the knowledge and ability of Maj Gen E.L.M. Burns, OBE, MC, and because of the capable manner in which he has reconstructed the 2 Cdn Inf Div he has earned the respect of everyone. The new G.O.C. is however well known to our unit and some of it's offrs who have a high opinion of his capabilities. The veh inspection was completed by Capt. A.R. Johnston, OC HQ Coy and former T.O. His report of the condition of vehs was most satisfactory. Trg for the rifle coys consisted of TsOFT in small arms, mine laying and lifting and pl tactics in preparation of THU's test. In the latter, B coy under Maj Laird, did some excellent work. Instead of the usual unopposed attack on an enemy posn, snipers were put out as outposts to interfere with the advance, after contact had been made. It was excellently planned trg and had the decided advantage of putting the sec comd on his own and making him think. This week the carriers are on detached trg. They have been allotted the area NORTH COMMON just beyond HEYWARD'S HEATH. We know this area of old and the carrier pl has our sympathies. It is simply a flat open space less than a mile square covered with bracken. Outside of driving, we don't know what trg they can accomplish.	A.H.Z.
	11 JAN 44		Reveille & breakfast are a half hour early today in order to get the pipe band plus about 120 men and offrs off to Brighton to see the hockey team - ourselves vs RHLI. The trip was worth while as we won 5-2. The RHLI were rather sure of their team and they made lots of money available which was quickly picked up by Essex men & offrs. Now joy is general because those who took advantage of this RHLI generosity are all richer. The game was clean, well fought, played and refereed and enjoyed by all, incl	A.H.Z.



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			the losers. Preparations for the testing of pls is still under way among the rifle coys. Each coy is out, refreshing it's pls in battle drill tactics and all are hoping to add marks to their pl score before the bn inter pl competition comes to an end.	A.H.Z.
	12 JAN 44		The Adjt and C O left for 3 CIRU and 2nd Ech after disposing with business requiring immediate attention. The question of WOs and NCOs Spec Inc and holding up confirmation of our own NCO s is the question to be discussed. We have absorbed 16 of the Spec Inc NCOs and might be pleased with most of them but now we feel we've done our bit and should once again be permitted a few promotions on our own. The afternoon brought about trials for the "cross-country run" team. At 1400 hrs over 300 men took off to cover the 3½ mile course. It was not too difficult, except for 500 yds that were thru mud of an extremely vicious nature. L/Sgt Kirkland was winner with time of 19 min, 31 sec. The first twenty five will be groomed for the bde team.	A.H.Z.
	13 JAN 44		Preparation for the pl test is till under way. Coys are going off and locating new and better areas (at least they think so) and each coy comd is keenly coaching & checking his pl. Both flanking and frontal attacks are receiving special attention as well as house clearing and "attack on a pill-box". Pay parade was a pleasant interlude in the afternoon and after supper the par went to PAXHILL where the carrier pl is billeted. Requiring a witnessing offr, he was accompanied by the Adjt. The carriers were located O.K., situated in the midst of what was formerly one of England's large & pretentious estates but which is now simply large and muddy.	A.H.Z.
	14 JAN 44		This is the day of the COs inspection. Coys are inspected starting at 0915 hrs with the exception of D who are on duty. Altho an hour has been allotted to each coy, it is scarcely sufficient time. The C.O. checks dress, haircuts and hands for cleanliness, then has each pl exercised in drill by the offr, then by several pte soldiers. During the day not one pte made a failure of his effort. It's true some were better than others, but the confidence displayed by several was outstanding. After the C O had finished with each pl the adjt checked identity discs and weapon trg records. Discs were almost 100% present (only one man without and not reported) and weapon trg records had been, on the whole, well kept up. The latter fact is rather remarkable considering the heavy turnover some pls have had in offr. The RSM then examined weapons and small packs and even he could find very little at which to level criticism. Surprises of the day were the first class appearance of C coy after having just	A.H.Z.



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			completed a week as duty coy and the good marching of Sp coy, especially the mortar pl. The pnr pl were perfectly turned out.	A.H.Z.
15 JAN 44			For all coys the morning syllabus is the same. Weekly lectures by the M.O., unit security offr and the Padre's hour. The C O again went to 2 Cdn Inf Div HQ for a conference with the G.O.C. We have learned the new Div Comd will visit us next TUE so all must be in order. This afternoon, the C.O. is at 4 Cdn Inf Bde. No doubt it is re TUE's inspection. By the way, Major T.S. Jones, is to be our new 2 i/c. He was former S.C. at 4 Cdn Inf Bde and later DAAG at 2 Cdn Inf Div. We are anxious for him to take over for he is an asset to any bn. Just watch our adm be quoted "as an example" by the Brig after his arrival. Phone call just came in, Major Mingay, former 2 i/c is coming down for the week-end. It looks like a large evening.	A.H.Z.
16 JAN 44			The only lts in camp today are Lt. R.A. Wright and Lt. R. Valois. Former is messing offr and latter is a bilingual offr here on spec inc. The reason for all this is the reg'tl offr school which is running this week end at Findon. Lt. Wright was obliged to stay behind as all his sgts are away and Lt. Valois is duty offr with what looks like a permanent three day job. Church parades are voluntary today and attendance not high. Like too many other things, that are good for you, it appears that religion must be forced upon us before the bulk of us accept it. Major T.S. Jones arrived today. He was warmly greeted by the few offrs in camp and he appeared happy to be in what we believe is his favourite reg't in the fourth bde.	A.H.Z.
17 JAN 44			Today is one of work and preparation for the GOC's inspection of tomorrow. The camp must be spotless and all coy s are paying particular attention to their billets and lines. The Q.M. and messing offrs are checking their stores and kitchens to make sure that all is in order and that no dark corner or hard to reach cranny is overlooked. Altho the order of the day for trg is to be normal certain things must be co-ordinated and coy comds are making sure that their areas are close enough to each other to avoid needless travel on the part of the G.O.C. yet in a place suitable to the work that is being done. After supper the C.O. held a meeting for all offrs to ensure no errors on the morrow, after which the coy comds met to discuss more details and final arrangements.	A.H.Z.



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	18 JAN 44		<p>Reveille an hour earlier this a.m. and all breakfasts practically completed by 0700 hrs. The big job before the G.O.C. arrives is for the adjt to obtain last minute nominal rolls and disposition sheets from the coys as well as their regular parade states. These must be accurate and always require a last minute adjustment to take care of the most recent AWLs or hospital admissions. The G.O. was at the main entrance to meet the G.O.C. at 1000 hrs when lo and behold, he arrived at the B.O.R. having come into camp by other than the main entrance. He was immediately redirected to the proper place of entry to be welcomed by LtCol B.J.S. Macdonald and Brig J.E. Sager. He inspected D coys guard, the Mortar pl, A tk pl, each at gun drill and then the latter at realistic crash action, C coy mine laying, B coy pl battle drill, A coy a well organized TOET competition, pnrs demolitions, then kitchens. All went without a hitch. At 1130 hrs all offr assembled in the mess to be addressed by the G.O.C. His talk was brief but impressive. He stressed the responsibility of the pl comd and his necessity for establishing himself as the leader. All our work now is our final rehearsal for battle and with such an object in mind, we must have one aim only, and that is to become the best in fitness for battle. At 1200 hrs all offr sat down to enjoy a dinner such as Cpl Baker produces when at his best. The G.O.C. departed at 1320 hrs and our first impression of the new 2 Cdn Inf Div 8omd was that he is a sincere, intelligent and capable soldier, worthy of his new command. In the afternoon the hockey team played in Brighton vs the R.H.C. About 120 men and offr spectators enjoyed the game, especially as the final score was 4-0 in our favour. Financially this game was not as profitable as the last one against the RHLI for the Black Watch weren't nearly as willing to back their team with "the stuff that talks loudest".</p>	A.H.Z.
	19 JAN 44		<p>Today the M.O. came into his own. During the morning over 600 men paraded for their first inoculation against typhus. This is to be a weekly procedure for three weeks, and then we are safe for a six month period. All these preparations are making us realize that action is not far distant. All rifle coy s trg consisted of pl drill in both attack and defence. These are the phases on which they are to be tested and each coy comd is making sure his pls are letter perfect. Our carriers are still away from us. This week they are at BURPHAM for more tactical trg and fd firing. They were joined by the mortar pl today in anticipation of a good live practice. Unfortunately the fog was bad and it was not till afternoon that they were able to start firing. The carriers in particular have made real progress during the past two weeks and on</p>	A.H.Z.



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			the forthcoming div inspection should show up very well. This afternoon the Soccer Team went out for a practice game. They are taking no chances on not winning their next league game. Recent Overseas Routine Orders announced the award of (1) The Africa Star and (2) The Cdn Volunteer Service Medal. We have only two eligible for the first award, i.e. Capt. H.E. Dann and CSM J.W. Hamilton but when they coys submit their applications for the latter award, the B.O.R. expect to be swamped. A few days from now and we'll tell you just how many are eligible. The ENSA show tonight was a good one and the YMCA hut was filled to overflowing with offrs and men who thoroughly enjoyed it.	A.H.Z.
	20 JAN 44		The big event of the day was the inter-pl competition which took the form of a flanking attack. In the morning four pls moved off at intervals of about one half hour to the area of Lower Woodhouse. Col Macdonald was on hand and acted as chief umpire. Assisting him were the coy comds. During the morning the following went through the attack on the enemy posn: No 10 pl, Lt Guay; No 11 pl, Lt Bond; No 12 pl, Lt Chauvin; No 14 pl, Lt Patterson. In the afternoon, attacks were carried out by: No 15 pl, Lt Zaldin; No 7 pl, Lt Stevens; No 8 pl, Lt Martin; and No 9 pl, Lt Goodenough. The exercise was a good one and gave every member of the pls a chance to do his part. Major MacKenzie, mgr of the unit soccer team, reports that the Essex Turf Lifters kicked their way to victory over the R.R.C. team by a score of 4 - 2. Congratulations lads, and let's keep that ball rolling. Throughout the day, Capt (Doc) Thompson was kept quite busy as he finished up the job of giving every member of the regt his first inoculation for typhus. In the evening the Adjt so felt the need for exercise that he insisted on walking from Horsham to the Unit. The C.O. held the usual 'O' Gp in the evening, but this one turned out to be a particularly long one. After an interval around 2200 hrs, the day's pl attack exercise was reviewed and much constructive criticism <sup>to be pl coach in the</sup> was given, then the scores were added up, No 8 pl was given first place. Next week the other four pls will be given their opportunity to go through the exercise. During the evening one of the funniest pictures of the season was shown at the YMCA Hut. It was called the "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek". The waves of laughter which floated from the vicinity of the "Y" gave ample proof of the way it was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon a Corps inspection team tested the in mine trg and unofficially reported the par pl the best in the bde, but rifle coys standard only average.	A.H.Z.



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	21 JAN 44		<p>Trg for today consisted of mine laying and lifting for B coy while C, D &amp; Sp coys completed their TOET. Of spec note was the fact that the adjt had weakened to the short-hair campaign and kept his appointment with a Horsham barber. In the evening, another phase of the pl competitions in the form of theatricals took place in the YMCA theatre. The hall was packed to capacity and the shows put on were very entertaining. The sigs pl put on the first act in 3 scenes, the first depicting an offr calling Horsham 1251 (Nursing Sisters Home). The offr in the audience enjoyed this scene very much. Scene 2 was a one-man act by Cpl Consaul, while scene 3 was representing a call between the Adjt and A coy. Next came the par pl with its stage setting representing the gates to Heaven on one side and Hell on the other. Various personages were represented and after close questioning and inspection, the number which were permitted to go to Heaven was alarmingly small. The third act was put on by Sgt Lucas pl of B coy and took the form of a very humorous barber shop scene. All in all, the evening brought out much hidden talent. During the evening, Cody Moffatt, "Y" Supervisor, took the amplifying sustem to the Carrier Camp at Burpham, where he provided music for a dance. It was quite an enjoyable affair and practically the whole village attended.</p>	A.H.Z.
	22 JAN 44		<p>Another week draws to a close with a very busy SAT. All coys had similar trg during the morning. This consisted of a lecture by the M.O., the padres hour and a security lecture by the 2 i/c, Maj Jones. The Junior Offrs completed their course with a full day of lectures and practical work. In the morning, Capt Burgess lectured on the Carrier Pl. Following this, Lt Zaldin gave a lecture on laying and clearing minefields and a practical application of this filled out the rest of the morning. The afternoon was given over to a study of the German Army. Maj MacKenzie gave a talk on the Org of the Gen Inf Div. The second period was a lecture on Functions of Intelligence given by the I.O., Lt Wilson and the final period on Handling PW by Lt Bond. The waterproofing course being given to all dvrs was completed today. Lt McCrimmon, T.O., was chief instr for this school. Around 1800 hrs Capt Grandjean and his carrier pl returned to camp after a week's intensive trg in the Burpham Area. In the evening, a dinner was held in the offr's Mess. Guests incl Brig M.H.S. Penhale; Brig J.E. Sager, ED; Col A.S. Pearson, OBE, ED; LtCol J.H. Mothersill, ED; Lt Col Deziel, new A &amp; Q 2 Div; Lt Col L.R. McDonald; LtCol J.D. Mingay, MBE, Gl 3 Div; Maj L.W.F. Wakefield, ED; &amp; Major R.G. Lillie. During the dinner, Col Macdonald welcomed the guests and congratulated those who had recently received promotions. Following the dinner, all retired to the lounge section of the mess where Brig Penhale and LtCol Daziel spoke briefly</p>	A.H.Z.



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			on their experiences in Italy and answered questions put to them by various offrs. A social hour rounded out a very full evening.	A.H.Z.
	23 JAN 44		At 1100 hrs, Father Dalton held Mass in the YMCA hut. In the afternoon Capt Cohen and Lt McGrimmon were in charge of the unit tpt in a convoy exercise put on by Bde. At the finish of the exercise, Brig Sager's comments were to the effect that the convoy exceeded the speed laid down after passing D.P. The members of the hockey team managed to get a few hrs of skating in the Brighton Arena during the afternoon and evening. Capt Alec Hayes called in at the Mess during the afternoon. Alec is practising with the Canadian All Star Army Rugby Team which is to meet the American Team on 13 FEB 44. Major T.S. Jones and Major H.C. Laird left today on a coy comds tactical course at Barnard's Castle.	A.H.Z.
	24 JAN 44		The week began with a day which would be typically MAR weather in Ontario. That is, a howling wind, driving rain, before it. The pl competition continued with No 16 pl, Lt Pope; No 18 pl, Lt Cropp; and No 13 pl, Lt Watt; doing the attack exercise. The results were not as good as those obtained the previous week and all pls were judged as having failed to capture the enemy posn. A coy is duty coy for the week. Coy carried out trg in Street Fighting while Sp coy spent the day in specialist trg and sports. A one wk course in Int duties was started today by the I.O. to train reinforcements for the "I" Sec from A & B coys. In the evening HQ coy braved the unruly weather to do a 10 mi route march which even the par Capt Cottrell, took in his stride. Capt J.W. Bryers, former G III(I) 2 corps, joined the Regt today for weeks fd experience and is making the "I" Office his HQ during his visit. Entertainment was provided at the YMCA Hut in the evening by the showing of the excellent film "In Which We Serve" starring Noel Coward.	A.H.Z.
	25 JAN 44		Trg for B & D coys consisted of Street Fighting under the direction of Capt Bull and followed by sports. C coy spent the day trg the pls in battle drill for the attack and defence. Sp coy went to Lower Beeding where specialist trg was carried out. Some nights trg was also done so that the coy did not return to camp till around 2300 hrs. At 1100 hrs a Pd Cooking demonstration was put on by the Div Catering advisor. In the afternoon the "I" Section went to Goodwood House to hear an excellent lecture on German Inf Weapons. This was followed by a demonstration at the Kingley Vale Ranges, where several got a chance to fire the weapons. Today was an unlucky one for our	A.H.Z.



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			hockey team. They took a 3 to 1 beating at the hands of the champs of 6 CIB, namely the Camerons of Canada. It was an excellent game however, and the large crowd of supporters certainly got their money's worth. It is rumoured that several of the offrs backed the team in a very substantial manner. Of honourable mention is L/Cpl Watts, our goalie, who turned in a stellar performance. Maj C.N. Clarke rejoined the unit today after an absence of about three years. He recently returned from Canada where he was on the staff at R.M.C., Kingston. In the evening, "Stage Door Canteen", one of the best pictures of the season, drew a full house at the "Y" Cinema.	A.H.Z.
	26 JAN 44		Today, Capt Thompson, the M.O., started giving his second of a series of three inoculations for typhus, and was able to complete a majority of the personnel in C, Sp and HQ coys. B coy went to Lee Place Ranges, while D coy had trg in the Lower Beeding Area. At 1800 hrs, Capt Cohen, led HQ coy off on its weekly route march. It was a fine night for the exercise and the eleven miles was done in very good time. The C.O. and coy comds spent the evening at 4 Bde where the Brig held a TEWT. The Bde meeting was unique in the fact that the session finished early enough for the offrs to get a drink at the Toat Club before closing. Cody Moffatt was able to put on the second showing of "Stage Door Canteen" after the lighting system resumed functioning around 2145 hrs.	A.H.Z.
	27 JAN 44		For the most part, the morning was spent completing TOET and in cleaning up preparatory to the COs inspection. The M.O. was also busy with his needle completing the second typhus inoculation. In the afternoon, Lt Col Macdonald and Maj Wansbrough, A/2 i/c, inspected all coys with the exception of A coy which was on duty. The men were in walking-out dress and presented a very smart appearance. The inspection was particularly directed toward hair-cuts, identity discs, clean underwear, socks, paybooks, and shoe shines. In the morning, Lt Wilson attended a meeting at 2 Div HQ of all IOs in the Div and in the afternoon, as Unit Educational Oftr, represented the regt at a 2 Div Educational conference at Henfield. Another oftr returned to the unit today in the person of Lt G.A. Ponsford. 'Pete', as he is known to his close friends, has just completed about eight months of liaison and staff duties at 4 Bde and C.R.U. In the evening a regt'l dance was held in the drill hall Horsham. It was one of the first 'dry' parties to be held and in spite of the lack of liquid spirits, enthusiasm ran high and a good time was had by all. The music by the RAF orchestra was good and the jump and jive reached a high peak. Cody Moffatt as M.O., did a very fine job and Maj	A.H.Z.



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			MacKenzie and his staff are to be complimented for their efforts in arranging the party. At 2330 hrs, the party ended with the playing of the National Anthem.	A.H.Z.
	28 JAN 44		Today B coy took over from A as duty coy. C coy spent the day trg at Lower Beeding while D coy went to Kithurst Ranges. At 1600 hrs the C.O. inspected A coy, the dress being 'walking out'. Two more offrs, namely Lt W.J. Fogerty and Lt C.A. Law, came to the regt from 3 C.I.R.U. and are attached as special increment. In the afternoon the semi finals in the boxing tournament were held at the R.H.L.I. In the welter-weight class, Isom lost to the R.R.C., and Cardinal defeated Morton for the opportunity of going on into the Bde finals. In the evening, the "I" Sec went on a Night Recce Patrol exercise laid down by the Bde I.O. Our popular sigs offr, Lt Roy Taylor left today for 4 Bde, where he will become 2 i/c sigs. We wish Roy every success. Lt Lloyd Herman succeeds Lt Taylor as Bn Sigs Offr.	A.H.Z.
	29 JAN 44		Reveille was at 0600 hrs this morning and breakfast was served at 0700 hrs. Between 0730 hrs and 0800, part of Sp coy and the four rifle coys moved off for trg area No 7. The day was spent practising the pl attack and the fire was thick in many directions. The remark was heard "This is the closest thing to real action I have seen". The Carrier pl was inspected by Brig Sager and Lt Col Macdonald, the test taking the form of a neutralization task. A carefully camouflaged bush proved to be an effective obstacle for one carrier when it wrapped concealed wire around its tracks. Back in Slinfold Camp, the garrison consisted of the duty coy, personnel on the Int trg course, and a few odds and sods. The few offrs who remained enjoyed the culinary offerings of the mens' kitchen. Three offrs returned from the veh waterproofing course at Blackwater, namely Capt Bull, Lt McIntyre and Lt McGrimmon. During the day Lt Ponsford was given an opportunity of using his civilian trg to take a summary of evidence on Pte Gales, T.J. who was found by civilian police to be in illegal possession of a cycle at Lindfield, Sussex on 13 JAN 44. In the evening Capt Tilston and Capt Cohen set forth to represent the regt at the R.R.C. dance. During a brief stop over at the Toat Club for refreshments, Capt Cohen excused himself and went outdoors in search of the room marked "Gentlemen". The night was dark and a fish pond suddenly appeared in the line of march. As a result Capt Cohen christened his kilt and became a runner-up to Capt Roy Lund who holds the record for his Middleton performance of last APR. Around 2000 hrs, the lights out was blown as a few Jerry planes were heard high above. A couple of explosions were heard at some distance.	A.H.Z.



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	30 JAN 44		At 0800 hrs the A tk pl moved off for trg area No 7. It didn't seem like SUN in camp as all personnel carried on duties as usual. At 1015 hrs, Father Laraine and Padre Cardy held church services in the field at Lee Farm. The weather was excellent and the attendance in the open air cathedrals was well above average. Trg throughout the day consisted of pl frontal attacks, pl defensive posns, (battle outposts) firing on the 30 yd range and street fighting at Lee Farm. An unfortunate accident took place at Lee Farm around 1600 hrs when A 50566, Pte Burk, C.S. of C coy was struck in the stomach by a piece of shrapnel from a pole charge. He was removed to No 9 Cdn Gen Hosp at Horsham but passed away at 2135 hours. Burk was a very fine chap and it was with deep regret that his many friends throughout the Bn heard the news of his death. When the Adj, Capt Tilston, visited trg Area # 7 in the afternoon, news of the accident was reported to him. He immediately convened a Court of Inquiry with Capt Burgess as President and Lt Havill and Lt Wilson as members. In the afternoon the semi-finals for 4 bde boxing championship took place in the Horsham Drill Hall. Pte J. Fox lost to the R.H.I.I. rep and L/Cpl Cecile lost by a K.O. in the first round to the rep from 8th Recce. At 1900 hrs in the finals, Pte Cardinal won the decision over his opponent from 8th Recce and will rep 4 Bde in the Div finals. Umpires were Capt Cagnon and Supérv Moffatt. During the night A & B coys got excellent trg in patrols using the area of Blackpatch Hill and Northdown Farm.	a.H.3.
	31 JAN 44		The last day of the month began with the Bn still trg at area 7. Similar trg to that of Sun was carried on. Brig Sager visited the area and made a quick inspection of the work being carried on. Maj D. MacKenzie was Pres and Capt A.R. Johnston a member of a Court Martial held in the morning at the RHII and another at the R.R.C. in the afternoon. The Adj was absent most of the day completing administrative details in connection with the death of Pte Burk. During his absence the I.O., Lt Wilson took over his duties. During the morning personnel on the Int Course made a rd recce and in the afternoon were tested on the work learned during the one week course. At 1600 hrs the bn moved out of trg area No 7 and came back to Slinfold Camp by the shuttle system. Everyone reported an enjoyable three days on the "Downs" and this was due largely to the fact that the weather was excellent and the trg interesting. In the evening, relaxation and entertainment was provided by the showing of "Cross Roads" starring Wm Powell and Hedy Lamarr.	a.H.3.



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