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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ALDRSHOT	1941 MAR.	1	<p>Advice was received today of the promotions of Lieutenants Willis, Mingay and Deziel (L.A.) to the rank of Captain. Except for the promotion of Captain Stevenson in the Anti-Tank Company these are the first promotions to be announced since mobilization.</p> <p>Normal Saturday routine was followed with all parades being completed by 1200hrs.</p>	Cad
		2	<p>Church Parade was held at the usual time in a very heavy rain which was hardly conducive to the spiritual attitude.</p> <p>A Recce was made by personnel detailed to act in various capacities on the the Divisional Signals exercise scheduled for 3 Mar 41. Areas and routes were explored and H.Qs. sited.</p>	Cad
		3	<p>The following personnel took part in an interesting and instructive signal exercise which had as its prime object the exercising of signal personnel:</p> <p>Comd 4 Cdn Inf Bde - Lt-Col. A. S. Pearson : O.C. ESSEX SCOT. - Major J. H. Mothersill  Bde-Major &amp; S.C. - Major E. H. Williams : Adj. " " - Lieut. C. P. Keeley  Bde. Intell. Offr. - Capt. L. A. Deziel : O.C. S. SASK. R. - Major B.S.S. Macdonald  : Adj. S. SASK. R. - Capt. J. A. Willis</p> <p>A total of 73 messages were originated by Bde H.Q. and a total of 137 messages were handled by that H.Q. The Exercise terminated at 1400 hrs.</p>	Cad
		4	<p>Normal routine carried out.</p> <p>The C.O. held a meeting of all officers at which time the mistakes made on the DOG exercise held last month were discussed.</p>	Cad
		5	<p>Preliminary instructions were received in respect of a defence and withdrawal exercise to be held Friday, 7 Mar 41. A meeting of Coy Comds was held at 1930 hrs to discuss arrangements and an Operation Instruction (No.8) was issued.</p>	APPENDIX 1 Cad
		6	<p>Apart from normal routine, activity was centred around preparations for the Defence and Withdrawal Scheme scheduled for 7 Mar 41.</p>	Cad
		7	<p>Reveille was sounded at 0430hrs and after breakfast and preliminary preparation the move to the designated area started at 0710hrs. Recce parties left at 0745hrs to be in the area by 0900hrs. The scheme was interesting and most instructive but was carried out under most unpleasant weather conditions. Rain poured down from about 1000hrs until midnight and for this reason the scheme schedule was shortened to permit the Bn to return via March route to Bks by 2300hrs.</p>	Cad

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Aldershot	1941 Mar. 8		A normal Saturday, except that there was no Parade in the morning, to permit proper cleaning of equipment after the rough session of 7 Mar 41. All ranks except those specifically employed were free of parades from 1200hrs.	Cap
		9	The Protestant Church parade was voluntary this date but the R.Cs paraded at the usual time to St. Michael's Garrison Church to hear H/Colonel McCarthy preach. The Bde Comd and Bde-Major were in attendance. The three day scheme scheduled to commence 10 Mar 41 was postponed. Lieut. D. A. Deziel visited the Officers' Mess and vividly described the Air-Raid on London 8 Mar 41. Major F. K. Jaspersen returned from leave at 1300hrs.	Cap
		10	Major F. K. Jaspersen took over as acting 2 i/c of the the Bn due to Major J. H. Mothersill's absence on leave. The Cancellation of the exercise scheduled to commence this date caused a re-adjustment in training programmes. (Training Programme for the week attached as annex.) Cpl. W. H. Garnham of the Orderly Room Staff was notified by the G.O. of his promotion to the rank of Ord. Rm. Sgt.	APPENDIX 3 Cap
		11	A normal routine day. Lt-Colonel A. S. Pearson has been appointed A/Bde Comd, during Brigadier Topp's absence on leave.	Cap
		12	The G.O., the Adjutant and the T.O. attended a conference called by the G.O.C. at which time the G.O.C. pointed out that in his opinion transport in the Division was not being properly cared for. He ordered all transport to remain in Barrack Areas until it had been brought up to standard and further that all leaves for C.Os., Adjutants and T.Os was cancelled until this work was completed.	Cap
		13	All exercises involving the use of transport except the DAVID exercise scheduled for 17-19 Mar 41 were cancelled. Normal individual training was carried out by all coys.	Cap
		14	A very routine day. Nothing of unusual interest to report.	Cap

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ALDERSHOT	1941 Mar. 15		<p>The Bn paraded in ceremonial drill at 0915hrs on the parade ground. The Divisional Commander conducted an inspection of bn vehicles at 1545hrs and expressed himself as being well satisfied with the improvement made since 12 Mar 41. The Officers held an informal dance party in the Officers Mess which was quite a successful bit of entertainment.</p>	Cap
	16		<p>After the usual Church parade to St. Andrew's Church for the Protestants and St. Michael's Church for the R.C.'s, preliminary preparation for the exercise scheduled for 17-19 Mar 41 were commenced. The C.O. and the Adjt attended the Bde Comds meeting at 1030hrs and received what additional information was available and Operational Instruction No. 9, as appended was produced. A special showing of the London smash hit "New Faces" was presented to 4 Cdn Inf Bde at the Garrison Theatre in the afternoon and 150 tickets were allotted to the ESSEX SCOT. All ranks were C.B. from 1900hrs.</p>	APPENDIX 2 Cap
	17		<p><del>XXXXXXXXXXXX</del> Reveille was sounded at 0345hrs; breakfast served at 0445hrs and the M.T. column moved off at 0550hrs. The poem of defense which the regiment was required to occupy in the Marlborough Area was occupied by 1600hrs and preparations were made to meet air attack. patrols were detailed to cover the area immediately fwd of the F.D.Ls and those persons not on essential duty were bedded down for some rest.</p>	Cap
	18		<p>The enemy launched an attack at first light all along the bde front and by 1100hrs had compelled a withdrawal all along the line. The Bn was split into two parts by the enemy but managed to reach the Rv ordered by Bde at Upper Axton farm out of reach of the enemy by 1530hrs. The order to cease fire was given at about 1630hrs and the regiment formed up to move back to Aldershot. The head of the column passed Bde S.P. at 1900hrs and arrived in Aldershot at 2310hrs.</p>	Cap
	19		<p>The normal training routine was altered to permit of a late reveille and the day was spent under coy control. A great deal of time was spent in cleaning equipment and preparation to resume normal training. Can. Corps semi-finals 2 Cdn Div. Vs Holding units was held at Bordon, Hants commencing at 1700hrs. Ptes Orville Drouillard and Johnny Martin, representing ESSEX SCOT. won their respective bouts.</p>	Cap
	20		<p>A normal routine day. Lord Donaghy, representing the Daily Despatch, was a visitor in the Bk lines today. RSM Potts and SGT Courtin of "C" Coy were nominated by the C.O. for OCTU courses.</p>	Cap

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ALDERSHOT	1941 MAR.			
	21		Nothing of interest to report.	Cap
	22		Major F. K. Jaspersen was appointed O.C. Headquarter Company, ESSEX SCOT. <del>XXXXXXXXXXXX</del> A letter was received from Pte. Bainter, who deserted this unit some months ago. He has managed to return to the United States of America and now seeks to be returned to the Unit. His letter has been passed on to the proper authorities. The Coy Comd spent most of the afternoon on road recces of the area over which the next scheme scheduled for 1 - 4 Apr 41 is to take place.	Cap
	23		The Regiment spent a very quiet day following the usual Church parades to St. Andrew's and St. Michael's Churches. Further recces of the BENITO scheme area were made by Coy Comds and other officers. A number of offrs, a present on the strength of No. 1 C.I.H.U., were visitors at the Offrs Mess at luncheon.	Cap
	24		Training programme for the week atted as apprx. 4. Lt-Col. A. S. Pearson attended the 1st day of a two day cookery school for Os. C. A Conference was held at the Prince Consort's Library at which the Bde Comd discussed the problems arising from the DAVID exercise recently completed.	Cap APPENDIX 4
	25		An inspection in Ts.O.E.T. was conducted throughout the Battalion under divisional arrangements All weapons were covered in these tests. The Bde Comd informed the adjutant shortly after the conclusion of the tests that it appeared likely that ESSEX SCOT. would rank highest in the DIV.	Cap
	26		Information was received that the unit would be visited 27 Mar 41 by a most distinguished Visitor and preparations were made accordingly. The C.O. completed the cooking course today and expressed himself as being quite pleased with the information he obtained.	Cap
27		This was a red letter day in the history of the Essex Scottish Regiment. His Majesty, KING GEORGE VI, paid a visit to and inspected this Bn and several offrs were presented to him. The normal programme for inspections by distinguished Visitors was varied to permit of three hearty cheers for his Majesty at the conclusion of the inspection. During the course of his visit His Majesty commented pleasantly on the kilt worn by the Pipe Band and the tie worn by the Offrs.	Cap	

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	Mar. 28		A normal routine day; nothing of interest to report.	<u>Cao</u>
	29		Major J. H. Mothersill conducted the usual Saturday Bn parade, IN THE ABSENCE OF COL. PEARSON WHO WAS ON AN M.T. COURSE. Many officers spent the day on recess for the scheme, BENITO scheduled for 1-4 Apr 41 (see appx)	APPENDIX 5 <u>Cao</u>
	30		Administrative Instructions were received to cover the divisional scheme BENITO and ESSEX SCOT ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION, issued in conjunction with ESSEX SCOT. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.10 was issued accordingly. (see appx.)	APPENDIX 6 <u>Cao</u>
	31		The day was spent in final preparations for the move on 2 Apr 41. All ranks were confined to Bks from 1600hrs and the Bn was put on four hours notice from that time. The C.O. and the adjutant attended the Bde Comds conference at 2200hrs and the C.O. delivered his orders to the officers at 2245hrs.	<u>Cao</u>
			STRENGTH; as at 2400hrs 31 MAR 41: <u>36</u> Officers and <u>732</u> Other Ranks	
			WEEKLY OFFENCE RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1941- - - - -	APPENDIX 7
			WEEKLY FIELD RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1941 - - - - -	APPENDIX 8
			REGIMENTAL ROUTINE ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1941 - - - - -	APPENDIX 9
			UNIT ORDERS PART II (Issued from Cdn Section GHQ 2nd Echelon) FOR THE MONTH OF MAR-	APPENDIX 10
			 (A. S. Pearson) Lt.-Colonel Commanding ESSEX SCOTTISH REGIMENT-C.A. (CSE)	