

# INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Aldershot BAY	1961 MAY	1	A letter was received this date over the signature of Brigadier C. B. Topp advising that in his absence on other duties Colonel Pearson will command the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade.. during the defence and withdrawal exercise scheduled 1-3-5-May 61. Majors Jaspersen and Macdonald were both engaged in Court-Martial proceedings which commenced today. Major Jaspersen as prosecuting officer and Major Macdonald as a member of the Court. The Bde Comd orders for the defence and withdrawal exercise to be known by the Code name were issued at 1700hrs; O gps and R gps immediately left after preliminary orders by the Bn. Comd to the WITNEY area for reconnaissance purposes.	APPENDIX 1 CROW Cao
		2	The Bn moved from the Barrack area by H.T. at 0640hrs and arrived in the assembly area at 0800 hrs. Breakfast was served at 0830hrs. Defensive works were constructed. The acting Bde Comd., Lt.-Col. A. S. Pearson made several inspection tours of the area. The weather was most unpleasant; the temperature was low and a misty rain fell during the night and morning and as a result the scheme was considerably shortened. Orders for a withdrawal were issued at 1430hrs and the Bn arrived back in Bks at 1830hrs.	Cao
		3	Lt.-Col. A. S. Pearson and Capt. J. A. Deniel attended an interesting R/T demonstration at Div Hq. The right and wrong ways of using wireless communication were shown. The Adjutant was away on an overnight pass 3-4-May 61 and Lieut. K. W. MacIntyre acted as an adjutant in his absence.	Cao
		4	Following the usual Sunday church Parade all ranks enjoyed an unusually pleasant spring day. Those not on essential duties were privileged to see England at its best..	Cao
		5.	Syllabus for the week attached. Grenade practices scheduled this date were postponed to permit HQ's to be trained as range experts. The C. O. held an important meeting of coy comd and coy S 1/c's in the ante-room of the Officers' Mess. Many important questions of regimental nature were discussed by the C.O. with his officers.	APPENDIX 2 Cao
		6	B Coy fired the 2" mortar at Chobham ranges, in the Aldershot Command Area. Lieut.-Col. A. S. Pearson and Lieut. R. P. Sheppard, M.C., the Bn. T.O. attended an administrative conference at the Prince Consort's Library at which time the question of excessive use of petrol was discussed at length. Advice was received that mail posted in Canada between 11th 16 Mar had been lost through enemy action.	Cao



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SHEET 3

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Aldershot	1941			
MAY	7		The Adjutant, Capt. L. A. Deniel, proceeded on privilege leave this date. A general meeting of the office was held at 1745hrs to discuss matters generally - a particularly interesting feature of which was the latest Div intelligence report. Training was conducted in accordance with the schedule.	See
	8		Capt. L. R. McDonald was posted A/Adjutant as of today vice Capt. L. A. Deniel on privilege leave. The "in" basket was reasonably empty. Major B.J.S. Macdonald and Lieut. D. Mackenzie also proceeded on leave. Training carried on in accordance with Bn training syllabus. Weather clear and fine temperature warmish. Arrangements were completed by Major Jaspersen for a demonstration to the Bn (less duty coy) of the use of the 3" Mortar on the CHOBHAM RIDGE ranges. A P.A. system was obtained from A.C. for the demonstration. (see appx. - message LRO-1)	See APPENDIX 3
	9		A, B and C Coys combined a route march to CHOBHAM RIDGE and return with the witnessing of a demonstration of the 3" Mortar arranged by #3 Pl of HQ Coy and directed by Major Jaspersen. The demonstration was well arranged and the troops were shown the tactical use and handling of the weapon as well as its actual use both with H.E. and smoke. Scheduled training was suspended for the demonstration. D Coy was duty coy for the day.	
	10		The usual Saturday Bn parade was held - and a very pleasant spring afternoon was made use of by the officers and O.Rs.	See
	11		The Bn paraded to St. George's Church in fine clear sunshine. Padre was Capt. McKay, R.H.C., who delivered a well prepared timely and thoughtful sermon. The day remained fine and good use of it was made. Major Williams, Capt. Green, Lieuts Lee, Huff, Kennedy reported in after having experienced London's worst blitz on Saturday night. Major Williams and Lieut. Huff were particularly active fire fighters.	See
	12		Bn training continued in accordance with the syllabus for the week. (attached.) <del>Bn training continued in accordance with the syllabus for the week</del> Monday transport has been cut to an irreducible minimum within the unit. A series of lectures on bomb disposal by an officer RCE was scheduled to start tonight - but the lecturer did not appear - (subsequently re-arranged). Cpl. Reaton left to join Sniper's Course at Bisley.	See APPENDIX 4



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		14	D Coy spent a profitable day at 'fieldcraft', while B coy fired on the ASH range. In the early evening the officers' attentions were divided between horseshoes and soft-ball. In addition to usual bn training following the syllabus preparations were made for Bn.H.Q. to take part in Div exercise JOSEPH, a signals exercise, in accordance with opening narrative (see appendix 5 attached)	cao APPENDIX 5
		15	Div Signals Exercise JOSEPH started with Bde O gp Rv (Essex Scot - Comd & I.O.) 0015hrs. Recce party, skeleton (Lt. Guest and 1 O.R.) left at 2330hrs 14 May to meet Bn.H.Q. Essex Scot. Bn.H.Q. representing whole Bn passed start point at 0510. Bn H.Q. opened at BORDEN 0600hrs and the exercise continued throughout the day. Tactical plan for 4 Bde Gp was the isolation and capture of enemy airborne tps equivalent to a bde gp landed in a full scale invasion attempt area PETERSFIELD and down area to SOUTH and EAST. Bn.H.Q. consisted of Bn Comd., Adj. (Capt. L.R. McDonald) I.O. (Lt. McDermott) Sig. Offr (Lt. Huff) L.O. (Lt. Guest) R.S.M. (CSM Lescombe) - sig. Sec plus #11 sec from Bde Sigs, 'I' Sec (Skeleton and a portion of adm personnel - ten vehicles, 3 M.C.'s.	cao
		16	Exercise continued throughout night 15/16 May; tps bivouacking when possible. adm arrangements were very satisfactory. finishing 1100hrs 16 May on CHALTON Down SW of PETERSFIELD. Return to Bk area completed 1450hrs.. Weather for exercise was raw and wet at commencement but from 1200hrs 15 May until return to bks was fine and clear; 16 May brilliant sunshine; night 15/16 clear but very cold - quite a heavy frost in early morning 16.	cao
		17	Capt. L. A. Beziel having returned from priv leave took over as adj. The usual bn parade was held with Maj J. H. Motherwill in command. The Sergeants' Mess enjoyed an evening of dancing and entertainment.	
		18	There was a voluntary church parade for protestant denominations this date but the R.C.'s paraded on a compulsory basis. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the system of differences in parades between protestant and R.C. denominations.	cao



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	MAY 18	(cont'd)	The day which some lovely weather was spent in general tranquility by all not on essential duties. Two pls were out on self-contained operations which all ranks appeared to enjoy.	Cao
	19		Col. Pearson and Capt. W.J.S. Knox interviewed the Canadian High Commissioner in London with reference to a proposed Empire Day Service to continue the practice originated in Windsor, Ont. in 1935 when the Essex Scottish M.P.A.M. paraded to St. Paul's Cathedral in DETROIT as a mark of Canadian-American good will. The matter is under consideration. The Essex Scot. Pipe Band participated in Funeral ceremonies at Brockwood Cemetery for an Officer of C.M.H.Q., who was killed by enemy action.	Cao
	20		Training programme for the week attached as appx. An m.c. course for officers was started under Bde arrangements on the parade ground Maida Hill. Lieuts McCorkell, Ladore, Mackenzie and Hunter are attending as candidates from this unit. Two sided coy exercises were commenced this date. It would appear from reports that they will be helpfull and interesting to all ranks participating. A Baseball game between the officers of this unit and officers of Bde HQ resulted in a Victory for the Bde by the narrow margin of 1 run.	Cao
	21		A very quiet day; nothing of immediate interest to record.	Cao
	22		G coy was engaged in a two-sided exercise which was in part inspected by the C.O. and by the Bde Comd. A demonstration under the direction of Lieut. E. B. McCorkell was held to illustrate the best method of A.A. protection.	Cao
	23		At a general meeting of officers the C.O. advised that the Bn would be inspected by the Corps Comd in an attack exercise. As this is the first bn in the 2nd div to be inspected the importance of attention to detail could not be overemphasized. Arrangements have been tentatively completed for the continuation of the Regimental Empire Day service, usually held in peace time at St. Paul's Cathedral, DETROIT.	Cao
	24		The new Mess Committee as appointed by the C.O. commenced to function this date. The members appointed are shown in Regimental Orders Part I of 22 May 41.	
	25		The usual Church Parades was followed by a very quiet day.	Cao

APPENDIX 6



Place dorshot	Date 1941	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
MAY	26		Essex Sect. Training programme for week ending 31 May 41 attached as appx 7 This day was spent in preparation for the inspection exercise scheduled for 27 May 41. Orders were received by the C.O. from Bde at 1700hrs and Essex Sect. O.O.No.17 (Exercise COBRA) were published at 1830hrs; see appx. 8.	APPENDIX 7  APPENDIX
	27		The Bn., with att tps moved from bks at 0810 hrs by m.t. The exercise took the form of an attack on the head of the moving column by enemy parachute tps disposed in considerable strength at certain points of vantage. A quick attack was ordered by the C.O. with B Coy left A Coy centre and C Coy right. When the attack had been completed the ofrs were addressed by General McNaughton, after which the Bn marched past the General, who took the salute. The Colonel was complimented by the Gen on his tps The return to bks was by march route.	APPENDIX 7  APPENDIX
	28		Capt. J. D. Green was notified of his promotion to the rank of major and the usual ceremony attending such announcements was held in the Officers' Mess before dinner. General Odium interviewed two n.c.o's., Sergts. Beck and Henderson, in respect of probable appointments.	APPENDIX 7  APPENDIX
	29		B Coy was <del>xxx</del> engaged in an attack exercise which commenced at dusk. Very unfavourable weather was experienced but the exercise was carried out with considerable success. Lt.-Col. A. S. Pearson and Capt. W.J.S. Knox had an interview in London with The Honorable Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner, with reference to a suggested Church Service to perpetuate the one usually held by the Regiment in Windsor and Detroit on each EMPIRE DAY.	APPENDIX 7  APPENDIX
	30		An interview was received from the Mayor of Windsor (England) inviting the Commanding Officer and 30 other ranks to attend a Ceremony at Windsor Castle, Sunday, 1 Jun 41 in connection with Windsor War Weapons Week. Invitation was duly accepted.	APPENDIX 7  APPENDIX
	31		The usual Bn Parade was held, after which the balance of the morning was devoted to testing of Respirators, Anti-Gas. All ranks not on essential duties enjoyed a free afternoon.	APPENDIX 7  APPENDIX
			UNIT STRENGTH: AS OF 2359hrs, 31-5-41 - 35 Offrs & 739 O.Rs. WEEKLY FIELD RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1941. REGIMENTAL ORDERS PART I FOR THE MONTH MAY 1941 REGIMENTAL ORDERS PART II FOR THE MONTH MAY 1941 WEEKLY OFFENCE RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1941	APPENDIX 7  APPENDIX