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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Middleton -on- Sea	1 Not		Intermittent heavy rain throughout the day. The Protestant Church Parade attented Mettrodist Church Hall at 1000 hrs. The R.C. Church Parade heard Mass at Phoenix Club at 0845 hrs. All duties other than those necessary were suspended. Lieut. P.M. Grandjean was attached for all purposes to 4th Bde effective 1 Nov 42.	FAL
	2 Nov		A very thorough inspection of the Regt was made by Brig. M.H.S. Penhale, E.D. and Staff. The Bn. was formed up in mass at 0930 hrs at the Middleton Sports Club Ground. After the March Past the Coys returned to their individual trg. areas and were inspect by Bde Staff Offrs. There were many favourable comments on smartness of equipment, state of equipment and smartness on Parade. In the afternoon there were tactical exercises held for each of the rifle coys with emphasis on the pl as a sub-unit. While the exercises showed that there is still much to be done all coys compared favourably with each other in the data there is still much to be done all coys compared favourably	ted
	11 113		Pawle, C.B.E. on the Umpiring of Tactical Schemes proved instructive and interesting.	Rax
	3 Nov		The Bn. having settled down to routine trg. after the spit and polish of the past few days. Bifle coys trained in Close Order Drill, Battle Drill, Fieldcraft and Battle Discipline. Support Coy made a Route March which included an exercise in advance to to contact and contact. The weather was cool with light rain.	Pol
	4 Nov		Rain made field trg difficult. 'A' & 'D' Coys made a Route March including a tactical exercise. 'B' & 'C' Coys trained in Battle Drill, Fieldcraft and Battle Drill Discipline. Support Coy and 'C' coys engaged in Organized Sports during last period. Lieut. I. Macdonald ceased holding the appointment of A/Adjt. wef 4 Nov 42. Lieut. R.H. Lund appointed A/Adjt.	Rel
	5 Nov		Normal trg during the day. P.T. during last period was designed as general hardening for the tps. There was cross country running in light kit of one to two miles R.Cs. attended Mass at Phoenix Club at 0845 hrs. 102 inter-Coys postings were made during re-organization from the old to the New War Establishment.	Red .
	6 Nov		All Coys trained in Aircraft Recognition, the Bayonet and P.T. Coy Comds prepared and conducted a T.E.W.T. for their offrs on occupation of defensive position. A-21268 Pte. Aldous, L.W. and A-22368 Pte. Inskeep, J. were tried by F.G.Cs.M. beginning at 1000 hrs. Ede. detailed one Major as President and one other Offr. as a member.	Por

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Middleton -on- Sea	6 Nov	21 2	Cont'd Lieut. F.B. Walton was Essex Scot member. (Vide Regt'l Part 1 Order No. 141 d/5 Nov 42 Distinguished visitor on 31 Oct 42, His Highness the Maharajah Jam Sahib of Nayanagar, sent his personal thanks to All Ranks of the Unit for the demonstration displayed for him.	Poly
	7 Nor	AR H	The coys did Close Order Drill and Inspections as well as Lectures on Current Affair filled the mornings trg. 10 O.Rs. were taken on strength and posted to coys.	cs
	8 Nor	7.	The R.C. Church Parade heard Mass at Phoenix Club 0845 hrs. The Protestant Church Parade was voluntary. The weather was warm and sunny.	Res
	9 Nov		Routine trg. continued. Commendation of ten O.Rs. of this Unit was published throughout the Bde for their courage and initiative when on 26 Oct 42 a R.A.F. aircraft (Beaufighter) crashed in the sea in front of Essex Scot Area. P.O. Claudillor was rescued by A-21537 Sgt. Coughlin, J. A-22012 Cpl Valiquette, A.J. and A-50183 Pte. Jarvis, G.H. (Vide Regt'l Part 1 Order No. 143 d/9 Nov 42). An instructive lecture on Defence was given to all Unit Officers in the evening by Col. H. Pawle, C.B.	Ri
	10 No		'A' and 'C' Coys trained in Close Order Drill by platoons and after the first period made a 24 mile Route March practicing a tactical exercise on pincer attack by Pls. Particular attention was payed to Fieldcraft, orders and movement. 'B' and 'D' Coys trained in Close Order Drill, Battle Drill, Battle Discipline and Fieldcraft. All Officers not on essential duty attended a lecture by Maj. Stewart on Combined Operation with particular reference to the Air Force at LITTLE HAMPTON at 1700 hrs, in the Br. Legion Hall. Fifteen Officers attended.	
	11 No	T	'A', 'C', and Support Coys trained in Battle Drill, Fieldcraft, Battle Discipline. 'B' and 'D' Coys made a Route March following through with a Tactical Exercise on Pincer Attack. A table tennis tournament took place at the Y.M.C.A. at 1900 hrs. and prizes were awarded for excellence. Brigadier M.H.S. Penhale sent a letter to Lt. Col. J.H. Mothersill extending his congratulations for the very good showing made by the Unit on 2 Nov 42. The Officer Commanding and all Offrs but duty offrs attended an	Pol

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Middleton -on- Sea.		ll Nov	Cont'd. v. entertainment given for their benefit by the Members of the Middleton Sports Club and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The bewildering picture "The Maltese Falcon" was shown.	Car
		12 Nov	Club at 1830 hrs with group singing following the program. A dance for O.Rs. was held at 1930 hrs at the W.V.S. Victory Canteen. Special trg. was carried out by both offrs. and N.C.Os. The Offrs took to the Field and practised Battle Drill under Major B.J.S. Macdonald in the morning and T.E.W.Ts under Coy Comds in the afternoon. W.Os and Sgts. carried out Coy Adm & Trg throughout the day under the supervision of one Offr.	Pet
		13 Nov	v. A Cribbage Tournament was held at the Y.M.C.A. at 1700 hrs. 19 0.Rs. were taken on strength w.e.f. 13 Nov 42.	Ross
		14 Nov	v. Excellent weather. All coys trained in Ceremonial Inspections and except for the necessary duties the afternoon was free for O.Rs. Three Offrs attended an Anti Demon stration on the Downs in the afternoon. Fire by spotting as well as a creeping barrage covering advance of Infantry was shown.	
		15 Nov	w. The Protestant Church Parade was held at 1000 hrs at Methodist Church Hall, on Middleton Highway, one mile west of Y.M.C.A. The R.C. Church Parade attended Mass at 0845 hrs at Phoenix Club. Three more Offrs attended Anti Demonstration which was the same as for Sat 14 Nov.42.	Port
		16 Nov	v. 'A' coy trained in Close Order Drill, Bayonet Fighting and Organized Sports, thre hours in the evening were devoted to Night Fighting which included Recce Patrol and Stalking. Night Trg was preceded by a lecture and daylight practice. 'B' Coy train in Close Order Drill, Bayonet Fighting, Battle Drill and Grenade. The best grenade thrower in each sec will inter-bn competition to be held at Middleton Sports Club on Wed 18 Nov 42 at 1500 hrs. 'B' Coy Offrs attended R/T at Phoenix Club at 1700-1800 'C' and 'D' coys trained in Bayonet Fighting, Battle Drill and Grenades. Support Go trained in Specialist duties. All coys devoted the last period to cross country	PAL hrs.

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Middleton -on- Sea.		17 Nov	running in preparation for inter-pl competion next week. The Unit commenced to take its part in supplying a Working Party for the Div. Groups of soldier were transported to farms in the District to assist farmers in harvesting Sugar Beet Cropd and cultivate Trg progressed in normal manner. The weather was fair. "A" Coy and Intelligence Sec(Bn.H.Q.) fired on the thirty yard ranges. Light was dull and not ideal for fine shooting. A dance was held for other ranksat the Y.M.C.A. at 2000 hrs while a Bingo Party was held at the W.V.S.Victory Canteen.	fating.
	18 No	V	"A" Coy trained in Close Order Drill, Bayonet Fighting and Organized Sports. F-49652 L/Cpl Cassidy, J.L. won a grenade throwing competition, in which all Coys were represented by a team of nine men. Best avg into a six foot circle at thirty yards. A three hour period in Night Trg covering Recce Patrol and Stalking completed the training. The night trg was preceded by a lecture and daylight practice. "B" Coy trained in the Bayonet and Organized Sports. "C" Coy trained in Close Order Drill, Aircraft Recognition, Organized Sports and Night Trg including Recce Patrol and Stalking. The aircraft recognition consisted of two periods using models obtained from the Bn.HQ "I" Sec. and returned each day after use. "D" Coy offrs attended R/T at Phoenix Club 1700 - 1800 hrs. Support Coy trained in specialist duties and Night Trg as above. A-57978 Pte Consaul, A.M. best Essw. Scot Table Tennis player, won three games out of a series of five against pretty Peggy Kinnan, W.L.A. in stiff competition. After trg hours all officers not on essential duties attended a lecture given in LITTLEHAMPTON, on "Air Support" by Major Stewart.	Red
	19 No	οv	Trg progressed in the normal manner. Essex Scot played HQ 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde. drubbing them 6-0 in an Ice Hockey Game at the Sports Palace in Brighton commencing at 1235 hrs to 1330 hrs. A cinema at Phoenix Club was held for 0.Rs. at 1830 hrs; group singing included.	RAL
	20 N	v	"A" Coy trained in Bayonet Fighting and P.T. to stress cross country running in preparation for Battle Drill School followed by Night Trg in Recce Patrol and	Roh

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	21 No	×v.	Stalking. A Coy TEWT was carried out for pl. comdrs. and Senior N.C.Os. on "Attach with Tks." "A" Coy offrs trained in R/T at Phoenix Club at 1700 -1800 hrs. "B" Coy trained the same as "A" Coy excepting R/T for Coy Offrs. Support Coy completed zeroing rifles on the 200 yd range and trained three hours at night in Recce Patrol and Stalking. "Maple Leaf" Concert Party presented by Auxiliary Services at the Phoenix Club at 1900 hrs proved good. The W.V.S. of Middleton held a party in honour of those men who returned from DIEPPE. Alfree number of the offrs attended also. It was a very good affair, plenty to eat and drink and a good number of agreeable dancing partners as well. It is the kindness of the local residents to the men of this Unit that was demonstrated by the local W.V.S. After the individual Coy Inspections of personnel and billets lectures on Camouflage Methods were given with emphasis for the necessary duties in "Prepare for	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH
	22 N	ν	Battle" order. Except for the necessary duties the afternoon was free for O.Rs. A Cribbage Tournament at the Y.M.C.A. at 1900 hrs awarded to deserving winners. The R.C. Church Parade at Phoenix Hall Club at 0845 hrs under Co Arrangements. The weather was cool and clear. Being freed from the responsibility of supplying a working party for farmers the whole unit again went to work on very necessary trg.	Rad Rad
	23 No	v	"A" and "B" Coys each made a 24-26 mile Route March. Attention was paid as to the condition of boots, men's feet and general conditions. As this was a "Rain or Shine March" the men were glad that the weather was dry. The march proved difficult and definitely proved that the men's feet were not in condition to take forced marches without futher trg in this respect. The bn. less "A" and "B" coys trained in Close Order Drill, Battle Drill and Fieldcraft and P.T. During the next three weeks the coys will cover the first 90 pages of Fieldcraft and Battle Drill. Acinema Navy Blues was he the Y.M.C.A. at 1830 hrs	Rah eld at
	24 No	v	"A", "B" and "C" Coys trained in Close Order Drill, Battle Drill, Fieldcraft and	Ras

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	25 No		and also P.T. Battle Drill is covered systematically dealing with the first ninety pages of "Fieldcraft and Battle Drill". "D" Coy had range practice under Lieut. J.S. MacLellan, Musketry Officer. Support Coy trained in specialists duties. A concert was held at the Phoenix Club at 1930 hrs; a bingo party was held at the W.V.S. Victory Canteen at 1900 hrs; dance at the Y.M.C.A. from 2000 hrs till 2200 hrs. "A", "B", and Support Coys trained in Close Order Drill, Battle Drill and Field craft and Sports. Battle Drill is covered systematically dealing with the first 90 pages of "Fieldcraft and Battle Drill. "C" Coy had range practice under Lieut. J.S. MacLellam, Musketry Officer and also Sports. "D" Coy trained as did "A", "B" and Support Coys plus organized Sports. Table Tennis Tournament at Y.M.C.A. at 1900 hrs, with no change in champion. "A", "B", "D" and Support Coys trained in Close Order Drill and Fieldcraft as well as P.T. Battle Drill is covered systematically dealing with the first 90 pages of Fieldcraft and Battle Drill. "B" Coy had range practice under Lieut. J.S. MacLellam Musketry Officer. Twelve inter-coy posting was effective 26 Nov 42. Lieut. A.P. Doucete taken on strength from 2 C.D.I.R.U. and posted to "D" Coy. Cinméma at Phoenix Club at 1830 hrs; and dance at the W.V.S. Victory Canteen at 1930 hrs.	And I
	27 No		"A" Coy had range practice under Lieut. J.S. MacLellan, Musketry Officer. "B" Coy trained In Close Order Drill, Battle Drill, Fieldcraft as well as P.T. Battle Drill is covered systematically dealing with the first 90 days of Fieldcraft and Battle Drill. "C", D", and HQ Coys had a route march of 24 miles. Condition of boots and men's feet submitted after the march. 2 Officers taken on strength from 2 C.D.I.R.U. and posted to "C" and "B" Coys. 9 Other Ranks takem on strength from 2 C.D.I.R.U. Court of Inquiry assembled to investigate and report on disappearance of furniture from "Alston House".	Park.

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	29 No	V	R.Cs. attended mass held in Middleton Church Hall situated in the "B" Coy area Parade fell in at 0845 hrs. The weather was bright but cool. All activity was at a halt.	Aug.
	30 No	▼	A Muster Parade was held for all Coys of the Reg't with Lieut. D. Mackenzie acting as Muster Officer. "A" and "B" Coys trained in Battle Drill and Fieldcraft as wellas a 9 mile route march. Battle Drill is covered systematically dealing with the first 90 pages of "Fieldcraft and Battle Drill". "C" and "D" Coys trained in Close Order Drill, Weapon Training and P.T. as well as Battle Drill and Fieldcraft. Weapon Training was a review of all small arms. Battle Drill and Fieldcraft as "A" & "B" Coys. "Support" Coy trained in Battle Drill, Fieldcraft and P.T. as well as Specialist Training. Battle Drill and Fieldcraft same as other Coys. "Support" Coy also did route march of 9 miles with route march laid down by Coy Comdrs. Sinema was held at the Phoenix Club at 1830 hrs.	RAL

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