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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
MIDDLETON -ON- SEA, Sussex	1 Oct 42		"A" Coy and "B" Coy made a Route March of seventeen miles, the second since the re-organization of the bn. At noon rendezvous, all ranks made a supreme effort to outdo each other in cooking an appetizing mess tin dinner. Considerable improvement was shown over last weeks effort. In the morning, "D" Coy practiced Small Arms firing on the improvised range. In the afternoon, "D" Coy trained in the Rifle, L.M.G. and 2" Mortar. The weather was dull with short spells of light rain. A sand table lecture was given to all Regtl. ofrs. at 1930 hrs by Col. H. Pawle, C.B.E.	
	2 Oct 42		The weather was excellent for a bn inspection by the Duke of Norfolk and Col. J.L. Ralston, Cdn. Minister of National Defence as well as other notables in the military and scientific field. The bn left MIDDLETON at 0730 hrs for ARUNDEL PARK (MR 441383), the camp location of the R.H.L.I. The march, approximately 20 miles return, was the first long march that the bn had made since DIEPPE. "A" Coy and "B" Coy thus did 37 miles in two days. Upon reaching the green square allotted for the 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde. Inspection Area, the Essex Scots rested and ate their haversack lunches. The bn re-formed in line on the left flank with the Royal Regiment on the right flank and the R.H.L.I. in the center. A cortege of official cars arrived with HQ flags fluttering proudly in the brilliant sunlight. Col. J.L. Ralston was accompanied by the Duke of Norfolk, followed by Lt.-Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Lt.-Gen. H.D.G. Grear, D.S.O., Major-Gen. P.J. Montague, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., V.D., and Brigadier M.H.S. Penhale, Commanding 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde. The parade was colourful with "Red Tabs" and junior staff ofrs as Col. Ralston inspected the neat lines of the entire 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde. At random, the Minister of National Defence stopped and spoke to individual soldiers while Corps photographers made pictorial history of the first war honours that 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde. have gained via DIEPPE. The Colonel remarked as follows: "I was in WINDSOR (Canada), the home of the Essex Scottish, two days after DIEPPE. I spoke to the mother of four sons, Mrs. Murphy who had apparently lost all of them at DIEPPE. Since then, we are informed that two sons are alive and prisoners of war. I observed how proud all parents were even when informed of personal loss that their sons had taken part at DIEPPE. The raid has given all Canadians the knowledge that they can stand up to the Germans and it has instilled confidence in them. Military decorations will be given out in the near future to some, not all, of the brave men taking part	

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MIDDLETON	2 Oct 42	(contd)-		
-ON- SEA, Sussex			in DIEPPE. The fifteen minute speech by the Cdn. Minister of National Defence was followed by applause in the form of hearty cheers after which the Bde marched past the Reviewing Stand in column. The Essex Scots were especially complimented by Col. Ralston for the fine spirit shown by the bn. The bn marched back from ARUNDEL PARK and passed the MIDDLETON D.P. at approximately 1800 hrs. Lt.-Col. J.H. Mothersill, the 2 i/c, Major B.J.S. Mothersill, M.C.; and five Coy C mls together with Lieutl P.M. Grandjean (Carrier Offr.) attended a tactical exercise at Bde at 1930 hrs. Capt H.W.P. Thomson was listed in C.A.O.R.G. as appointed a Captain in Essex Scots from the Cdn. Royal Regiment.	Jm
	3. Oct 42		Inspections, cleaning and lectures filled the morning's program. All offrs attended a lecture from 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs on Mess Tin Cooking. The theory of Mess Tin Cooking was put to practice and each offr tried his hand at cooking at the Q.M. Stores. No noon meal was served at the Offrs. Mess.	Jm
	4 Oct 42		The weather was dull with slight rain in the afternoon. The Protestant Church Parade at 1015 hrs took place at Methodist Church Hall, one mile from the Y.M.C.A. on highway west of MIDDLETON. The R.C. Church Parade attended Mass at Phoenix Club at 0845 hrs. From 0900 hrs until 1300 hrs Lt.-Col. J.H. Mothersill, Major B.J.S. Mothersill, M.C., Lieut. F.A. Tilston (Intelligence Offr) and five Coy Comds attended a T.E.W.T. on "Defence".	Jm
	5 Oct 42		The atmosphere was damp with outlook dull. A Bn Parade was formed at MIDDLETON SPORTS CLUB at 0900 hrs for the purpose of honouring the men who were at DIEPPE. Lt.-Col. J.H. Mothersill commended the men who had won awards. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallantry and distinguished service in the combined attack on DIEPPE: <u>The Military Cross</u> : Capt. D.P. Mc Rae, S.D. & G. Highrs. (att Essex Scot); Capt. (now Major) H.J. Kennedy. <u>The Distinguished Conduct Medal</u> : A21509 Pte. Maier, J. <u>The Military Medal</u> :	Jm

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MIDDLETON	5 Oct 42	(Contd):	<p><u>The Military Medal:</u> A21137 Pte. Baker, R.A.M., A22275 Cpl. Carlo, R., A22673 Pte. De Laurier, L.D., A21209 L/Sgt. Dixon, F.L., A21508 Sgt. Hussey, W.E., A21531 Pte. (now Sgt) Marchant, G.E., A22551 Pte. Mizon, J.H. The King has also been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned in recognition of gallantry and distinguished service in the combined attack on DIEPPE: Major J.A. Willis (killed in action), Lieut. J.C. Palms (killed in action); A23000 Pte. Brown, G.D., A21634 Pte. (now Cpl) Carley, S., A21156 Pte. Cousineau, E.R., A21122 Pte. Crockett, J.E., A21624 Cpl. (now Sgt) Donaldson, J., A21881 Sgt. Campbell, J.B., A22278 Pte. Ferrari, R.W., A21243 Cpl. Jones, R.M., A2175 Cpl. Mellott, E.N. Lt.-Col. J.H. Mothersill & Major H.J. Kennedy, M.C. attended a tactical exercise on the 2 pounder V/Tk gun in the afternoon near LITTLEHAMPTON.</p>	
-ON- SEA, Sussex	6 Oct 42		<p>The weather was fair. In the morning, "A" and "C" Coys trained in the Rifle, L.M.G. and Bayonet. In the afternoon, "A" and "C" Coys participated in organized sports. "B" Coy had range practice under arrangement of Lieut. J.S. MacLellan, Musketry Offr. "D" Coy was Duty Coy. "Hq" Coy trained in specialist duties. A lecture was given by Capt. E. Cloutier, Medical Offr., to all offrs at 1930 hrs.</p>	
	7 Oct 42		<p>A dull day with damp weather. "B" Coy and "Hq" Coy made a Route March with Mess Tin Cooking at noon; and did Night Training in "Movement and Observation by Night". Brigadier M.H.S. Penhale, Commanding 4th Inf. Bde. visited "B" Coy at the noon rendezvous and complimented the coy on it's ability to provide such variety when it came to mess tin cooking. "C" Coy trained in Rifle, L.M.G. and T.S.M.G., as well as Night Training. "A" Coy was Duty Coy. "Hq" Coy in addition to the Route March and Specialist Training, did Night Training as well. As far as training since the re-organization of the bn, there is nothing out of the ordinary in method, etc. But Platoon Comds have made it plain to all Men that the sooner Basic Training is completed the sooner the whole bn will undergo Battle Training. It is quite evident that the Men are anxious to leave Basic Training behind. 33 O.Rs. were taken on Strength. Lieut. E.L. Cohen replaced Lieut. R.E. Johnston as Administrative Officer. The Officer Commanding, the</p> <p>(Contd)</p>	

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MIDDLETON	7 Oct 42		2 i/c and five Coy Comds went to Bde for a lecture on Arty Support at 2000 hrs. Ten other offrs went to Bde for R/T Instruction at 1930 hrs.	J. m.
-ON-	8 Oct 42		"A" Coy did range practice but the weather was difficult and rainy. Lieut. J.S. MacLellan's (Musketry Offr) portable ranges were used on the beach in front of "B" Coy's Officers' Mess. The ranges were a new innovation and designed so that they could very easily be moved from one spot to another. Although they served their purpose for the morning's shoot, it was impossible to use them again due to their having been literally shot to pieces. However, this was responsible for a new design making its appearance and these new ranges should last indefinitely. Small Arms Training occupied all coys the better part of the day. A Sand Table Lecture for all offrs was interestingly given by Col. H. Pawle, C.B.E. at 1930 hrs.	J. m.
SEA,	9 Oct 42		"A" Coy trained in Small Arms and Fieldcraft with Night Training in Movement and Observation. "B" Coy trained in Small Arms the entire day. "C" Coy was Duty Coy. "D" Coy made a Route March and cooked their noon meal in mess tins at rendezvous MR. 379268, Sheet 133, a few miles north of BOGNOR REGIS. In the morning "Hq" Coy fired at the ranges and in the afternoon Small Arms occupied their time. Lt.-Col. J.H. Mothersill, Major B.J.S. Mothersill, M.C. (2 i/c) and five Coy Comds went to Bde for a Tactical Discussion. Major B.J.S. MacDonald came to the bn and assumed appointment of 2 i/c of the bn replacing Major B.J.S. Mothersill, M.C.	J. m.
Sussex	10 Oct 42		The weather was very windy, dull, with frequent short rains. Inspections, cleaning of billets and lectures on Current Events occupied the morning's training. The afternoon was free time for the Men except for the necessary duties.	J. m.
	11 Oct 42		The weather was ideal for a Sunday, being warm and sunlit. R.C. Church Parade was held at the Y.M.C.A. Hut at 0845 hrs. Lt.-Col. J.H. Mothersill, the 2 i/c, and five Coy Comds went to Bde for a T.E.W.T. on "Attack on Isolated Enemy Strongholds" from 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs. 9 Intelligence Personnel went to Bde at 1300 hrs for a course on Sniping.	J. m.

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MIDDLETON -ON- SEA, Sussex	12 Oct 42		Weather fair. "A" Coy made a route march of eighteen miles. "B" Coy was Duty Coy. "C" and "D" Coys trained in weapons and anti-gas. At 1930 hrs a Sand Table lecture was given by Col. H. Pawle, C.B.E. to all officers.	J.M.
	13 Oct 42		"A" and "D" Coys trained in Small Arms in the morning and participated in organized sports in the afternoon. "B" Coy zeroed rifles in the morning and took part in sports in the afternoon. "C" Coy was Duty Coy. "Hq" Coy trained in Anti-gas and specialist duties. In the evening the officers in the bn attended a dinner in honour of the Commanding Officers and Staffs of 2 Cdn. Div and 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde. At 1800 hrs cocktails were served at M.H.Q. Officers' Mess after Maj-Gen. J.H. Roberts, D.S.O., M.C. arrived. At 1900 hrs all Regt. Officers and guests went to the Middleton Sports Club, a short distance away, where dinner was served. The whole event was well balanced with a complete absence of formality and an excellent time was enjoyed by all. Maj-Gen. Roberts and Brigadier Penhale each made a brief speech about Dieppe. Sir Richard Gregory, the well-known British authority on astronomy and allied subjects and advisor to H.M. Government on meteorological data also spoke briefly. Later, the officers returned to M.H.Q. Officers' Mess where informal discussions proved interesting. (For the Dinner Menu and Place Arrangement at the Dinner please see Appx. 4)	J.M.
	14 Oct 42		The weather was rather dull with intermittent rains. Day training was normal and night training was done in Recap wiring and digging.	J.M.
	15 Oct 42		"A" Coy was Duty Coy. "B" and "D" Coys went to training area for field firing and Scout Training. "C" and "Hq" Coys made an eighteen mile route march. In the evening a lecture by Col. H. Pawle, C.B.E. on "Lessons From Malaya" was interestingly given.	J.M.
	16 Oct 42		"A" and "C" Coys marched to training area for field firing and practice in Fieldcraft. "B" Coy was Duty Coy and "D" Coy made an eighteen mile route march, cooking their noon meals in mess tins. Capt. C.P. Keeley arrived in the bn to assume command of "C" Coy. Pte. Hamilton, W.L., A22438 Pte. Campbell, J. and A21411 Pte. Garrie, S.R. were tried by Field General Courts Martial at Phoenix Club beginning at 1000 hrs. Major A.M. Young (R. Regt.C) was named President and Lieut. D. Campbell as a Member with an officer (R.H.L.I.), unnamed, as the other Member. (Vide Regt. Part I Order No. 130 dated 14 Oct 42). 77 O.Rs. were	J.M.

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MIDDLETON	16 Oct 42		(Contd): taken on strength from 2 C.D.I.R.U. and posted to Coys. 12 men went to FINDON PARK to undergo further training in elementary battle procedure.	
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SEA,	17 Oct 42		Weather good. Inspections, cleaning of billets and lectures filled the morning. In the afternoon all but the necessary duties were suspended.	
Sussex.	18 Oct 42		The weather was dull. The Protestant Church Parade attended at 1015 hrs at Methodist Church Hall on highway one mile from Y.M.C.A. west of MIDDLETON. The church, however, was unable to accommodate all worshippers and two coys were turned away. The R.C. Church Parade heard Mass at Phoenix Club at 0845 hrs.	
	19 Oct 42		"A" Coy was Duty Coy. The majority of T.O.E.Ts have been completed and bn training has now undergone a definite change from the elementary to Battle Drill. This included A/A and Field Formations, Section Drill, Fire and Movement and the Assault. Also, to condition the men, the last period each day was devoted to P.T. in the Assault Course, cross country running in light kit. A Sand Table lecture by Col. H. Pawle, C.B.E. was given all ofrs at 1930 hrs on "How to Prepare a Platoon Exercise".	
	20 Oct 42		All Coys did Close Order Drill by secs and pls, followed by completion of T.O.E.Ts. The rifles of seventeen reinforcements were zeroed and Lieut. F.B. Walton reported that only two rifles needed attention. The new 50 yd range worked well and the 100, 200, and 300 yd ranges will soon be ready for use.	
	21 Oct 42		"C" Coy was Duty Coy. Bn training continued much the same as 19/20 Oct. (See APPX 3 dated week ending 24 Oct 42). "B" Coy "Stood To" during the night and Lieut. R.E. Johnston reported results as satisfactory.	
	22 Oct 42		"A" and "C" Coys each made an eighteen mile Route March but "B" Coy cancelled theirs in order to make special preparations for the Bn Parade next Saturday. The Support Coy (formerly called "Hq" Coy in the old War Establishment) trained in specialist duties.	

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MIDDLETON -ON- SEA, Sussex	23 Oct 42		Training progressed satisfactorily. In consequence of a recent outbreak of Small Pox in County of FIFE, Scotland, privilege leaves will not be granted to this county until further notice, subject to few exceptions. In the afternoon, "B" Coy Platoon Comd accompanied their O.C., Capt. H.W.P. Thomson on a Coy T.S.R.T. and Major B.J.S. MacDonald, (En. 2 1/0), was pleased with the way it was handled. Lt-Col. J.H. Mothersill, Major B.J.S. MacDonald, the Adj. O.Cs. and 3 1/0s of all coys went to Bde at 1900 hrs for a Tactical Discussion on Tank Tactics.	<i>J. m.</i>
	24 Oct 42		A In Parade was held from 0900-0940 hrs on the Middleton Sports Grounds. The bn looked very good and only a few points were corrected. A distinguished visitor, Representative from India on the British War Council, JAM RAHIB HAWAHAGAR, attended both a P.T. demonstration on Middleton Sports Ground and a demonstration Assault Course given by "D" Coy. The Assault Course demonstration took place at M.R. 403128 (Sheet 123-1" to 1 Mile).	<i>J. m.</i>
	25 Oct 42		Protestant Church Parade was voluntary. The R.C. Church Parade attended Mass at 0845 hrs at Phoenix Club. Except for necessary duties, Sunday was a free day for the men. Lt-Col. J.H. Mothersill, Major B.J.S. MacDonald, Lieut. P.A. Tilsten (L.O.), and five Coy Comds went to PETERBORTH at 0900 hrs for a discussion by Brig. M.H.S. Penhale on Tank Tactics. 14 Pl was Duty Pl.	<i>J. m.</i>
	26 Oct 42		Commencing yesterday the Duty Coy has been discontinued and Platoons will each in turn be Duty Pl for a 24-hr period beginning at 1800 hrs each day. Pls will supply all Regtl. Guards, fatigues, duty offrs and M.C.Os. Privilege leaves will be taken by all those in a Pl entitled to them at the same time including offrs and M.C.Os. In this way maximum benefit will be gotten from training. (Vide Regtl. Part I Order No 135 dated 21 Oct 42). Starting today and at various intervals in the future vaccination and inoculation Parades will take place until completion of the bn medical roster. At 1855 hrs, Lt-Col. J.H. Mothersill and Major H.J. Kennedy, M.C. left for LONDON to attend the investiture at Buckingham Palace (Vide War Diary Entry for 27 Oct 42)	<i>J. m.</i>
	27 Oct 42		The sky was gray and heavy rain during the morning made air activity over our sector ideal for German Planes. A/A was heavy and a few bombs apparently fell, the explosions shaking	<i>J. m.</i>

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MIDDLETON -ON- SEA, Sussex	27 Oct 42		our offices. At 0705 hrs all men, who have appeared in Orders as receiving awards for Military Bravery and Devotion to Duty, left BOGNOR REGIS STATION for LONDON. There, the heroes of DIEPPE, some with crutches, some with missing limbs, some with arms in slings, queued up before the King at the Investiture at Buckingham Palace to be decorated. More than 100 men, 74 of them Canadians, took part. Major R.J. Kennedy received the M.C. as well as Capt. D.F. McRae (S.D. & G. Highrs.) attached to ESSEX SCOT at the time of DIEPPE. A21509 Pte. Maier, J. received the D.C.M. at approximately 1015 hrs after being brought to LONDON from hospital at WOKINGHAM. (For other awards to Men of the Regt., see Page 2 and 3 of this War Diary). A Muster Parade was held by coys at convenient times during the day. The Muster Officer was Lieut. F.A. Tilston. Lieut. S.H. Bull attended Home Guard Training at ALDINGBOURNE NURSERIES, M.R. 360255 at 1900 hrs. At 1450 hrs an unidentified plane crashed in the sea, M.R. 420192, (Sheet 133 - 1" to 1 Mile) and at 1505 hrs the Pilot and Observer were identified as Pilot Officer J.A. Claudillon and W.O. Youill, both of R.A.F. at FORD. P.O. Claudillon's motor failed and after the Beaufighter crashed, he was taken to the R.A.F. (ESSEX SCOT) suffering from shock and exposure. W.O. Youill could not be picked up near MIDDLETON, but was subsequently saved by the Coast Guards at LITTLEHAMPTON. R.A.F. engineers were later escorted through our minefields to investigate the accident.	
	28 Oct 42		"A" Coy did Close Order Drill in the morning and Organized Sports in the afternoon. "B" Coy trained at the ranges, Battle Drill, Fieldcraft and Battle Discipline as well as P.T. in the last period. "C" and "D" Coys trained in weapons and made a 15 mile route march and Tactical Exercise including an exercise in selecting lines of advance and section stalk. The Support Coy trained in specialist duties, Battle Drill and Fieldcraft.	
	29 Oct 42		Rainy weather hindered training to a certain extent and training was carried out as per syllabus.	
	30 Oct 42		Practice bn Parade was fair, the highlight was the appearance for the first time, since re-organization of the bn, of the Pipe Band composed of three pipers, three drummers and the Bass Drummer.	
	31 Oct 42		The Bn Parade was good, but the reinforcements found difficult marching to the Highland Pace of 110 to the minute instead of 120. Inter-coy Sports are sadly neglected due to the high tempo of training.	

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