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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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A.F.C. 2718.  
100M-11-36 (1836)  
H.Q. 1772-45-18

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Place	Date 1940	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ALDERSHOT	SEP.			
	1		CHURCH PARADE WAS AT 0915HRS TO ST. ANDREWS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. THE SERVICE WAS TAKEN BY MAJOR IEPBURN, SENIOR CHAPLAIN, ASSISTED BY CAPT. EAST WHO DELIVERED AN INTERESTING SERMON ON THE FIGHT OF JUDAS MACCABEUS. JUST AS THE TROOPS WERE FILING OUT OF CHURCH THE AIR-RAID SIRENS SOUNDED. COMPANIES WERE IMMEDIATELY ORDERED TO PROCEED TO BARRACKS BY PLATOONS DISPERSED UNDER COVER AND AT INTERVALS. IN A VERY FEW MINUTES THE BN. WAS VERY WELL DISPERSED OVER VARIOUS ROUTES BACK TO OUR OWN LINES. THE R.M.L.I. WHICH ATTENDED THE SERVICE WITH US ACTED IN A SIMILAR MANNER. THERE WERE NO MORE WARNINGS DURING THE DAY. MAJOR MOTHERSILL LEFT TODAY FOR A SEVEN WEEKS WAR COURSE AT DEVIZES IN BELTS. MAJOR WAKEFIELD LEFT ON A ONE WEEK'S INTELLIGENCE COURSE AT WATLOCK, DERBY. CAPTAIN TURNBULL, 2 I/C OF B COY. TAKES OVER AS C.O. DURING MAJOR WAKEFIELD'S ABSENCE.	for
	2		TRAINING GETS UNDERWAY AGAIN WITH THE SYLLABUS (SEE APP. 1) DEVOTING STILL MORE TIME TO FIELD WORK. CONSIDERABLE RANGE WORK IS NOW BEING DONE, AND OCCUPATION OF COMPANY AREAS. MAJOR JACKSON, G.S.O. AT SOUTH AREA H.Q. HAS ASKED US TO HELP IN WIRING THE NEW DEFENCES AROUND MANOR FARM ON THE TONGHAM ROAD. D COY. WAS SENT OUT TODAY TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN THIS TYPE OF WORK. WE HAVE BEEN WARNED OF A LARGE TACTICAL SCHEME INVOLVING 4TH BDE. AS PART OF COMMAND TROOPS TO TAKE PLACE ON WED. 4 SEP. 40 THE C.O. LEFT AT NOON ON HIS LANDING LEAVE. WITH MAJOR MOTHERSILL ALSO AWAY, THIS BRINGS UP MAJOR JASPERSON AS ACTING C.O. MAJOR JASPERSON HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BDE. H.Q. AND AT AN EARLIER EVENING CONFERENCE OF COY. C.O.S. AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GAVE US WHAT PRELIMINARY INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.	APPENDIX 1 for
	3		TRAINING CONTINUES AS PER SYLLABUS WITH B COY. ON THE WIRING JOB AT MANOR FARM. IN THE EVENING A CONFERENCE OF ALL OFFICERS WAS HELD BY MAJOR JASPERSON AT WHICH FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM BDE. WERE PROMULGATED, AND THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE A/C.O. DICTATED. AFTER THE MEETING AT 2100HRS BDE. C.O. NO. 1 WAS RECEIVED. OUR OWN C.O. #1 WAS THEN PRODUCED AND MADE READY FOR PROMULGATION FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. WE ALL TRIED TO GET TO BED BY MID-NIGHT AS REVEILLE IS TO BE AT 0530HRS.	for
	4		AN INNOVATION FOR REVEILLE IN THE OFFICERS' MESS WAS TRIED BY HAVING THE BUGLES SOUND IN THE LOBBY FOLLOWED BY JOHNNY COPE IN THE CORRIDORS. THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT REVEILLE THIS MORNING. WE EXPECTED AN EARLY START ON THE SCHEME AND WERE QUITE READY BY 0700HRS. HOWEVER, "IRONSIDE" THE STAND TO, DID NOT COME OVER UNTIL 1025HRS. "CROWDELL" CAME AN HOUR LATER AND THE BN. WAS IMMEDIATELY UNDER WAY, GROUND BEING 1136. THE HEAD OF THE COLUMN PASSED THE S.P. AT ZERO. SEE C.O. AT 1150HRS BN.H.Q. WAS SET UP AT NORRIS HILL CORSE. R.A.P. ESTABLISHED AT 1245HRS. AT 1325HRS WE WERE ABLE TO REPORT BN. AND ATTACHED TROOPS IN POSITION. MOVEMENT FROM POSITION OF READINESS WAS DELAYED UNTIL 1425HRS WHEN WE WERE ORDERED TO THE ODINAM AREA. THIS MOVE WAS WELL HANDLED BUT ON ARRIVAL AT OUR AREA IN POLAND FARM WE SEEMED TO BE MORE OR LESS OUT OF THE PICTURE SO FAR AS HIGHER COMMAND WAS CONCERNED. AT 1615 OUR OWN INTELLIGENCE REPORTED THE TWO BRIDGES ON EITHER SIDE OF ODINAM HELD BY ENEMY TROOPS. A & B COYS. WERE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO TAKE CARE OF THIS SITUATION. JUST AS CAPTAINS GREEN AND TURNBULL WERE LEAVING TO CARRY THIS OUT, A BDE. OFFICER APPEARED WITH AN ORDER FOR US TO SEND ONE COY. TO ODINAM FIRST. THIS, OF COURSE, COULD NOT BE DONE WITH THE BRIDGES HELD. A COY. WAS DETACHED TO PROCEED TO THIS OBJECTIVE AFTER CLEARING THE BRIDGE AT HOOK. HALF AN HOUR LATER THE EXERCISE WAS WOUND UP BY THE C. O. C. (APPENDICES ATTACHED)	for APPENDIX 2
	5		TODAY WAS THE FIRST THIS WEEK ON WHICH THE SYLLABUS ALLOWED ENOUGH COYS. FOR A BN. PARADE. NOT HAVING HAD ANY BN. DRILL SINCE THE PREVIOUS FRIDAY, ALL RANKS SEEMED TO BE ESPECIALLY ON THEIR TOES AND A TIP-TOP PERFORMANCE WAS GIVEN; IT WAS WELL WORTHY OF A GENERAL INSPECTION.	for
	6		JUST AS THE R.S.M. WAS FORMING UP BN. PARADE THE AIR-RAID SIRENS SOUNDED. A QUICK DISPERSEAL WAS WELL CARRIED OUT, ONLY TO BE CRITICISED BY ALDERSHOT COMMAND ACROSS THE STREET. IT APPEARS THAT AT A P.A.D. DISCUSSION THE PREVIOUS WEEK IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO CARRY ON IN SMALL GROUPS DURING A RED WARNING, TAKING COVER ONLY WHEN BOMBS BEGAN TO FALL. COMMAND EVIDENTLY EXPECTED US TO READ THEIR MINDS AS NO SUCH INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN PROMULGATED THROUGH ORDERS. THE MEN WERE WITHDRAWN FROM COVER, CARRYING ON MN WITH THEIR TRAINING, AND COMMAND WAS HAPPY.	for APPENDIX 2A
			SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY RECEIVED, BY COMMANDR2 CDN DIV.. (SEE APPX.)	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ALDERSHOT	1940 SEPT. 7		<p>THE COMMANDING OFFICER RETURNED FROM LANDING LEAVE TODAY. TRAINING CONTINUED THROUGH THE MORNING WITH ONLY ONE RED WARNING AT NOON. MEANTIME, IT WAS ANOTHER BRILLIANT DAY, SPLENDID WEATHER FOR THOSE FREE FROM DUTIES FOR THE AFTERNOON.</p> <p>AT ABOUT 1700HRS THERE WAS A SECOND RED WARNING. NO ACTION HERE, BUT WE WERE TO HEAR LATER THAT THE BIGGEST RAID OF THE WAR HAD BEGUN ON LONDON.</p> <p>BN. ORDERLY ROOM WAS JUST CLOSING UP FOR THE DAY, WITH THE ADJUTANT TURNING OVER TO THE DUTY OFFICER WHEN "CROMWELL" CAME OVER THE WIRE FROM BRIGADE AT EXACTLY 2200HRS. IT WAS A CLOUDY NIGHT, WITH ONLY A FITFUL MOON OCCASIONALLY PEERING THROUGH THE LOW CEILING, AND OUTSIDE THE ORDERLY ROOM, ONE GLANCE AT THE SKY TOWARD LONDON SHOWED THE REFLECTION OF GREAT FIRES FORTY MILES AWAY. "CROMWELL" WAS IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED TO THE C.O., AND THE COY. OFFICERS ROUNDED UP. BY 2225HRS THE HEAD OF OUR COLUMN WAS WHEELING AROUND THE CORNER OF SCARLETT'S ROAD AND QUEENS AVE. OUR M.T. BEGAN TO MOVE AT 2245HRS AND AT 2315HRS BN.H.Q. WAS LOCATED AND A REPORT SENT IN TO BDE. H.Q. AT 2355HRS, 1, 2, 3 AND 5 PLS OF HQ COY. REPORTED IN POSITION WHILE A B C &amp; D COYS REPORTED AT 0006, 2345, 2320, &amp; 2335HRS RESPECTIVELY. AT 0004HRS MR. LITTLE, O.C. 170 O.C.T.U. M.G.S. REPORTED HIS POSITION, AND ONE MINUTE LATER OUR OWN R.A.P. CHECKED IN. R.H.L.I. REPORTED AT 0100HRS, WHILE THESE REPORTS WERE COMING IN AND THE VARIOUS UNIT COMMANDS WERE ASSEMBLING, THE BOM GLOW IN THE SKY OVER LONDON GREW IN INTENSITY WHILE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TOWARDS THE COAST, BOMB FLASHES AND INTENSE A.A. FIRE WERE OBSERVED. SCORES OF SEARCHLIGHTS BEAMS ATTEMPTED TO PIERCE THE CLOUDS BUT ONLY THE SOUND OF VERY HIGH PASSING PLANES COULD BE HEARD. WE WERE VERTABLY ISOLATED BETWEEN TWO LIVID AREAS OF ACTIVITY.</p> <p>AT 0145HRS THE C.O. BROUGHT US INFORMATION THAT THE HIGHER COMMAND HAD DECIDED THAT THE SITUATION DID NOT WARRANT HOLDING THE TROOPS FOR THE NIGHT AND HAD GIVEN PERMISSION TO RETURN TO BARRACKS. COY. RETURNED TO THEIR UNITS TO GET THEM UNDERWAY AND BRING THEM TO THE CONVOY RENDEZVOUS. BY 0300HRS ALL PERSONNEL WERE BACK IN THE BARRACK AREA.</p> <p>THE RETURN TRIP WAS MARRED BY AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT IN WHICH TWO OF THE 1500 CWT TRUCKS RUN INTO #13 PLATOON. FOUR LADS WERE SENT TO HOSPITAL, TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED. MR. TURNBULL RECEIVED A BRUISED BACK.</p> <p>IN VIEW OF THE PREVIOUS NIGHTS ACTIVITY THE C.O. DELAYED REVEILLE UNTIL 0800HRS WHICH WAS MOST APPRECIATED BY ALL RANKS. WORK WAS RECEIVED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY HOWEVER THAT WE MUST HOLD OURSELVES IN READINESS TO MOVE TO FIELD POSITIONS ON FIVE HOURS NOTICE. ALL LEAVES WERE CANCELLED AND OFFICERS ON LEAVE ORDERED TO RETURN. WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO COMPLETE OUR EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFM 1088. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO PROVIDE US WITH ADDITIONAL U.T. TO MAKE THE WHOLE UNIT A MOBILE BN.</p> <p>IN ADDITION TO THE WORK INVOLVED BY THESE HURRIED COMMANDS WE WERE CALLED UPON TO FURNISH BDE. WITH PERSONNEL FOR TROOP H.Q. AND HALF A TROOP OF A NEW RECCE SQN. THIS WAS WELL UNDER WAY WHEN A FURTHER ORDER WAS RECEIVED TO DETAIL AN ADDITIONAL TROOP. THE WORK OF SELECTION AND PREPARATION CONTINUED FAR INTO THE NIGHT.</p> <p>MOST OF THE COY. COMMANDERS WERE OUTRUNKING A PRELIMINARY RECCE OF THE APPROACHES TO THE GENERAL AREAS WHICH 2 DIV. MAY OCCUPY.</p>	<p>Jo</p>
		8	<p>SYLLABUS FOR THE WEEK. (SEE APPENDIX)</p> <p>ANOTHER DAY OF TEREBOUS ACTIVITY INVOLVING TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL TO BRIGADE, REORGANIZATION OF COY. STRENGTHS, PROCUREMENT AND ISSUE OF NEW EQUIPMENT, ETC. WE NOW HAVE 99 VEHICLES AND ARE A COMPLETELY MOBILE UNIT.</p> <p>IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE RECCE SQUADRON, CAPT. KNOX IS LEAVING US TO BECOME 2 I/C AND MR. HUNTER TO COMMAND ONE TROOP.</p> <p>MR. MINGAY IS PROMOTED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BDE. LIAISON OFFICER.</p> <p>OUR OWN RECCE GROUPS CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE AVENUES OF APPROACH TO OUR AREA.</p>	<p>Jo</p>
		9	<p>APPENDIX 3</p>	<p>Jo</p>
		10	<p>TODAY A PRACTICE MOVE OF THE BN. HAS BEEN ORDERED BY THE C.O. A FAIRLY SHORT CIRCULAR ROUTE TO THE SOUTH INVOLVING ABOUT AN HOUR'S RUN IS CHOSEN. IT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT AS THE CONVOY BEGAN TO MOVE FROM THE SHELTER OF THE TREES ADJACENT TO THE PARADE GROUND. THE DRIVERS WORKED VERY WELL CONSIDERING THAT THEY HAD HAD ONLY TWO PRELIMINARY PRACTICES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. KENNEDY. THE WHOLE MOVE OCCUPIED ABOUT ONE HOUR'S TIME. WHILE NOT PERFECT, BY ANY MEANS, IT WAS INVALUABLE IN FINDING OUT DEFECTS WHICH CAN BE REMEDIED BY ADDITIONAL PRACTICE.</p> <p>AT A MEETING OF ALL OFFICERS IN THE EVENING POINTS FOR IMPROVEMENT WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH.</p>	<p>Jo</p>
		11	<p>ROUTINE TRAINING WAS CARRIED ON TODAY, WITH HQ COY. CONCENTRATING ON TRAINING OF DRIVERS. WE HAD OUR FIRST BN. PARADE OF THE WEEK. PREPARATIONS CONTINUE TOWARD AN EARLY MOVE TO OUR FIELD POSITION. IN THE EVENING THE C.O. RECEIVED WORK TO HAVE OUR RECCE GROUPS REPORT TO BDE. AT 0930HRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCEEDING TO OUR DEFINITE AREA ADJACENT TO TONBRIDGE WELLS.</p>	<p>Jo</p>



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ALDERSHOT	SEPT. 12		RECCE GROUPS GOT UNDER WAY THIS MORNING LEADED BY THE C.O., MAJOR JASPERSON AND THE ADJ. REMAINED BEHIND. COMPANIES PROCEEDED WITH NORMAL TRAINING WITH ACCENT ON L.M.O.S., (RECCE REPORT ATTACHED) OFFICERS WERE INFORMED THAT THE THREATENED INVASION WAS GETTING NEARER AND THAT WE MIGHT EXPECT AN EARLY MOVE TO OUR POSITIONS. AT 1800HRS A WARNING ORDER FOR A PRACTICE MOVE ON SATURDAY WAS RECEIVED.	fs APPENDIX 3A
	13		TRAINING WENT FORWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SYLLABUS, BUT WITH EMPHASIS AGAIN LAID ON WIRING, L.M.O.S., QUICK EMBUSSING AND DE-BOSSING. BDE. CONTINUES TO PLAY HAVOC WITH OUR ALLOTMENT OF VEHICLES. TODAY, ABOUT FORTY 15CVTS WERE WITHDRAWN AND A GROUP OF 3 TON JOBS SUBSTITUTED, SO ONCE AGAIN THE T.O. HAS TO LABOUR FAR INTO THE NIGHT IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT ANOTHER FINAL DISTRIBUTION. AN OPERATION ORDER WAS RECEIVED FROM BDE. COVERING THE PRACTICE MOVEMENT FOR TOMORROW AND OUR OWN O.O. WAS MADE READY FOR ISSUE.	fs APPENDIX 4
	14		REVEILLE WAS EARLY THIS MORNING, AT 0500HRS. IN ORDER TO HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO GET UNDER WAY BY 0805HRS AS LAID DOWN IN OUR O.O. BREAKFAST WAS AT 0600HRS. AT 0725 THE COV. COMMANDERS, 2 I/C, T.O. AND ADJT. MET IN THE C.O.'S OFFICE FOR FINAL CONFERENCE. "FALL IN" SOUNDED AT 0730HRS AND ADVANCE AT 0745HRS. TRUCKS WERE QUICKLY OCCUPIED AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF DIFFICULTY AROUND THE BN.H.Q. AND HQ COV. AREAS, ALL WERE READY WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. THE HEAD OF THE COLUMN PASSED THE S.P. ON TIME, WHICH OF COURSE WAS THE REAL PROOF AS TO WHETHER THE ORGANIZATION WAS REALLY FUNCTIONING. A CIRCULAR ROUTE SOUTH OF ALDERSHOT WAS FOLLOWED (SEE MAP WITH APPX.) INVOLVING IN ALL 17.5 MILES. SPEED AND SPACING THROUGHOUT AS LAID DOWN IN THE O.O. WERE QUITE ADHERED TO. (RESUME OF TRAINING, SEE APPX.) S.P. ON THE RETURN JOURNEY WAS PASSED ON TIME. A GOOD DEAL OF PRACTICE IS STILL NECESSARY OF COURSE BEFORE THESE MOVEMENTS GO SEMI-AUTOMATICALLY AS IS TO BE DESIRED. BUT ALL THINGS CONSIDERED WE MAY FEEL SATISFIED THAT OUR JOB WAS WELL DONE.	fs APPENDIX 4A
	15		TODAY THE C.O., MAJORS WAKEFIELD, MACDONALD AND CAPT. GREEN PROCEEDED ON A RECCE OF THE BN. AREA ADJACENT TO TONBRIDGE WELLS. CHURCH PARADE WAS HELD IN THE MORNING AND WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THE LARGER 50 YD INTERVALS BETWEEN COYS. IN ORDER TO GET BETTER AIR RAID PROTECTION.	fs APPENDIX 5
	16		SYLLABUS FOR THE WEEK. (SEE APPX.) TRAINING CONTINUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SYLLABUS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM BDE. AND AN OPERATION ORDER PRODUCED COVERING A FUTURE MOVE TO POSITION OF READINESS AT ASHURST PARK NEAR TONBRIDGE WELLS. (SEE APPX)	fs APPENDIX 6
	17		TODAY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE I.O. MR. L.A. DEZIEL CARRIED OUT AN EXTENSIVE RECCE OF THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING OUR POSITION. OF READINESS. THIS WAS DONE ON ORDER TO FAMILIARIZE THE PERSONNEL OF THE SECTION WITH ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO AND FROM THE POSITION. THE GROUP HAD AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE WHEN AT 1425 HRS. A FEW MILES EAST OF THE POSITION, THEY CAME UPON THE SCENE OF AN AIR RAID WHICH HAD OCCURRED ONLY A FEW MOMENTS BEFORE. THREE DIRECT HITS HAD BEEN SCORED BY THE ENEMY ON THE RAILWAY, TEARING LARGE GAPS IN THE LINE. A LARGE BOMB HAD FALLEN JUST ADJACENT TO THE ROAD BUT HAD DONE NO DAMAGE TO THAT ARTERY. ABOUT A HUNDRED INCENDIARY BOMBS HAD FALLEN ON A FIELD, DOING NO DAMAGE. MANY OF THESE SIMPLY BURIED THEMSELVES IN THE EARTH. A SAMPLE WAS BROUGHT BACK AS EVIDENCE.	fs APPENDIX 6A
	18		TODAY THE BRIGADIER PAID VISITS TO COMPANIES AT THEIR VARIOUS SEATS OF TRAINING. HE APPEARED TO BE WELL SATISFIED. THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION WAS ENGAGED IN THE PREPARATION OF APPENDICES TO OUR OPERATION ORDER, ONE COVERING THE ROUTES TO THE POSITION OF READINESS, THE OTHER THE POSITION ITSELF.	fs
	19		THE NORMAL TRAINING TODAY WAS CHANGED AFTER LUNCH TO INCLUDE A PRACTICE OF EMBUSSING, MOVING, AND DEBOSSING THE BATTALION. VEHICLES WERE MARSHALLED AS FOR A REGULAR MOVE. EMBUSSING WAS SCHEDULED FOR 1515 HRS BUT AT ABOUT 1500 HRS AN AIR-RAID WARNING RED COUPLED WITH A TERRIFIC DOWN POOR OF RAIN CAUSED A TEMPORARY POSTPONMENT. 'RAIDERS PASSED' SOUNDED AT 1530HRS AND THE MOVE PROCEEDED. A SHORT RUN WAS TAKEN AROUND A FEW BLOCKS JUST IN ORDER TO SHAKE OUT THE COLN. THIS WAS GOOD PRACTICE FOR OUR MOVE TO-MORROW MORNING. A WARNING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM BDE. AT 2200HRS LOCATING OUR DEFENSIVE AREA FOR TOMORROW'S EXERCISE. WORK WAS STARTED ON OUR OPERATION ORDER. THE C.O. ATTENDED A BDE. CONFERENCE AT 2300HRS AT WHICH BDE. O.O. WAS ISSUED.	fs



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ALDERSHOT	SEPT. 20	0001	<p>THE C.O., A/2 I/C, ADJT. AND I.D. ARE DRAFTING THE O.O. FOR TODAY'S EXERCISE. THIS IS FINALLY DUPLICATED AND ISSUED TO SSGS. AT 0300HRS. THE PART OF THE SIGS. IN THIS CASE WAS TAKEN BY THE ORDERLY OFFICER WHO HAD THE PLEASANT DUTY OF ROUSING THE OFFICERS TO WHOM THE ORDERS WERE ADDRESSED. (FOR O.O. SEE APPENDIX 7) REVEILLE WAS SET AT 0330HRS WITH BREAKFAST AT 0615HRS. THE COLN. MOVED OFF IN TIME TO PASS THE S.P. AT 0855HRS AS LAID DOWN IN THE MARCH TABLE. COLN ARRIVED WITLEY COMMON 1045HRS. THE C.O. AND I.D. HAD LEFT IN ADVANCE FOR BDE. HQ LEAVING MAJOR JASPERSON AS A/2 I/C. GOV. COMMANDERS REPORTED TO BN.H.Q. AT 1100HRS FOR CONFERENCE AT WHICH TIME 2 I/C INFORMED AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p><u>INFORMATION</u></p> <p>R.H.L.I. ON RIGHT 153 BDE. LEFT 2 DIV. PROTECTION IN FRONT.</p> <p><u>INTENT</u></p> <p>ESSEX SCOT. TO OCCUPY A DEFENSIVE POSITION WITH BN. FRONTAGE FROM 332604 (RD. JUNG.) AS RT BOUNDARY TO PINE COPSE FORWARD OF STREAM 329592 AS LEFT BOUNDARY.</p> <p><u>METHOD</u></p> <p>A GOV. ON RIGHT. . . . . MOVE OFF AT 1150HRS C GOV. CENTRE. . . . . MOVE OFF AT 1150HRS D GOV. ON LEFT. . . . . MOVE OFF AT 1200HRS HQ AND BN.HQ AT 331598. . . . . MOVE OFF AT 1200HRS B GOV. BDE. RESERVE. . . . . MOVE OFF AT 1210HRS</p> <p>GOV. COMMANDERS MEET C.O. FORTHWITH AT BDE. HQ. 333603.</p> <p>GOVS. TO MOVE TO POSITION UNDER GOV. 2 I/C'S.</p> <p>CAPT. CLARKE TO TAKE GUIDES FORWARD IMMEDIATELY IN STATION WAGON.</p> <p>GOV. M.T. LESS PERSONNEL VEHICLES TO RV. AT BYE HOUSE 1240HRS.</p> <p>1450HRS WARNING ORDER TO CEASE FIRE RECEIVED.</p> <p>GOV. COMMANDERS IMMEDIATELY CALLED FOR CONFERENCE BY C.O.</p> <p>THE BN. MOVED BACK TO WITLEY COMMON FROM WHERE THE RETURN JOURNEY TO BARRACKS WAS MADE IN GOOD ORDER. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WAS NOTED THAT AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF THE POPULANCE WERE OUT TO SEE USS PROCEED THROUGH THE VARIOUS VILLAGES. IT DEVELOPED THAT RUMOUR HAD IT WE WERE RETURNING FROM A JOB AT THE COAST. [CCE HOMO]</p>	<p>APPENDIX 7</p>
	21		<p>MORNING SPENT BY COMPANIES IN REGULAR WEEKLY CLEANUP OF BARRACKS. CONFERENCE OF C.O.S. HELD IN BRIGADE COMMAND'S OFFICE AT 1415 HRS. (SEE APPX.)</p> <p>RED WARNINGS ABOUT 1800HRS LASTING ONE HR. AND ABOUT 2045HRS UNTIL 0230HRS, 22ND. NOTHING HAPPENED. (RESUME OF TRAINING, SEE APPX)</p>	<p>APPENDIX 8 APPENDIX 8B</p>
	22		<p>BN. ATTENDED CHURCH PARADE AT ST. ANDREW'S BARRISON CHURCH UNDER COMMAND OF MAJOR JASPERSON, ACTING 2 I/C. BRIGADIER G. B. TOPP, DSO, MC, AND STAFF ALSO ATTENDED. CAPTAIN EAST EXPRESSED REGRET AT HIS TRANSFER TO THE F.P.C.L.18. AND WE ARE SORRY TO LOSE SUCH A CAPABLE AND POPULAR PADRE.</p> <p>C.O. AND GOV. COMMANDERS SPENT THE DAY ON A RECONNAISSANCE TO POSITION OF READINESS AT ASHURST PARK.</p> <p>FREQUENT AIR-RAID WARNINGS FROM 1700HRS AND ALL NIGHT. PLANES HEARD ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY BUT NOTHING DROPPED CLOSE BY.</p>	



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ALDERSHOT	1940 SEP. 23		<p>ON. CARRIED OUT TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. (SYLLABUS FOR THE WEEK, SEE APPX.)</p> <p>OFFICERS ATTENDED BRIGADE CONFERENCE AT STAMFORD THEATRE AT 1700HRS REGARDING DIVISIONAL SCHEME OF FRIDAY LAST AND ADJOURNED TO R.H.L.I. MESS AT 1800HRS TO HEAR THE KING'S SPEECH VIA B.D.C. HIS MAJESTY, SPOKE VERY IMPRESSIVELY.</p> <p>DURING THE NIGHT THERE WAS THE USUAL NUMBER OF AIR-RAID WARNINGS, AND THROUGH TRAFFIC OVERHEAD. A.A. FIRE WAS QUITE VISIBLE TO THE NORTH-EAST.</p>	<p>APPENDIX 8A</p>
	24		<p>TRAINING CARRIED OUT AS PER SYLLABUS.</p> <p>SIR ALAN BROOKE, C. IN C. HOME FORCES, VISITED THE 2ND DIV. C.A.S.F. TODAY, AND SAW THE ESSEX SCOT. AT ASH RANGES (NO.4) WHERE "A" COY., HQ COY. AND ATTACHED DETAILS WERE CARRYING ON RIFLE AND L.M.G. PRACTICES. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF UNITS TO BE VISITED, HE WAS UNABLE TO SPEND MORE THAN 45 MINUTES WITH THE ESSEX SCOT. AND CONSEQUENTLY DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OTHER COMPANIES AT TRAINING.</p>	<p>APPENDIX 9</p>
	25		<p>THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER VISITED THE 2ND CON. DIV. TODAY AND FOLLOWED A SIMILAR PROGRAMME TO THAT OF THE C. IN C. HOME FORCES YESTERDAY. THE SYLLABUS WAS REPEATED, FOR RANGE WORK, BUT OTHER COMPANIES CARRIED ON AS PER REGULAR SYLLABUS.</p> <p>THE C.O. ATTENDED A RECEPTION FOR HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS AT "A" MESS 2ND DIV. H.Q. IN THE AFTERNOON.</p> <p>STANDING ORDERS FOR EMERGENCY MOVE DRAWN UP (SEE APPX.)</p>	
	26		<p>TRAINING CARRIED OUT AS PER SYLLABUS. NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES.</p>	
	27		<p>TRAINING ACCORDING TO SYLLABUS.</p> <p>NO UNUSUAL EVENTS.</p>	
	28		<p>CLEAN-UP DAY FOR ALL COMPANIES.</p> <p>THE C.O. MADE A RECONNAISSANCE IN THE VICINITY OF SHARPE ACCOMPANIED BY THE I.O.</p>	
	29		<p>REGIMENT ATTENDED CHURCH PARADE AT ST. GEORGE'S GARRISON CHURCH.</p> <p>AT 1530 HOURS WE WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY BARRAGE FOR AN R.A.F. GLIDER WHICH HAD BROKEN ITS TOWING WIRE CABLE AND LANDED IN A NEARBY FIELD.</p>	
	30		<p>A QUITE NORMAL DAY TODAY. ROUTINE TRAINING WITH A VISIT FROM BRIGADIER C. D. TOPP.</p> <p>THE ADJUT RETURNED TO DUTY AFTER A WEEK SPENT AT THE FIRST REGIMENTAL OFFICERS' SECURITY COURSE AT RATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE. CAPTAIN CLARK HAD SUBSTITUTED DURING THE WEEK.</p>	
			<p>STRENGTH OF UNIT: 29 OFFICERS AND 802 OTHER RANKS.</p>	
			<p>REGIMENTAL PART-I-DAILY ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1940</p>	<p>APPENDIX 10</p>
			<p>REGIMENTAL PART-II-DAILY ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1940</p>	<p>APPENDIX 11.</p>