

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
SEK KASMAKAM Uckfield	1942 JAN. 1		There were no parades on this day and all ranks enjoyed a special New Year's Day Dinner. The C.O. 2 i/c and adjt paid a visit to C Coy Mess later in the afternoon and then went on to pay their respects at Bde H.Q.	<i>Km</i>
		2	The C.O. 2 i/c and several coy officers went to Brighton to hear Lieut.-General Montgomery discuss "Beaver", a signal exercise. The Bde Comd and S.C. visited Bn HQ Offrs Mess at night to see some moving pictures of Windsor wives and children.	<i>Km</i>
		3	Plans were being completed for the second Bn Battle Drill School to be held at Isfield Place under the joint direction of Majors E.H. Williams and B.J.S. Macdonald.	<i>Km</i>
		4	Church parade (protestant) was voluntary. R.Cs paraded at 0930 hrs to Church in Uckfield. Lt.-Col. A.S. Pearson and Mr. G.W.C. Ginn, YMCA supervisor, travelled to Dover.	<i>Km</i>
		5	Lieut. H.J. Kennedy of this unit reported to 4 Cdn Inf Bde as a Motor Contact Officer. Bn Battle Drill Course #2 commenced its two weeks session at Isfield. (Syllabus attached for the week)	<i>Km</i> APPENDIX 1
		6	The C.O. 2 i/c and I.O. made an intensive recce of our battle positions. H/Capt. R. Paton, protestant padre, rejoined the unit after being at the Holding Unit following an operation.	<i>Km</i>
		7	The C.O. inspected B and D Coys in St. Leonards. Word was received of the Cdn Corps Comds visit on 8 Jan 42 to inspect our battle posns. A coy comds meeting was called to discuss plans for this inspection.	<i>Km</i>
		8	The new Cdn Corps Commander, Lieut.-General Crear inspected our battle posns in the Horam area. In the evening a discussion was conducted by the B.M. and Bde. umpire at Bde H.Q. on anti-panzer localities; attended by C.Os., 2 i/c's, coy comds, and comds of supporting arms and services of the 4 Bde gp.	
		9	Lt-Col. A.S. Pearson was in London to present a five thousand pound cheque to Sir Philip Game on behalf of a Policeman's Society headed by Supt. Wilkinson of Windsor. This cheque was to purchase a fighter aircraft. One officer, Lieut. Palms, and fifteen O.Rs. arrived from the Reinforcement unit to complete our Special Increment establishment of ninety-four all ranks.	<i>Km</i>

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Uckfield	JAN.10		Warning was received that the Bn would soon move back to Hastings area. Recce parties from 3 Cdn Div, Med and Arty, came to our Bn HQ and were seen by Lieut. A.D. Mothersill, regarding quartering.	<i>RM</i>
		11	The C.O. left for Matlock in Derbyshire to join Senior Officers Intelligence Course for one week. The Adm Offr accompanied the S.C. to Hastings and St. Leonards in search of new billets.	<i>RM</i>
		12	Word was received that Bn HQ., C and HQ Coys would move to area St. Leonards on 14 Jan 42 and plans were rapidly laid by Major Jasperson, A/O.C. in accordance. (Adm. Instn. #1, attached)	<i>RM</i>
		13	Major Jasperson, Lieut. MacIntyre, Guest and Brick attended a Cipher Security Lecture in Brighton, given by Major Harbord, C.S.O., GHQ, Home Forces. A Conference was held in the evening to plan for a sig exercise "Galt" to be held 16 Jan 42. Capt. Farebrother, 5th(C.P.) Bn., Royal Sussex Regt was attached as Bn umpire for approx two months.	APPENDIX 2 <i>RM</i>
St. Leonards		14	BnHQ, C and HQ Coys moved to St. Leonards this date. The Essex Scottish Pipe Band broadcast a 20 minute programme over the B.B.C. (see program)	APPENDIX 3 <i>RM</i>
		15	The 2 i/c had a conference at 4 Cdn Inf Bde HQ with the B.M. In the evening a dinner was held at the Beauport Club in honour of Lieut. Dennis W. Guest who was being married on 17 Jan 42. There were 25 officers present.	<i>RM</i>
		16	Majors Jasperson and Green made a tactical recce to the Bn Battle posns. Lt-Col. Pearson returned from the Sr Offrs Int. Course.	<i>RM</i>
		17	Lieut. D.W. Guest was married to Miss Janet Ainslie at Brookland, Kent. Major E.H. Williams was best man, Lieut. K.W. MacIntyre and Lieut. S.C. Reade were ushers. A reception followed attended by several of the officers.	<i>RM</i>
		18	A training conference was held in the morning. Major F.K. Jasperson left for the Cdn Corps study week.	<i>RM</i>
		19	Battle Drill Trg continued and some digging was done in our battle posns. It snowed quite heavily in the evening. Bn Trg programme for the week attached.	APPENDIX 4 <i>RM</i>
		20	Plans were made for moving A Coy from Newick Park to St. Leonards.	<i>RM</i>

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St. Leonards	JAN 21		A Coy moved from Uckfield area to their new quarters in St. Leonards on one of the worst days possible for m.t. movement as it was snowing and roads were very treacherous. There were no accidents during the entire move.	Ku m
	22		Divisional Routine Orders called a Board for transfer of command from Lieut.-Col. A.S. Pearson to Major F.K. Jasperson. Lieut. J.R. Turnbull was acting I.O. in the absence on leave of Lieut. D.W. Guest.	Ku m
	23		Major F.K. Jasperson returned from Cdn Corps study week. Capt. W.J.S. Knox was preparing to leave for London, where he was to be posted to the Claims Dept. of the the JAG's Branch, CMHQ. The weather was exceedingly unpleasant, cold with icy sleet and rain.	Ku m
	24		Lieut.-Colonel A.S. Pearson gave a party for twelve of his officers at the Dormy Club in Rye practically on the eve of his handing over command to Major F.K. Jasperson.	Ku m
	25		About two hundred and fifty all ranks paraded to St. Leonards Parish Church at 1000hrs, where H/Capt. Paton preached. Many people were engaged in battle drill trg. The weather had turned very pleasant.	Ku m
	26		The Bde Comd visited our HQ in the morning. Lieuts. K.W. MacIntyre and A.D. Mothersill made a recce for a new Bn HQ. In the evening all offrs attended a discussion in the Bn "I" office conducted by Major Jasperson and featuring the new Cdn Corps order of march and R.T. practice in conjunction with fd arty.	Ku m
	27		This was a memorable day in the war-time history of the Essex Scottish, as the actual handing over of the Battalion from Lt-Colonel Arthur S. Pearson to Major Fred K. Jasperson took place. The handing-over Board consisting of Major B.S. McCool, R.Regd.C., Capt. H. Poag, R.H.L.I., and an officer from the Regimental Accounts Board was in action. Lt-Col. Pearson commanded this unit for four years in peace time and since the outbreak of War, September, 1939.	Ku m

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St. Leonards	1942. JAN. 28		<p>Training programme for the period 26-31 Jan 42 attached as appendix</p> <p>At 0900hrs, on a large playing field in St. Leonards, the Battalion paraded in force to do honour and farewell to its commanding officer, who had been ordered by higher authority to another appointment.</p> <p>Lt-Col. Pearson took the salute from his Battalion as it marched by in column of platoons and column of route.</p> <p>The officers and men showed their true feelings for Lt-Col. Pearson in rousing cheers after he had delivered a sincere but sad tribute to his beloved battalion.</p> <p>In the evening the officers of the regiment honoured their former Commanding Officer with a dinner party at the Beauport Club. It was an event that will be long-remembered by the officers of this unit.</p> <p>A sterling silver cigarette box was presented to Lt-Col. Pearson and he in turn presented Major Jasperson with his favourite stick, as a mace of office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  (A.S. Pearson) Lt.-Colonel., -commanding- ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT.-C.A.(O/s) </p>	APPENDIX 5 <i>Rm</i>
		29	<p>A T.E.W.T. was held in the morning for junior officers.</p> <p>In the afternoon Major Jasperson attended a reception for Brigadier Fraser at "A" Mess, H.Q., 2 Cdn. Div.</p>	<i>Rm</i>
		30	<p>Lt-Col. Pearson left for London pending transfer to his new appointment.</p> <p>Lt-Col. F.K. Jasperson held a meeting of all officers.</p> <p>At night the C.O., 2 i/c, Coy Comds, Adjts., I.O., #4 Pl Comd., attended a canvas model demonstration on Night Attach at Bde Officers Mess.</p>	<i>Rm</i>
		31	<p>Lieuts. DEZIEL, KENNEDY McCORKELL and MACINTYRE were notified of their promotions to the rank of CAPTAINS.</p>	<i>Rm</i>

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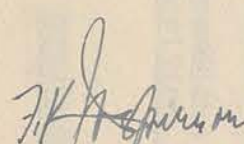
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St. Leonards	JAN. 31		<p>BATTALION STRENGTH AS OF 31 JAN 42: 33 Offrs and 778 O.Rs.</p> <p>SPECIAL INCREMENT STRENGTH AS OF 31 JAN 42: 7 Offrs and 74 O.Rs.</p> <p>WEEKLY FIELD RETURNS AND WEEKLY OFFENCE RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1941 - - - - -</p> <p>REGIMENTAL PART I ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1941, - - - - -</p> <p>PART II ORDERS AS ISSUED BY CDN SECT., G.H.Q., 2nd ECHELON, FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1941 -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  (F.K. Jaspersen) Lt.-Colonel., -commanding- ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT-C.A.(O/s) </p>	<p><i>Rm</i></p> <p>APPENDIX 6</p> <p>APPENDIX 7</p> <p>APPENDIX 8</p> <p><i>Rm</i></p>
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