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Month 1 Oct 43 to 30 Oct 43.

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Slinfold Camp.	1 Oct			
	43.		At 0830 hrs, Lt.Col. B.J.S. Macdonald, ED held a Bn. Parade at which he gave the Regiment a straight from the soldier talk on discipline and conduct inside and outside the camp. The remainder of the day was spent on coy muster and pay parades. The pioneer pl is constructing a 30yd range in the vicinity of the camp. The camp is changing in appearance daily as fatigue parties sod various pieces of ground and lay out walks around the huts. At 1400 hrs a draft of eleven reinforcements from 3 C.I.R.U. arrived at the unit.	FD
	2 Oct			
	43.		Reveille was slightly later due to the fact that the guard was unable to locate the duty bugler. Work on the camp area continued. Lt.Col. Macdonald was absent from camp most of the day acting as Pres. of a Div Court of Inquiry. Major J.D. Mingay, 2 i/c has gone on a well deserved privilege leave. A meeting of the Men's Mess Committee took place at 1100 hrs and suggestions were advanced for improvements in messing. The afternoon was given over to recreational activities and several went into Horsham.	FD
	3. Oct			
	43.		A voluntary Protestant Church Parade was held in the Y.M.C.A. hut at 0900 hrs with Capt. J. Cardy in charge and Lt. J. MacLellan provided song music at the piano. Major M. Dalton changed the hour of the Roman Catholic Church Parade to 1100 hrs. Three officers left to-day on courses namely: Major D. Mackenzie, who went on Coy Comds Tactical Course at Barnard Castle (9 days), Lt. T.C. STEWART went on a D & M Course at Bordon (2 wks) and Lt. J.A. Chantler went on a course, London Street Fighting, and will remain as an instructor. (4 months).	FD
	4 Oct			
	43.		Monday dawned with a rather cloudy sky but not as chilly as expected. P.T. Started the day off on the double. At 0845 hrs the Bn. was formed up in a square formation and Lt. Col. B.J.S. Macdonald spoke briefly of the Officers and N.C.Os. from the unit who were going to join the 1st Cdn Div in Italy. He paid tribute to the fine work these men have done in the regiment. Most of them have been with the regiment for several years. In closing he wished them the best of luck and the regiment endorsed this expression with three lusty cheers. As	FD

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Slinfold Camp.	5 Oct 43.		<p>the vehicle carrying Capt. L.J. Courtin, Lt. E.C.D. Washer and C.S.M. A.W. Bristow drove toward the gate the Pipe Band played "Happy We Have Been All Together" and "Will Ye No Come Back Again". Finally, by special request "The Meeting of the Water" was played as the lads left the camp. During the day we were paid a special visit by our former C.O., Lt.Col J. Mothersill, ED. Training for the day consisted of squad drill and weapon trg while 'C' Coy was duty coy. Two unit schools were started today (1) A school in D & M in charge of Capt. A.R. Johnston and (2) A School in A.Trk Trg in charge of Capt. J.S.M. MacLellan. In the evening the picture "Once Upon a Honeymoon" was shown at the Y.M.C.A. Hut.</p> <p>The day started with P.T. as usual at 0645 hrs. Personnel of 'B' Coy are happy today as their "C.B." turn is over. This punishment was given to 'B' Coy because of the poor condition in which they left their lines when the coy moved from Hainaker Camp. This will remind the members of the unit to keep Slinfold Camp in a clean condition. A coy spent the day at W. Kithurst Range while 'B' Coy fired at E. Kithurst Range. The pioneer pl completed the 30yd range and 'D' Coy had the privilege of being the first to use it in the afternoon. At 1800 hrs, Capt. A.R. Johnston, T.O., held a class in carrier instruction for officers. Coy Comds and Pl Comds of 'Sp' Coy went to 4 Bde H.Q. at 1845 hrs for a TWT on withdrawal preparation for a scheme on these tactics to be held in the near future. Major H.W.P. THOMSON returned from Schemem 'VICTOR' and gave a vivid description of the wet, windy weather in S. Wales. In the evening a sports meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. Office with Sup. Cody Moffatt in charge. Plans for future sports activities were discussed. Evening entertainment was provided by a well attended "Bingo" game in the Y.M.C.A. Hut.</p>	<p>FT</p>
	6 Oct 43.		<p>In the morning several officers and N.C.Os. and about one hundred O.Rs. went to Harrow Hill to witness a Smoke Demonstration put on by the 8th Recce Regt. Comments heard later were to the effect that the 2" Mortar had proved extremely accurate in laying a smoke screen in the demonstration. Major W.H. Poile left early this morning to exercise on "DITTO". 'A' & 'B' Coys went on a speed march and the best time for a platoon was 9$\frac{1}{4}$ miles in 2 hrs. At 1530 hrs, the trg</p>	<p>FT</p>

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Slinfold Camp.	7 Oct 43.		<p>film "Locating your Enemy" was shown in the Y.M.C.A. Hut. Ordnance held an inspection of all weapons of 'D' Coy. Major H.C. Laird and Capt. T.T. Ferris spent the day sitting on a Court Martial at the R.H.L.I. Cpl. A. Consaul left to-day to attend the Catterick Signals School. Lt. S.W. Jones and the Rear Party from Hainaker Camp arrived here to-day. In the afternoon an incident occurred which turned out to be quite a humorous one. L/Cpl. A. Meloche on returning from performing a duty noticed an Italian POW along the road about two miles from camp. When he arrived back at the Orderly Room he read a message on the opposite side of the message sheet which said that an Italian prisoner had escaped. The message was from the A.P.M. to Essex Scot but was not dated. The time given was 1515 hrs. It was then about 1600 hrs. The message was to the effect that an Italian POW had escaped. He was a mental case and a further description of him followed. Cpl. Meloche immediately contacted the I.O., Lt. W.C. Wilson. Lt. Wilson checked with the Orderly Officer as the Adjutant was not available. A section from 'A' Coy and two men from the Regimental Police were taken to the area. The Italian was still there and fitted the description. On being investigated by Lt. Wilson he found to be in possession of a regular work pass and was waiting tpt back to his camp. It was later found that the message was an old one and the back was being used as scrap paper. The incident was amusing but showed alertness on the part of L/Cpl. Meloche. Two officers came to the Regiment to-day and will be attached for trg, namely Lt. C. Levesque att'd to 'D' Coy and Lt. T. Demeules att'd to 'C' Coy.</p> <p>Speed marches continued to-day with 'D' Coy doing 9 miles in 1 hrs, 40 mins. Their afternoon was given over to a Sports Parade. Led by Major H.W.P. Thomson 'A' Coy put on an intensive search for some deserters on a nearby wood. However they were unsuccessful and returned at 1330 hrs. 'G' Coy took over duties from 'Sp' Coy. The A.Tk Pl. went on a 3 days shoot at Burling Gap. Cpl. Butler returned from 3 T.G.S. where he had been instructing. 'B' Coy spent the entire day on the unit 30yd range firing rifle practices in the morning and Sten in the afternoon. Cpl. W.D. Murphy was S.O.S. to-day to H.E.T.D. At 1000 hrs</p>	

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Slinfold Camp.			in the afternoon, at which trg was the main topic. In the evening the officers held their weekly mess dinner. This was followed by a TEST on Exercise 'EXTRACTION', a withdrawal exercise. Discussions were led by Lt. Col. B.J.S. Macdonald, Major Laird and Lt. L.C. Bond. The picture "How Green Was My Valley" was shown in the Y.M.C.A. Hut for the entertainment of all ranks.	
	8 Oct 43.		'A' Coy took over Bn. Duties while 'C' Coy went on the Unit Range. The other coys blanketed equipment and did spit and polish for the Sat., Bn. Parade. Early in the morning Capt. M.J. Heffernan, Lt. W.C. Wilson, and Lt. G.A. Rau left to umpire Scheme 'DITTO', a 5 Cdn Armd Div Exercise in the area of Hungerford. During the morning Maj Gen E.L.M. Burns, OBE, MC and Brig J.E. Sager, ED visited the camp and made brief tours of inspections. In the afternoon Capt. G.K.M. Johnston and Lt. R.S.C. Williams went to umpire on 'DITTO' to replace officers from another regiment which was moving.	FF
	9 Oct 43.		At the stroke of reveille the camp was up and about busily preparing for the C.Os Bn. Parade. The parade was well turned out and H.Q. Coy and 'Sp' Coy were highly complimented for their excellent turn-out. The rifle coys again paraded in the afternoon and were inspected again to see if faults found in the morning had been corrected. Pte. J. Cassidy left to-day on a Chiropodists Course at C.M.H.Q.	FF
	10 Oct 43.		Both the R.C. and Protestant parades were held in the Y.M.C.A. Hut and were well attended. The N.C.Os. school which had been in session at Hainaker Camp arrived here at 1700 hrs. Lt. S.H. Bull who had charge of the school reports that much trg was done and excellent results obtained. The A.Tk Pl. returned from its 3 days shoot. At 1400 hrs, a Coy Comds meeting was held to discuss trg for the following week. To-day the Pipe Band went to London to play in a massed pipe band at the Coliseum. The program was a special one for war savings. Many well known artists took part and the program was broadcast over the B.B.C.	FF

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Slinfold Camp.	11 Oct 43.		<p>Another week started with 'A' Coy acting as Duty Coy. 'D' Coy spent the day on Battle Drill and supplied the Bn. guard. 'C' Coy spent the day in a reorganization while 'B' Coy used the 30 yd range. 'Sp' Coy carried on the specialist duties. The Officer's Mess took on all the appearance of a Court Room as proceedings got under way in a General Court Martial. The Pres. was Col. M.V. McQueen, E.D., R.C.A.S.C., 1 Cdn Corps. Members were Lt.Col. C.H. Sankey, Q.O.R. (att R.H.L.I.), Major R. White (att R.A.C.), Capt. A.K. Reid (att R.R.C.) and Capt. E.R. Bennett, Black Watch. Waiting members were Major R. Tremblay, R. de Mais, and Capt. J.P. Taylor, Black Watch. J.A.C. from 1 Cdn Corps was Major W.D. Pate. Capt. W.M.W. Shaw, J.A.C. 2 Cdn Div was Prosecutor while Capt. J.W. Burgess and Lt. G.A. Ponsford were the defending officers. The accused Lt. P.M. Grandjean, Sgt. J. Davy and Sgt. E.N. Mellott, all of the Carrier Pl. were charged with neglect in connection with the accident which took place during a "wt" battle drill practice on a Carrier School near Burpham.. The evidence showed that the accident resulted in the serious wounding of Pte. Chapman of the carrier pl. After hearing the evidence the Court brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of Lt. Grandjean. In the afternoon the case of Lt. L.A. Hudson, R. de Mais was tried and a verdict of guilty brought in. At 2000 hrs, Capt. J. Cardy represented the unit at a Bde Gp Sports conference at which winter program of sports for 4 Cdn Inf Bde was outlined. In the evening Capt. H. E. Dann returned to the Unit from 3 C.I.R.U. where he had been stationed since his tour of duty in N. Africa. Entertainment in the 'Y' Hut for the evening provided by the showing of the picture "Tales of Manhattan". Col. Macdonald today got away on a well deserved privilege leave. The C.O.s. last leave early in Jun was of short duration due to the fact that he was called back to the unit to take over command from Lt. Col. J. Mothersill.</p>	FJ.
	12 Oct 43.		<p>The General Court Martial continued to-day in the Officer's Mess. In the afternoon Sgt. J. Davy and Sgt. E.N. Chapman were acquitted of charges of neglect which arose as a result of the wounding of Pte. Chapman of the Carrier Pl. Coy trg for the most part consisted of Battle Drill, 30 yd range and assault course.</p>	FJ.

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Slinfold Camp	13 Oct	43.	<p>Ten men left from this unit to-day for a course at 2 Cdn Div Sniping School. In the afternoon 'Y' Supervisor Cdey Moffatt and Lt. D.A. Deisbourg went to Aldershot where they obtained an excellent supply of sports equipment, including a boxing ring from the Y.M.C.A. Stores. Two large marquees were also obtained and will be used as a gymnasium. Major F.A. Wansbrough returned to the unit to-day from 3 C.I.R.U. where he had been posted after recovering from an attack of pneumonia. Our O.M.C. has been missed during th past month and we are pleased to have him back again to preside over Mess Functions again. A Bingo game was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hut in the evening.</p> <p>To-day a second N.C.Os. School was started with Lt. S.H. Bull as C.I. Instructors are CSM Dixon, CSM Donaldson, Sgt. Kitchen and Sgt. Turgeon. Trg throughout the morning consisted of S.A. Drill, bayonet trg and squad drill. Capt. R.H. Lund is again acting in his former capacity as Adj't during the absence of Capt. F.A. Tilston who is enjoying a well earned leave. In the afternoon preparations were made for a large number of officers and men to proceed to the ranges at Goodwood. Supper was served at 1630 hrs and 11 officers and 195 O.Rs. moved off at 1800 hrs for Christ's Hospital Station where they boarded the train. The Pipe Band also left at 1800 hrs to play for the guard mounting at 1 Cdn Corps, H.Q. In the evening a Quizz Contest was held at the 'Y' Hut.</p>	F.F.
	14 Oct	43.	<p>The camp seemed slightly deserted to-day because of the large number away on the Goodwood Ranges. The Mortar Pl. went to Kingsley Vale for a mortar shoot. Major H.C. Laird left to-day on Scheme 'PIRATE' which it is understood is a follow up of scheme 'HARLEQUIN', with an actual "wet practice" assault being made on a strip of coast line. Lt. J.A. Baxter went to 2 Div H.Q. for a conference on the organization of a Div 3" Mortar Course. The Officers Mess is gradually becoming more homey as furnishings are increased. A small semi-circular bar, the master piece of the pioneers is also rapidly taking shape. During the evening "Panama Hattie" and "Inside Fighting Russia" were shown on the screen at the Y.M.C.A. Hut.</p>	
	15 Oct	43.	<p>The camp was still rather quiet due to the absence of coys at Goodwood Ranges. The N.C.Os. School used the Unit Range for Sten practice. A. F.C.C.M. was convened in the afternoon with Pres. Major C. Payne (att R.H.I.I.) Members are</p>	

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Slinfold Camp.			<p>Capt. H.E. Dann, Essex Scot and Lt. H.E.G. Bull, R.H.L.I. Members under instruction Lt. D.R. Prior R.R.C., Lt. W.H. Harrison, R.R.C., Lt. R.S.C. Williams, Essex Scot, Lt. D.A. Deisbourg, Essex, Capt. D.J. Hunden, 4 Cdn Inf Bde. The accused were Pte. B.J.R. McBride, R.R.C., Pte. J.D. Russell, Essex Scot and Pte. R.C. Cheyne, Essex Scot. The afternoon was given over to pay parades for those personnel in camp. At 1600 hrs, Lt. W.C. Wilson attended a meeting Bde H.Q. of the 4 Cdn Inf Bde Unit Victory Loan Sales Representatives. Enthusiasm is high in the various units and it is hoped that our unit will lead the Bde in having the highest percentage of sales. In the evening an excellent R.N.S.A. Show was staged at the Y.M.C.A. Hut. After the entertainment the cast was entertained at a lunch in the Officers Mess. After their departure several officers continued the party with songs of doubtful purity and the peak of the evening was reached when exception was taken to the type of moustaches being cultivate by a couple of subalterns. When morning dawned the moustaches inquestion has disappeared!</p>	
	16 Oct 43.		<p>Speed marches were the order of the morning and again some excellent times were made. The paymaster was kept busy from 0830 hrs til 1200 hrs paying those coys which had returned from the ranges the previous day. The F.C.C.M. which was convened Friday closed at noon. In the morning Maj. J.D. Mingay, A/O.C. made a tour of inspection of the camp area. When the results were not up to par the entire camp was C.B. until 1500 hrs when this condition was lifted. Congratulations to Lt. G.A. Rau, on his appointment to Lt. Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, G.O.C. in C., First Cdn Army. In the evening Major Mingay, Major Macken ie, Capts Lund, Cohen and Johnston were guests at a dance at the 4 Cdn Inf Bde and report a very fine evening.</p>	FF
	17 Oct 43.		<p>Sunday dawned with heavy sky and drizzling rain. However about forty officers and O.Bs. were up early for breakfast and left camp at 0730 hrs to take a train at Horsa. The party i/c Lt. A.H. Stevens and 'Y' Supervisor Cody Moffatt travelled to Windsor where they attended service in St. George's Chapel. After the service a tour of the grounds of Windsor Castle was made and a few fortunate enough to catch a brief of His Majesty, The King, as he walked by on a terrace. In the afternoon the weather cleared, the sun came out and the party enjoyed a visit to Eaton, the oldest boysschool in England. The day was very much enjoyed by all and it is hoped that other excursions of this type may be arranged. Protestant Church Parade was held</p>	FF

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Slinfold Camp.			<p>by Capt. J. Cardy at 0900 hrs and R.C. Mass was said by Father Dalton at 1100 hrs. Padre Cardy is to be complimented on his efforts in procuring a fine chapel for his services. The white curtains, altar, crucifix and candles do much to transform our Y.M.C.A. Hut into a church each Sunday. Miss Brooks, organist of Slinfold Church played on the piano for the morning service. The camp was rather quiet in the afternoon as many of the personnel visited in Horsham and nearby localities. In the evening a program entitled "Music of the Master" was put on in the Y.M.C.A. hut. Supervisor Cody Moffatt was very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Frank Potter of Horsham. Mr. Potter has an excellent collection of musical recordings and brought several of his records out to the camp. During the program he made comments on the various selections. The group of music enthusiasts present enjoyed every minute of the program and hope that this hour may become a weekly feature.</p>	
	18 Oct 43.		<p>Reveille was at 0200 hrs from 'Sp' Coy and the Rifle Coys. Breakfast was served at 0300 hrs and 0340 the troops moved off from the station where they boarded the train for Ash. Various practices which cannot be fired on the Unit Range will be fired throughout the day and on Tuesday. Major W.H. Poile (Kent Reg att), Capt. G.K.M. Johnston (Kent Regt att) and Capt. W.C. STOCKDALE (Lorne Scots att) continued with their Court of Inquiry into barrack damages incurred by a regiment stationed in Littlehampton last winter. Major D. Mackenzie was a member of a Court Martial at Worthing, Lt. A.H. Stevens and Lt. W.H. Pope were prosecuting and defending attorneys at a Court Martial which assembled at the R.H.L.I. To-day the Fifth Victory Loan got under way. The officers of Bn.H.Q. and H.Q. Coy held a meeting to discuss the loan. Lt. W.C. Wilson, Unit Representative, outlined plans for the campaign and H.Q. Coy and Bn.H.Q. Coy have set out to make more sales in the Bn. than any other coy. Although a large number of personnel were absent during the day, the sales amounted to \$850. The campaign is to last for three weeks and the Bn. objective has been set at \$11,900. Major Laird to-day returned from Exercise "PIRATE" which he reports as one of the finest exercises on combined ops that he has seen. In the afternoon a large number of H.Q. Coy and Bn.H.Q. went to the ranges at Flexham Park near Petworth. Lt. R.B. Taylor was in charge of the party. In the evening the picture "Squadron Leader X" was shown at the Y.M.C.A. Hut.</p>	<p>FF</p>

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Slinfold Place	19 Oct 43.		<p>Just at the time when P.T. should have been getting under way, the skies were pouring forth buckets of tears so that the early morning callisthenes were dispensed with. Major H.C. Laird left at 0900 hrs to attend a smoke demonstration at C.T.S. The 'I' Section is being kept very busy these days. In addition to the 'I' Course which is being conducted, the section is making thermometer posters for the Victory Loan and setting up a scale model of the Hazelmere/Midhurst Area from a T.E.M. At 0900 hrs, about 30 men from H.Q. Coy with Lt. R.E. Taylor in charge went to the Flexham Ranges for the day. During the day there were intermittent showers which recalled April weather back home in Canada. At about 1730 hrs the coys which had been at Ash Ranges returned to camp. Several practices on rifle and bren had been completed. The War Loan went into its second day with increasing momentum, the days sales amounting to \$1450.00. Of this amount a large portion was subscribed by the A/Tk Pl. of 'Sp' Coy. The C.O., Col. Macdonald addressed the officers, on returning from leave looking fit and well. At dinner Lt. W.C. Wilson Unit Victory Loan Representative addressed the officers and gave details about the loan. The C.O. spoke briefly and emphasized the importance of every officer and man getting behind the victory loan and putting it over the top. In the evening the C.O. and coy comds attended at T.W.R.T. at Bde. H.Q. An ENSA party put on an excellent program in the 'Y' at 1930 hrs. and the officers invited the guest artists to a luncheon in the officers mess following the program.</p>	FS
	20 Oct 43.		<p>Between showers P.T. exercises took place. The storm of the previous day had levelled the huge Y.M.C.A. tent to the ground so that only the boxing ring was left standing. The day was largely given over to admin work and preparation for Exercise PRODDER which is to commence the 21 Oct 43. The third day of the Victory Loan got under way with every officer and N.C.O. giving it full support. Coy Comds addressed their men explaining the Loan. Then Pl. Comds spoke to each man about purchasing a bond. At 1130 hrs Col. Macdonald put the N.C.Os. in the picture concerning PRODDER. He then spoke briefly about the Victory Loan and hoped that every N.C.O. would see his way clear to buy a bond. The response throughout the Bn. has been excellent with the result that at the close of the day \$9,000 had been subscribed. The exercise will interrupt the sales campaign but a further effort will be put forward next week. Lt. D.W. McIntyre returned to the unit after a 4</p>	FS

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Slinfold Camp.			<p>week course in Advanced Handling and Fieldcraft in Wales. At evening dinner Col. Macdonald expressed the feelings of himself and fellow officer when he told Capt. R.H. Lund how much the unit was going to miss his services. Capt. Lund had been Adj. of the Regiment since DIERP and has worked hard. He is leaving the unit for 3 C.I.R.U. for which it is expected, he will leaving on the 21 Oct 43. From their Capt. Lund expects to go to N. Africa in an administrative capacity. Best of luck to you, Boy! In the evening a band from 5 C.I.R.U. put on a concert in the 'Y' Hut. This was followed by a sing-song and the picture I Married a Witch.</p>	
	21 Oct 43.		<p>At 0815 hrs Col. Macdonald and Lt. Wilson left for a Bde Recce Gp at Cowdray Park near Midhurst. Exercise 'PRODDER', a practice in withdrawal has begun. At 1120 hrs the Bn. moved out of Slinfold Camp and travelled by T.C.Vs. to the area East Meon (MR.1141). Here, the bn went into a defensive position which 'C' Coy shared in E. Meon, 'A' Coy, vicinity Drayton, 'D' Coy, at rd junc 118456, Bn.H.Q. and 'Sp' Coy at Berleigh House. 'B' Coy acted as flank protection coy in the area Bailey Green X roads. Throughout the day there were showers which didn't help to increase the enthusiasm of the tps. By evening the bn was well dug in. Capt. F.A. Tilston returned to Slinfold Camp after a well deserved leave. Capt. G.K.M. Johnston (Kent Regt att Essex Scot) was A/Adj. throughout the scheme. Major W.H. Poile was A/O.C. H.Q. Coy and Capt. T.T. Ferris was A/O.C. 'D' Coy. Throughout the night it rained heavily. One carrier patrol was captured by the enemy but no further contact was made with the enemy.</p>	J.F.
	22 Oct 43.		<p>Throughout the day there was increasing enemy activity, and it became obvious that our forces, 4 Can Inf Bde would have to withdraw. A Recce party consisting of Major Mingay and the 2 i/c each coy went to recce a position for a new stand. The bn denied it position to the enemy until 1630 hrs and then withdrew to a new position in the area od East Hartling 2339 to Rogate 2443. The withdrawal was carried out in good order with the marching troops thinning out at 1430 hrs, and mobile combat teams holding the enemy in the original position, until 1630 hrs. In the afternoon and evening it rained heavily so that most of the troops were quite wet. However in spite of the discomfort and darkness quite good defensive posns were occupied by the coys. Good work on the part of the Q.M. staff in getting hot food to the men in the evening did much to revive slightly dampened spirits.</p>	J.F.

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Slinfold Camp.	23 Oct 43.		In the morning slight changes in fire plans were made and digging in completed. The enemy (5 Can Inf Bde) continued to pass forward and was engaged by the R.H.L.I. on our left flank. Thinning out started at 1430 hrs for a withdrawal to another posn, in the Ambersham Common Area. 'C' Coy at Rogate had quite a hot time with the enemy for awhile losing two sec of carrier and one A.Tk gun. The use of arty on a rd to the north wiped out a coy of the enemy and helped 'C' Coy to hold its posn. Around 1900 hrs the Bn. had taken up its new defensive posn. An 'O' Gp was called at Bde for 2130 hrs. Here the Brigadier announced "Cease Fire Exercise 'PRODDER'." Tps were marched to the rd junc at 334413 where they embussed onto TGVs around 1145 hrs. The bn arrived back in camp around 0130 hrs. Exercise 'PRODDER' although accompanied by most disagreeable weather did work out well tactically and was enjoyed and it is hoped that a further exercise of this nature will be done in fairer weather. Tea was served to the tps and spirits ran high at being back in camp again.	J.S.
	24 Oct 43.		The morning was spent as a rest period for practically the whole camp because 'PRODDER' had called for considerable exercise and loss of sleep for most of the troops. A coy comds meeting was held at 1430 hrs to discuss 'PRODDER' and trg for the following week was discussed. Capt. A.R. Johnstonnow becomes O.C. of H.Q. Coy and Lt. R.A. Wright will become T.O. Capt. T.E. Steele returned from coy comds course and left on leave.	J.S.
	25 Oct 43.		There seemed to be considerable difference in opinion over the P.T. Session which had been in effect all summer. The number of coys turned out for P.T. were in the minority and even the bugler was at wits end as to whether or not the Fall-In should be sounded. A pl from 'C' Coy returned to the various areas occupied by the bn on Exercise 'PRODDER' and filled in the slit trenches. The other coys carried out their regular trg and duties which consisted of Battle Drill Range Practice, Assault Course and vehicle maintenance. Brigadier J.E. Sager, paid a visit to the camp this morning. O.C. Carrier Pl. Lt. P.M. Grandjean and Lt. Baxter No. 12 Pl. comd proceeded on leave to-day and they no doubt will have as good as time as they anticipate. Having just returned to the unit are Capt. T.E. Steele, who has been on a coy comds course and Lt. J.D. Patterson who has been on a pl comds course.	J.S.

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Slinfold Camp.	26 Oct 43.		Reveille at 0600 hrs and all coys turned out for P.T. parade. Several personnel were quite fortunate in going to Portsmouth where they were allowed to inspect various ships of the R.N. and gained general knowledge of how the Navy Functions. Approx 70 personnel were transported to Flexham Ranges near Petworth and it appeared that no firing would be carried out because of the dense fog. However at noon the fog lifted and no time was wasted by the Officer i/c, Lt. A. McGrimmon in putting the relays through. A pl from 'A' Coy returned to the area occupied by the Bn. on Exercise 'PRODDER' and continued the arduous task of filling in slit trenches. Trg for the remainder of the Bn. consisted of Battle Drill, 30 yd Range, and Assault Course, etc.	FT
	27 Oct 43.		The persistent fog which has proven such a hindrance at the ranges was hanging low over the camp this morning again. Coys carried on with trg and preparation were made for the sport competitions to be held in the afternoon. To-days meet was a forerunner to the Bde meet which will be held on or about 11 Nov 43, whereby the teams chosen from the Units in the Bde will compete. The afternoon's programme was run off with tremendous success, and was thoroughly enjoyed by our honoured visitor, Brigadier MacDonald, D.O.C. No. 1, who arrived at the camp this morning. The Brig was a guest of the officers and their mess in the evening was bright with conversation. A film was shown in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium this evening which was true to it's title "Action in the North Atlantic" depicting scenes which were readily recognized by all as good old Canada.	FT
	28 Oct 43.		The usual morning mist shrouded the camp, however the weather turned out fine as the day progressed. A Bn. Parade was called at 0830 hrs in honour of Brig. MacDonald who gave a short inspiring address and payed tribute to the Essex Scottish Regiment. Before turning the parade over to the R.S.M., Col Macdonald led in a lusty "Three Cheers" for our distinguished visitor. After the parade the coys got back to their regular trg. Comd., 2 Cdn Div Gen. Burns, lectured to officers at Worthing on Exercise 'PRODDER'. Further reinforcements arrived to-day from 3 C.I.R.U. including Sgt. Foster who just recently returned from N. Africa.	FT

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Slinfold Camp.	29 Oct 43.		P.T. being discontinued for the winter season, reveille was not until 0700 hrs. Coys carried on with trg as usual which consisted of speed marches, range practices, assault course and L.C.A. trg. Pay parade for 'Sp', Bn.H.Q. and H.Q. Coys in the afternoon was the means of raising high the spirits of the men in these coys. Maj. D. Mackenzie O.C. of 'C' Coy gave a lecture to the officers in the mess in the evening on advanced infantry tactics. Following this Maj. Laird O.C. 'B' Coy lectured to the same group on combined ops. Capt. Dann gave a most interesting talk on his experiences in Africa.	FF
	30 Oct 43.		Reveille at 0700 hrs and so another busy day for the Paymaster and his staff who took care of all the Rifle Coys. Muster parades were held in all coys under the supervision of Lt. J.M. Haggans, Muster Officer. The afternoon was free to all those not on duty. The officers held their first dance in the new camp and it developed into one of the best parties yet held.	FF
	31 Oct 43.		Much to the distress of officers following their party the previous evening Protestant and Roman Catholic Church parades were held in the Y.M.C.A. hut, the former at 1000 hrs and the latter at 1115 hrs. After an absence of some fourteen months, Ptes. Jack and Jim Flemming, who were wounded during the DIEPPE Raid and taken prisoner of war, were recently repatriated and upon their return to the U.K. lost no time in paying their old unit a visit. Pte. Jim Flemming is the first 'C' Coy man to return from DIEPPE and all particularly the C.O., who was formerly 'C' Coy Comd, are most keenly interested in the story of its work there.	FF
<p style="text-align: right;">B.J.S. Macdonald</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(B.J.S. MACDONALD) Lt.Col., Officer Commanding, Essex Scottish Regiment.</p>				

APPENDICES TO WAR DIARY

- ✓ 1. PART I ORDERS (Unit)
- ✓ 2. PART II ORDERS (2nd Echelon)
- 3. A.Fs.W. 3008/9 (Weekly Field Returns)
- ✓ 4. COY SYLLABUS OF TRAINING
- ✓ 5. MISCELLANEOUS (Tours, lectures, inspections etc).