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ESSEX SCOTTISH REGIMENT
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SLINFOLD CAMP, SUSSEX	1 FEB 44		TUE was given over to gen adm for A, C, D & HQ coys. The MO was again busy with his needle completing inoculation No 2 for typhus. B coy became duty coy for the remainder of the week. The second 1 wk course in Int duties began and this time incl personnel from C & D coys. At 1130 hrs the regt's hockey team played the RCASC. In the third period we turned on the pressure and three goals were scored. The star of the game was Pte Southern of Sp coy who scored two of the goals. The par had a busy day as he doled out pound notes to what seemed like an endless line at his office. Sp coy went to Hawkins Pond east of Horsham where the RCE put on a demonstration of bridge building. In the evening an excellent ENSA show was put on in the YMCA hut. Col Macdonald and Major Wansbrough spent the evening at a Bde 'O' group.	F. J.
	2 FEB 44		Today was truly a day of parades. At 0815 hrs all offrs except the duty offr, left the camp by MT and drove to the Regent Theatre, Brighton. It was a big occasion for 2nd Corps as it was the introduction of Lt Gen G.C. Simonds, CBE, DSO, as new G.O.C. 2 Cdn Corps. The theatre was filled to capacity with offrs of 2 & 4 Divs. The general spoke for about 25 min and in that time outlined what he expected of his offrs. He spoke of the excellent fighting qualities of the Cdn soldier, and stressed the necessity of the highest quality of leadership on the part of offrs at all levels. Dinner was served at 1300 hrs and the bn paraded at 1400 hrs, in skeleton web and balmorals. The parade moved down the Horsham Rd to a field at the rd junc of the rd to 4 Bde. At 1430 hrs the entire Bde was formed up in a 'U' formation. A rehearsal of the drill to be carried out for the corps comds inspection on THU was run through several times. Brig Sager insisted on the ceremonial being correct to the nth degree. To this end, the rehearsal incl a practice of the three cheers. In the afternoon an PGM, presided over by Maj J.D. Fairhead of the ERC was held here. The accused, Pte Street, R.E. and Pte Gales, T.J., who had, in high spirits, borrowed a tricycle for a ride. Capt J.W. Burgess defended, Lt G.A. Ponsford, was prosecutor. The sentence of the court will be promulgated at a later date. Courts Martial must deal with all cases involving civilians now, even though trivial. Following the Court Martial, Capt Burgess attended the inquest into the death of Pte Burk. At 1715 hrs, the bn arrived back in camp. During the evening more "spit and polish" was carried out so that for the THU parade, the Essex Scot will line up to their reputation for smartness on parade. During the evening the lighting system in part of the camp ceased functioning so that lanterns and candles were called into action. This lighting was even used in the 'Y' where the Bingo game was soon under way again. Around 2200 hrs the electricians	F. J.

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			repaired the breakdown and the interior blackout was over, and battle dress pressing continued.	
	3 FEB 44		<p>The morning was spent in adm details and "spit and polish". Dinner was served at 1100 hrs so that coys were inspected by their offrs before 1200 hrs. At 1200 hrs the C.O. inspected the offrs and the adjt took the staff parade. At 1250 hrs the bn moved off to the music of the pipes to the bde parade grounds. The sky was cloudy but occasionally the sun shone through, and all hoped that the threats of rain would vanish. The bde was formed up in a 'U' shape, as on the previous day. The Essex Scottish were the last unit to move into the fnn and as they marched across the parade ground the unit seemed smarter than on any parade held for some time. After several small changes of unit positions and several "right dress" drills, the bde was taped for the inspection. At 1430 hrs the corps cmdr's car pulled up to the parade ground. Lt Gen C.G. Simonds, CBE, DSO, G.O.C., 2 Cdn Corps was accompanied by Maj Gen C. Foulkes, CBE, G.O.C., 2 Cdn Div. The general salute was given, the pipe band playing the salute. The General then made a quick inspection of the units of the bde. Following this, he gathered the bde around him and spoke briefly. He told them of the job ahead, and said that we must not underrate our enemy. However, with excellent trg behind us and our own natural cunning, combined with a confidence both in our leaders and one another, we have no doubt as to the outcome of our invasion of the continent. Following the short address, Brig Sager called for three cheers for the general. At 1505, Gen Simonds left and units moved back to their camps. The weather had remained fine, stray dogs which had proved so much of a nuisance on TUE were absent, the Brig seemed pleased, so the inspection might be summed up as a "Good show". During the evening many of the tps visited Horsham, while several of those who were incamp saw the film "Hers to Hold" starring Deanna Durbin.</p>	fg
	4 FEB 44		<p>The weather changed and the frosty air forcibly reminded us that we were still in FEB. In the morning the funeral of Pte Burk, C.S. was held at Brookwood Cemetery. Capt Cardy was in charge of the service and was assisted by Capt Lee Beggs of 4 Pd Regt. Capt Dann, Lt Zaldin, CSM Hamilton and about twenty ORs also attended the funeral. Maj D. MacKenzie was President and Capt A.R. Johnston was a member of an FOCM held at the RRC camp. The Int Sec spent the day at the 2 Div Sniping School where they received lectures and trg in observation. During the day our 30 yd range was used for Sten practice by some Polish paratps stationed nearby. Capt Tilston and Capt</p>	fg

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			Cohen left today on a well earned leave. Their destination, we understand, is Dublin and we hope that a week in "the land of Guinness" will put them in top condition for their duties on their return. Lt A.H. Zaldin will be A/Adjt during the coming week. Capt T.R. Davies, padre of the Camerons of Canada was a visitor of the regt today and renewed acquaintances with several old friends. In the evening the C.O. and Maj Wansbrough attended a meeting at Bde HQ. During the day, the C.O. addressed all dvrs and announced several changes in regt policy affecting them and maintenance of their vehs.	
	5 FEB 44		B & D coys completed the week's trg by doing a 10 mi route marche during the morning. A coy carried out TOWTs and used the 30 yd range. Capt Cardy held his padre's hr in Sp coy and maintenance was carried out for the remainder of the morning. Lt A.H. Stevens returned from a rather brief leave in Ireland, and left at noon for 3 CIRU. He is expected to leave for Canada shortly on a tour of instructional duty. At the coy comds meeting, the CO stressed the fact that a safety drive was to be put on during the coming month so that the accident rate of the unit may be cut to a minimum. In the afternoon Lt. T. Stewart took the mortar pl to Findon in preparation for the Div inspection which is to take place on SUN. In the evening the Sgts held a very successful party in their Mess. Col Macdonald, Maj Wansbrough, Maj MacKenzie and Lt Ponsford represented the regt at the dance held at 4 Bde HQ and report the evening as being a most enjoyable one.	FF
	6 FEB 44		A cold frosty morning. The C.O. and Capt J.W. Burgess, O.C., Sp coy left early to join the mortar pl which ^{is} being inspected today. Capt J. Cardy conducted a short and snappy church parade, which met with the approval of all, as the YMCA hut was bitterly cold. Lt A.H. Stevens and Sgt Mizon proceeded to 3 CIRU for an interview in regard to their proposed return to Canada on instructional duty. The I.O., Lt W.C. Wilson proceeded to the RAF station at Highgate for a short course on "How to behave when captured". Capt Stoddart arrived for a one week's pre-staff course attachment.	FF
	7 FEB 44		All available dvrs, plus 1 offr from each coy, went to Horsham to see trg films on waterproofing and wading at the Odeon Theatre. A coy went to Kithurst ranges for the day. B coy spent the day on the 30 yd range and on sec battle drill. C coy continued with its duties at Duty coy. D coy proceeded to Findon Valley (on foot) for a weeks detached coy trg. D coy is the first coy to go out on this detached coy trg and it	FF

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			<p>will be interesting to see how they get along. Lt Hodges the par offr, left today for a gas course. He is one of our better runners and unfortunately will be unable to be with our runners now trg at Findon. The Y supervisor, Cody Moffatt was in this afternoon and reported that the runners were making satisfactory progress. The show at the YMCA hut was the same as yesterday evening, "Lets Face It" with Bob Hope, which was very much enjoyed.</p>	
	8 FEB 44		<p>H/Capt J. Cardy left early for a meeting of all padres at corps. Capt J.W. Burgess, O.C. Sp coy proceeded to the coy comds tactical course at the school of inf, Barnards Castle. C.O.s orders this morning were rather lengthy, with several familiar faces amongst the offenders. The hutful of batmen who were C B'd by the C.O. the other day for failing to have the blackouts up in their hut, should now have no doubts in their minds whatsoever, as to what the C.O.'s wishes are in that regard. Brig Sager dropped in for a brief visit this morning and found the C.O., 2 i/c, and Adj't hard at work as usual. A few of the matters mentioned were that we must qualify more men in rifle practices 6 & 7, and that tps marching along the road must move in single file on the right hand side of the road. A coy went on a route march this morning. B coy went to Kithurst Range. D coy still on their detached coy trg at Findon. The A tk pl went to sub-calibre range near Storrington. The reg'l hockey team played RCA at Brighton in the afternoon. It was an exciting game and we won 4 to 3. Our pipe band was in attendance. The signals pl spent a busy day installing new circuit boxes and painting and rearranging the sigs office. There was a mess dinner this evening with Col H. Pawle, CBE, as our guest. Unfortunately the C.O. was unable to be present for dinner, as he was called away for a conference of bn comds. However, he returned in time to be present for Col Pawle's address to the offr. It was an informative address on Exercise Conqueror. He stressed the fact that in our operational role it will often be necessary to make attacks on ground which we will not have an opportunity of seeing in advance, and in this regard the necessity of every offr being able accurately to colour maps and construct models. After Col Pawle's address, the C.O. discussed the inter-pl competition with the offr and discussed the results. The A tk pl won with a score of 1021, the purs were next with 862 and No 17 pl, won for the rifle coys with a score of 751. This was followed by a discussion of pl frontal attacks, and a brief explanation by Maj Jones and Maj Laird of coy frontal attack as taught at the School of Infantry. The 2 i/c, Major Jones and Maj Laird had just returned from their course at the school of infantry. Maj Thomson returned from</p>	<p>F.T.</p>

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			leave this evening. Sgt Rylett, Sgt Mason and 14 men responded to the kind invitation of the girls of Fishers Green for a party. A good time was reported as being had by all. <i>Wishborough</i>	
	9 FEB 44		The regt'l pipe band was despatched to Aldershot this morning to form part of the massed pipes and drums which will be playing at the international football match at White City Stadium on SUN, 13 FEB 44. Cpl Stasiak and three other men from the 'I' Sec went to bde for a short course on Air Photos. Maj Jones, the 2i/c is back on the job again, and the A/2 i/c Maj Wansbrough, went to Finton to join his coy there. A coy is doing sec battle drill and pl frontal attacks. B coy is doing sec battle drill Sp coy and HQ coy are doing specialist trg. The A tk pl went to Lydd ranges for 3 days firing with the 2 Cdn A tk Regt and the A tk plns of the other two inf bns. There was a half hour gas period this morning and those who were unfortunate enough to be caught with their respirators not being worn will have the pleasure of doing some drill this evening, wearing respirators. FCOM was held on Cpl Miller this afternoon. Lt.L.C. Bond prosecuted and Lt C.J. Havill defended. The C.O. went out to Finton Valley to see D coy at work, and saw 16 & 18 pl do pl frontal and flanking attacks as wet practices. These were well done. LtCol Deniel, AARQMG, 2 Cdn Div, dropped in for a visit during the evening.	<i>FS</i>
	10 FEB 44		There was a coy comds meeting this morning, and some rearrangement of personnel was decided on. The T.O., Lt McGrimmon, will go to A coy. Lt R.A. Wright to be T.O. Capt Cohen to be messing offr for one week on his return from leave this SUN, to be replaced at the end of that time by Lt D.W. MacIntyre. Six rfts arrived this morning from 3 CIRU. FCOM of Cpl Plymale is being held at 10 Cdn Gen Hosp, Watford, today. Lt W. Fogerty prosecuting, Capt R.E. Dann, waiting member, Capt Cottrell the pmr, also went to 10 C.G.H. today for treatment of his foot. Lt F. Walton left with 10 pl at 1400 hrs today for a 48 hr detached pl scheme. They will be staying at the Village Hall at Burpham and will be doing sec and pl trg in that vicinity. They will be an entirely self contained unit and will return SAT afternoon. D coy returned from Coy trg at Finton this afternoon. Our cross country teams ran at Bde today and the result was very satisfactory. Our boys did very well by badly beating the RHLI team, former champions and winners the Bde meet not only with the first team but our second team coming first also in the second team race. The C.O. was quite pleased with the showing they made. Lt R.S. Bradley and Cpl Tobin attended a meeting of pmr offrs at	<i>FS</i>

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			2 Cdn Div. Minefield trg continued all morning and D coy was shown the mine exhibition on their return. There was a meeting of all offrs in the evening. The C.O. discussed the inter-pl competition further and announced the results. (See appendix) The 2 i/c then gave a brief but very interesting lecture on the organization and functions of the Fd Sec Sect. Picture at the YMCA "The Corsican Brothers". Padre Cardy officiated today at the wedding of Pte G. Shields, Sig pl, to Evelyn Muriel Lawrence at West Itchenor. Several members of the Sig pl were guests.	
11	FEB 44		Eleven offrs went to bde this morning at 0830 hrs for a half day course on Aerial Photo Interpretation. D coy went to Kithurst Range for a full days firing. The C.O. and 2 i/c went to Bde in the afternoon for a conference. Directions from Corps Comd and Div Comd were passed on. Due to the fact that C coy was doing an extra day's duty as duty coy in order that D coy could fire at Kithurst Range today and at the same time was sending #15 pl away on privilege leave, it took some plain and fancy juggling to cover off all their duties. Sentence for A/Cpl Miller was promulgated today. He was awarded 60 days fd punishment and 60 days forfeiture of pay for 19 days AWL. C.O. reduced him to the ranks. TEWT at 1930 hrs today. C.O., 2 i/c and all coy comds at West Grinstead Fk regarding an Exercise. Returned at 2330 hrs. Lt W.C. Wilson returned from his course at RAF Station, Highgate. There was an air raid warning at 2000 hrs, the all clear was sounded at 2020 hrs.	FF
12	FEB 44		Pte Cardinal, R.M. went to Worthing Pier this morning to box in the 2 Cdn Div individual boxing matches and although eliminated, he put up a very good effort. Arrangements were completed this morning for the attendance of the men of this unit at the International Football Game tomorrow. Capt P.M. Grandjean who is playing football for the Cdn Army Team dropped in this afternoon with Capt Westfall of Windsor who has recently arrived overseas. Capt Cohen and the Adjt, Capt Tilston, returned from leave in Dublin today and both look very fit and rested. The social event of the month was the offr's dance which was held in the mess. The party began around 2030 hrs and ran merrily by special permission until 0130 hrs. Music was provided by the 158 Coy, Pioneer Corps Orchestra and with it's excellent variety of numbers the party was kept at a lively pitch throughout the evening. Guests were present from 4 Bde HQ, RHLLI, and RRC. Offrs were of the opinion that this is the best social function we have had for some time.	FF

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13	FEB 44		SUN dawned with rather dull sky but no wind. It was an excellent day for football. At 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs transport left the camp to take offrs and men, about 250 in number, to Horsham Stn, where they took the train to London. In London the underground was crowded at practically every station leading to Wood Lane and practically all the passengers were personnel of the Cdn and American Armies. It was just like the Rugby Game days back in Canada or the U.S.A. Those who were fortunate enough to get on the underground, around or before 1415 hrs, arrived at White City Stadium in time to see the kick-off at 1445 hrs. The Regt was well represented on the Canadian "Mustangs" team, having no less than five players, namely: Capt A.M. Hayes, Capt P. Grandjean, Sgt S. Chamko, Pte C. Ostopovich and Pte K. Withers. The first half of the game was played with American Rules and was rather dull football. At half time the American Brass Band played a few selections. This was followed by the Canadian Massed Pipe Bands who put on an excellent show. In the second half Canadian Rules were used and the game opened up considerably. Several forward passes were completed and the final score was 16 to 6 in favour of the Canadians, quite a set-back for our American friends. After the game several from the regt remained in London as they were given leave until 1200 hrs MON. Entertainment was provided in the evening by the AA defences of London as they gave some Jerry planes a hot welcome when they approached the city.	FJ
14	FEB 44		The week began with many personnel still on leave until 1200 hrs. Maj H. Laird went to Goring-by-Sea to be president of a Court Martial at 6 Cdn Inf Bde Coy. Capt F.A. Tilston resumed his duties as adjt and Lt A.H. Zaldin who had been A/Adjt throughout the past week began his leave. At luncheon, Lt Col Macdonald expressed his regret at losing Cody Moffatt, 'Y' Supervisor, from the regt. He thanked Cody for the excellent work he has done during his tour of duty with the regt, particularly in the trg of the cross country team, and as a token of appreciation presented Cody with an engraved silver bowl. In reply, Cody spoke briefly, thanking Col Macdonald and all the offrs for the cooperation that he had received. He said that he had enjoyed working with the regt and thanked the offrs for the kind remembrance. Our best wishes go with Cody. In the afternoon, B & C coys moved off to Kingley Vale Trg Area. A coy went to Findon Valley for the week while D coy was duty coy. Sp coy carried on specialist trg. In the afternoon, the C.O. and 2 i/c went to a demonstration by Pd Hygiene Sec at West Grinstead Park, and in the evening attended a TWT at 2 Div HQ, a demonstration of bn in the attack by Brig Jefferson, recently of Royal Edmonton Regt. For those who remained in camp, the picture "Holy Matrimony" was shown at the YMCA cinema.	FJ

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	15 FEB 44		In the morning, Col Macdonald got away on a well-deserved leave. We hope that he will be able to enjoy his entire holiday this time. During Col Macdonald's absence, Maj T.S. Jones will be Acting Officer Commanding. Throughout the day, A, Sp & HQ Coys received trg in Mustard Gas at 6 C.T.S., Sandgate Park, near Storrington. Lt A. McGrimmon, Regt gas offr was in charge of the trg. In the evening HQ coy and Bn HQ had trg from 1800 hrs until 2100 hrs. This consisted of small arms trg, specialist trg and a lecture on First Aid by Sgt Marchant. Lt G.E. York of RCOC completed an inspection of all vehicles of the unit today. Of interest today was the census taken of religious denominations of personnel of the unit. They were as follows: Church of England, 357; R.C., 245; U.C., 90; Pres. 63; Bap, 41; Jewish, 9; Christian Science, 1; Other Denominations, 29. Capt Tilston and Capt Cohen went to 2 Div HQ for a TEWT on A and Q duties.	FD
	16 FEB 44		WED was one of those typically wet English days. The ground was muddy and the trg of coys at Kingley Vale was "wet" in more ways than one. Pte C.W. Augustine was remanded for a summary of evidence when charged with being AWL. When found, he was wearing civilian clothes, had seaman's papers and to all appearances was intending to depart for distant places. Sp coy had specialist trg, weapons inspection by the RQMS and a lecture on escape and evasion by the I.O. Our pmr, Capt Cottrell went to No 10 Cdn Gen Hosp today for a medical examination with the result that he has been put on light duty for one month. The offrs of the regt are now wondering just how 'Light' Joe's new duties will be. In the evening Maj Jones gave a lecture to A coy at Findon Valley while Maj Clark and Lt Wilson attended a TEWT on Exercise "Conqueror" at the RHLI. An excellent show was put on in the YMCA hut in the evening by a concert party consisting of twenty three army men and three women of the CWAC. This troupe was made up from personnel from various units in Canada and are now making a tour of Cdn Military units in the British Isles. The show was varied and was of a professional standard.	FD
	17 FEB 44		THU dawned with dull overcast sky and the rumor in the air that the GOC, 2 Cdn Corps would be visiting the unit today to inspect trg. Maj F.A. Wansbrough left today for 2 mos at the Senior Ofrrs School at Oxford. In the morning Sp coy went on an 18 mi route march, moving off by sections. Report points were established, but cross-country movement was permitted. Good time was made as most of the coy was back at camp between 1200 hrs and 1245 hrs. Trg for B and C coys at Kingley Vale consisted of Coy attacks. Maj Jones left the unit around 1100 hrs to inspect trg at the Kingley Vale Area. Around 1500 hrs, Lt Gen G.C. Simonds, CBE, DSO, GOC, 2 Cdn Corps arrived at the unit.	FD

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			and went to the orderly room. Here, the adjt, Capt Tilston explained what type of trg was being done by the various coys. The I.O., Lt Wilson, then enjoyed the privilege of guiding Gen Simonds to the HQ of A coy at Findon. Here Lt Baxter was standing by with a jeep to take the Gen up to the trg area. Lt Martin's pl was doing an attack and the Gen after watching it commented favourably and then offered a few points of constructional criticism. It was rather an occasion to have such a high ranking offr inspect coy and pl trg, and Gen Simonds gives one the impression of an offr of exceptional keenness and military ability. In the evening, Maj Jones, Maj Clarke and Lt Wilson went to 2 Div HQ to study the sand table model for exercise "Conqueror". The "Two Yanks in Trinidad" was shown in the evening.	
18	FEB 44		Sp coy carried out specialist trg while a pl from HQ coy and Bn HQ went to Lee Place Range. Around 1600 hrs, B & C coys returned from trg at Kingley Vale and A coy returned from Findon. All report an excellent week of work in spite of the WED wet weather. The showers were very busy for over an hour as all availed themselves of the luxury of hot water and soap. In the evening all offrs, WOs and Sgts went to West Grinstead Park to discuss Exercise "Conqueror". The sand table model built by the 'I' Staff of 2 Div was used for the discussion. Maj Jones was in charge of the TEWT and explained just how the assault divs, the follow-up divs and finally the build-up divs would be employed. All were impressed by the large amount of arty allotted to a bde for break-out purposes. This consisted of no less than all div arty plus an AGRA, all totaling 176 guns. The I.O. put the group in the picture as to enemy dispositions, morale and defence tactics. The meeting ended after Maj Jones had given a Bn Operation Order to an attacking bn in the break-out div. Coys were left to prepare coy orders to be given at a TEWT on MON night. At camp, the picture "Stormy Weather" was shown at the 'Y' hut.	FF
19	FEB 44		A coy took over duties from D coy. Sp coy went to Lee Place Ranges. From 0900hrs to 1000 hrs Capt Cardy and Maj Dalton held their Padres' hour. During the remainder of the morning coys were busy at admin and interior economy. Lt Paul Cropp's pl left in the morning for a week-end exercise in the area of Lower Beeding. The 'I' section completed the course in Int duties for the D coy personnel and started a sand table model for Exercise "Conqueror". The afternoon was a typical SAT half holiday and many used it to advantage to get equipment and clothing cleaned. The offrs held a pistol firing competition on the 30 yd range. This consisted of firing three different practices. The competition (at one shilling per entry) was won by Lt Goodenough with 86	FF

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			points out of a possible 90. The 2 i/c and Adjt arrived late in the shoot to find the ann supply used up. Both felt rather badly about this and expressed regret at not having a chance to win the prize. In the evening Maj Jones and Maj MacKenzie represented the unit at the RPO Offrs Dance.	
20	FEB 44		Protestant Church parade was held at 1000 hrs while the RC parade was at 1100 hrs. At noon while having luncheon the Adjt was informed that the body of Pte Albertson, H had been found by Cpl Remington and Pte Hall on a bunk in hut 26 in C coy lines. A court of inquiry consisting of Maj H.W.P. Thomson, Pres; Lt T. Martin and Lt A. McGrimmon, members; was immediately convened. Their findings were that death was due to a self inflicted wound causing a hemorrhage in the chest. In the afternoon about six offrs and twenty ORs went to a concert put on by the Ford Symphony Orchestra at the Pier Pavilion in Worthing. The programme was of a high calibre and was very much enjoyed by the large crowd. It was sponsored by the Educ authorities of 2 Cdn Div and it is hoped that there will be other programmes of a similar nature.	FT
21	FEB 44		B coy moved out to Findon trg area while C coy went on a combined route march and tactical exercise. D coy carried on pl trg and along with HQ coy went to Sunoak Grenade Range in the afternoon. The Court Martial of Pte Augustine, C.W. took place in the morning. The prosecutor was Lt P.A. Cropp and defending offr was Lt J.A. Baxter. Lt. A. Borward, Lt G. Moss of RCOC and several of their NCOs made an inspection of the unit's control stores, G 1098 stores, vehicles and QM records and from verbal reports all were found in good order. Lt B Cote, L. Guay, A Masse and L. Valois who have been with the unit as attd offrs for the past three mos, left today for 6 C.I.P.U. At 1200 hrs the A tk pl left for Birling Gap to zero their guns. At 1830 hrs, all offrs, WOs and Sgts gathered in hut 34 where the 'I' Sec had constructed a sand table model for Exercise "Conqueror". The discussion which had been carried out last FRI night down to a bn level was continued and coy and pl comds were given an opportunity to give their orders. Short discussions followed and a great deal was learned. Following the TENT a second showing of "Stormy Weather" took place in the YMCA hut. Soon after midnight the sound of enemy planes overhead woke several persons in camp. Then bombs started to fall and the closest caused the camp buildings to shake. However, no damage was done.	FT

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22	FEB 44		C coy spent the day trg in the Lower Beeding Area while D coy did an 18 mi route march. Pls of Sp coy went to trg area No 7 and worked in the region East of Harrow Hill. Today there were no less than five applications for marriage, handed in at Bn O.R. Spring must be in the air. In the afternoon snow started to fall and soon the ground had a thin white covering. Capt A.R. Johnston spent the day at the RMLI completing his work on the hand-over board. In the evening all oftrs and sgts gathered in the YMOA hut for trg. The first half of the evening took the form of a skit with Maj Jones acting as C.O., Lt Wilson as Adjt and COMS Galen as Regt Q.M. The scene was Bn O.R. and the setting was laid for the return of Capt Tilston and Capt Cohen who have been on a one week trip to the Italian Front. Finally they arrived and were asked several questions which were of interest to all. The skit was something new in the manner of presenting infm and was enjoyed by all. The second half of the evening was devoted to a discussion of battle discipline. Each coy syndicate had previously prepared answers and the subject was well covered.	JS
23	FEB 44		A coy carried out trg in Area 6, Sub Sec 2 while D coy had pl trg. Sp coy used Sub Secs 1 and 4 of Area 6. The Adjt, Capt Tilston, received the sad news of his mother's death today. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Capt Tilston. The sand table was used to put those personnel of A coy not on duty, in the picture of Exercise "Conqueror". Night trg for HQ coy and Bn HQ consisted of films (1) Locating the Enemy (2) Fire Control. They then went to the sand table hut where Capt A.R. Johnston reviewed Exercise "Conqueror". Later Capt Cohen and Capt Tilston in a skit similar to the one of the previous evening gave some of the interesting A and Q infm that has been learned in Italy. Maj T.S. Jones, Lt W.C. Wilson and four ORs represented the unit at a dance given by the Polish Paratps at the Drill Hall, Horsham. Although a 'dry' evening, all report a most enjoyable evening. Cpl Stasiak, who was one of the guests, was greeted like a long lost brother when he started talking Polish to the paratps, Col Macdonald returned today from leave. He appeared rested and ready to resume his duties.	JS
24	FEB 44		HQ coy went to Colgate Ranges for the day while Sp coy carried on specialist trg. C & D coys practiced loading their vehs with G 1098 equipment which will be carried when the regt goes into action. The funeral of Pte Albertson took place at Brookwood Cemetary today. The service was in charge of Padre Cardy, Major D. MacKenzie and the pallbearers were the only other personnel from the regt who were present. At 1600 hrs, the padre had his hour with Sp, C, D and HQ coys. His subject "Has God a Plan for Man" was one which evoked keen interest and a good discussion followed. Four Fr Cdn	JS

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			<p>Offrs came to the regt from 6 CIRU on attachment today, namely Lts Dupont, Cardin, Jarbert and Lavoie. Capt J.W. Burgess returned today from a 2 wk course at Bernard's Castle. Exercise 'Signpost' took place today, and consisted only of driving over a route marked out with 2 Div Sigas as will be used in the coming mos. Personnel from tot, Q, DRs and several offrs travelled over the route. Offr i/c in the morning was Lt Wilson and in the afternoon Capt Wilston. Col Macdonald went to the RHLI for dinner in the evening. It was a special one for Col Rockingham who is leaving the regt on a staff course. "So Proudly We Hail" was shown in the 'Y' cinema in the evening. Around 2200 hrs several offrs who were watching the searchlights and AA bursts had the pleasure of seeing one of Jerry's planes tumble to earth as a blazing mass.</p>	
	25 FEB 44		<p>Exercise 'Load' was carried out by Sp and HQ coys during the morning while D coy went to Colgate Ranges for the day. During the morning Col Macdonald interviewed all pl comds and put them in the picture concerning the coming pl competition. The organization of the new scout pl got under way with Capt McIntyre taking several of the candidates to the range to test their marksmanship. Offrs at Bde HQ were quite surprised when the Adjt Capt Wilston, stopped in for breakfast. Actually he had not been out all night but had attended Father Dalton's morning mass. At 1200 hrs all available offrs left by MT for Balmer Common near Lewes where they saw a demonstration of a coy in the attack, sp by arty and mortar fire. In the afternoon Lt Wilson attended a lecture at 2 Corps HQ by a G2(I) who had just returned from Italy. Sgt Foster went up with tpt today to #10 Can Military Hosp and brought CSM Merry down for the week-end. CSM Merry left the regt last summer to go to Italy, and while in action there had the misfortune to lose a foot. This has not dampened his spirit however, and his many friends in the regt gave him a big welcome. In the evening an excellent ENSA concert was put on in the YMCA hut and the artists were later entertained in the Offrs Mess.</p>	FD
	26 FEB 44		<p>Sat was general adm day for most coys. Sp coy went to Colgate Ranges for the day, while B coy took over duties from A coy. Two pls, those of Lt Havill and Lt S. McDonald went to Petworth Area for a 48 hr exercise. Their trg was inspected this morning by Maj Jones. During the morning word was received that Brig Sherwood Lett, DSO, MC, ED, who led 4 Bde at Dieppe, is again Brig of 4 Bde replacing Brig Sager who has another appointment. Brig Lett has the reputation of being a very able soldier and those who knew him at Dieppe all agree that the Bde has a very capable leader. The evening was one of social activities both in the Bn and in the bde. The sgts held a dance in their mess which was enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance. Music was provided by No 9</p>	FD

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			Can Gen Hosp Orchestra. Several CWACs were invited from Camp Borden. During the evening Maj Gen Foulkes, GOC, 2 Div and Brig Sherwood Lett, 4 Bde, called in at the party. Brig Lett received a great ovation from the sgts when he was introduced by the C.O. Col Macdonald, Capt Tilston and Capt Cohen represented the regt at the offrs dance at the RHLI, while Maj Jones and Maj Laird attended an offrs dance at the Lake Superior Regt.	
	27 FEB 44		At 1000 hrs Protestant Communion Service was held while RC Mass took place at 1100 hrs. At 1400 hrs four members of the regt were confirmed by the Bishop of Chichester at Chichester Cathedral. In the evening representatives from the HRC and RHLI met with a group of offrs here and discussed matters of interest to the three regts: namely a buffet supper to be given WED evening in honour of Brig Sager, and also a skit depicting various phases in tactics which is to be put on for bde and other fms. A visitor at the Mess during the day was Lt Col L.A. Deziel. The picture "Talk of the Town" was shown in the 'V' cinema at 1800 hrs.	FF
	28 FEB 44		There were moans and groans as reveille blew at 0700 hrs for it meant that P.T. was only fifteen min away. This is the first we have had since the termination of this enforced exercise last fall. However, from 0715 to 0730 all were 'cracking' about the camp. Breakfast was served at 0800 and first parade at 0845 hrs. During the morning, Col Macdonald spoke to all coys in the YCA hall. He stressed the need for physical fitness and said that trg during MAR would be directed toward this end. CSM Merry, who is spending a few days leave with the regt after returning from Italy, spoke briefly of his experiences in Italy also stressed the need for physical fitness and told of the good work being done by the other offrs and NCOs from this regt who are attd to units in Italy. Muster parade and pay parade were held for all coys today. In the afternoon, A coy carried out minefield trg, C coy had a recap on weapons. CSM Merry had dinner as guest of the C.O. at the offrs mess in the evening. Afterwards in a fire side group the offrs asked CSM Merry various questions and passed on much interesting infn about his experiences in Italy. Col Macdonald then gave a short talk to the offrs, and this was followed by Maj Thomson giving a short review of recent changes in inf weapons.	FF
	29 FEB 44		Reveille was cold and frosty this morning so that breakfast could be served at 0700 hrs. At 0745 hrs coy parades were held and at 0830 hrs the bn moved off for Christs Hospital. Around 0935 hrs the regt arrived at the school and formed up on one side	FF

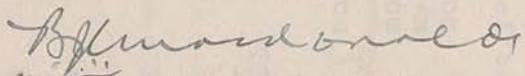
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			<p>of the open square formation which 4 Cdn Inf Bde uses for Bde inspections. Brig Lett took over the parade and put the bde through the ceremonial which will be used for Gen Montgomery's Inspection tomorrow. It was very chilly and any uneasiness in the ranks was perhaps due to this fact. The Bn was well turned out in respect to dress but the marching lacked that smartness which is necessary to give a parade a 'finished' appearance. When the unit arrived back at Slinfold Camp, Col Macdonald brought this fact to the attention of all ranks and a short exercise on marching was carried out. No 1 Coy still did not come up to the required standard so was given further trg in the afternoon. In the afternoon, several oftrs and OR s went to Cowfold to see the cross country race, which was to decide the title for 2 Cdn Inf Div. Our team had worked hard and put up an excellent race. However, they had to take second place and the South Sask Regt came out as winners. During the evening a Bingo game was held in the YMCA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  (B.J.S. MACDONALD) Lt.Col., Commanding Officer, ESSEX SCOTTISH REGIMENT. </p>	<p>g.g.</p>