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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
1000 AREA	1941			
ADG.	1		The C. in C. Home Forces, Sir Alan Brodie, visited the bn area this date and stopped at Bn Mess for tea. He was accompanied by General Allum, Col. Simmons and Brig. Topp and many staff officers from Corps, Div and Bde. In his inspection the C. in C. visited defended posts in the C reg area and witnessed a baseball game between A and H coys. <i>CAB</i>	
	2		The officers of the bn were hosts at a garden party this date to about 100 residents of the area at Bn Hq, Calshot place. Among those present were the Duchess of Bedford and her daughter Lady Daphne, Gen. Allum, Brig. Topp, Lt-Col. Lowe, officer commanding the local Home Guard, and others. <i>CAB</i>	
	3		Advice was received this date that the bn would move shortly to the Comberley area. Captain J. Willis and Lt. Hall Watson proceeded to the area for a preliminary recce. <i>CAB</i>	
	4		The Commanding Offr and Major Wakefield made a recce of the Wintersham area in preparation for the forthcoming 4 Corps scheme in which the unit is participating as enemy. <i>CAB</i>	
	5		This unit, acting under comd 107 RRS commenced exercise HAWTHORN. The 24 GUARDS RRS which includes THE IRISH GUARDS, THE WELSH GUARDS, ROYAL GUARDS acted with 107 RRS as enemy to the 4 Corps. For the first time this unit was able to use R/T communication between coys and Bn Hq. It was found to be of invaluable assistance in directing operations. (appx. 1 attached) <i>CAB</i> APPENDIX 1	
	6		The unit continued with HAWTHORN. Successful battle patrols were the highlight of operations during the hours of darkness. <i>CAB</i>	
	7		The advance party whose special task it will be to prepare accommodation in the area to which the bn is moving 11 Aug 41 in the Comberley area, left at 0730hrs. <i>CAB</i>	
	8		Exercise HAWTHORN was over as far as the operations of this unit were concerned at 0000hrs. The bn returned to billets in RRS by march route and shuttle system - a system of transporting troops in an emergency designed by this unit. <i>CAB</i>	
	9		The RRS staff was engaged this date in a signal exercise. Div orders were issued for the return move of the bn to the Aldershot area and preparations were made accordingly. <i>CAB</i>	
	10		Reservist Recruit, C.C. Order no. 1 together with Adm order covering move to new area was issued this date. (see appx. attached.) <i>CAB</i> APPENDIX 2	

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CAMBERLEY	BES - AUG.	10	The Bn was relieved by the 6 HANCOCK at 1000hrs, the relief being completed at 1730hrs. Bn. HQ immediately opened at the Dorney House Club, Rye, and the various coys moved to billet areas for the night 10/11 Aug 41. Lt-Col. A. S. Pearson and the Adjutant made several calls on people of Rye who had been friendly to the regiment among whom were Mr. Sheehan, the entertained at tea, Lt-Col. Hove QMCP Commanding the Home Guard and Miss H. Simnett, who organized the many dances enjoyed by the various coys.	CAB
		11	The bn moved from Rye at 0015hrs in a heavy downpour. It was as though the weather was in sympathetic harmony with the tinge of sadness that prevailed as the bn left this pleasant town. The move was completed by 1800hrs and the bn set about the task of establishing itself in new billets in area Camberley. Bn HQ was established at PINEHURST HOUSE on Park Road.	CAB
	12		The order of the day provided for a thorough cleanup of billets, weapons and equipment. It has been noted that conditions will necessitate at least two days cleaning to the exclusion of training. Communications have not as yet been provided and administration problems are complex. A meeting of all officers was held at Bn HQ at 2000hrs. Matters of immediate interest pertaining to the present situation were discussed.	CAB
	13		General cleaning fatigues were continued this date and plans for future training were discussed. Notices of a river crossing scheme to be held early in September was received.	CAB
	14		Lt-Col. Pearson is acting Bde Comd during the absence of Brig. Topp who is on leave. Training programmes have been settled and work is progressing.	CAB
	15		A very quiet routine day. Nothing of unusual interest transpired.	CAB
	16		The bn was visited by Vincent Sheehan, famous American author and newspaper correspondent. After a short visit with the coys Mr. Sheehan had luncheon at Bn HQ. He was most interested in the Pipe Band which played on the large lawn at the rear of HQ.	QAD
	17		Church parades were held for protestant and roman catholic denominations at local churches. Officers and other ranks took advantage of this first Sunday in the new area to become familiar with their new surroundings.	CAB

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400	18		Brig. Courtney's Party, commanding this sub-area, discussed arm problems with the second-in-command and the adjutant, in the absence of the commanding officer. (Fr. Program attached)	
	19		A quiet day, nothing of interest to report. The C.O. attended a reception at 8 Gdn Div HQ in honor of senior officers of 8 Gdn Div now stationed at Aldershot.	Cap APPENDIX 3
	20		The bn was engaged this date on a exercise involving river crossing. The exercise was highly successful and although Col. Pearson viewed the proceedings as acting Dic Comd and Major L.W.P. Whofield acted as in comd there were no hitches in the arrangements. (see appx.)	Cap
	21		Routine training has been instituted by all corps and special details. The C.O. had a long interview with the Dic Comd this date when several confidential matters were discussed and adjusted.	Cap APPENDIX 4
	22		The bn softball team was defeated in a splendid game in the divisional championship finals by a score of 4-0. The 8 MECS HQ was the visitor.	Cap
	23		Brig. Zopp made a call on 1st HQ this date and stayed for tea.	Cap
	24		The final Gdn Corps Sports meet was held at Aldershot this date in an extremely heavy rain. W.L. Mackenzie King was an interested spectator.	Cap
	25		C.O. No. 2 covering an H.T. practice move was issued this date. (see appendix)	Cap APPENDIX 5
	26		Church parades for all ranks were held following which those not on essential duties enjoyed a respite from the normal training programs.	Cap
	27		Training programme for the week attached as para. 6.	Cap APPENDIX 6
	28		Corps were engaged in range work and although handicapped in administrative details by reason of the fact that this date was an a.t. holiday considerable value was gained from a training standpoint.	Cap
	29		A practice m.t. move was made this date and the divisional representative who viewed the column as it passed reported the move to be a particularly efficient one.	Cap
	30		Advice received this date to effect that W.L. Mackenzie King would visit this unit on 29th August 41. A meeting of all officers was called at 1700hrs to discuss and settle programs for that day.	Cap
	31		Preparations were completed for the visit of Premier King scheduled for tomorrow but at 1800 hrs this date advice was received that the proposed visit had been postponed until a later date to be notified.	Cap

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GARDEN CITY	1941			
AMO.	20		Nothing of interest transpired this date.	CAB
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AMO.	21		After church parades all ranks not on essential duties enjoyed sports programs and other recreational activities.	CAB CAB CAB
			STRENGTH AS OF 31 AUG 41: 36 Officers & 701 Other Ranks.	

			REGIMENTAL ORDERS, PART I, for the month of August, 1941 -----	APPENDIX 7
			UNIT PART II ORDERS, for the month of August, 1941 (as issued by 2nd Echelon) -----	APPENDIX 6
			WEEKLY FIELD REPORTS & WEEKLY OFFICERS RETURN, for the month of August, 1941 -----	APPENDIX 9
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			 (A. S. PEARSON) Lieut.-Colonel, "COMPAGNIE" BUSH SCOUTS REGT. - C.A.C.O.'S	
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