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ALDERSHOT.	FEB. 1941			
	FEB. 1		A NORMAL DAY. THERE WERE NO AFTERNOON PARADES AND ALL RANKS WHO HAD NO SPECIFIC DUTIES WERE FREE FROM 1200HRS.	<u>Cap</u>
	2		CHURCH PARADE WAS HELD AT ST. GEORGE'S GARRISON CHURCH FOR PROTESTANTS AND AT ST. MICHAEL'S GARRISON CHURCH FOR THE R.C. THE COLONEL AND A/ADJUTANT MADE A RECCO OF THE AREA OVER WHICH AN ATTACK EXERCISE WILL BE HELD BY THE BN. ON 5 FEB. 41. 2/LIEUT. A. D. MOTHERSILL, BROTHER OF CAPT. J. D. MOTHERSILL AND CAPT. D. J. MOTHERSILL, R.G., WHO HAS RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY FROM CANADA VISITED THE REGS AND GAVE THE OFFICERS INTERESTING SIDE-LIGHTS ON CONDITIONS AT HOME.	<u>Cap</u>
	3		LIEUT. J. A. HILLIS RETURNED TO THE UNIT FROM GARRISON'S CONVALESCENT HOME. HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE COMPLETELY RECOVERED BUT INSISTS THAT HE IS FIT. A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER IN THE OFFICER PERSONNEL. LIEUT. HILLIS BECAME A/C.O. OF HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, LIEUT. R. F. SHEPPARD, M.C., BECAME A/I.O., LIEUT. H. J. KENNEDY BECAME A/GARRISON PL. OFFR., LIEUT. E. S. MCGONKELL BECAME A/I.O. AND LIEUT. L. A. DEERL CONTINUES AS A/ADJUTANT. SYLLABUS FOR THE WEEK ATTACHED. (APPX. 2)	<u>Cap</u> APPENDIX 1
	4		THE COYS WERE EXERCISED IN NORMAL TRAINING THROUGHOUT THE DAY BUT IN PREPARATION FOR THE ATTACK SCHEME SCHEDULED FOR 5 FEB. 41 ALL RANKS WERE CONFINED TO BARRACKS AFTER DARK AND LIGHTS OUT SOUNDED AT 2115HRS. LT-COL. PEARSON AND THE A/ADJUTANT ATTENDED AT THE BDE. COMDS. OFFICE AT 1945HRS TO RECEIVE HIS ORDERS AND SUBSEQUENTLY A MEETING OF THE OFFICERS OF THE UNIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING THE COLONEL'S ORDERS. THIS EXERCISE IS INTERESTING IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ALL OPERATIONS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED BY SIGNALS. THE COLONEL ISSUED OPERATION ORDER #10, COVERING PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS. (SEE APPX. 2)	<u>Cap</u> APPENDIX 2
	5		REVEILLE WAS AT 0345HRS, BREAKFAST AT 0400HRS AND FALL IN AT 0545HRS. THE HEAD OF THE COLUMN PASSED THE BDE. S.P. AT 0600HRS. THE REGIMENT DEBUSHED IN THE AREA ALLOTTED AND MARCHED TO AN ASSEMBLY AREA WHERE THEY WAITED UNTIL THE ATTACK EXERCISE STARTED. THE WHOLE SCHEME WAS MOST INTERESTING AND PRODUCTIVE AND ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WAS UNPLEASANT, IT WAS APPRECIATED BY ALL RANKS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXERCISE THE BATTALION HAD A HOT MEAL AND STARTED FOR HOME VIA BARNON ROUTE AT 1300HRS ARRIVING AT 2110HRS. THE MEN WERE TIRED BUT NOT BY MEANS WEARY. THERE WAS SOME SUGGESTION THAT THE A/ADJUTANT COULDN'T TAKE IT WHICH OF COURSE WAS A FALSE REPORT.	<u>Cap</u>
	6		AFTER A REFRESHING REST THE REGIMENT CARRIED OUT NORMAL TRAINING DUTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRAINING SYLLABUS. THE C.O. WAS CALLED TO A CONFERENCE WITH THE BRIGADE COMMANDER AT 1700HRS AT WHICH TIME HE WAS ADVISED THAT THE BRIGADE WOULD BE VISITED ON 7 FEB. 41 BY SIR JOHN DILL, CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF. (SEE PROGRAMME ATTACHED, APPX. 3)	<u>Cap</u> APPENDIX 3
	7.		THE REGIMENT MOVED OFF TO THE AREA ASSIGNED TO IT FOR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS EXERCISES AT 0810HRS. THE COYS ALL HAD AMPLE TIME TO ARRANGE PROGRAMMES TO BE INSPECTED AND DUTY JOBS ARRIVED AT 1130HRS. AFTER A RATHER HEAVY INCRESTION THE BN. HAD LUNCH IN THE FIELD AND RETURNED TO BARRACKS AT 1400HRS.	<u>Cap</u>
	8.		A NORMAL ROUTINE MORNING. THE AFTERNOON WAS TAKEN UP GENERALLY BY PREPARATION NECESSITATED BY COLONEL'S PEARSON'S EXPECTED ABSENCE ON LEAVE.	<u>Cap</u>
	9		COLONEL PEARSON LEFT AT 1000HRS FOR HOME ON LEAVE. ORDERS WERE RECEIVED FROM BDE H.Q. IN CONNECTION WITH A DIVISIONAL EXERCISE INVOLVING ALL FORMATION HEADQUARTERS IN THE 2 DIV. MAJOR MOTHERSILL AND LIEUT. MCGONKELL MADE A RECCO OF THE GENERAL AREA ALLOCATED TO THE REGIMENT AND DECIDED TO ESTABLISH H.Q. AT THE REAR OF THE WELLINGTON HOTEL NEAR GARRISON. (SEE APPX. 4 FOR RECCO REPORT). LIEUT. D.V. GUEST WAS NOTIFIED THAT HIS PL. WHICH WON THE BN. SKILL AT ARMS COMPETITION WOULD COMPETE IN THE BDE FINAL CONCERNING COLOURS, 10 FEB. 41.	<u>Cap</u> APPENDIX 4
	10		5 COY SUPPLIED A DUTY PARTY OF 36 MEN, 9 COYS AND 1 OFFR FOR THE BDE FINAL SKILL AT ARMS COMPETITION. THE REMINDER OF THE BN. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BN. H.Q. SCHEME GROUP CARRIED OUT NORMAL TRAINING. THE SCHEME GROUP CONSISTING OF THE A/C.O., MAJOR MOTHERSILL, THE A/I.O., THE SIG. OFFR., 4 INT. MEN, TWO S.P. CLERKS, A COOK, 7 DRIVERS AND 12 SIGNALLERS, LEFT THE BARRACK AREA AT 0810HRS AND ESTABLISHED IN AT THE WELLINGTON HOTEL AT 1000HRS. CAPT. S. STEELE OF THE CAMERON HIGHLANDERS, WHO WAS AS BN. INSPECTION AND REPORTED AT 1400HRS. THE SCHEME WAS DESIGNED TO TEST COMMUNICATION SKILLS BY DRIVING THROUGH TERRAIN UNFAMILIAR TO THE COMPETITION MEN, INCLUDING, SLEETING, ETC. AND THE H.Q. ARRIVED AT ITS NEW DESTINATION AT 2115HRS.	<u>Cap</u>

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ALDERSHOT	FEB. 11		THE COMMUNICATION SCHEME CONTINUED UNTIL 1300HRS. THE PARTY ARRIVED BACK IN THE BARRACK AREA AT 1430HRS. (SEE APPX. 5 FOR LOG) MAJOR E. W. WILLIAMS ACTED AS O.C. AND LIEUT. D. F. READE ACTED AS ADJUTANT DURING THE SCHEME PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED.	Cap APPENDIX 5
	12		SYLLABUS FOR THE WEEK ATTACHED, SEE APPX. 6. LIEUT. D. F. GUEST WAS ADVISED THAT HIS PL. HAD WON THE SOE. COMPETITION IN THE SKILL AT ARMS TEST. LIEUTENANTS J. A. WILLIS AND L. A. DEZIEL WERE INTERVIEWED BY THE G. O. C., GENERAL CULVER, IN THE MORNING IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING PROMOTIONS. THE BATTALION WAS NOTIFIED OF A SOE. ATTACK SCHEME WHICH WOULD COMMENCE ON ONE HOUR'S NOTICE AFTER 2000HRS THIS DATE.	Cap APPENDIX 6
	13		THE UNIT UNDER COMMAND OF MAJOR J. H. BOWENHILL WAS ENGAGED FROM 0245HRS UNTILL 2300HRS THIS DATE ON A BRIGADE ATTACK EXERCISE. THE MOVE BY H.T. TO THE DEBUSHING POINT AT BILFORD WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT INCIDENT. THERE WAS A LONG PERIOD OF INACTIVITY UNTIL ORDERS FOR AN ATTACK WERE RECEIVED AT 1200HRS TOO LATE FOR THE MID-DAY MEAL TO BE SERVED. THE EXERCISE WAS COMPLETED AT 2300HRS AND AFTER A HOT MEAL WAS SERVED THE TROOPS RETURNED BACK TO BARRACKS, A DISTANCE OF 12 MILES. H.T. WAS FORCED UP IN CONVOY AND RETURNED TO BARRACKS UNDER LIEUT. R. F. WOODWARD, M.C. HOT DRINKS AND CIGARETTES WERE SERVED ON ARRIVAL AT BARRACKS.	Cap
	14		DUE TO THE STRENUOUS EXERCISE OF YESTERDAY'S DATE A CHANGE WAS MADE IN ROUTINE TO PERMIT REVEILLE TO BE ONE HOUR LATER THAN USUAL. THE BRIGADE COMMANDER WITNESSED A PRACTICE OF LIEUT. D. F. GUEST'S PLATOON WHICH WILL COMPETE FOR THE COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP TO-MORROW. HE EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS BEING PLEASED WITH THE PERFORMANCE. A PHOTOGRAPHER ACTING AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOME AGENCY TOOK NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPERS ABROAD. A SOE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE STANNON DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTACK SCHEME OF 13 FEB. 41.	Cap
	15		THE FINALS IN THE SKILL AT ARMS COMPETITION FOR THE ALDERSHOT COMMAND WERE HELD THIS DATE COMMENCING AT 0900HRS. IN THIS CONNECTION THE SOE. COMD. INSPECTED LIEUT. D. F. GUEST'S PLATOON AND EXPRESSED HIS BEST WISHES FOR THEIR SUCCESS. THE BOWENHILL BROTHERS POSED FOR A PHOTOGRAPH IN THE AFTERNOON.	Cap
	16		THE USUAL CHURCH PARADE FOR ALL RANKS AT 0800HRS WAS FOLLOWED BY A QUIET DAY.	Cap
	17		SYLLABUS FOR THE WEEK ATTACHED, APPX. 7. COL. PEARSON RETURNED FROM LEAVE AND EXPRESSED HIMSELF WELL RESTED. NORMAL TRAINING INCLUDED A THREE-MILE RUN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHOOSING A TEAM TO REPRESENT THE REGIMENT IN A FIVE-MILE RUN TO BE STAGED BY 2 COR. DIV. COL. PEARSON RECEIVED RECORDINGS MADE AT THE 1000 AT HOME ON NEW YEARS IN TINDSON.	APPENDIX 7 Cap
	18		THIS WAS ONE OF THE QUIETEST DAYS EXPERIENCED BY THE UNIT SINCE RETURNING FROM BRIGHTON. A WORKING PARTY OF 10 MEN UNDER 2/LIEUT. WOODWARD RE-ARRANGED SOME WIRE FOR THE SOUTH ALDERSHOT COMMAND.	Cap
	19		THE DAY WAS SPENT IN PREPARATION FOR THE EXPECTED VISIT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING TO-BEFORE. COLONEL PEARSON ATTENDED A CONFERENCE AT SOE AND HELD THREE CONFERENCES WITH HIS COY COMDS. THEN ALL ARRANGEMENTS WERE COMPLETE AT ABOUT 1300HRS AN ORDER WAS RECEIVED CANCELLING ALL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND CONTROL.	Cap
	20		DUE TO CANCELLATION OF THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS PROGRAMME, NORMAL ROUTINE TRAINING AS Laid DOWN IN THE SYLLABUS WAS FOLLOWED. 375,000 CIGARETTES WAS RECEIVED BY THE UNIT FROM THE TINDSON SMOKE FUND COMMITTEE FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG ALL RANKS. INFORMATION HAVING BEEN RECEIVED THAT LIEUT. J. B. SINGAY WAS THE FATHER OF A BABY BOY, AN INFORMAL CELEBRATION WAS HELD IN THE OFFICERS' MESS... AN INSTRUCTIONAL DOCUMENT IN CONNECTION WITH FURTHERING DIVISIONAL EXERCISES WAS RECEIVED TODAY, COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED AS APPX. 8.	Cap
	21		PRELIMINARY ADVISE WAS RECEIVED PERTAINING TO THE DIVISIONAL EXERCISE TO BE HELD 26, 27 AND 28 FEB. 41. A CONFERENCE OF BATTALION COMMANDERS WAS HELD AT SOE. H.Q. AT 1000HRS TO DISCUSS AVAILABLE DETAILS AND TO MAKE SITUATION IMPROVEMENTS. THE G.C. HELD A CONFERENCE OF ALL OFFERS OF THIS UNIT AT 1300HRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUAINTING THE OFFERS WITH THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION. AN OFFICE TRUCK WAS DELIVERED FOR USE BY G.C. IT APPEARS TO EXTREMELY SMALL BUT MAY PROVE EFFECTIVE.	APPENDIX 8 Cap
	22		FOLLOWING ON, PARADE THE G.C. AND A/ADJUTANT MADE A RECCO OF THE AREA OVER WHICH IT IS EXPECTED THE PROPOSED DIVISIONAL EXERCISE WILL BE HELD. THEY WERE MET IN THE AREA AT 1300HRS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH COY AT WHICH THE COYS ASSEMBLY AREAS WERE ALLOCATED. ALL OFFICERS THEN MADE RECCO OF ALL ROUTES WHICH MIGHT BE USED. THE FINALS IN THE FIVE MILE CROSS COUNTRY RUN WERE HELD AT 1300HRS. THE UNIT PLACED 2ND IN THE SOE.	APPENDIX 9 Cap

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ALDERSHOT, ENG.	FEB. 23		SUNDAY. - THE USUAL CHURCH PARADE WAS FOLLOWED BY A QUIET DAY. THE FIVE SETS OF OFFICER BROTHERS, THE SMITHS, DEZIELS, WILLIAMS-GUEST, GREENS AND TURNBULLS HAD A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN WITH THE COMMANDING OFFICER.	Cap
	24		MAJOR F. E. JASPERSON RETURNED TO THE UNIT FOR DUTY FOLLOWING AN ABSENCE OF 10 DAYS ON COMMAND. TRAINING SYLLABI FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 24 FEB. 41 ATTACHED AS APPX. 10. THE SIGNALS EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR 23 FEB. 41 WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE CORPS EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR 26-28 FEB. 41. NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED THAT THE ESSEX BODY. WOULD BE HOST AND WOULD QUARTER AND DAYTON SEES 11 OFFTS AND 110 G. 20. OF THE NO. 1 GLOBE SUPPORT BOMBER CONTROL, FOR AN UNDETERMINED PERIOD COMMENCING 25 FEB. 41.	Cap APPENDIX 10.
	25		THE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL MENTIONED YESTERDAY, HAVE ARRIVED. OTHER RANKS WERE QUARTERED IN THE LECTURE ROOMS AND THE OFFICERS WERE QUARTERED IN SAIDA HOUSE OFFICERS' MESS. EXCEPT FOR ROUTINE PREPARATION FOR THE DIVISIONAL EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR 26-28 FEB. 41, NORMAL TRAINING WAS CARRIED ON. ATTACHED WILL BE FOUND APPX. 11, BESSING DETAILS FOR THREE DAY TRANSPORT MOVE, DATED 25 FEB. 41.	Cap APPENDIX 11
	26		THE DIVISIONAL EXERCISE (DOE) COMMENCED AT 0800HRS. A MOVEMENT ORDER WAS PUBLISHED, BEING ESSEX SCOT. ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO. 7 ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ESSEX SCOT. ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO. 7. (SEE APPENDIX 12.)	Cap APPENDIX 12
	1700		THE REGIMENT MOVED BY H.Y. TO A POINT OF READINESS NEAR FERNHURST ARRIVING ABOUT 2000HRS. THE AREA WAS DEVOID OF BUILDINGS AND THE MEN REQUIRED TO BIVOUAC. THE WEATHER TURNED TO RAIN AT 2100HRS AND CONDITIONS BECAME UNPLEASANT FOR DIVULGED PERSONNEL.	
	27	0030	ENEMY PLANES DROPPED A NUMBER OF BOMBS IN THE AREA BETWEEN 2045 & 2400HRS BUT NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AND NO DAMAGE DONE. THE BDE COMD ISSUED ORDERS FOR A MOVE TO AN ASSEMBLY AREA AT 0030HRS AND THE BATTALION MOVED ACCORDINGLY BY H.Y. AT 0500HRS VISIBILITY WAS BAD AND THE ROADS WERE SLIPPERY. ONE TROOP CARRYING HUS BECAME BEHIND AND BLOCKED THE MOVEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES FOR TWO HOURS. UPON ARRIVAL IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA AT 0745 HRS BREAKFAST WAS EATEN IN A BLINDING RAIN AND AT 0800HRS THE BN. MOVED TO A RENDEZVOUS DESIGNATED BY THE BDE COMD, IN PREPARATION FOR A MOVE TO AN ATTACK STARTING LINE.	Cap
	1300		THE BDE COMD ISSUED FURTHER ORDERS AT 1300HRS AND THE BN. MADE A FURTHER MOVE BY BUSH ROUTE TO A FORWARD ASSEMBLY AREA WHERE THE COMMANDING OFFICER ISSUED ORDERS FOR THE ATTACK. THE CEASE FIRE ORDER WAS GIVEN AT 1600HRS AND THE BN. MOVED BACK TO AN EMERGENCY POINT IN PREPARATION FOR THE MOVE BACK TO BARRACKS. ORDERS WERE RECEIVED WHICH REQUIRED THE BN. TO PASS THE BDE. S.P. AT 0030HRS.	Cap
	28		THE BN. ARRIVED BACK IN BARRACKS BETWEEN 0330 & 0600HRS. REVEILLE WAS SOUNDED LATE AND NORMAL TRAINING WAS SUSPENDED FOR THE DAY TO ENABLE THE MEN TO CLEAN AND DRY EQUIPMENT. THE ONLY PARADE CALLED WAS A BN. MARCH PARADE, WHICH WAS TERMINATED SATISFACTORILY.	
			REGIMENTAL ORDERS, FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1941 -----	APPENDIX 13
			PART II ORDERS, FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1941 -----	APPENDIX 14
			WEEKLY FIELD RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1941 -----	APPENDIX 15
			WEEKLY OFFENCE RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1941 -----	APPENDIX 16
			BATTALION STRENGTH (AS OF 28 FEB. 41, 2350HRS): 36 OFFTS AND 722 OTHER RANKS.	

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