

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
1	1		Reveille was sounded at 0600hrs and fall in at 0610hrs. The M. convoy moved off at 0630hrs in the worst weather this unit has experienced since landing in England. A thick heavy fog was falling and a penetrating breeze was blowing. The unit arrived in its concentration area at 1250hrs and boys took up positions assigned to them by Major J. H. Metherall who acted as O.C. Recce Party. M. H. was established at a fine old Estate farm and pre-arrangements were made to provide sleeping accommodation in barns and out-buildings. At 1410hrs an order was received cancelling the whole exercise, as a result of which, orders were issued for return to barracks. The move back was carried out without incident and the unit was installed at 1845hrs. Training programme for the week attached as appx 1.	APPENDIX 1
2			Lieut.-Col. A. B. Pearson was notified of his appointment as 3 CEN DIV representative on the C.O.C. Selection Board. His duties with the board will be to interview N.C.O.'s recommended for CCM and to select those to receive this training. A new training syllabus was completed to cover the three days during which the unit was supposed to participate in the REMITE exercise and training thereunder was carried out. (see appx 1)	
3			Advice was received that the C.O.C., General Odium, would make an inspection of vehicles of this unit on 4 Apr 41 at approximately 1500hrs, and arrangements were made accordingly. An issue of 50 cigarettes was made from the regimental stock to all ranks and this totalled 39000 distributed.	
4			The C.O.C. inspected unit vehicles this date and was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Woods, Major Francis and Capt. Neighan, all of the divisional staff. After a very exhaustive inspection the C.O.C. expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the condition of the transport and indicated that he would give the drivers some extra leave for their excellent work.	
5			way to another unit to inspect transport. His halted near the parade ground and he viewed the usual Saturday Battalion parade was witnessed by the C.O.C., General Odium, who was on his the proceedings for some minutes.	
6			The Protestant Padre, R/Captain Paton, announced from the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church that Germany had declared war on Yugoslavia and Greece. A short prayer was read for our new Allies.	

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	7		The Bde Comd conducted an inspection of Barracks and regimental services and expressed himself as being quite satisfied with the conditions existing in the whole barrack area. Training Program for the week commencing 7 apr 41 attached as appendix 2.	APPENDIX 2
	8		A Course for all officers in the use and maintenance of motorcycles was started to qualify officers to ride the vehicles. Coy's were engaged on range work and in attack exercises.	
	9		An inspection of the dispersal area to be used in the event of air-raids was made by the coy comds who expressed themselves as satisfied. A challenge was received by the Offrs' Mess from the Sergts' Mess for a game of soccer football to be played 10 apr 41. Remarks on the inspection of vehicles by the C.O.C. 4-5- Apr 41 are attached as an appx.	APPENDIX 2A
	10		Normal training was varied by pleasant visit from a Mrs. Cantlie of Glasgow and a Miss Kendall, nursing sister in charge of diet at #1 Neurological Hospital. They were escorted by the Bde Comd who made a comprehensive inspection of messing facilities and barrack room layout for the purpose of assisting in organizing the facilities for their own units. The afternoon was spent in Sports and the Sergts. and Offrs. battled in a lively game of football which resulted in a 5 - 1 victory for the Sergeants.	
	11		Good Friday! Due to the exigencies of the time no holiday was declared for this day and training was carried out according to syllabus. A Church parade for all ranks was ordered at 1500hrs. The Protestant group paraded to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the R.C.'s paraded to St. Michael's Church. Instructions were received to the effect that the exercise HENRI previously cancelled was scheduled for the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th 10th, 17th, 18th and 19th April 41.	
	12		The usual bn parade was called at 0815hrs. C coy was not included as that coy was employed on a withdrawal exercise under comd of Capt. W.J.S. Knox, coy 2 i/c. Major B.J.S. Macdonald commanding "C" Coy was acting as an umpire with the 1st Bde on an exercise. The Messing offr delivered a lecture to A Coy on messing problems following bn parade. The Bde Comd and Bde-Major attended and expressed themselves as quite pleased with the subject & the method with which it was handled.	

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apr.	13		Easter Sunday! Church services were arranged to permit O. of E's, R.O's and other denominations to have separate parades. The R.O's went to St. Michael's Garrison Church, O of E's went to St. George's Church and all other denominations attended St. Andrew's Church. The day was spent quietly with a number of officers making recess for the BWHIT exercise. Instructions were received to the effect that 75% of unit transport would be dispersed outside Aldershot Town limits.	
	14		Normal training was carried out in accordance with the Training Programme. (att'd for week.) A meeting of all officers was called by the Commanding Officer for the purpose of a preliminary discussion of arrangements for the BWHIT Exercise.	APPENDIX 3
	15		Colonel Pearson, who is B Cdn Div representative on the C.O.F.U. Board was away and will continue to be employed in this capacity until 21 Apr 41. Preparations were made for the BWHIT scheme move, trucks were loaded, equipment put into shape, etc. Three officers from Essex Scot Coy of No. 1 C.I.B.U. were attached to the Bn for the duration of the scheme. Lieuts A.D. Mothercill, D. Green and P. Ambrey reported at 1800hrs this date and were attached to A, B & C Coys respectively. Major J. H. Mothercill, acting C.O., issued his orders at 2250hrs.	
	16		The Bn moved at 0600hrs in convoy arriving in a concentration area near WIMBOROUGH GREEN at approximately 1800hrs and immediately settled down to await orders. There was considerable air activity during the early hours of the night which was plainly visible by the Bn personnel. Two enemy aircraft were reported to have been brought down in the area. The O's of Bn.H.Q. were treated to dinner at BUNHURST Farm, a picturesque old building dating back to the sixteenth century.	
	17		The A/C.O. received the Bde Comd orders at 0650hrs and a recess party reported to Bde H.Q. at 0730hrs. A recess was made by coy comd of both parts of assembly and the fwd areas from 0850hrs until 1850hrs and during this quiet period the personnel of the Bn enjoyed a variety of sports and took advantage of the lull to obtain the rest which would be required for the nights activities. Orders were received at 1800hrs that the Bn would move to the point of readiness as recess earlier to arrive at 0230hrs and would then move to the starting line as laid down to make an attack at 0500hrs. The move to the assembly area was completed without incident.	

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Apr. 18			The Bn moved from the assembly area near Amberley Station to the fwd posns which constituted the attack Start Line and the attack was launched without incident at 0500hrs. There was extremely little opposition due to the fact that the Bn took such excellent advantage of the artillery barrage which was provided and both objectives as laid down in the Bde Comd orders were taken by 0707hrs. The first objective was taken by A & B Coys and the final objective by C & D Coys. All posns were consolidated and preparations were made to meet an expected counter attack which did not develop. At 1800hrs the Bn moved back to the assembly area used the night previous near Amberley Station and from there to the concentration area.	
19			Food was served in the concentration area at 0620hrs and again at 0730hrs. Orders were received at 0800hrs that the Bn would move back to barracks at Aldershot at 0800hrs. The return move was accomplished without incident and the Bn was back in time to enjoy a hot meal at 1245hrs. Captain Charles A. Turnbull's promotion to the rank of Major was promulgated this date.	
20			All Church parades this date were voluntary and except for essential duties there was no activity of an unusual nature.	
21			Training Programme for the week commencing this date attached as appx 4. Due to the restrictions on the use of H.F. on Mondays all training was directed toward personal improvement of the individual in the use of weapons. Notification was received of the appointment of Captain C. H. Clarke as Staff-Captain of the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade. No news or notification has been received concerning Captain L. B. McDonald or Lieutenant K. W. MacIntyre, both of whom attended the same school as Capt. Clarke.	APPENDIX 4
22			Lieut. MacIntyre reported to the Bn for duty; whether this is to be temporary or permanent is not known. The Bde Comd notified the C.O. that the Bn would be visited by Sir Patrick Duff, an official of the British High Commissioner's Office in Canada. Lt.-Colonel A. G. Pearson completed his work on the C.C.F.C. Board for the present.	

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	26		A normal day with nothing of interest to report. Operation Order No. 16 for the Bn route march scheduled for 25-26-27 Apr 41 were issued. (atted) APPX. 5	
	26		The Bn commenced the three day route march leaving barracks at 0700hrs. The scheduled distance was covered without incident and there was little evidence of ill effects. Billets for all personnel were found in outhouses and buildings in the vicinity of WOKINGHAM through the kind generosity of the owners of the various properties. Bn. Headquarters were accommodated on the farm estate of L. Gardiner, Esquire, and a very pleasant evening of entertainment and refreshments was provided for the officers. Brigadier Topp, Major A. R. Roy, Capt. R.W.J. Paterson and Capt. L. R. McDonald were interested visitors.	
	26		The scheduled distance this date was also covered without incident and the Bn was comfortably billeted in and around BARNSTOCKS with A & B coys in the village of BARNSTOCKS. Bn. H.Q. was quartered on the estate of Capt. W. Mythe, an officer in the SCOTS GUARDS. The accommodation and the courtesy and consideration extended by all concerned was exceptional.	
	27		The last leg was completed at 1700hrs which brought the Bn back to Bn, tired but happy. The Bde Comd reviewed the column as it entered Aldershot. There were exceptionally few casualties considering the arduous nature of the trip and the C.O. was pleased with the performance.	
	28		Captain L. R. McDonald was returned temporarily to the Bn for duty, having satisfactorily completed the Junior War Staff Course at Lingfield. Normal training was carried out and there were no reports of any ill effects from the route march exercise. (syllabus for the week attached.) APPX. 6 The Bde Staff entertained the field officers & Adjutants of the Bde at the cocktail hour in honour of Major A.R. Roy who is to assume his duties as G II, Gen. Corps on 1 May 41.	

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 (A. G. Pearson) Lieut.-Col., Commanding BRIG SGT. ORDERS PART II (O's)				