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Lower Kidney Wood	1		<u>Continuation of exercise "Bumper"</u>	
		0335	Bn arrived in LOWER KIDNEY WOOD after being diverted from original intended area at GREAT OFFLEY and took up position of defence to protect LUTON from the SOUTH.	
		0815	Lieut Higgins our I O arrived from Bde with orders for us to move to NORTH of LUTON and take up position from WARDOWN PARK to ROUND GREEN. SITREP: "Carlt & York R in area BISCOTT to NORTH WEST of LUTON having had to withdraw from BARTON-in-the-CLAY. R22eR cut off at HITCHIN and unable to get back. Heavy enemy attack coming from NORTH between BARTON CLAY and HITCHIN. Believe to be in strength about 4 Divs. The 43 Div have been identified in vicinity of HEXTON. 54 Div have been identified in and around DEACON HILL. 2 Div identified about PINCHES CROSS. 6 armoured Div believed to be in area around UPPER STONDON."	41 7
		0900	Our Bn crossed SP for new area. Arrived new area 1030hrs and set up defence between WARDEN PARK and ROUND GREEN.	
		1100	Bde I O brought orders for us to 'slide slip' our right flank around EASTERN side of LUTON and contact Hastings & P E Regt in area NEW TOWN. A Coy plus 2 sections of Carriers ordered for this job.	
		1240	A Coy reports having contacted enemy at bridge over CANAL at 548399. Bridge has been blown casualties 4 Carriers.	
		1245	2 prisoners brought in from C Coy from 56 A/Tk. Papers on prisoners show 62 Bty A/Tk at LILLY, 56 A/Tk Bty at KING WALDON HQ at WHITEHALL FARM 618427. 2 or 3 Bty's at St PAUL WALDON in a wood. Notified our F O O and sent info on to Bde. C Coy report large number of enemy seen advancing over WARDEN HILL in general direction of LUTON. B Coy reports having contacted Carlt & York R on our left flank. As yet no contact with own tps reported from our right flank.	
		1330	One Coy Sask L I reports to Bn HQ to come under command and were immediately dispatched to our right flank BRALEBRIDGE - SLAUGHTER WOOD to lay down infilaid fire across our front between our posn and WARDEN HILL.	
		1450	At 1500 hrs 1 Cdn Inf Bde is going to attack from the WEST across their front on our left and we are to hold our posn to the last man. Seaforth of C will relieve Carlt & York R who will take up posn line LILLE - GREAT OFFLEY.	
		1500	C Coy reports quite an amount of patrol activity on their front. Patrols about the strength of pls.	CSH

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	1	1530	C Coy report having captured 1 carrier, 1 armoured car, 2 M/C's and nine prisoners from Recce Corps 4 Dorsets, 117 Bty RA. A Coy have also captured 1 15 cwt truck with eight prisoners from 217 Bty RA, 4 Bn Dorsets Regt. and Recce Corps.	
		1610	Activity on our front in direction of WARDEN HILL seems to be increasing.	
		1630	3 prisoners stumbled into Bde HQ. They were from the Recce Corps and attached to the London Scottish. They were doing a Recce in Luton and encountered some of our tps. Activity increasing in direction of C Coy and STOPPLEY COMMON. Attack seems imminent.	
		1715	Warning Order from Bde to be ready to move at 1745 hrs in direction of HITCHIN and take up posn at LITTLE WYMONDLEY and contact R22eR who are in HITCHIN.	
		1830	SITREP: R22eR are at HITCHIN with no serious enemy opposition. Carlt & York R moving from LUTON to GREAT OFFLEY and are encountering enemy in unknown strength in vicinity of LILLE. West N S R ready to move from LUTON area. Seaforth of C have reached GALLEY HILL and report enemy action from NORTH. 2 Bde passing through LUTON at 1830 hrs.	
		2000	Bn crossed SP at ROUND GREEN.	
		2300	Bn encountered heavy rifle fire at 597455.	
		2330	Middle of coln fired on by apparently small numbers of the enemy. A Capt. and 5 OR's have been taken prisoner by A Coy.	
	2	0300	Bn arrives at Xrd 566419.	
		0630	Our Bn have taken up posn along line of road from SLAUGHTER WOOD to WEGMORE HALL. Have not as yet contacted Units on flanks.	
		0830	Word comes through that we might expect a heavy attack from the SOUTH.	
		0950	LO from Bde reports that all rds leading from LUTON have been bombed.	
		1000	Engaged enemy vicinity WINCHELL WOOD and WINCHELL FARM. Attack proceeding according to schedule aided by supporting Arty fire from 92 Bty.	
		1030	LO reports from Bde that we are to advance and capture a point just N.E. of KINGS WALDEN and hook up with Carlt & York R who are in GREAT OFFLEY. Simultaneously the 2 Bde of our Div on our left flank and 1 Bde on our right will be pushing in their attack.	
		1055	C Coy report enemy on our left flank. Carriers sent up to investigate.	
		1100	53 walking wounded just evacuated, also 13 stretcher cases.	
		1140	CO calls conf of Coy Cmdrs.	
		1220	Bn HQ closes and Bn moves in following order: A Bn HQ C B D and HQ.	
		1340	A Coy runs into enemy fire at KINGS WALDON.	
		1530	After vicious battle with superior enemy numbers, the Bn less 100 tps withdraw as casualties to LILLE. It is understood from Umpires that we also inflicted heavy losses to enemy, but atlast were overcome by sheer force of numbers	

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	2	1700	Arrived at LILLE and put up for the night. In the meantime the 100 tps who were left at KINGS WALDEN were putting up a wonderful scrap.	CASH Appx V
		2030	B echelon arrived and a well deserved hot meal was served and everyone turned in for the night.	
	3	0630	Exercise "Bumper" concluded. <i>Strength Return. Officers 36 O.R.^s 748</i>	
	4	0200	Bn cross Bde start line for return trip to BIGGIN HILL.	
		0500	After a 3 hr halt Bn proceeds to area at BIGGIN HILL.	
		1430	Convoy arrives at HOLWOOD PARK. Balance of day spent in getting settled down and gathering up loose ends after exercise "BUMPER"	CASH
	5	0900	No Church parades today. Bn resting up after exercise "BUMPER"	CASH
	6	0800	In view of the appreciation, admiration and pride which is felt for the splendid effort of all ranks under his command, Brigadier Ganong has decreed that, with the exception of essential guards and duties, today shall be observed as a holiday by Units of 3 Cdn Inf Bde.	CASH
	7	0800	General routine and training as per syllabus	Appx VII
		1600	Brig. Ganong visited this HQ and conferred with Lt.-col. Ernst.	
		1930	Concert party at the YMCA. This concert was exceptionally good and much appreciated by the boys.	CASH
	8	0800	Training as per syllabus.	Appx VII
		1130	Brigadiers conference at the Drill Hall, Catérham, when officers of this Unit were highly complimented for their part played in recent exercise "BUMPER!" It was quite evident from the Brigadiers remarks that Units in this Bde were outstanding and were highly spoken of by the various umpires for good work done in the above exercise.	
		1430	C O's conference for Coy cmndrs. Remarks on training and a resume of the Brigs conference earlier in the day were the main features.	
		1900	Movies at the YMCA.	
	9	0800	Training as per syllabus. This was altogether a very quiet day. Just the usual routine with no "visitors"	Appx VII CASH

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Biggin Hill.	10	0830	Coy's carry on as per syllabus	Appx VII	
		1600	C O's conference for Coy Cmntdrs re next weeks training and various regimental activities, also a discussion re privilege leaves and forthcoming move.		
		2000	Lieut. Reardon, Signal Officer, and two men visited 52 Bn Kent Home Guard and endeavoured to enlighten them on the "hidden mysteries" of modern signalling as evidenced by letter. Dance at Keston Hall with West N S R orchestra in attendance.		Appx VII
				STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 36 Other Ranks 742	Appx V CSM
	11	0830	Training as per syllabus. Bn HQ went on route march 8 miles	Appx VII	
		0900	Lieut Higgins left for REIGATE to attend lecture given by Sir Malcolm Campbell on his famous "BLUEBIRD". Speed on land and water was Sir Malcolm's subject which lasted 2½ hrs. The lecture was illustrated with slides and was intensely interesting.		
		0930	C O inspected HQ Coy while at the same hour Maj. Bryson, 2 i/c, inspected A Coy. Nothing of further import today.		
	12	0900	R C Church parade at YMCA Hut.	CSM	
		1000	Protestant parade at the Cricket Pitch with band in attendance.		
		1400	Pte. Langley, JD left for Borden today where he will undergo a course in sniping		
	13	0830	Training as per syllabus	Appx VII CSM	
		0930	Lt.-col. Ernst accompanied by Lieut Higgins joined Lady Stanley at breakfast this morning where they met and chatted with Capt. de Stafford, Minister of Information.		
		1500	Football practice at Bde sports grounds.		
		1900	Movies at YMCA		
14	0830	All Coy's of this Unit went on route march today. 18 miles	Appx VII CSM		
	1030	Lieut Higgins visited Bde and discussed coming exercise "Scout"			
	1400	Lieut Higgins attended conference for I O's of all Units in this Bde			
	1600	Brig. Ganong visited the Unit this afternoon and conferred with Lt.-col. Ernst			
	2000	Concert party at the YMCA. This was put on by the RCA and was exceptionally good.			

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Biggin Hill.	15	0830	Training as per syllabus	Appx VII	
		1000	Pay parade HQ Coy Lt.-col. Ernst left for Hythe where he witnessed an assault demonstration. The Brigadier also went along.		
		1330	Pay parade Bn HQ.		
		1500	A rugby team made up of the personnel of 3 Cdn Inf Bde, locked horns with the London Irish in a hotly contested game of rugby. The final score being 8 - 7 in favour of the Irish.		
		1800	Movies at the YMCA. This was a double header. After the movies a Concert party "took over" and they were exceptionally well received by the soldier audience.		
		16	0830		Training as per syllabus
	1000		Lecture by Maj. Stehelin to Coy cmdrs on night attack.		
	1100		Lieut. Cooke replaces Lieut. Hiltz as Bde LO		
	1700		Maj. Hebb, Capt. Miller and technical Sgt. Ramey were more or less severely injured this afternoon when Capt. Miller attempted to demonstrate a new type grenade which failed to explode. They were in the process of demolishing this grenade with an incendiary bomb when it unexpectedly exploded causing the loss of three toes on Capt. Miller's foot and severely cutting Sgt Ramey about the face. First aid was obtained at the RAP, later they were removed to hospital.		
	17	0600	1900	Concert party at the YMCA	CAN
			Scouts, Snipers and "I" section with Lieut Higgins left for HANGING HILL where they took part in an exercise together with other Units of 1, 2, and 3 Bde's. This exercise is to be one of observing, scouting and sniping.		
			1830	The above personnel returned to billets after a rather hard and tedious day.	
			1300	Major Harris returned to Canada today.	
			2000	Dance at Keston Hall with West N S R orchestra in attendance.	
				STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 35 Other Ranks 742	Appx V CAN
	18	0800	Training as per syllabus	CAN	
			1015		C O's inspection C and D Coy's
			1130		C O's inspection HQ and B Coy
2100			Lieut Higgins goes "La Conga" in DORKING tonight, and during the 'rush' "bumped" into no less a person than Leslie Howard, famous English film star.		

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Biggin Hill.	19	0810	R C Church parade at YMCA	Appx III CAN	
		1000	C of E parade held on the cricket pitch Major Courtney busy lining up personnel for rifle practice at ASH RANGE tomorrow.		
	20	0600	335 of the personnel of this Regiment proceeded to ASH RANGE for rifle practice. Personnel was made up of those who failed to classify in last practice. Major Courtney will be i/c party.		Appx VII CAN
		0800	Lieut Higgins, BN I O, together with NCO's of "I" section proceeded to Div to attend demonstration of fieldcraft, stalking and concealment. This demonstration was put on by Maj. Armstrong.		
		1900	Movies at the YMCA		
	21	0800	Training as per syllabus		Appx VII CAN
		0900	31 picked personnel from all Coy's paraded before Lt.-col. Ernst. From these 31 men, 21 were selected by the C O. These men will form a special pl and will undergo a period of intensive training in assault work. The C O has selected Lieut. Bent to command this Pl.		
		1900	Bingo at the YMCA		
	22	0830	Route march for Bn this morning. 18 miles		Appx VII CAN
		1100	Capt. CE de Pencier from 3 Fd Regt RCA has been attached to this Regiment. Capt Johnston proceeded to 3 Cnd Fd Regt.. This is an exchange of officers who will familiarize themselves with various duties of these regiments.		
		2000	Officers mess meeting. Plans made for dance to be held in their quaters this coming Saturday. Movies at the YMCA		
	23	0800	Training as per syllabus		Appx VII CAN
0930			O C's conference Coy cmmdrs arranging training syllabus-for coming scheme, preparations- and arranging lining up of route which will be used by the Queen when she presents the Colours to Sask L I.		
1100		Brig. Ganong visited this HQ and conferred with Lt.-col, Ernst.			
1930		Concert party at the YMCA. This was a splendid show.			
24	0910	The Bn proceeded to WHYTELEAF and lined the route to the GUARDS DEPOT where Her Majesty the Queen has consented to present the Colours to Sask L I. Personnel of 1 Cdn Div have	Appx VII CAN		

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Biggin Hill	24	0910	been given the opportunity of seeing the Queen as she passes along the route. Those present at the presentation from this Unit were: Lt.-col. Ernst, Maj. Hebb and Lieut. Higgins. The Queen was attended by Lady Nunburnholme, Lt.-gen. McNaughton, Maj.-Gen. Pearkes and Col. Ralston, Minister of National Defense for Canada. After the presentation, the Queen took the March Past.	
		1730	Col. Ralston, Col. Curry and Brig. Ganong visited Lt.-col. Ernst and members of the Officers Mess. Later in the afternoon a pleasant half hour was spent at tea with Lady Stanley at "Holwood"	
		1930	Dance at Keston Hall. The Bn orchestra was in attendance? STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 33 Other Ranks 747	
	25	0800	Lt.-col. Ernst left for TUNBRIDGE WELLS where he attended a camouflage course.	
		1500	A number of Officers of this Unit attended a Bazaar and tea at Woldingham Golf Club in aid of the Red Cross.	
		1600	Capt. Millard returned from PETWORTH where he attended a Coy cadets course of one month.	
		2100	A dance was held by the Officers of this Unit at "Nightens" which was a very colourful affair. Staff Capt. Kenyon from Bde attended in place of the Brigadier.	
	26	1000	Usual Church parades to the Y.M.C.A. hut and Cricket pitch. There was a special Anglican service conducted by Lt.-col. C. Hepburn, DAPC Cdn Corps.	
	27	0830	Training as per syllabus.	
		1100	Mrs Evelyn Tufts, representative of the Editorial Staff of the Halifax Herald, Halifax, Nova Scotia, visited the Unit today and talked with many of the personnel during the morning and afternoon. Mrs Tufts lunched with Col.-Ernst and officers at the Officers mess.	
		1600	The Y.M.C.A. moved from the marquee in which they have occupied all summer to the village Hall at Keston, which is about five minutes walk from the Unit area.	
	28	1900	Movies tonight at the Y.M.C.A., Keston Hall.	
0900		Maj. H.K. Bryson left this morning for Holding Unit where he will take over the duties of DAA & QMG of the "D" gp of Holding Unit.		
1300		Col. Withy, sub-area commander for aerodromes together with Col. Hebb, visited the C O today.		
1400		Brig. Ganong visited the Unit this afternoon.		
	1900	Concert party at the Y.M.C.A., Keston Hall		

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Biggin Hill	29	0945	A demonstration was carried out by Maj. Armstrong of 1 Cdn Div. on field craft, observing and scouting.			
		1000	Major Hebb has been appointed acting 2 i/c in place of Maj. Bryson. C O, Maj Courtney, Capt. Millard, Capt. Jenkins, Lieut Cameron, Rhodes, Bent and Putman proceeded to CAMP HILL where they attended exercise "Manna". This was conducted by Brig. L Lloyd.			
		1520	Maj. Hebb, Lieuts Spurr and MacTab attended a lecture at HORSBACH re the Indian campaign in Syria. A heavy snow squall was witnessed this afternoon, but melted away very quickly.			
	30	0700	335 of the personnel of this regiment proceeded to REEMHILL via TCV's to view motion picture "49 Parallel" at the ODEON theatre.		c/sd	
		0900	Capt. Walker, 3 Cdn Fd Regt. RCA, has been attached for one week with this Unit, while Maj. Stehelin goes to 3 Cnd Fd Regt RCA replacing Capt. Johnson.			
		2100	Lt.-col. Ernst attended the G O C's dance at "A mess", Div H.		c/sd	
	31	0700	Lt.-col. Ernst proceeded to TIENTFORD, Suffolk where he attended a demonstration, "The Attack" by anti-tank arty.			
		0800	Bn route march 18 miles.		Appx VII	
		2100	Lt.-col. Ernst attended a dance sponsored by the Brig. and Bde officers at "TINWIVELLI"		Appx V	
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