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1 AUG 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials	
Wd Firing Area Lewes	1	0830	A T.D. .T. was carried out in preparation for the afternoon rehearsal as the first of a series of practises.	HMG	
		0915	The Bn was gathered on the high ground at Black Oak and Maj J. ... outlined the practises to be carried out in the next two days.		
		1400	A rehearsal without firing was carried out by the Bde, this lasted until 1715 hrs.		
		1800	Coy commanders at Bn H, at which Lt-Col M.P. Bogert cleared up a few points for the morrows' practise.		
	2	0745	Bn move over to start line to be in posn by 0830 hrs. An extraordinarily heavy thunder storm doesn't help things very much except, of course, to settle the dust. The practise went according to plan.	HMG	
		1500	All officers of the Bde attend a T.D. .T. in which the Brigadier outlined the action to be carried out to morrow. The 14 Cdn A.T. Bn will be working in conjunction with us.		
		1800	Bn C Sp on the morrows practise.		
		1930	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert went on a recce of area of a Bde exercise which he is preparing to take place on 4 Aug 42.		
	3	0830	Tps on the start line for a morning practise which today will be carried out in conjunction with tanks. A pouring rain helped the tps and tanks to churn the course into a morass of mud.	HMG	
		1330	Tps push off on final practise. Final objective was achieved at 1630 hrs. Rained continuously all day.		
	4	1100	1815	This morning the coys carry out two hrs training under coy arrangements.	HMG
				C.O.s conference re training, discipline etc. on reaching the New Haven area.	
			Bde exercise gets under way. Lt-Col M.P. Bogert is acting Brigadier during this exercise. The start line is Balmer Down, axis of advance, Streathill Fm. Exercise in nature of a night attack with West N.S.R. on the right, C & Y.R centre and R22eR on the left. For West N.S.R. the attack was in two phases, Streathill Fm being the first objective and Dickmans Beacon the second and final which was gained at 0010 hrs 5 Aug 42. "Cease Fire".		

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Fd Firing Area Lewes	5	0900	Capt. Moore proceeded on exercise "Black Bull" as umpire.	Hmg	
		1500	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert attended an air support demonstration at West Grinstead Pk. Lt-Col M.P. Bogert and Maj J.A. Hebb liaised with the Regina Rifles in connection with our exchange of area with that unit. Today our transport commenced moving stores to the new area. Lorries taking a load of our stuff down brought back a load for the Regina Rifles.		
	6	0530	At 0745 Bn pushed off for area of Conyboro (843331). On arrival normal training was carried out by the coys. During the day all Coy commanders liaised with their opposite numbers in the Regina Rifles. An exercise that had been scheduled for this evening was cancelled. Transport still moving stores between the two areas.		Hmg
		0730	The advance party, consisting of one N.C.O. and one Pte per plat and one officer per coy in charge of Maj J.A. Hebb, proceeded to New Haven area. Remainder of the Bn carry out normal training during the day.		Hmg
	8	0900	West N.S.R. proceed to New Haven to take over new area. The tps marched arriving at approximately 1200 hrs. Balance of the day spent in getting acquainted with the area of responsibility and in getting settled.		APP 4
		1700	Brig. C. Foulkes called at Bn Hq to discuss anti raid precautions with Lt-Col Bogert. Lieut Frank Rearden, formerly our S.O., is spending the week end with the unit.		Hmg
	9		No church parades today, for which ye diarist is truly thankful.		Hmg
		1100	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert went to Bde Hq.		
		1600	C.O.s conference at Bn Hq re training, dress and discipline in this area. Memories of the autumn of '41 were brought back when a small party of enemy bombers called. No bombs were dropped in our immediate vicinity but a surprising amount of "flak" was put up.		Hmg
	10		Maj J.A. Hebb went to Tunbridge Wells on a camouflage course. The Bn is still busy getting settled and acquainted with new area.		Hmg
	11	0800	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert inspected B Coy, tps and billets. Coys carry out normal training. This evening there was again slight enemy aerial activity but so slight that only two or three "ack-ack" posns went into action.		Hmg

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New Haven	12	0800	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert inspected C Coy, tps and billets.	Hmg
		1500	Brig C. Foulkes called on unit and discussed training.	
	13	0800	The C.O. inspected D Coy tps and billets.	Hmg App 5
		1000	Coy commanders conference at Bn Hq at which the C.O. discussed training for next week.	
		1430	A draft consisting of one Cpl and eight Ptes arrived from holding unit.	
		1500	Col E.B. Wilson, A.A.Q.M.G., 1 Cdn Div, visited the unit today. This afternoon group pictures of each coy were taken for purposes of future identification. This in compliance with a recent Corps order and they will be enlarged to facilitate individual recognition.	
	14	0800	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert inspected A Coy tps and billets.	Hmg App 3
			The Bn was paid today. Despite the noted (perhaps notorious) high spirit of this unit and that of other formations in this vicinity, which includes commandos, good will seemed to prevail everywhere and little disturbance was caused. Field Returns.	
15		The duties of Adjut were taken over temporarily by Lieut J.R. Cameron for an indefinite period. Tonight a dance was held at Drove Hall under auspices of K of C. Music was provided by the West N.S.R. orchestra. A very large attendance of all services both English and Cdn.	Hmg	
16		Church parades as per Lieut S.B. Beaton and L/Sjt F. Blakeney proceeded on a S.A. course, which will last until 12 Sep 42. Maj J.A. Hebb went to Rolands Castle where he will attend a Battle Drill course.	Hmg App 1	
17	0830	Lieut C.L. Putnam started a two weeks course on the 3" Mortar. An N.C.O. school was started today. Trainees are billeted in vicinity of A Coy, and are under the direction of Lieut G.O. Curphy. For drill purposes they have the use of the Recreation Ground (882195)	Hmg App 4	
18	0800	Training as per syllabus. Lt-Col M.P. Bogert accompanied the Bde-Maj on a visit to the Reinforcement unit. Quite a large movement of tps was noticed in this area tonight.	Hmg App 4	

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New Haven	19	0800	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert inspected the Carrier Plat, tps and billets.	None
		1030	1 Cdn Corps requested that Telescombe Cliffs Ho be prepared as a transit depot for tps returning from Dieppe raid. Two bull-pens were constructed in this locality for receiving P.W.s. We provided transport to bring a party of the R22eR to act as guards for P.W.s. Lt-Col M.P. Bogert is Acting-Brig. during these operations. West N.S.R. is at "Stand-to" and numerous Lt A A posns are taken up throughout the area.	
		1400	C Coy West N.S.R., reported to Col Gough (Cdn Corps) C.C. Transit Depot, for duties as detailed by him.	
		1600	C.O.s conference at Bn Hq.	
		2130	Capt M.L. Walker, M.O. of this unit was called out to attend minor casualties of tps returning from raid on Dieppe.	
		20	1200	
	1530	A reinforcement draft arrived at the unit. the draft consists of three officers, Lieut R. Bullock, T.O.S., Lieuts J. R. Smeltzer and C. Hutchins, Special Increment, and ten O.R.s.		
	21	0830	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert inspected the N.C.O. school.	None
			Lieut J.R. Cameron, Adjt, and Lieut R.D.M. MacPhee reced the radio-location site at Saltdean with a view to additional defensive wiring. Personnel from this unit who have been on the 4tk gun (2-pdr) course at the Cdn Army school returned to the unit today; Field Return.	
	22		Bn carry out normal training.	None
			Lieut J.R. Cameron attended the wedding of Lieut A.J.M. Dyer. wedding took place at the Church of St. Marys, Caterham. In the evening Mr. Cameron was recalled to act as defending officer in the case of Capt D. McG. Archibald. Lieut Neilson is acting-adjt during the period of Mr. Camerons' absence.	
	23		Normal church parades as per	App 1
		All week-end passes to London were cancelled to allow the tps that had taken part in the Dieppe raid to be sure of getting accomadations.	None	
		Maj J.A. Hebb returned from Rolands Castle where he has been attending a Senior Officers battle drill course.		



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New Haven	24	0800 1500	Training as per syllabus. Maj-Gen G.R. Pearkes, V.C. & D.S.O., M.C., G.C.C. 10th Div visited the unit today. He was accompanied on a tour of the harbor area by Lt-Col M.P. Bogert.	Hmg Hmg
	25	1000 1100	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert inspected the Carrier Plat carrying out battle drill. C.O.s weekly conference on training for following week. Lt-Col M.P. Bogert is leaving for Barnhams Castle where he will attend a course.	Hmg
	26	0930	Maj J.A. Hebb attended A.T.E.T. in the vicinity of Lewes race course. This is a preliminary to Bde exercise which will be carried out by 1 Cdn Bde probably on 3 Sep 42. The operation consists of <del>an</del> a Bn attack on an enemy front with the object of penetrating and making a break through which the rest of the Bde can move. Remaining two Bns enter the gap and attack on the right and left flanks. Support tps in this exercise will include Arty, a Chemical Warfare Coy and an Army Co-operation Sqn.	Hmg
	27	0830 0900 1330 1700	Maj J.A. Hebb visited the N.C.O. school. Brig C. Foulkes and Maj J.A. Hebb witnessed a demonstration put on by Carrier Plat. C Coy proceeded to area of <del>XXXXXXX</del> on a 24 hr exercise, "Forming a Laager". Two officers were taken on strength as Special Increment, Lieut A.B. Cooke and Lieut A.T. Boutlier. Maj J.A. Hebb interviewed potential O.C.T.U. candidates at Bn Hq. Night of 27/28 C Coy formed a laager area of Southease Hill (8523). The Bn Sniper-Scout Secs practised stalking and infiltration on this formation. Due to the bare nature of the ground and a very bright moon and also to an abnormally large number of sentries posted by C Coy, stalking was very difficult. In spite of this a fair degree of penetration was achieved.	Hmg Hmg
	28	0800 1200 1330	Pay parades as per Clifford Turner, British Consul, Reigate and Educational Officer, 1 Cdn Div called on this unit to discuss education and vocational training, and particularly inspection tours by members of the unit to farms, and agricultural societies in this district. Maj J.A. Hebb attended a lecture on A.L.C. Field Ret urns.	Hmg App 1  App 3

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Newhaven	<del>28</del>	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4
	29	1330	Capt Connors of the Personnel Selection Staff was at the unit interviewing O.C.T.U. candidates.	Hme
		1900	Maj J.A.Hebb reced pillboxes and defenses around harbor entrance.	
	30		Church parades as per	App 1
		1200	The six O.C.T.U. candidates of this unit proceeded to pre- OCTU school at Eastbourne.	
		1330	Maj J.A.Hebb and Lieut H.M.Eisenhauer reced area of Saxon Down also the condition of the defensive wiring around vulnerable points in harbor area.	
	31	1800	Maj J.A.Hebb attended a farewell party at Div Hq in honor of Maj-Gen G.R.Pearkes, V.O, D.S.O., M.C.	Hme
			Maj J.A.Hebb made a recce of harbor defenses and vulnerable points. Maj F.Courtney attended a meeting at 1 Cdn Bde Hq in connection with his duties as officer i/c control staff of exercise "Breast Stroke."	
		1345	Coy commanders and Lieut H.M.Eisenhauer, I.O., proceeded on a recce of Saxon Down.	

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