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In the field	1st Apr 42		<p>Fine and warm during the morning, becoming colder during the afternoon. The TEWT on withdrawal held yesterday for all officers was continued today by company officers with their NCOs under company arrangements. We hope this "dress rehearsal" for the real thing tomorrow should ensure that the lessons brought out in the TEWT are grasped by the men during the exercise.</p> <p>The C.O. also learned last night at the meeting at Bde H.Q. that in future on all Bde exercises, steel helmets without camouflage nets will be worn by all ranks. C Coy lost one of their coy 15cwt trucks last night at 2300hrs and the truck remained among the missing until discovered at 1315hrs today on a road leading up to our battle posns.</p>	JBT
	2 Apr 42		<p>Fine springlike day. A big day for the War Diary. First, Major J.B.Weir who has been 2 i/c for some months, was informed last night that, as of today, he is to be a Lieut.Colonel to command the Cape Breton Highlanders, one of the infantry battalions of the 5th Cdn(Armoured)Division. We all feel badly at the thought of losing Col Weir, but we all join in wishing him the best of luck in his new appointment.</p> <p>Another important piece of news that reached the Battalion today was the news that the Second Battalion The Black Watch(RHR) of Canada has at long last been mobilized. As yet we have no news of the slate of Officers or other details, but think that the whole Battalion welcomes them into the ranks of The Active Service Units. It will be queer, somehow, to see "2 R.H.C." in orders and such like at first. And, so another battalion of a great regiment carries on a fine tradition. The "Forty-Twa" is in at last! This morning Col.Cantlie went to Witley to the Reinforcing Unit to discuss officer personnel and administration questions. Major E.C.Rawlings, lately commanding "A" Coy, is to be 2 I/C of the Battalion to take Col.Weir's vacated post. 3 O.Rs arrived from 2 CDIRU today. Today the Bn was exercised in the Defence and Withdrawal. The exercise lasted from 0900hrs until 1500hrs. Points brought out were: 1 Battle procedure generally good 2. Supporting arms were not always used to maximum advantage. 3. No use was made of snipers and observers attached. 4. Liaison and intercommunication good 5. Bunching again on the approach march 6. The men were not always put in the picture.</p>	JBT
	3rd Apr		<p>Fine and warm. Last night at approx. 2000hrs the Bde Major phoned to say that a raid by sea-borne and/or airborne troops was expected on the R.A.F stn at Pevensey.</p>	

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	3rd Apr		<p>The carrier Pl. was ordered to stand to and the duty coy also. At last it looked as though something might happen. Shortly after midnight the alert went but the all clear sounded some minutes later. And so the night went- no paratroops, no seaborne troops, no enemy, and NO SLEEP! Stand down came from Bde at 0726hrs. At approx. 0930hrs the C.O. and the ID went to recce positions that the Bn will take up tomorrow in Nate Wood. This was quite some job in the carrier and the mud was so thick and so deep the C.O. and your scribe were forced to continue on foot. Apart from some small meanderings in the depths of NAT WOOD, all went well and the C.O. returned at 1130hrs to the orderly room.</p>	jst
	4th Apr		<p>Clear and cool, turning warmer towards noon. At 0600hrs this morning the Bn was preparing to move off on exercise "FLIP" The head of the column passed start point at 0630hrs. The exercise lasted until approx. 1600hrs. From the point of view of the men anyway "FLIP" was a "FLOP". There was a good deal of marching, which was training, and there was a good deal of sitting around, which was not. The C.O. attended the Brigadier's O Up meeting at 1300hrs where the Bn was given a task- to attack WINDOVER HILL (9722, sheet #134, EASTBOURNE, & BRIGHTON) However the exercise terminated before ZERO came and we marched back to billets. Points brought at Bde. O. Gp conference were 1. A commander is always rushed for time by the senior officer and must stick to his guns where time is concerned. 2. And a very interesting point. The A/G.O.C. 2 CDN DIV was present and made the announcement that a raid was expected in this area either on the 5th or 6th April. He said he wanted this information passed on to all ranks of the 2 CDN DIV. All anti-raid precautions must be rehearsed and checked. This, he said, was a God-sent chance for the Div to get into action and give the troops a "lift" in morale. Also, he announced that the information came direct from the R.A.F. and that a parachute Bn was now in France, ready to come over this country</p>	Appx 7 jst
	5th Apr		<p>Fine and warm. Really a prelude of good weather to come. Easter Sunday. Divine services as ordered. At 1200hrs new instructions re manning of Anti-raid posns came in from Bde. This means that the Royal Regt of Can (4th Cdn Inf Bde) take over our role of manning the beach defences, while our role is one of anti-raid action on the Downs. See Appendix</p>	Appx 8

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	5th Apr		The C.O. and 2 i/c went out at 1900hrs to inspect the new posns which were manned on special order by the duty coy. The C.O. appeared satisfied with positions taken up, but is going out tomorrow or Tuesday to modify some of the Pl. dispositions.	Jot
	6th Apr		<p>Cool and some showers. Bn training as per syllabus attached.</p> <p>C.O.s meeting of Coy commanders, lasted from 1400hrs to 1545hrs. The C.O. explained the new role of the Bn with reference to airborne troops. From now on the duty coy. will on the code word coming from Bde, will send a Pl fully armed and equipped to Friston RAF Stn and one to the Coast Guard station at Birling Gap. The remaining Pl. will patrol on trucks the roads adjoining these two Nodal Pts. The duty coy. from now on will have a tour from 1630hrs to 1630hrs. Weekends are included. One very nice thing is that the duty coy will supply an officer to be Bn. duty officer and for this purpose the following have been put on the rosters of the coys to bring up their strength in offrs. taking duties. Lieut. J.A. Rolland to A Coy, F.H. Cundill to "B", J.E. Fox to C, RSM Notman to D Coy. All of which helps the scribe of the War Diary a great deal. Other points were 1. Web equipment brass has not been painted through-out the Bn. 2. When the C.O. was at the Holding Unit a short time ago, the arrangement with regard to officers which was discussed at some length was finally boiled down to this There will always be 4 officers at 2 CDIRU from the Field Unit. They will be an O.C.: A/Major, 2 i/c, A/Capt, and two subalterns. The personnel will be changed monthly, each officer having a tour od duty of four months. 3. The Pipe band in future on these cool springlike nights will play "Retreat" at nearest central spot in the Billeting area. This will be welcomed by all ranks, as most of us felt we don't see or rather hear enough of the Pipes. Points brought out by the umpiring staff on exercise "FLIP" were 1. Camouflage poor. Troops not under cover enough. 2. The protection at rest was not good. 3. There was a slight mixup with regard to whether patrols should or should not have been sent out past the electric transmission in the Bn.s first position in NAT WOOD. The umpires said "no" and Bde said "yes". From now on, Bde informs us, Monday and Friday are "telephone less days" Only R/T to be used from Bn to Bde. Steel helmets to be worn by all ranks on all future exercises, including COOKS. The poor old cooks, they get it in the neck every time! We must save more electric light. The RSM brought/salvage scheme, by which he proposed to have the coys engage in a competition to see which coy should save the most salvage.</p>	

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	6th Apr		in the week and award prizes, some things would be laid aside as salvage before it really became salvage. Sort of, mail those letters home quickly before the salvage man gets em!. C.O's meeting of Coy commanders at 1745hrs re NCO's promotion in the Bn.	JST
	7th Apr		A really beautiful day, some wind, clear and warm. The Royal Regiment of Canada took over the Bandstand Patrol from us as per operation instruction No. 4. Major Green of the Exxex Scottish arrived today to liaise with C Coy re an assault landing scheme that they are to do shortly. Brigadier Blackader paid us a short visit today. He did not stay long, and just mentioned that his Bde, the 8th, was working hard and doing numerous exercises these days. Exercise "FLDP" cancelled. Exercise "FLIP" must be done over again by the 5th and 6th Bdes. 5th Bde will do it again on 16th Apr.	JST
	8th Apr		Fine and warm. C.Os O Gp meeting for exercise "HARRY" was held at 0830hrs. The order of march and orders re the move generally were issued and column passed the Bn Start point at 0950hrs. The C.O. was busy with 8th Bde officers who were receiving our area re billets and so he remained behind. Capt. F.M. Mitchell was acting C.O. and Major Rawlings was chief umpire and also acting 2 i/c. We had the honor of a visit from Lt. Gen CRERAR, G.O.C. Cdn Corps and also Brig. Whitehead. The exercise itself was very good and well controlled, until the time that the Bn was committed to the attack. Then things went somewhat. This was just the time that the two senior officers appeared. It never fails to happen. Points brought out by the umpires as per umpires remarks attached. The C.O. held a meeting of all officers in the Mess with reference to the mistakes made in exercise "HARRY".	JST Appx 9
	9th Apr		Cool and rain throughout the day. This morning the "I" section went to CRUMBLES RANGES to fire the snipers and observers but the trip was fruitless as the ranges were being repaired by a working party. Faulty "A" work somewhere higher. The I.O. went out at 1100hrs to contact civilians who were helping BHQ in its administrative arrangements for exercises FLAP to be held on 10 and 11 April.	

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	9th Apr		This afternoon the I Section went to the Grenade Range to throw live MILLS grenades with D Coy. However by the time D Coy had fired it was time for supper.	JST
	10 Apr.		Fine and warm. Good visibility. At 0700hrs the advance parties of BHQ had moved up to battle H.Q. for exercise FLAP. Coys in position on the DOWNS by 0845hrs. The Bn moved from its positions on the DOWNS at 1445hrs to the area around TENANTRY GROUND 9721 west of JEVINGTON. After supper the Bn moved into LITLINGTON 9520 to take up position there for the remainder of the exercise. The message "NEGATIVE FLAP" terminating the scheme was received at 1145hrs on the 11th Apr 42. The exercise was termed a success by all ranks even though we had an eight mile route march back. The umpiring did not seem good. Our operational arrangements were much better than our administrative arrangements. One thing we shall have to coordinate our efforts on the order being received to vacate our present Battle posns on the Downs and move off somewhere else. Especially if the order comes after dark, it is going to take some time and much energy. That is probably the most important lesson learnt on FLAP. The exercise seemed to be enjoyed by all. The c.O. had to sleep out in the cold because Capt. Ian Beattie, our attached umpire was sleeping in the back of the C.Os station wagon. The officers R/T procedure is becoming better and the signallers dont turn their eyes to Heaven for guidance any more when the officers in BHQ get on the air.	JST Appx 10
	11th Apr			
	12 Apr		Another fine day. No church parade today. Divine services voluntary. The 2 i/c and Capt. Beattie went out to recce the ground over which the Bn is to move tomorrow on exercise "FRANK", named after either "Curly Cundill" #3.P1. or Capt. F.M. Mitchell O.C. H.Q. Coy. The only casualty on exercise FLAP was one Pte. MacAnulty of B Coy who was foolish enough to make friends with a sharp toothed grass snake and deposited the little pet in his basic pouch. When he went to his haven of rest on Friday night and lo and behold next morning when he woke to feed his new found pal the little viper bit him!	JST
	13 Apr		Fair and warm Exercise FRANK was held and was successful. Two RCAF sergeants arrived under the new plan "Training of Aircrews in army co-operation" It is expected that we shall see more of these airmen coming to us in the future.	Appx 11

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	13 Apr		The Adj. and Q.M. attended a discussion at 2 Cdn Div on "Administration in the Field" with special reference to the forthcoming exercises.	JST
	14 Apr		Very windy and cool, becoming more settled towards nightfall. Today there was a demonstration of an "Inf. cum Tank" attack at JEVINGTON, with B Coy playing the part of the infantry.. Attack was very successful and all ranks attending were impressed with the possibilities of such co-operation between the two arms. C Coy left for HAVANT 1525 Ref Map #132 to carry out an assault landing exercise with the special troops there in vicinity of EASTHEAD 2018. The C.O. and 2 i/c attended a TEWT at 2 Cdn Div on exercise FLLP. B Coy practised the Bn's new anti raid role as laid down in 5 Cdn Inf Bde Op order No. 14 para 13.	Appx 12 Appx 13 JST
	15 Apr		Weather fine, no clouds, visibility good. The Regt'L Pipe Band which was conducted to LONDON by Major H.HAMER finally effected their broadcast over the BBC .See appx. Bn. H.Q. and Coy Officers today made a recce of the ground for exercise FLIP with special attention being given to the Directing Staff's solution to the original exercise FLIP. Capt.A.C.Evans was today T.O.S. the Bn and temporarily to command A Coy. Capt. IAN BEATTIE, left today upon the termination of his attachment as an umpire from the 15 Bn The Queens Own Royal Regt(West Surrey). It is indeed felt that we lost the presence of a very fine officer and a very personable fellow when Ian left us.	Appx 14 JST
	16 Apr		A fine day with slight easterly winds. Today the Bn did exercise FLIP once more and it was quite a success. The men were in fine fettle and felt that the scheme was going a great deal better than when we executed it last. The lessons brought out were Never confuse SPEED with HASTE. The exercise generally well done. Good organization of Recce and Order Gps. We have received no word as yet as to who will command our 2nd Bn. There is likely speculation on this point. D Coy claims Major WEIR WRIGHT will get the appointment while C Coy avers that Major JAQUAYS has the inside track. We'll Soon know!	Appx 15 JST

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	17 Apr		Another fine day with moderate winds Summer is coming! Training for the Bn as per syllabus attached. A Coy again practiced the Bn's new anti-raid role keeping in mind the lessons they learned from their last practice of this role.	JSA
	18 Apr		Fair but somewhat cloudy, light winds from N.E. The Adj. and Q.M. attended a conference at Bde H.Q. this morning on the administration problems which might arise on exercise BEAVER III. There was very little tangible learned, those attending left somewhat "in the air" on many points. The advance party of the 81 Bn Queens Own Rifles of Can. of the 3rd Cdn Div arrived today preparatory to taking over our billets here whilst we shall be away on BEAVER III. This will not be the first time that the Queens Own has taken over from us as it was that same Regt which relieved the Bn when we left NEWFOUNDLAND in the Summer of 1940. Capt. E.H. ANDERSON, RCAMC our MO for approx. 2 yrs. left today for another appointment and CAPT. G.A.W. CURRIE came in as the new M.O. We all feel very sorry to see "Andy" as he was known, to the last rear rank private, leave us. However, <i>cezt la guerre</i> " but no more cheerful wisecracks and general "broad-witticisms".	JSA
	19 Apr		Hazy and a few showers, clearing towards nightfall. The church parade as ordered was cancelled and the "back sliding" fraternity heaved a sigh of relief. At 1130hrs the C.O. held a meeting of all coy commanders. in which he passed on all information up to date on the forthcoming week long exercise BEAVER III. The scribe of the WAR DIARY returned from 7 days privilege leave in a happy but weakened state at 2000hrs Too much smoking'.	JSA
	20 Apr		Fine and warm, some wind. But no "Blue Monday" for weather. Today Lieut. J.A. FRASER, CSM Smith, and Cpl. LOGAN left for 2 CDIRU. Fraser to PRO. at CMHQ and Smith and Logan to stay on at WITLEY on this new plan of rotation of NCOs at the REINFORCEMENT UNIT. The Bn moved off at 0900hrs on exercise BEAVER III. The rear party which was left behind under the Paymaster Capt. L.E.L. HARVEY, consisted of SPECIAL INCREMENT and odd details. Capt HARVEY and his party did an excellent job while we were away, it subsequently turned out. The Bn Moved up to a Div. concentration area in and around FLETCHING 8642 and the Bn was in position at 1345hrs. The afternoon was spent in shaking ourselves out generally, coys improving and modifying their first dispositions. BEAVER III does not actually commence until 0001 hrs 22nd Apr. 42.	JSA

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	21. Apr		<p>Cloudy, occasional slight rain, becoming fair towards noon. After a good sleep the night before everyone felt better. There was one thing, however, which caused over wrought subalterns to become even more touchy, than usual on the subject of bedding. The Army commander originated, it seems, an instruction that all subalterns an BEAVER 111 would carry no bedding in excess of one blanket, exactly the same as O.R.s. There ar some who say that the original message read "All officers will carry one blanket only", but that somehow or other it got changed coming down through the "usual channels" from the ARMY! In any case, there were a few senior officers in BHQ sleeping quarters last night who flirted with death by making remarks about how remarkably comfortable a bed roll was compared to just one blanket on a hard surface. At 1130hrs we received a warning from Bde. MOT.C.O. that we should probably be ordered to move to vicinity COWFOLD 6542 Sheet 124 at approx. 0200hrs on Apr 22. During the afternoon we practised the use of a "JOCK COLUMN" which is a hard hitting fast moving, column of all arms, strictly a fighting hit and run unit. to harry the flanks of enemy columns. Composition as per appendix. Our column was quite good and lessons of control of communication to Fd.Arty Bty were learnt. The C.O. and the F.O.O. must become wedded, if one gees somewhere. The other must follow suit or else a target might come up which required gunfire at a moments notice and there would be no F.O.O. to bring down the barrage. The C.O. went to an O Gp meeting at Bde at 0900hrs and returned at approx. 1130hrs. He relayed a warning order to the Adj. from Bde. and when C.O. returned he gave his orders to his O gp. We moved at 0625hrs towards Cpwfold in T.C.Vs Bn in position south of Cowfold at 0920hrs.</p>	<p>Appx 16</p>
	22 Apr		<p>Fair with a steady breeze. The C.O. held an O Gp meeting at 1030hrs to discuss what was likely to happen. He passed on all information then known which was but little and gave out administrative instructions re tactical siting of coy cookers etc, meals, etc. At 1100hrs we received a message from Bde re enemy planes and hostile action by them. A Coy captured an enemy supply truck at 1340hrs. At 1400hrs an enemy prisoner was brought to BHQ and rather shook all concerned takking nothing but GERMAN. He was taken immediately to Bde H.Q. who dispatched him to DIV. Bn moved at 1600hrs to new Div. concentration area. RHC in vicinity N Bolney X rds 6742 Sheet 124. Bn in position 1745hrs</p>	

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	22 Apr		CO. held an O Gp meeting at 2100hrs in which A and D Coys were ordered to send out patrols. 2 i/c sent out word to all coys to be ready to move at 0600hrs on 23 Apr.	JSA
	23 Apr		Fair and warm. The weather for the exercise has been magnificent. At 0230hrs word reached us from Bde that we would move again to Pond Tails 5942 Sheet 124 at 0500hrs. The march was 7 miles in length and at 0830hrs we were in posn. At 1105 Bn moved once again to new assembly area vicinity POLHILLS FARM 5937 preparatory to attack on ASHURST(6135) At 1410 hrs received word that R de Mais had taken ASHURST and that RHC would revery to Calg Highrs. role of position of right flank pushing out patrols W and South W. At 1640hrs C Coy captured 30 vehs. and 60 O.Rs These were despatched to 2 Cdn Div There was an O Gp meeting at Bde H.Q. at 1900hrs in which the Brig. warned subordinate commanders that there might be a move shortly after midnight. At 2359hrs there was another conference.	JSA
	24 Apr		At approx. 0100hrs C.O. called an O.Gp conference of Coy commanders and attached arms and gave his orders for the move to Highden House area 5430 sheet 133. Bn passed start point at 0230hrs and arrived vicinity wood south of HIGHDEN HILL at 0730hrs. At 0755hrs 4 Pl. captured a very valuable piece of information in the form of a map showing complete dispositions and enemy order of battle of the the enemy "1 Cdn Div. At 0820hrs C Coy became engaged in a fierce battle with the enemy Recce Bn(7 Recce 17H) and suffered 50% casualties but behind a bn of our own tanks managed to storm HARROW HILL, held by a Bn of M.M.Gs with success. At noon Bn had a hot meal and at 1250hrs word was received from Bde H.Q. that we would move off back to billets almost immediately. See "I" log for routes and times. The move back was uneventful enough one highlight being that the Army commander, GENERAL MONTGOMERY drove up and marched for approx. 1/2 hr. with the C.O and then stood and watched the troops march by. He expressed himself much pleased with the bearing, etc. of the unit. He was curious as to the composition of A1 and A2 Echelons of Tpt. Brig. Whitehead watched us embuss at the embussing point. This operation was not one of our best movements during the scheme but the Brig was in general pleased. The Bn reached our billets at 1930hrs tired by happy, happy to be back again with the prospect of undisturbed sleep in view! We never received BEAVER 111 concluded. It might still be going on for all we know.	JSA

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	24 Apr		<p>Lessons brought out during the exercise included: closer cooperation between the I.O. and the Adjt. We are learning to get "cracking" on a warning order to move a great deal more quickly these days. Morale is ever going up. Somehow the men in the ranks must feel that the day is not far off when they shall see some action. We hope they are right. One amusing thing was on Sunday the 19th before we left on BEAVER 111 L/C Dollard, the mess steward, "Pat" to all of us, tried on his web equipment and stomped around the kitchen wearing his outfit next morning he complained of a ver stiff back, etc. from this episode and to add insult upon injury by some miscalculation in the pt. he missed the mess truck during the morning march NORTH and for a full half hour was actually compelled to propel himself forward on his own two flat feet, much to his annoyance "The cant do this to me was his moan!</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx 17</p>
	25 Apr		<p>Fair and cool, slight winds all day. No clouds. Training as per syllabus. Cleaning of billets was the order of the day and all ranks freely admitted that the Bn that relieved us, the Q.O.Rs, left our billets in very clean state. Practically no barrack damages to speak of either. Major F.M. MITCHELL O.C. HQ Coy heard at 0730hrs that his majority had at last come through and thereby there was much cause for celebration.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx 18</p>
	26 Apr		<p>Cooler but fine making a complete week practically with no bad weather. No compulsory chunch parade Everyone byt the early birds slept in and took advantage of a well earned rest. Our most recent Major Chad. all the offr in for drinks at BHQ mess during the morning. CAPT. B.R. RITCHIE trid to show his appreciation of the morethan well earned promotion by catching an elusive gold-fish and bestowing same on "Freddie-Monkey-Monkey" but the denizen of the pond were too quick for the commander of C Coy.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx 18</p>
	27 Apr		<p>Fair and warm with a fresh easterly wind. Visibilty good. Bn training asper syllabus attached. C.O., O.C. HQ Coy., Adjt. IO, Lieut. H.L. CARSTAIRS and Lieut. H.G. MacKenzie went to meet Brig and Unit Commanders at EXCEAT BR. 9418 sheet 134 1" to 1 mile. to recee crossings of R. CUCKMERE in the event, on operations of a break through on the 6th Cdn Inf Bde's front. This lasted all morning and the RHC will practice the manning of these posns in the near future. BHQ and HQ coys officers took their TOETs in LMG, GRENADES, PISTOL, RIFLE, 2" MORTAR, anti-tank Rifle, and all passed, satisfactorily.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx 18</p>

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	27 Apr		Lieut. V.E. Traversy the WFO took the officers in these tests, and though his patience was perhaps sorely tried at times, he came up smiling and proclaimed us as fine a class of dummies as ever he has seen.	
	28 Apr		Fair and warmer. Summer is just around the proverbial corner. Bn training as per syllabus attached. A quiet day in the training of the Unit. We are establishing ourselves once more after a busy week.	
	25 Apr		The G.O.C. 2 Cdn Div phoned the C.O. this morning with the instruction that I RHC would submit forthwith the names of two officers one of whom would be the A.D.C. to the G.O.C. SOUTH-EASTERN command. GENERAL MONTGOMERY. The names of Lieut. J.P.G. Kemp of D Coy and Lieut. V. WILSON-SMITH of A Coy were submitted. It is regarded as a signal honor that this unit out of all the S.E. COMMAND was asked to submit names.	
	28th Apr.		There was an alert at 2000hrs which lasted for 20 mins. P.O. HOLMBERG of the RCAF arrived to be attached to us as an observer under the new plan of army co-operation with the Air force.	
	29 Apr		Fair but very windy. The G.O.C. 2 Cdn Div Major-General Roberts was here today on a surprise visit which lasted for about 1/2 hr. He interviewed one candidate for the appointment of A.D.C. to the Army Commander after which he terminated his visit. There was a meeting of all officers in 5 Cdn Inf Bde. at 2000hrs at Bde H.Q. to discuss the faults found out on BEAVER III. and the lessons to be learned from them. The Brigadier brought out the following points. a. Leadership in units and sub-units not quite good enough yet. B. we must get around and learn the supporting arms job. c. Tank hunting. From now on every coy in the Bde will set aside one pl to train as a tank hunting pl. and one section in every platoon will be tank hunting sec. d. The moves not good enough all drivers must know their destination, every office in the column must be reading his map all the time. e. Composition of a "Jock column". f. we learnt there would be very little transport on BEAVER IV on 10th May. We would be the invaders and 3 Cdn Div, the defenders.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	30 Apr		<p>Fine and warm. No wind, Visibility good. Bn training as per syllabus attached.</p> <p>There was a meeting of umpires at BHQ at 1400hrs to discuss policy etc. to be carried out on tomorrow's repetition of exercise HARRY 11. at 0900hrs P.O. HOLMBERG and the attached personnel from the RCAF attended a lecture on "Army co-operation with the Air Force" at State Hall, HEATHFIELD, the Lecturer hinted that CDN ARMY may get an AIRBORNE component attached to it in the near future.</p> <p>Lieut. J.W. SHARP and 10 O.R.s arrived at 1745hrs from #2 CDIRU. The Cdn VOTER plebiscite 16-25 Apr. 42 was carried out in this Bn and 515 all ranks voted. See appx. attached</p> <p>Lieut. R.H. GAULT of B Coy carried this referendum out and his report is attached.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. Gault</i> Lt. Col</p>