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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Eastbourne	1/8		No events. Training as per syllabus.	<u>S. M.</u>
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	2/8		No events.	<u>S. M.</u>
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	3/8		Church parade for the entire Bn. in Eastbourne, most of the Catholics on this occasion paraded with the protestants. The service was held in the presbyterian church and the local minister, preached a simple sermon which was appreciated by all ranks. The Bn. led by the pipe band marched through the streets of the city before and after the service. It was good being together as a unit again.	<u>S. M.</u>
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	4/8		Monday and M.T. holiday. No tpt is allowed on the road except in absolutely necessary cases and this is being very strictly adhered to. All ranks were given an issue of cigs donated by the Black Watch Women(s Div. This was most welcome.	<u>S. M.</u>
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5/8		Mr. Somerville "D" Coy with his platoon and six men from the "I" section staged a teargas attack on the city of Eastbourne. They placed 60 generators at a number of parts and caused anyone not wearing a respirator a great deal of discomfort, the amusing part of the show occurred, when L/Cpl Woodward our sanitary Cpl., arrived in town with 4 O.Rs. travelling in a truck and with only the driver having his respirator. In addition to having a charge laid against them, the unfortunate party, still in the truck were placed by Mr. Somerville in a fairly heavy concentration of teargas, thus learning the use of the respirator the hard way	<u>S. M.</u>	
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6/8		Preparations are underway for our move back to the Aldershot Area and after the splendid time we've all had here, it will be a nasty change. No events to-day. Training as per syllabus.	<u>S. M.</u>	
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7/8		Exercise "Dum" another "skeleton scheme" started to-day, the only two officers participating are Major I.L. Ibbotson and the I.O., Lieut. E. Motzfeldt, representing merely Bn.H.Q. For a change, we were the invading Germans and were defeated by the British. The scheme was for the training of Comd. and Signals. Lt-Gen. Sir Walter K. Venning, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E. M.C the Q.M.G., inspected cookhouses and billets, etc., accompanied by Major-Gen. Montague who recognized S/Sgt. Waldie of our unit, as having served with him in France, during the last war.	<u>S. M.</u>	
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Eastbourne	8/8		The advanced party of the 1st Bn. The Liverpool Scottish arrived to-day, as pleased to be here as we shall be sorry to go. They seem to have been having a pretty dull time and a lot of rain.	E J
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Tweseldown	10/8		Coy. Comds. meeting in the C.Os. office to-day, for the purpose of discussing the return move to the Aldershot Area. The pipeband should be mentioned for their good work down here in Eastbourne. They have been a great credit to the unit on the various occasions where they have been playing and have helped greatly to brighten up social and public functions here.	E J
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Tweseldown	12/8		No events. Voluntary church parade at H.Q. Coy.	E J
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	13/8			
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Tweseldown	14/8		Everyone busy scrubbing and cleaning billets. We had to vacate the billets by noon so as to facilitate the take over. It has been a miserable, wet day and no one seems particularly cheerful. Its pleasant, though that people in Eastbourne seem to be genuinely sorry to see us go. We were beginning to feel very much at home here and theres no doubt that the stay here has been the most pleasant time we've been having in England, as yet.	E J
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	15/8			
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Tweseldown	16/8		Last night the Coys. slept in various places procured by the Coy. Comds, as the billets were vacated by noon yesterday. B.H.C. personnel slept in Rattou, H.Q. Coy. in Southdown College Reveille was at 0300 hrs, breakfast at 0400 hrs and the Bn went past the Bn. S.P. at 0550 hrs. The convoy arrived at Tweseldown race course about 1300 hrs. We shall be occupying Camps 54 and 55 here, on the race track, which is really a lovely spot, if it would only stop raining! Due to the need of camouflage, the tents in which we shall be living are situated mostly under trees creating rather a dampened atmoshere.	E J
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Tweseldown	18/8		The day has been spent cleaning up the camp and generally getting organized. Things are pretty wet and we have intermittent showers all the time, Capt. Knox is taking over the carrier Pl., the strength of this pl has been increased to 62 all ranks and is a captain command.	E J
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Tweseldown	14/8		Kit inspection to-day to check on shortages which might have occurred at Eastbourne. Everyone is settling down to this new existence.	<u>29</u>
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	15/8		Payday. - We're starting having route marches to get hardened up again.	<u>29</u>
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	16/8		C.Os. Parade. Col. Blackader commented on the good work done by all ranks while at the coast. In spite of wet weather the men looked smart and their equipment was well blanched in spite of the local difficulties.	<u>29</u>
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	17/8		Compulsary church parade to a little, wooden garrison church ten minutes march from the Camp. Great difficulty in squeezing the Bn. into the little church. On the way back from church the Bn marched past and Brig. G.V. Whitehead E.D, too the salute.	<u>29</u>
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	18/8		No events. Training as per syllabus.	<u>29</u>
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19/8		M.T. move to increase our efficiency in tpt moves and in embussing and debussing. The move was only 25 miles but the men marched about 8 miles. The move went off quite satisfactorily and a great deal of speed and zest was shown by the platoons in boarding tp. tpt.	<u>29</u>	
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20/8		Training during the morning, sports during afternoon. There was an ENSA show in the canteen to-night.	<u>29</u>	
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21/8		A recce. party consisting of the C.O. the Sigs Officer and the I.O. went on a road recce. of two of routes which might be used if our operational role should have to be carried out. One of the routes goes through the southern outskirts of London and would be extremely difficult for convoy work, especially at night.	<u>29</u>	
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22/8		A river crossing scheme was carried out by the Bn to-day Hanley Pond (A.C. 2877. This was supposed to be part of a river and the Bn crossed it by assault and recce boats. This was a new experience and everyone seemed interested in it.	<u>29</u>	
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Tweseldown	23/8	41	Pouring rain, C.Os. parade cancelled. Mr. Mackenzie King to-day was the guest of 2 Cdn Div and was present at the Corps Sports Meet. Our Bn. supplied the guard of honour, a composite guard of 90 men, commanded by Capt. J.W. Knox. The two other officers of the guard were Lieuts. Boswell and Popham. The guard proved a great success and many pleasant remarks and complimentary words were heard about it, in fact all ranks were extremely proud of it. At the sports meet the Bn. did not do as well and usual and Capt. E.H. Anderson who was in charge of our team, was very disappointed, 1st Div. won the meet. Our Prime Minister was received with boisterous if somewhat undignified greetings but with his remarks to the troops created a friendly atmosphere.	E.H.
	24/8	41	Protestant church parade in the N.A.A.F.I. tent in our own lines, 7 Fd Coy. band played. Lt.-Col. K.G. Blackader thanked yesterdays guard of honour for their fine showing.	E.H.
	25/8	41	Mr. Somerville, our gas officer, put the Bn through the gas chamber to-day, to test respirators, remarkably few respirators were defective.	E.H.
	26/8	41	The Div. Comds. of 2 Div. and 3 Div. and Bdes and Bn. Comds. of 3 Div. were entertained at a party this afternoon given at 5 Bde H.Q. by the Brigadier of 5 Bde and the Bn. Comds 5 Bde. Capt. Mackay our padre, was admitted to Bramshott hospital with a minor fracture in the foot. He received this from playing football on a Sunday.	E.H.
	27/8	41	Bn. H.Q., B Coy and Casuals from D Coy. and H.Q. Coy. fired at Ash ranges to-day.	E.H.
	28/8	41	No events, training as per syllabus.	E.H.
	29/8	41	No events, training as per syllabus.	E.H.
	30/8	41	C.Os. parade, Brigadier G.V. Whitehead, V.D. took the salute on a march past. No parades during afternoon.	E.H.

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Tweseldown	31/8 41		Voluntary Church Parade. Weather bright and warm. We've had such bad weather during our stay here that we're not appreciative when the sun shines. The men have christened our camp "The Everglades" and in spite of the rather drasted change from the comforts of Eastbourne, all in all, all ranks have kept cheerful and maintained their sense of humour: One prize remark heard in the officers mess on a nasty rainy morning was, "Isn't it about time we cut the barrage balloons loose and let the d---- place sink." Speculation is ripe as to our next move.	29/11 Scaully Mey