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Aldershot, Hants	1/7	41	1 R.H.C. Operation order #6 issued to-day. This is the order for our move to the South Coast, where we are to relieve the 1st Bn The Liverpool Scottish. Everyone, has of course been looking forward to this welcome change. All ranks have been busy with the cleaning of barracks.	<u>2/11</u> <u>8/11</u>
	2/7	41	As the Liverpool Scottish Bn are taking over our operational role upon moving into our area all our operational fyles are being handed over to their advance party. Our acting C.O. Major I.L. Ibbotson, made a final inspection of our barrack area and everything looked neat and clean.	<u>8/11</u>
	3/7	41	The Bn moved off at 0830 hrs. The trip passed uneventfully except for a slight confusion in the route through Dorking. We arrived in our coastal sector at Eastbourne at 1600 hrs and the men got settled in their billets very quickly, the Liverpool Scottish having evacuated the billets during the afternoon. Our men got on splendidly with their men, who, by the way are all very sorry to leave the Eastbourne area.	<u>8/11</u>
Willington Sussex	4/7	41	Due to the fact that an advance party from our bn has been here during a week prior to the arrival of the bn and have worked with the Liverpool Scottish during that time, the settling in and taking over has seemed a very simple affair and everything is running smoothly. Bn. H.Q. is at "Hadleigh" Kings' Drive, Hampden Park, some three miles behind Eastbourne. Our stay here is going to be partly considered as a holiday and the men are going to be off duty during afternoons. This is a beautiful part of England with the Downs on our right flank. Major S.D. Cantlie during our stay here will be in charge of the "Hill Force", a mobile force composed of the carrier platoons from all three bns. in the 5 Bde. thus earning himself the name "Old Man of the Mountain". His H.Q. is in Folkington Manor. Capt. E.C. Rawlings is Acting O.C. "A" Coy. in Major S.D. Cantlies' absence.	<u>2/11</u>
	5/7	41	Brigadier G.V. Whitehead, V.D., inspected the Bn area to-day and advised us on the siting of defensive posts on the Downs.	<u>8/11</u>
	6/7	41	All ranks seem extremely contented here and the civilian population is doing everything possible to make us feel quite comfortable. Its' a great change from the Aldershot area where one sees nothing but soldiers everywhere. Supplies seem plentiful here and men are bringing back tales of big juicy steaks, served at a place called "Snappy Snacks" which is a	<u>8/11</u>

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Willingdon Sussex	6/7	41	place promising to absorb a fair portion of the bn payroll. During the mornings the men work on defences and do a certain amount of training, during the afternoons swimming parades are organized and everyone is thriving on the life here. There's constant aerial activity and it's an inspiring sight to see flights gather over Beachy Head, bombers escorted by fighters, and then set out for their raids over Germany.	<u>SJI</u>
	7/7	41	Major-General V.W. Odlum was to have inspected the bn to-day but the visit was postponed. Our rear party, which we left in Aldershot arrived to-day.	<u>SJI</u>
	8/7	41	No events.	<u>SJI</u>
	9/7	41	Major I.L. Ibbotson to-day had a meeting with Col. Wise, O.C. 21 Bn of the Home Guard, which is the Eastbourne Bn. We're co-operating with the H.G. in our operational role here and a close liaison is necessary.	<u>SJI</u>
	10/7	41	A quiet day. The weather is very fine, bright, warm sun and a good percentage of our personnel spent the afternoon at the beach.	<u>SJI</u>
	11/7	41	An inter-battalion track meet was held this p.m. on the sports field behind H.Q. Coy billets. Capt. E.H. Anderson our M.O., has done a great deal of splendid work with our sports team. He himself won the high jump and the shot putt.	<u>SJI</u>
	12/7	41	Major I.L. Ibbotson attended a meeting of all commanding officers of the brigade area. There are so many various units here, Imperial and Canadian, that it takes a long time to get to know them all.	<u>SJI</u>
	13/7	41	A number of our men, who formerly were farmers, left to-day for a two weeks stay with English farmers, whom they are to assist. Whilst this is not a vacation it will be a change. A marked improvement in the tidyness and cleanliness of billets is shown.	<u>SJI</u>
	14/7	41	Lt.-Col. K.G. Blackader, our Commanding Officer, returned to the Bn to-day, after having spent two months at the Senior Officers School at Erlestoke Par, Devizes, Wilts. Everyone was pleased to see him back. To-day all ranks were busy cleaning up for General Odlum's visit to-morrow. Our pipeband to-night beat retreat at Devonshir Place, Eastbourne, and	<u>SJI</u>

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Willingdon Sussex	14/7	41	marched the 21 Bn H.G. (Eastbourne) to and from Devonshire Place.	<u>8911</u>
	15/7	41	Training in the morning. The area offers good facilities for training and a field firing range near Jevington is of great use, also a range in "D" Coys' area.	<u>8911</u>
	16/7	41	Major-General V.W. Odlum inspected the Bn to-day. The items he went over in detail were billets, cookhouses and latrines, and his was a most detailed inspection. He complimented Capt. J.W. Knox "D" Coy. on his company area and as a whole did not seem displeased. The General had lunch in our mess.	<u>8911</u>
	17/7	41	Col. K.G. Blackader made an inspection of lines and cookhouses and found marked improvement everywhere. The weather has broken and we're having a great deal of rain. The days go by quickly here as we're all enjoying ourselves and no one cherishes the thought of returning to the Aldershot area, which its' more or less taken for granted that we do. The Bn team participated in the 5 Bde track meet at Bexhill this afternoon, and won by the margin of 27 points. Our tug o war team is especially good and defeated the teams of Calgary Highlanders and Regiment de Maisonneuve with apparent ease. D-81651 Pte. Rodney, J.E.D. and D-81391 Pte. Daley, W.B. both of "C" Coy. were injured this morning by the explosion of an object which they picked up in "C" Coy area. Its' believed to have been the cap of a bomb. They dropped it on the ground and pieces of the metal penetrated into their feet through their boots. They were sent to the M.D.S. Whenever in this area a man is evacuated for medical reasons there always seems to be a great deal of difficulty in finding him afterwards and we often lose track of him for a few days.	<u>8911</u>
	18/7	41	No events - training as per syllabus this morning.	<u>8911</u>
	19/7	41	No events - training as per syllabus this morning.	<u>8911</u>
	20/7	41	Bn.H.Q. and H.Q. Coy attended church in the mens' mess hall at Southdown College. "A" Coy. did field firing on the Downs, where the Mortar Platoon has also had the opportunity to fire some live rounds.	<u>8911</u>

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Willingdon Sussex	21/7	41	Bright, warm, sunny day. A great number of the men swam at the beach this afternoon. Strombos Horns, a coastal gas alarm system, were tested, to be ready for the sounding of all the horns in this area, this being a test of the usefulness of the horns in the event of a gas attack.	<u>S.M.</u>
	22/7	41	The Bn received a letter from 2 Cdn Div stating that the Div Comd was pleased that we had no traffic accidents during the month of June.	app x 9 <u>S.M.</u>
	23/7		Major I.L. Ibbotson and Capt. F.M. Mitchell, the Adjt., attended an "O" Gp conference at 5 Bde, where orders were issued for exercise "Edward". Lt.-Col K.G. Blackader will during this scheme umpire for 2 Cdn Div., creating the "Situations" upon which Bde and Bn Comds act. This is to be purely a skeleton scheme in which merely Bn. H.Q. participates.	<u>S.M.</u>
	24/7	41	Major I.L. Ibbotson, Capt. F.M. Mitchell and Lieut. J.A. Kenny, our Signals Officer, with 24 O.Rs. left for exercise "Edward". The scheme consisted of a flanking attack upon an invading German Army in an area S.E. of Tonbridge.	<u>S.M.</u>
	25/7		Training as persyllabus. It should be mentioned that our Bn. H.Q. in the event of an invasion will be Ratton House, formerly the house of Lord Willingdon, who was Governor General of Canada. Immediately above Ratton House, on the fringe of the Downs is our O.P. from where one gets a wonderful view of Eastbourne.	<u>S.M.</u>
	26/7	41	The "Stand To" and "Action Stations" originally scheduled for this morning were called off, it was certainly nasty weather. "Stand To" and "Action Stations" are out two degrees of alertness, when and if an invasion will seem imminent.	<u>S.M.</u>
	27/7	41	Lt.-Col. K.G. Blackader called a Coy Comds meeting to-day for the purpose of issuing orders for exercise "Speed" which will come off on Tuesday next. This exercise will be for the purpose of getting into action quickly and also to improve our M.T. moves which, although better, need to be improved greatly. Voluntary church parade at Bn. H.Q. this morning.	app x 11 <u>S.M.</u>
	28/7	41	Two carrier pigeons landed in "D" Coy area to-day one with a live message asking for more ammo and grenades. The pigeons plus message were transported to Bde. post haste on the back of an M.C. and forwarded from there to Corps.	<u>S.M.</u>

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Willingdon	29/7	41	Exercise "Speed" proved to be anything but speedy. The Bn moved off by M.T. in the morning first north and then approaching the coast via road Jevington - Friston, enemy airborne tps having landed in the Friston area and taken possession of the airdrome at Friston. However, when the head of the column arrived at Jevington it was held up and told that enemy tps were holding Coonbe Hill and Pt. 665. It took a long time to get the attack underway, as two of our coys. had taken the wrong road during the move and were not available for the attack on time. However, eventually the enemy was "routed" and the battle over. A general sounding of Strombos Horns was done to-day and the results of various listening post will be at Bn H.Q. to-morrow.	<u>S.H.</u>
	30/7	41	The 2 Cdn Div track meet was held at Bexhill to-day, the meet was won by 6 Bde, 5 Bde placing second. Our team was coached by our M.O., Capt. E.H. Anderson, who won the shot putt. Other firsts taken by men from the Black Watch were Pte. Corran (3 miles run). Lieut. J.P.G. Kemp. Unfortunately rain began to fall during the afternoon eliminating the broad jump and the hop step and jump.	<u>S.H.</u>
	31/7	41.	A large number of people have been calling at Bn. H.Q. for permits for fishing and prawning. To-day one of these callers, a local police Sgt., remarked upon the behaviour of the Canadian in Eastbourne. The inhabitants of Eastbourne apparently expected something wild when they heard that the Canadians were coming, but they also were obviously pleasantly surprised. This last month, all in all has been a very pleasant month, a mixture of work and pleasure which has done us all good.	<u>S.H.</u>

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