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Place	Date Apr	Hour 1944	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE	28th	Fri	<p>Clear and cool, warming up as the day advanced. The Bn broke camp and started moving towards the river at 0930 hrs, carrying "full man loads". Some of these loads were certainly "full"; the rifle coy Sgts with the platoon's Piat Bombs, the sigs platoon with both wireless sets and telephone equipment, and the medical section with everything but the operating table. The Calg Highrs were the assault troops on the exercise so we were just ferried across in the Storm boats and formed up in AMCOTTS village, before pushing out and occupying ground $\frac{1}{2}$ mile inland and to the NORTH of the village. C and D Coys took up forward positions with A and B in reserve. The Bn dug in and for the first time in years the boys dug in with a will as the ground was like cutting into cheese as compared to the chalk on the South Downs. Patrols were sent out by the Scouts and I Section throughout the night.</p>	
BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE	29th	Sat	<p>Overcast, clearing before noon, turning quite warm. The morning was occupied with ferrying across the 60 cwt's and ammunition. Parties of NCO's and officers were taken down to the river bank during the morning to watch the RCE rafting across these large vehicles. "Cease Fire" came in at 1130 hrs. TCV's arrived and the Bn was transported back to camp at 1600 hrs. Pay parades commenced right away and in the evening Recreational Transport was laid on to take the boys into SCUNTHORPE.</p>	
BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE	30th	Sun	<p>Fine and warm. Bath parades were held in the morning, transporting the troops to SCUNTHORPE to the municipal Bath House and Swimming Pool. It was quite strange seeing so much anatomy exposed, as this was the first time anybody had undressed for a week. The afternoon was spent with O Groups and packing up preparatory to exercise "KATE 11". This exercise is to be a Brigade assault on AMCOTTS village with the RHC as the only troops on the ground. The Bn moved off at 1900 hrs along same route as KATE 1 to concentration area in FOXHILL PLANTATION. In many cases 2 i/c's who were left off exercise KATE 1, had an opportunity of participating in this exercise.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">  P. S. Cantlie LT. COL. C. C. 1st Bn. THE BLACK WATCH. </p>

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FOLKESTONE, Kent.	1	Thurs	Cool overcast and cloudy, with showers during early evening. Last night's storm brought an end to the hot and sultry spell of weather with an on-shore wind driving in heavy fog banks. D & A Coys were inspected by the C.O. to finish up the week's inspection of the interior economy of the Bn. Sp Coy loaded all their vehicles on operational scale and had them weighed.	REF APPX No 10
"	2	Fri	Overcast and raw, clearing up during afternoon. Three hundred ORs had their blood grouped in the morning by a travelling circus from the RCAMC. HQ Coy sent their vehicles to the weight scales in the morning and A Coy did likewise in the afternoon. Parades started xxx in the morning and continued all day for all ranks to turn in the second best Battle Dress and draw an "AV" one in exchange.	
"	3	Sat	Fair, clouding over towards noon. After PT the Bn took up positions in their respective slit trenches to find out if they were adequate for our needs. At 1015 hrs the Bn marched down to the Odeon Theatre, FOLKESTONE, for an address by the C.O. in which he passed on the substance of a meeting of all Bn Comdrs called by Gen Montgomery while the Bn was on exercise KATE. General confidence in the outcome of the forthcoming invasion on Western Europe, provided everybody concerned pulled their weight and implicitly followed orders, and although we may read in the papers of the initial assaults, it would be no occasion for a laxity in security on our parts, were some of the main points brought out. General Montgomery gave very high praise to the American forces which he had come in contact with, saying that he had seen them perform many very brave deeds. "Monty" also felt that if there were no mistakes made on the initial landings, Germany would be out of the war by November. Pray God he is right! 60 ORs were transported to ASHFORD at 1800 hrs to see a Boxing Tournament, which is to include S/Sgt Joe Louis, given by the U.S. Forces stationed there. The Pipe Band played during the intermission.	Reference Appendix No. 9
"	4	Sun	Fair and mild. A voluntary R.C. Church Parade was held at GUILDHALL STREET CHURCH in the morning. Some of the wheeled vehicles left to-day for 5 Bde LAD for waterproofing, the carriers having been completed on Tuesday.	

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FOLKESTONE KENT	5	Mon	<p>Fair but overcast. More of the Bn's vehicles went to 5 Bde LAD today to be waterproofed and in the evening all the motorcycles went there too, to be overhauled. Two very large convoys passed quite close going downstream. The RHC ORS softball team played the Bde HQ ORS team in the evening at Radnor Park and beat them with a score of 17 to 7. The Sgts vs Officers game was postponed.</p>	
" "	6	Tues	<p>Overcast and cool, clearing in forenoon, with rain at night. At approx 1000 hrs word was flashed from the Sigs Office, that D Day had at last arrived. The two large convoys that we had seen yesterday were part of the largest scale invasion ever attempted when the NORTHERN COAST OF FRANCE between LE HAVRE and CHERBOURG was assaulted from midnight, first with thousands of paratroops and at dawn with infantry and tanks. Canadians were quoted as being part of the invasion were evidently the 3rd Div, as part of the signal scheme from which Lieut S.E. Griffin and his small party have just returned, was to represent the 3rd Div in this great war of nerves and rouse. A shell warning was sounded at 1220 hrs, as a precaution for civilians as a further large convoy was proceeding downstream close to shore. The troops witnessed one merchant ship being hit and burning off FOLKESTONE, evidently hit by a lucky shot from the FRENCH SHORE. The sigs have been keeping the Bn informed by hourly TAC R reports and the Int Sec have a situation map operating with the latest developments. The WO's, Sgts and Officers met in A coy mess hall at 1930 hrs to start a 3 evening series of round table discussions with officer and NCO representation from the Can Grenadier Guards (22 Armoured Reg't) on infantry cum tank situations. Another large convoy passed during the evening.</p>	dawn REF APPX N° 5
" "	7	Wed	<p>Overcast and raw. Word was received this morning that all personal kit in excess to that which has been laid down by 21 Army Gp is to be turned in, including operational kit bags. Also we have been advised that the GOC will inspect the Bde on June 12th. In the evening an OP was established in the attic of Sp Coy to report all incidents in the channel for Bde's information. The "round table" discussion of infantry cum tank continued tonight for officers WO's and Sgts.</p>	REF APPX N° 15

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FOLKESTONE, KENT	12	Mon	(continued) expressed how fit he thought the men looked and felt that if we follow the instructions which he and the Brig have seen, and if we have two good pairs of boots, we will have the Hun on the run and be home for Christmas. The usual three cheers and march past followed. The RHC softball team beat the 18 Fd Amb by a score of 8 to 1 in the evening.	
" "	13	Tues	Overcast with light showers, clearing completely in afternoon. The Bn had a rude awakening this morning when they had to repair to the slit trenches from 0345 hrs until 0515 hrs while FOLKESTONE was being shelled from German Shore batteries. Several pieces of shrapnel were picked up in the RAP area and the Central Theatre was hit by one shell. The latter caused a change of plans and the Bn attended the Odeon instead at 1000hrs to see a training film entitled "Nine Men". Restrictions regarding OR's has increased with a C.B. to the immediate area and passes for no longer than 5 hours are necessary to go into town. The officers, & C Coy had a group pictures taken today.	
" "	14	Wed	Fine and warm, scattered showers. As last minute preparations are pretty well completed, the training has lightened and sleep parades are in order. A Bn muster parade was held at 1620 hrs as an identification parade to identify some of our more belicose members who disturbed the peace last night. B. Coy and the Signal Platoon had group pictures taken this afternoon.	
" "	15	Thur	Overcast and cool. Retreat was played by the Pipe Band along the waterfront road this evening. All ranks were kept awake most of the night watching a brilliant display of fireworks in the form of an ack ack barrage leveled at enemy planes, KENTINA believed to be pilotless and radio controlled. Six of them were seen by our boys to have been brought down in this area. The amount of ack ack in this area was quite surprising. The fire seemed to appear from everywhere.	
" "	16	Fri	Overcast, clearing in afternoon. The main attraction of the day was another air raid with heavy and concentrated	

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FOLKESTONE KENT	16	Fri	(continued) AA fire, which together with a Spitfire from the rear, were successful in downing one of the "Buzzbomb" projector planes immediately over the Bn billet area, which upon being hit, blew up completely in a great black smoke and flame and the concussion broke many plate glass store windows along Sandgate Rd. HQ & BHQ had a group picture taken in the afternoon. Bn Offrs softball team trimmed Bde HQ offrs team 25-5 in a nine inning game at Bde tonight. Capt Traversy and Lieut Horwood pitched for the winners with Maj Slater and Capt Lockwood on the mound for Bde.	
" "	17	Sat	Overcast and cool with a strong cold wind. A C.O.s parade was held for Sp and the Rifle Coys at RADNOR PARK at 0845 hrs with HQ coy first on the list to be medically examined. Instructions have started for co:drivers in the use of hand signs to guide the vehicles on barges and up ramps. Work was stopped again this afternoon to watch another pilotless buzzbomb being attacked successfully by a Spitfire right over the city, and was seen to explode in a field just NORTH of the city.	
" "	18	Sun	Cool and overcast with high north wind in afternoon. A voluntary R.C. church parade was held at 0900 hrs at GUILDHALL ST CHURCH FOLKESTONE. First intimation regarding our move was received this morning when the order for the advance party to report to Bde HQ by 2000 hrs. The party consisted of Maj.E. Motzfeldt, Sgt. Ritchie and Ptes R.W. Rodney, and R.Pitcher of the Pioneer Pl. This is not Pte Rodney's first venture as he was one of the unfortunate lads to have been aboard a craft in which the 36 grenade exploded the evening before the assault at Dieppe in 1942. The host of balloons that appeared floating very high over town in the evening turned out to be for meteorological purposes upon checking with Bde, and not Jerry's No 2 secret weapon as it was first assumed.	
" "	19	Mon	Cool and overcast with high wind still continuing. A and B Coys went for a 20 mile route march today. The offrs softball team took a sound beating tonight at the hands of the Bn Sgts to the tune of 13-4. Capt Traversy & Lieut Horwood again pitched for the offrs with Sgt Gaudard going the whole route for the winners. The very strong wind somewhat interfered with good play.	 

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FOLKESTONE KENT	20	Tue	<p>Clear and cool with wind abating somewhat. with The order this morning that all palliasses were to be emptied and straw burnt by 0900 hrs is just one KK more encouraging sign. However this good sign was overshadowed $\frac{1}{2}$ hr later with a list of 19 names of ptes within the Bn who have French names to be SOS today to 11 Bn CBRG. Some of the above mentioned although with french names can't speak the language and it does seem tough that on the eve of embarkation so to speak, ORs who have been with the Bn for 4 years shouldn't be able to see action with it.</p>	
" "	21	Wed	<p>Oversast and cool, strong northly wind keeps up. All ranks received an issue this morning of chocolate bar, box of matches, razor blades, soap and 100 cigatettes to be carried for use on the "other side".</p>	
" "	22	Thu	<p>Clear and mild. This morning a voluntary non denominational Communion was held by Capt Berliss in D coy mess to which a good number attended. A small group of heterogeneous soldiers clad in denim were seen leaving the billet area in the morning for a route march and upon closer examination it turned out to be some of the drivers, office clerks, batmen, ration staff, pay office personnel of HQ Coy ejected from their holes and hideouts. In the evening the officers softball team lost out to the 5th Fd Regt officers team with a score of 23 to 21. The "Gunnars" were entertained in the offr mess after the game where an exciting sport developed of cutting off each others ties.</p>	
" "	23	Fri	<p>Overcast and cool, clearing slightly in afternoon. The balance of the "odds and sods" of HQ Coy stretched their legs and muscles in the form of a route march this morning while the balance of the coys occupied themselves for most of the day at sports. The Padre, Capt R. Berliss held another Communion Service in D coy mess hall at 1500 hrs for those who were unable to attend yesterday. The Bn offr softball team were beaten by Calg Highrs offr tonight 22-17 in a fast hard hitting 9 inning game, at Radnor Park. Lieut Horwood and Capt Kemp pitched for us with Maj Campbell going the whole game for the winners.</p>	

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FOLKESTONE KENT	24	Sat	<p>Clear and mild.</p> <p>A Bn Parade was held at RADNOR PARK at 0900 hrs with an hours smartening up drill, and in spite of the absence of the Pipe Band's music, the Bn marched very well. At approx 1515 hrs this shore received 3 salvos of 4 rds each from the Jerry guns and once again as on D day, a lucky shot hit a freighter which was part of a large convoy passing downstream covered by smoke screen, setting her ablaze about 3 miles off shore from FOLKESTONE. It has been a glorious day, visibility unlimited and the channel turquoise blue with the French shore quite visible with the naked eye. The burning ship was towed into shore EAST of the town pier and burned furiously all night making a good target for the moderate shelling which we received after midnight. Retreat was played by the Pipe Band along the waterfront at 1800 hrs.</p>	
"	25	Sun	<p>Clear and quite warm.</p> <p>Church parades were held in the morning with the RC Parade moving off at 0845 hrs to the Guildhall Street Church. The Protestant church parade moved off at 0900 hrs, pipe band attending, the Grace Hill Methodist Church, where the service was conducted by Capt, R. Berlis.</p>	
"	26	Mon	<p>Overcast and raw with strong wind.</p> <p>As a result of a slump by the offr's softball team on Friday night it was felt by the C.O. that more training was necessary so at 0800 hrs this morning, they were seen at Radnor Park, "whalloping 'em out past third over the bleachers." The easing KK up on strictly military training has made possible more time for sports and in the afternoon, a real 5 star final softball game was played between A & B coys with the former winning after a fiercely contested battle right to the last strike, with a score of 14 to 13. The offr's ball team travelled to the R Reg't C for a match against their offr's. We won quite handily by a score of 19-9. Lieut Horwood pitched all the way for us with Lieut Watters opposing. A good fast game. We were entertained afterwards with drinks and refreshments. Pay parade was held in the afternoon with a £ 1 note being given to all ranks. Our sleep was again broken during the night with another series of visits from the "Buzz bombs", four of them being downed very close to the billets, in fact most of the windows on the rear of D, C and the BOR buildings are no more from the concussion. A God send for "Barrack Damages! "</p>	

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FOLKESTONE KENT	27	Tue	<p>Bright and cool, clouding over later with strong wind from channel. A training film parade was attended by the Bn at the ODEON THEATRE at 0900 hrs, showing the heroic defence of STALINGRAD and MOSCOW. During our absence at the theatre a salvo of 3 or 4 shells was fired from the opposite shore presumably at a convoy passing downstream but overshot their mark and the nearest one landed in the sea, some 500 yds off A coy billet. Retreat was played along the waterfront in front of Sp coy billets at 1800 hrs.</p>	
"	28	Wed	<p>Clear, but still cool with breeze continuing. The old, "much criticized" forced marches once again reappear on the Bn trg syllabus, so bright and early this morning, the A Coy "Commandos" and "Fighting" HQ Coy were seen to have started the ball rolling. During the afternoon, the Offrs Baseball team played yet another game - this time against the R de Mais losing to the tune of 12-3. Lieut Mailas pitched for the winners with Lieut Horwood starting for us but being relieved by Capt Traversy in the 7th inning. Another ball game was played during the afternoon between the Bn teams of the R Regt C and ourselves, with a win to the opponents by a score of 15-4. The results of the game were so unsatisfactory that the team manager, Capt Demers, tendered his resignation to the Sports Offr.</p>	
"	29	Thu	<p>Overcast and quite mild. The remainder of HQ, and B Coys spent the morning doing a "march and trot march" - the old forced march under a new nom de plume. Much to everybody's surprise, another pay parade was held in the afternoon for all ranks, but with amounts fixed at certain levels for different ranks.</p>	
"	30	Fri	<p>Clear and cool. The day was occupied for the most part by coy recreational training and bath parades - pretty much of a lazy day. It was felt, from remarks made by the CO at the Coy Cmdrs meeting this afternoon, that our warning order is not very far in the offing. Retreat was played by the Pipe Band at 1730 hrs along the waterfront foard. A small fire was discovered in HQ Coy's chimney by the NFS spotters, who soon were successful in extinguishing it before any severe damage could be done. A Mess dinner of all the Bn Offrs was held in the HQ Mess - probably the last for some time to come. Lt.Cols</p>	

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FOLKESTONE, Kent.	30	Fri	<p>(cont'd) MacLauchlan and Bisiallion of the Calg Highrs and R de Mais respectively, and Maj R G Slater, B.M., were the only guests. After cocktails everybody squeezed around the tables and enjoyed a magnificent dinner, complete with port and snuff. Pipe Major H MacDonald piped during the evening. The CO made a short speech and presented Lt.Col MacLauchlan with the 440 yd relay trophy which the Calg Highrs had won from us in SCUNTHORPE last May. Col MacLauchlan replied appropriately and then the CO called on "Jock Mac Bisiallion", who very aptly said, "when the Black Watch and the Calg Highrs start running, I hope they wait for me!" Uproarious laughter. After dinner most of the Offrs went into town to finish off a most pleasant evening.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>S. S. T Cantlie</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">LT. COL. C.O. 1ST BN THE BLACK WATCH, (R.H.R.) OF CANADA.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i></p>