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M.F.M. 11.

A.F.C. 2118.  
1 Mil. 8-39 (1708)  
H.Q. 1772-45-18

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| Place            | Date   | Hour | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks, references to Appendices and initials |
|------------------|--------|------|--|--|
| Aldershot Hants. | 1 Mar. |      | Weather dull and damp; C. O.'s inspection and parade. No unusual activity.   | R.M.   |
|                  | 2 "    |      | Weather no change; Church parades with the usual good attendance, R.C.s at St. Micheals Church, Protestants to St. Andrews. During the evening the Bn was advized of the Brigade Attack Exercise taking place on 3 Mar. C.O.s meeting at 2300 hrs.   | R.M.   |
|                  | 3 "    |      | Bn moved off in Bde column at 0415 hrs and arrived at assembly area on Whitley Common at 0700 hrs. The attack started at 1215hrs and the final objective on Elstead Common was attained by 1600 hrs. A meal was afterwards served in the field and the Bn started the return march arriving in barracks at 2200 hrs., the marching distance being 7½ miles.  |  |
|                  | 4 "    |      | No morning parades. Routine training in the afternoon.   |  |
|                  | 5 "    |      | A and B Coys carried out field firing practices all day in damp, dull weather; C and D Coys were out on an all day route march.  | R.M.   |
|                  | 6 "    |      | C and D Coys field firing practices all day; remainder of Bn specialist and weapon training in the morning, sports all afternoon.  | R.M.   |
|                  | 7 "    |      | Bn H.Q., H.Q. Coy, A and B Coys on all day route march, remainder of Bn weapon training in morning and sports all afternoon. Weather still dull and damp.  | R.M.   |
|                  | 8 "    |      | Weather decidedly better, clear and fine, C.O.'s parade and inspection in the morning; during the afternoon the Bn soccer team played the Camerons Of Canada team and defeated them 4 to 3 in a game which made apparent the physical fitness of the men.  | R.M.   |
|                  | 9 "    |      | Dull, damp, misty weather; no unusual activity, Colonel Blackader started a 5 day gunnery course at Lark Hill.   | R.M.   |
|                  | 10 "   |      | No change in weather; Bn moved out to take part in Bn Defence And Withdrawal Scheme under Bde arrangements, (ref Map-- Ald. Cmd. 1" to 1 mile) debussing area was rd. junc.338814, from which place all ranks marched to the assembly area accompanied by minimum transport. F.D.L. on line CEASARS CAMP 3085---- GRAVEL HILL 3185; Bn H.Q. at 313845. Position occupied at 1030 hrs. Enemy attacked From North at 1330 hrs. Bn withdrew through C Coy who covered | R.M.   |

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| Aldershot<br>HANTS. |         |      | the withdrawal, which took place at 1830 hrs., by holding line DEER ROCK HILL 3282 ----- SURREY HILL 3283, to new positions astride the LONDON Rd. Coy cooks served a hot meal at 1930 hrs at original assembly pt. Bn returned to barracks by march route arriving at 2230 hrs.  | 2 M.   |
|                     | 11 Mar  |      | Weather dull and damp; no parades in morning, afternoon devoted to cleaning quarters and equip.   | 2 M.   |
|                     | 12 "    |      | No change in weather, all transport confined to the barrack area on order of Major General Odlum. Training continues under Coy arrangements.  | 2 M.   |
|                     | 13 "    |      | Bright, warm day; C and D Coys all day route march, remainder of Bn on specialist and weapon training in the morning, sports during the afternoon.  | 2 M.   |
|                     | 14 "    |      | Coys reversed yesterday's syllabus. Colonel Blackader returned on completing gunnery course.  | 2 M.   |
|                     | 15 "    |      | Bright, sunny day; C.O.'s Parade followed by pay parade in the morning. 18 men from the Bn entered the Bde harrier race which we won although training for same had only been under way for one week. In the afternoon the soccer team beat R.H.L.I. 6-0.   | 2 M.   |
|                     | 16 "    |      | Weather continues fine; R.Cs paraded to St. Michael's Church; Protestants to St; George's.  | 2 M.   |
|                     | 17 "    |      | Entire Bn took refresher courses in T.O.E.T. of L.M.G. A/TK, MORTAR, BAYONET, and rifle with a few periods of P.T. and drill. Board of examiners checked on Bn T.O.E.T. on Friday morning   | 2 M.   |
|                     | 22 "    |      | 22 Mar. and, when leaving, expressed to Maj. I. L. Ibbotson their satisfaction on the smoothness of the inspection and co-operation they had received.  |  |
|                     | 23 "    |      | National Day of Thanksgiving and Intercession requested by H.I.M. The King. R.Cs paraded to St. Michaels Church, Protestants to Garrison Church.  | 2 M.   |
|                     | 24 & 25 |      | Revision of training.   | 2 M.   |
|                     | 26 Mar. |      | Morning -- revision training. Col. Blackader left the Bn to take over from Brig. Leclerc who is at present in hospital. Afternoon soccer game, (Div. Finals) between R.H.L.I. and R.H.C. R.H.C. won 4-2. Hon. Vincent Massey congratulated both teams, particularly R.H.C. to whom he presented the Vincent Massey Trophy. Major General Odlum 'kicked Off' the ball. | 2 M.   |

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| Aldershot,<br>Hants. | 27 Mar.  |      | A memorable day for the entire Bn. The troops moved out by transport to YATELY COMMON where they took up position at 271776 (Aldershot Command 1" to 1 Mile) at 1145 Their Majesty's the King and Queen inspected us at 1530 hrs. The Coys. put on praetical demonstrafion of their progress in the field. Three hardy cheers were given by all when the inspection was over. | S.A.   |
|                      | 28 Mar.  |      | T.O.E.T. and Specialists Training.  |  |
|                      | 29 Mar.  |      | Major S.D. Cantlie took the Bn parade as he is A/2 i/c at the moment. Pay Parade. In the afternoon a soccer game between the M.G. Holding Unit and R.H.C. (Corps semi-final) which we won 2 - 1.  | S.A.   |
|                      | 30 Mar.  |      | Voluntary Church Parades well attended, weather very good, no further activities.   | S.A.   |
|                      | 31. Mar. |      | Preparations for exercise "Benito" orders issued by Bde. at 2050 hrs. Bn. Orders were issued at 2200 hrs by Major I.L. Ibbotson, who returned from his privilege leave to-day and took over "Command" of the Bn as A/C.O.   | S.A.   |

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