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Exercise "COYOTE II" Acharacle, Argyll, Scotland.	Mon 1 Nov		<p>A dull mild day. Coys were mainly engaged on field firing this morning, in the form of coy tactics using live amm, the hills behind the various camps providing splendid ground for this type of work. "A" coy spent the morning on the DORLIN assault range, and at 1330 hrs "A" and "C" coys were briefed on Exercise "RAID" on which they will be engaged tonight. The CO and Adjt visited GLENCRIPESDALE to investigate a report of two men missing from the exercise of the previous day, only to find the missing men returned; they had spent the night in a shepherd's cottage in the hills. The CO went to KENTRA BEACH to view "A" and "C" coys attacks in Exercise "RAID" tonight. The raids went off well. As in last night's shows, intense small arms fire from numerous positions opened up immediately on touch down, while pistol and parachute flares and mortar shelling of the beach combined with electrically fired mines in an attempt to upset the raid and evacuation. However,</p>	CJS
Exercise "COYOTE II"	Tues 2 Nov		<p>Bright and clear throughout. "B" and "C" Coys spent the day on field firing, ravine crossing and on the assault course. The latter is strenuous as was to be expected but was not found too difficult, consisting of a climb up a steep cliff, rope bridge, ladders and catwalks and also greasy poles and lots of mud. Unfortunately the deep mud below the greasy pole contained rocks and as a result the M.O. had several cases of sprained and twisted ankles to deal with. It is a good course for practical training and hardening and was enjoyed. After finishing the course "B" Coy completed a seven mile speed march home, thereafter helped on camp maintenance jobs for the remainder of the afternoon. Exercise "LOST" took place tonight, platoons being dropped at varying distances from camp and finding their way home by compass and map. Roads were out of bounds and patrolled by instructors with Bren guns, which they were more than eager to fire. The Highlands are difficult enough to traverse in daylight but at night swamps and cliffs hove up on one without warning and although fortunate in having a starlit night, all ranks were thoroughly worn out on arrival back at camp.</p>	CJS
Exercise "COYOTE II"	Wed. 3 Nov		<p>Dull; mild. HQ personnel went over the Dorlin Assault Course in the morning and swimming in full equipment in the afternoon. "A" Coy spent the day climbing BEN RESIPOL, while "B" Coy set off at 0900 hrs for a day's trek over mountain and valley in battle order and carrying toggle ropes. Confidence is growing in the use of the toggle rope and men are no longer worrying about swinging in mid air high over rocky ground.</p>	CJS

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Exercise "COYOTTE II"	Wed. 3 Nov.		<p>Commander Russell and Major Gray of the C.T.C. came to dinner at BHQ after which a thrilling inter-services snooker match was played. The C.O. Adjutant and Major Motzfeldt watched "D" Coy in Ex. "Kentra" this afternoon. "C" Coy went in swimming in battle order this morning and in the afternoon left on L.E.Ps at 1330 hrs for DRIMNIN BEACH made a landing and walked back to camp via CLAGGAN AND KINLOCK, arriving at approximately 0130 hrs.</p>	<p>CSS</p>
Exercise "COYOTE II"	Thurs 4 Nov.		<p>Another dull, mild day. H.Q. personnel did compass work in the morning and watched "B" Coy in Exercise "Kentra" in the afternoon. The C.O. and Adjutant attended "B" Coy briefing on "Kentra" and the actual exercise in the afternoon. This company embarked in four LCP(M) at 1330 hrs and as they neared the beach, machine guns fired tracer between the boats and overhead. Two LCB(M) in support fired an effective smoke screen on the beach. The Coy touched down at the allotted time 1430 hrs and all ranks raced to the wire and through so fast that the RE Captain in charge of explosives on the beach was only able to get off a few of his fireworks. We later learned that it was the fastest crossing of the wire yet done by any on Ex "Kentra" and that included a good many companies. The experiment of omitting rabbit wire and breaching the wire by the first man throwing himself on it and the remainder rushing over him was most successful. There were, of course, enough explosives set off to throw plenty of sand in our faces and to do some minor damage to the face and leg of one man; the majority of personnel chewed sand for over two hours afterwards. The attack went according to plan and all objectives were taken, while very good spirit was shown by the men.</p>	<p>CSS</p>
Exercise "COYOTE II"	Fri 5 Nov		<p>Dull and with intermittent showers throughout. HQ personnel were out on an all-day compass march. The CO and Adjt attended "C" coy's briefing in the morning and Exercise "KENTRA" in the afternoon. The IO drove to FORT WILLIAM to pick up Lieut. Tunwell and 2 ORs of the Cdn Film Unit who are staying at BHQ for the next few days to take pictures of the Bn in its Combined Ops Trg. This afternoon they shot "C" coy on "KENTRA". Brigadier Whitehead arrived today and spent the remainder of the course visiting the coys.</p>	<p>CSS</p>

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Exercise "COYOTE II"	Sat 6 Nov		Cold and rain throughout. "B" Coy who were notified last night that they would again complete Exercise "RAID" for the benefit of the Cdn Film Unit, were told this morning that as the sea was too rough the film version of raid would have to be postponed. In the afternoon HQ coy worked on the toggle rope bridge and "death slide" for the benefit of the photographers. The Brigadier and the C.O. also performed.	CJS
Exercise "COYOTE II"	Sun 7 Nov		A clear crisp day, considerably colder than any so far. "B" coy put on a special show on DORLIN assault course this morning for the Army Film Unit. The Brigadier and C.O. also taking part. The Navy let us down, failing to show up with their craft from which we were to land at the start of the course. This being the second time over it seemed easier, although the mud was worse than before. Added interest was introduced by the LMG fire overhead and around us. The Brigadier and C.O. went right through the course in fine style, over every obstacle, to the admiration of the troops. Plenty of good pictures were taken of various phases of the course. The other coys completed treks throughout the day, and "A" coy did Exercise "KENTRA" with a zero at 1700 hrs.	CJS
Exercise "COYOTE II"	Mon 8 Nov		Bright and clear for out last day's trg. "D" coy did LCP trg this morning, practice landings with and without ammunition - from 4 L.C.P. (M) provided by the navy. "B" Coy spent some hours in field firing in the area behind the camp, the chief object being to improve fire orders, section control and the advanced handling of weapons. Several pl attacks were staged over perfect country for fieldcraft and a great improvement was evident over previous exercises. Fire was quite well controlled and 3" and 2" mortars gave good support. Make and mend preparations to move out occupied the better part of the afternoon and evening with all coys. Lieut. Tunwell and party left during the morning and the Brigadier immediately after lunch. "A" Coy. snipers sent out by coy instrs today bagged two hinds. We have had a splendid ten days. Our sincere thanks are due our instructors for the energy and enthusiasm they have shown and for the excellent trg they have given us. It will be good to have dry feet and reasonably clean clothes again and some look forward with pleasure to a less strenuous existence, but on many the rugged Highlands have left their impression and the bens and lochs and the hardy life will be missed.	CJS

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Exercise "COYOTE II"	Tue 9 Nov		Raining. "A" and "B" coys moved to GLENFINNAN by tpt and HQ and BHQ by ferry. There was a wait of approx four hours while the Calgary and RCASC vehicles were loaded on flat cars. "D" coy and a part of "B" coy left GLENFINNAN by the first train at 1600 hrs. "C" coy meantime travelled to TOBERMORY by drifter and public steamer to OBAN and thence by train joining "D" coys train at EDINBURGH. "A" coy, balance of "B", HQ and BHQ left GLENFINNAN on 2nd train at 1630 hrs.	CJS
Exercise "COYOTE II"	Wed 10 Nov		Sunny and colder. Sandwiches for all meals again. There was a short tea halt at ESSENDINE at 1300 hrs, 4 hrs behind schedule. From there on the journey was uneventful and the bn arrived at HOVE Stn at approx 1900 hrs, now five hrs late. Troops marched to billets and had a late supper, while baggage was unloaded and everything cleared up.	CJS
Hove	Thur 11 Nov		Fair and warm. Afternoon bright. Today is Armistice Day and a two minutes silence was observed at 1100 hrs. A meeting of all offr and NCOs was held after lunch when the CO spoke about the standard of discipline he desired in the bn. The day was generally spent in cleaning up after the Scotland trip. A draft of 38 men also five sergenats on special increment, arrived at 1530 hrs.	CJS
Hove	Fri 12 Nov		Intermittent showers during the morning, later clearing and clear and fine for afternoon and evening. A funeral service for the late Pte. Holden, T.F. who met a fatal accident on Sunday last, was held at the Church of the Sacred Heart at 0900 hrs. There was a very large attendance of offr and men. We learn today that Major A.L. MacLaurin, formerly of the bn. has been awarded the CROIX de GUERRE with bronze star, in respect of the DIEPPE operations. The rear party from Scotland, i/c Major Motzfeldt, returned before noon. Capt. Kemp and the I.O. tonight attended a demonstration of the Principle of Fire and Movement and Darkness and Light by No.6 Commando at 1815 hrs below PYECOMBE. All offr down to and incl coy comdrs attended a lecture at 1915 hrs tonight at 5 Cdn Inf Bde by Col. Paul, trg adviser to 2 Cdn Div. The subject of the lecture, which was greatly enjoyed by all present, was "UMPIRES". The CO left today on leave.	CJS

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Hove	Sat 13 Nov		Clear and cold. There was no COs parade today but unclassified shots left at 0745 hrs for a days shoot at KITHURST RANGES. The syllabus is out today for our week of night trg which commences tomorrow, Sunday evening. Our adm organization is to function completely during the hours of night and all HQ and BHQ personnel will function, reversing night for day, throughout the week, incl night maintenance of vehicles.	CJS
Hove	Sun 14 Nov		A clear cold day. Today, our first date for the night trg programme, reveille was at 1500 hrs and breakfast at 1600 hrs with first parade at 1700 hrs. Haversack rations were prepared for the night meal and issued at breakfast; coys reached the trg area on the Downs north of STANMER by 1930 hrs. Tonights programme incl digging wiring, mine-laying, night formations, and night recce patrols. Lunch was at 2300 hrs and troops left the area at 0300 hrs for a march back to billets and dinner at 0530 hrs.	CJS
Hove	Mon 15 Nov		Cold with intermittent showers. Coys again marched out this evening to the Downs north of STANMER to Area "C" and BHQ was established at HIGHPARK COTTAGES (ref 767305) Sp and "C" coys proceeded to KITHURST RANGES, where they alternated on Night Firing and Observation. "A", "B", and "D" coys were busy on night formations, recce partols mine lifting and attack from flash. Our recce patrols went out for information required as to enemy posns and routes etc. for night attack scheduled for tomorrow. Another patrol i/c Capt. Louson was ordered out tonight to make a preliminary recce of the RIVER ADUR in anticipation of a crossing scheduled for the night 19-20 Nov.	CJS
Hove	Tue 16 Nov		Clear and cold. Drivers from HQ coy proceeded to SHOREHAM tonight where they practiced loading and unloading on dumb barges, while Sp coy as enemy in the bn night attack practiced the occupation of a def posn and night withdrawal. Objectives in the attack were STANMER DOWN and HORSESHOE PLANTATION (Sq. 7730-7780). Prior to the attack the FUP was taped and due to the thorough briefing given coy and pl comdrs during the afternoons recce, the attack went very well indeed. "B" and "D2" were respectively left and right forward assault coys with "C" coy in reserve.	CJS

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Hove	Wed 17 Nov		Cold with intermittent showers. Coys were mainly engaged on infiltration exercises tonight, each coy as a fighting partol infiltrating through a posn destroying a HQ and withdrawing. The Brigadier visited the trg area and witnessed a demonstration by our 3" mortars on night firing. "A" and "B" coys also engaged in location of fire.	CS
Hove	Thur 18 Nov		A clear cold night. At 1330 hrs today the Brigadier and Bde. IO attended a briefing of all officers, with the aid of a cloth model in the Officers Mess, on Ex "Crossing". An O Gp was held at 1600 hrs above the sites chosen for the crossing of the river ARNH and objectives pointed out on the ground. Training tonight was similar to that of yesterday - mainly infiltration exercises and location of fire.	CS
Hove & Ex. Crossing (R. Adur above Shoreham)	Fri. 19 Nov.		Clear and cold with heavy frost. Coys left their billet areas at intervals commencing around 2000 hrs to arrive at the assembly area above the Pumping Sta for Brighton City Water Works by 2300 hrs. A hot meal was served shortly after arrival. Taping of the FUP was completed by the "I" Sec. by 0100 hrs. also the route from FUP to crossing sites. The forward assault coys - "B" Coy on the left and "C" Coy on the right moved on OLD ERRINGHAM FARM for the picking up of Assault boats and paddles, and at Z-10 were in position at the crossing sites. At this stage the G.O.C. and Brigadier arrived with the C.O. and witnessed preparations and crossing. At both crossings we touched down at zero, companies were quickly over the dykes and engaging the enemy and successfully cleaned up all resistance. The ground was searched for enemy posns during the adv and objectives taken in good time. The Bn retruned to Hove at approx. 0630 hrs. on the 20th.	CS
Hove	Sat. 20 Nov.		Clear and cold. There was little movement around billets until late in the afternoon, when hot baths weremuch in demand, thereafter tps enjoyed their first evening off in a week. All ranks feel that they have benefited considerably from the past week's night trg; much experience has been gained and confidence developed in night fighting.	CS

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Hove	Sun. 21 Nov.		Clear and cold with a fair S.W. wind. There were no church parades today. An uneventful day.	CJS
Hove	Mon. 22 Nov.		Dull, overcast and with intermittent showers throughout. After P.T. this morning coys. drew respirators from stores for a check, disinfection, decontamination and a general review of gas trg., which also included a visit to the gas chamber. The afternoon's trg program included a recapitulation and discussion of last week's night training.	CJS
Hove.	Tues 23 Nov.		Cold and dull throughout. The 3" Mortar Platoon, which has been on two day's trg. at KINGLEY VALE, returned this afternoon. Security drill, aircraft and tank recognition and weapon training were main items on today's syllabus. Our hockey team tonight won their first game in this Brigade League, putting up a score of 8-4 against the Mobile Laundry. L/Cpl. Storey was high scorer, getting a total of three goals.	CJS
Hove	Wed. 24 Nov.		Clear and cold. Coys spent the day on route marches, and the ATK pl left for EASTBOURNE and BIRLING GAP for a one day sub-calibre shoot and a one-day full charge shoot. An adv party of our 3" Mor pl left this morning to 2 Div. 3" Mor Course. This course will terminate on 11 Dec. and a balance of the pl will leave Hove on 27th Nov. Ordnance visited us today and commenced a check on weapons. Tonight at 1700 hrs we had our Boxing and Wrestling Show in the Sussex County Cricket Grounds, Hove. The Home Guard Drill Hall proved an ideal spot for the large gathering and some really fine bouts were witnessed. The Brigadier was present, and the C.O. in a speech prior to the closing bout, proposed votes of thanks to the Home Guard for the use of the Hall and to Sergeants Willoughby and Graham for their long hours and hard work put in while trg the teams and for administrative arrangements which made the evening such a success.	CJS

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Hove	Thurs 25 Nov.		<p>Cold and dull throughout. All coys. paraded and left at 0900 hrs led by the Pipe band to the Astoria Cinema, where they saw trg films, returning at approx noon. Cpl. Paule, trg adviser to 2 Cdn Div lectured all officers and NCOs this afternoon and evening on "Umpiring". We welcomed back today Major F.M. Mitchell as our new Second-in-Command; since leaving the Regiment he has been O.C. of No. 1 OCTW Wing of the C.T.S. also on a course at Senior Officer's School, Brasenose College, Oxford. Major B.R. Ritchie our acting 2 i/c has received notification of his appointment as 2 i/c of The Algonquin Regiment.</p>	<p>CSJ</p>
Hove	Fri. 26 Nov.		<p>Morning mild with sunshine; afternoon and evening cold and dull. All motorcyclists paraded this morning with their machines for an Ordnance check of M.Cs and equipment, mchines were later inspected by the C.O. Coys spent some time today on minor tactics with the aid of a cloth model also a period on "Explosives". At 1630 hrs the Pipe Band played "Retreat" in North Road.</p>	<p>CSJ</p>
Hove	Sat. 27 Nov.		<p>Overcast and cold with intermittent showers throughout. C.Os parade was cancelled this morning - unqualified shots and casuals from the various coys left by truck at 0800 hrs for a day's shoot at KITCHURST RANGES. Tonight the Annual St. Andrew's Dance was held in "A" & "B" Coy. mess which had been given a completely "new face" for the occasion. Proceedings got under way about 2100 hrs, with "God Save the King" being played at 0145 hrs the following morning. Dance music was supplied by an orchestra from the S.S.Rs and Pipe Sgt. MacDonald and a few of the pipe band were present for the reels which were played after an excellent supper, provided by the mess Cpl. Dollard. The C.O. received the guests, among whom were Brig. G.V. Whitehead, Lt.-Col. S.S.T. Cantlie and Lt.-Col. H.L. Bisailon of the R. de Mais. The dance went along with considerable swing and was voted a huge success by all those present.</p>	<p>CSJ</p>

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Hove	Sun. 28 Nov.		Dull and overcast. There was a voluntary Church Parade this morning. During the afternoon several of the officers brought lady guests to the Mess and a small party was enjoyed to help taper off the weekend. By night time everybody was ready for a good sleep to start the pull until the next break which should come at Christmas and New Year's.	CJS
Hove	Mon. 29 Nov.		Cold and dull. Kit inspections and G-1098 checks were held this morning also casuals went through the Gas Chamber. All Officers attended a lecture on "Recce Regts" at the Country Club, Brighton tonight at 1930 hrs.	CJS
Hove	Tues. 30 Nov.		Another cold dull day, with intermittent showers. The L.M.G. shoot scheduled for today at KITCHURST RANGES was cancelled owing to lack of targets. The Padre conducted a party of approximately 30 men on an Educational Tour today, leaving at 0800 hrs. Among spots visited were HAMPTON COURT and the TOWER OF LONDON. All veyed the tour a huge success. The C.O. and Major Motzfeldt conducted a cloth model exercise at 5 C.I.B. tonight; all officers were present and the subject was Section and Platoon Orders. Major B.R. Ritchie left today to take up his new appointment as 2 i/c of the Algonquin Regiment.	CJS.