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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials	
Tweseldown Aldershot Area	10 Oct)		Included in Sept. War Diary.	See appx.	
	20 Oct)				
	30 Oct)				
		40 Oct.			At noon today the bn. started the move back to Tweseldown. Everyone, I think, really enjoyed Exercise "Bumper" and most of us learned a great deal. It's at times difficult to summarise just how much or how little we have learned during our stay in England, but an exercise like the one concluded tells the story in the best possible way. Plans were carried out quickly and efficiently after a moments notice, no confusion was created by last minute changes and everyone really worked 100%. The return route went through Baldock, Hitchin, Luton, Wendover, High Wycombe, Maidenhead, Sandhurst, and back to Tweseldown, which no one was too pleased to see again. We arrived back about 2000hrs. The weather has turned colder and its' raining a little.
		5 Oct			Capt. Ritchie and Lieut. Griffin left with 18 O.Rs to be attached for a period to Naval establishment, Hayling Island. The training is to be of an interesting kind the purpose of it being to become efficient as a landing party and to become familiar with the use of various types of landing craft.
		6 Oct.			The day was spent with kit-inspection and cleaning of arms and equipment and checking of losses of equipment after exercise "BUMPER". Lt-Col Blackader spoke to the entire Bn. after lunch on the lessons learned during the exercise and gave credit to all ranks for the success of our part of the scheme.
		7 Oct			Coy Commanders parades - Inoculations.
		8 Oct			Demonstration by our Signal Pl. of the T panel code method of communication from ground to air. This is a very important system and constitutes our only direct communication with our supporting aircraft. To speed up the breaking of camp next week, floor-boards were removed from the tents today.
		9 Oct			The advance party for the coast left early this morning for Eastbourne. Major J.C. Routledge is in command. Everyone terribly pleased at the thought of leaving Tweseldown.

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	10 Oct		Training as persyllabus. Today our boxing team won 3 out of 4 matches in 2 Div. preliminaries. Ptes. Sudds, Hudson and McGaw were winners.	
	11 Oct		Payday today due to our move early next week, C.Os parade this a.m. Lt.Col Blackader announced to the Bn. the fact that Major I.L. Ibbotson is leaving this Bn to take up an appointment on the training staff of the Cdn Base units. Our C.O. expressed his regrets that Major Ibbotson is leaving us as he has always proved himself a very keen soldier with the interests of the Bn always foremost in his mind. The reason for Major Ibbotson leaving is his hearing, which has grown worse. We shall all be sorry to lose him. Not only is he a keen and very conscientious soldier, but a good friend always willing to spend his time helping a junior officer, or anyone to solve a problem, never sparing himself. Capt. Ritchie, Lieut. Griffin and the eighteen men who went on a special course returned today all filled with keen enthusiasm over the lessons learned, but even more enthusiastic over what their training may mean. It seems to promise early action for them. Our men may be bored or as the English call it "browned off" at times, but the minute there's a rumour or slightest hint, that action is in the offing, they're all terribly keen. After two years of constant training and repetition one cannot but wonder at the excellent spirit pervading them all.	
	12 Oct		Compulsory Church parade, held in the NAAFI tent here. No other events.	
	13 Oct		The day spent breaking camp which is being done without the slightest regret. No one will feel very homesick for this area and I don't think anyone will want to see it again for a very, very long time.	
	14 Oct		Early this morning the last tents were taken down and the Bn moved by M.T. to our old haunt in the Eastbourne area. We passed the S.P. at 1030hrs and arrived coastal area at approx. 1530hrs, the route going through Farnborough, Ash, Guilford, Dorking, Reigate, Horley, E. Grinstead, Maresfield, Uckfield, Hallsham By-pass, polegate. The advance having been here since last Thursday the takeover was very simple, all the coys going back to the locations they occupied last time we were here. We again took over from 1st Bn The Liverpool Scottish with which unit we have now become very well acquainted. The Liverpool's	

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	14 Oct		actually had moved out this morning to a concentration area prior to their move by road to the Midlands. Bn H.Q. is the same as last time "Hadleigh", King's Drive, Willington. "A" Coy rt.fwd., "D" COY left fwd., "B" Coy rt. support, "C" Coy left support.	
	15 Oct		At 0650hrs a Wellington bomber made a forced landing in our area, near Hampden Park. Miraculously no one was hurt. The plane had been in the air for 8hrs. We immediately put a guard on the plane and the crew proceeded to Friston Aerodrome from where they left for their home base. The program for the day has been cleaning of billets. No events.	
	16 Oct		Still cleaning billets.	
	17 Oct		Coy commanders meeting in the C.Os Office where the C.O. outlined a number of changes about to take place within the Bn. i.e., Major S.D.Cantlie to act as 2 K/c, Major W. Wright to return from the training Coy to take command of "D" Coy. Major J.C.Routledge to replace Major Wright at the training Coy. Capt. F.M.Mitchell to replace Major Routledge and Lieut. J.A.Kenny to become Adjutant.	
	18 Oct		Our operational role here on the coast is exactly the same as that of 1 Liverpool Scottish a rôle with which we're well acquainted.	
	19 Oct		No parades	
	20 Oct		Dull rainy day. M.T.Holiday. "C" Coy has commenced a training program based upon, the Special Training which No. 14 Pl. received on Hayling Island.	
	21 Oct		Route march for all coys except "C" Coy. Bn H.Q. and H.Q. Coy with the pipeband marched through Eastbourne to the great delight of the very young set in the town. Lt.Col Blackader has been away today attending a demonstration put on by the R.A.F. showing aircraft of various types attacking ground troops.	
	22 Oct		Beautiful sunny weather. Sports afternoon. The C.O. this afternoon went to 5 C.I.B. H.Q. where training instructions were laid down for our stay here.	

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	23 Oct		Lt.Col.Ralston the Cdn. Minister of National Defence visited our Bn. area today. It was a very brief visit. He drove through the area from Beachy Head, via Crapham Hill to the Redoubt where he stopped for a few minutes.	
	24 Oct		No. events. Training as per syllabus.	
	25 Oct		Lt.Col.Blackader left for London for the week-end. No parades this p.m.	
	26 Oct		Cold weather with hight wind. No parades.	
	27 Oct		M.T.Holiday. Lt.Gen. B.C.T.Paget, C.B.,D.S.O., M.C., Commander in Chief, SE Command visited our Bn area.	
	28 Oct		Route marches by all coys except "C" Coy. Movie of the Cdn expedition to Spitzbergen shown in Heathfield. Due to the fact that it was a silent film and that the commentator did not arrive, it proved a most uninspiring performance.	
	29 Oct		Brief visit to the Bn area by Lt.Gen. McNaughton and Lt.Gen. F.P.Noseworthy, C.B.,D.S.O., M.C., Commander 4 Corps. visited the Bn area. Major S.D.Cantlie and Lieut.Motzfeldt attended exercise "Manna"	See appx.10
	30 Oct		The first course in Fieldcraft given by the Snipers Section of Bn.H.Q. to various O.R.s in the different companies was concluded today. This course included instruction in camouflage, concealment, fieldcraft map reading, compass-marching, night-work, sniping, stalking and lasted for two weeks. So long as the Bn remains under the present circumstances, similar courses will continue to be given.	
	31 Oct		Lieut.E.Motzfeldt left today to attend a special Intelligence Course. He will be away from the Bn. for about five weeks.	
	1 Nov		Besides losing Major I.L.Ibbotson during this month the bn also lost Major J.B.Weir to "Hillforce" and Capt.J.W.Knox who returned to Canada to act as instructor at a Coy. Commander's School.	

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