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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1ST BN THE BLACK WATCH (RHR) OF CANADA</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">From <u>1st September 1943</u> to <u>30th September 1943</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>HOVE, SUSSEX. (Billets)</u> Ref. Sheet <u>O.S. 134 724237</u></p>	

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Creech Walk Camp "Harlequin"	1 Sep 43		Dull and overcast with rain towards evening. "C" Coy left after lunch to go through a trial run and to test the organization of the static Br. tps in the Marshalling Sub area. They will return tomorrow. Another officer and sergeant are to return to Canada as instructors and the names of Lt J.P. Cowans and Sgt. Wilson have been submitted.	G.S.B.
Creech Walk Camp "Harlequin"	2 Sep 43		Fair and pleasant. The pipe band left at 0700 hrs to play during the ceremony of the mounting of the guard at H.Q. 1 Cdn Corps. The M.O. received word to report to Corps and show his oxygen invention to the D.D.M.S. - an apparatus for administering oxygen in the Field to gas casualties. The K. of C. put on a show this evening with a Canadian Band and entertainers, "The Bandoliers", which included a fire swallower! Major Rawlings left today for 5 C.I.B. where he will temporarily take over the duties of the B.M., during the later's absence. In the evening the CO held a meeting of all Offrs.	G.S.B.
Creech Walk Camp "Harlequin"	3 Sep 43		Fair and temperate. A party left early for LMG practice at the ranges but were recalled during the morning when word arrived that the Residue Party must leave at 1500 hrs. News reached us early this morning of the landing in Italy and there was much jubilation throughout the camp. The remainder of the morning the Residue spent in turning in blankets and denim. They then paraded at 1400 hrs and left shortly afterwards for POPHAM, the party being under command Capt. L.E. Fox, Brockville Rifles, who is attached to us from 5 C.I.R.U. The M.O. gave a lecture this evening to all offrs on Malaria. Church parades were held today to mark the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of the war.	G.S.B.
Southampton Common "Harlequin" Fairthorn Rooksbury	4 Sep		Clear and fine throughout with good visibility. This morning the Bn arranged for the move to the Marshalling area. Certainly our farewell at 1400 hrs from this camp had all the appearance of the real thing - we had Public Relations Officers in quantity, movie and sound vans, much photographing and a recording made by several of our pipers. Troops were finally warned immediately prior to the move to get rid of all personal papers. We are moving to three separate marshalling sub-areas, 2 LCTs to Rooksbury Camp, the remainder of the LCTs to FAIRTHORN and the marching troops by TCVs to SOUTHAMPTON COMMON CAMP No. 2. After leaving Creech Walk, we proceeded by a very circuitous route to our destinations. Marching troops debussed just north of the common at approx. 1615 hrs and proceeded on foot to the Camp where blankets	G.S.B.

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Southampton Common "Harlequin" Fairthorn Rooksbury	5 Sep		<p>were issued, tents allotted and supper served. At 2000 hrs we learned that C.B. had been lifted and almost everyone quickly moved into the town returning for 2200 hrs - no mean feat in a strange city in the dark. The FAIRTHORN party arrived at the village of BOTLEY at 1400 hrs where vehicles were parked and camouflaged before troops marched to Camp - half a mile away</p> <p>Weather - Southampton - fair and warm. Fairthorn - a morning of steady rainfall, thereafter some sunshine and a clear cool evening with a fresh south easterly wind. At Southampton Camp the morning was spent in settling in and finding just where everybody slept. After lunch at all three areas the C.B. was lifted and the vast majority were enabled to spend the afternoon and evening in town. Camps are comfortable and well camouflaged - most of the canvas is new as indeed are the camp sites. All ranks have found Southampton an extremely pleasant city though much of it has been devastated. The city was full of Canadians today and most of the inhabitants seem to believe that something is in the wind.</p>	G.S.
Southampton Common "Harlequin" Fairthorn Rooksbury	6 Sep		<p>Another fine day - at home it is Labour Day. In the morning all coys went off on route marches. There was a large Bn office this morning - the offenders being in the main those who had not managed to make Camp before 2215 hrs on the two previous evenings. The Duty Coy has in fact been relieved of most of its fatigues through the excellent if coloured aid of the defaulters. This afternoon C.B. had again been lifted until 1800 hrs and all ranks are voting this a most popular exercise! After supper this evening we drew out 48 hr emergency rations and our chocolate emergency ration, neither is to be touched except under orders. We are now all ready to move to the transit area and have been warned that the move may come tonight. If it does reveille will be at 0330 hrs - with this in mind all ranks retired early.</p>	G.S.
Southampton Common Fairthorn Rooksbury	7 Sep		<p>Raining and cool. The half expected move did not occur despite the fact that some of the officers were treated to a false alarm! During the morning the coys, apart from doing P.T. stayed around camp, since, with no change of clothing, we did not wish to get soaked. In the afternoon there was a parade by ships and craft at which we were joined by engineers, who have also been allotted to our various ships and craft.</p>	G.S.

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Southampton Common "Harlequin" Fairthorn Rooksbury	8 Sep		<p>Brigadier Whitehead visited us this afternoon and from him was gleaned the information that we may have to remain here yet another day. The cigarette situation is really drastic now and butts are treasured as gold. We again bedded early with the bets about even as to whether we would move during the night. The C.O. conducted a meeting of all officers to collate criticisms of exercise. This evening a FAIR THORN an R.H.C. team played an English team at soccer under Capt Rolland's captaincy - an evenly matched game was won by a score of 1 to 0.</p> <p>Still here for another fine day. Coys again went out on a morning of route marches - our only means of occupying ourselves. Route marches are very popular for the local population are extremely generous and friendly, apples, smokes and good wishes are liberally given - this despite the fact that uniforms are certainly no rarity in devastated Southampton. During the afternoon we were visited by Maj-Gen Burns, O.B.E M.C., and we all feel certain that we shall be on our way soon now. After supper came the great news of Italy's unconditional surrender, and this, coupled with the great Russian triumph at Stalino in the Donbas has made this a day of triumph. The Adjutant lectured to all officers and sergeants in the evening on the importance of prompt returns in operations, following which most of the officers rushed to the Perm Staff Canteen to hear the B.B.C. news. Most people shaved this evening and packed to be ready for our hoped for move tomorrow. The Fairthorn party slept with one blanket in the village of Botley tonight beside their vehicles.</p>	G.S.S.
Southampton Common "Harlequin" Fairthorn Rooksbury	9 Sep		<p>Clear and fine throughout the day but with increasing clouds and rain all night. Reveille for three ships was at 0330 hrs and for L.S.I. 131 at 0430 hrs. Blankets were turned in and after breakfast we fell in by ships and left for the R.C.R.P., which having been passed we proceeded to the Transit area. Our route took us right through the city and laden down with ammunition, etc., with pipes playing, coupled with the news of yesterday's victories all seemed to make this populace feel that we were on our way to start the long awaited second front. After a cup of tea and a halt of an hour and a half in the Transit area we proceeded to the Docks and the embarkation point. People crowded the streets waving and shouting encouragement to us. At several points apples and smokes were handed to us by good souls who could ill afford such generosity.</p>	G.S.S.

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			<p>It was really very moving and the troops appreciated it very much though we all felt deeply a sense of humiliation in that we were apparently disappointed these good folk who thought we were off to do battle. After a short notice wait at the Docks where every man's embarkation ticket was collected, we proceeded to the station and were fortunate in finding our train waiting us. So we returned to Pulborough after three weeks' absence. It has been an instructive scheme but we have been away along time without being able to do much training. We arrived back at about 1500 hrs and after bathing prepared our own suppers as we are living on our 48 hr rations for the next two days. The LCT personnel arrived back in the pouring rain about 2200 hrs, all personnel are now back with the exception of the Residue Party. The Fairthorn and Rooksbury personnel spent a similar day though their route took them via Fareham Gosport and the Hards where they arrived about 1100 hrs.</p>	G.S.B.
Pulborough	10 Sep		<p>Clear and fine after a night of rain. The morning was spent in unpacking and the drawing of such accommodation stores as had been turned in prior to leaving on Exercise "Harlequin". Q.Ms were extremely busy with kit inspections and the usual G-1098 inspections consequent upon the exercise. Major R.B. Mowat and Capt H.B. Glassford joined us today on attachment from CGRU. They are overseas on 3 months tour.</p>	G.S.B.
Pulborough	11 Sep		<p>Clear and mild throughout with excellent visibility and a fair S.E. wind. G-1098 and kit inspection continued this morning, and the day was uneventful. This evening we returned to normal rations much to everyone's delight. It is now rumoured that our next exercise will take place about 5 Oct on the South Downs with the 5 Cdn Armd Div. This time we hear that we are to be the enemy and will therefore probably be controlled.</p>	G.S.B.
Pulborough	12 Sep		<p>Dull and overcast during the morning, thereafter some slight sunshine during the afternoon and a rainy evening. There were not church parades this morning. Major E.C. Rawlings left on leave. It was intimated this morning that the G.O.C. would inspect the Bn on the 22nd of this month, paying particular attention to records. We sent a pl to 5 C.I.B. today to serve as a defence platoon for the coming week. A large number of men are now away on leave as the permitted percentage allowed away at any time has been increased to make up for the period of Exercise "Harlequin" during which time all leaves were frozen.</p>	G.S.B.

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Pulborough	13 Sep		<p>Dull and overcast with intermittent showers throughout. A course in "I" work commenced today for several men from the rifle companies; two men will be chosen to fill vacancies in the "I" Sec. Grenade throwing, battle drill, A.A. recognition with models and L.M.G. practices were the main features of today's training. All ranks armed with pistols had classification practices at the Bn. range from 1730 hrs until sundown. Lt Sharpe joined us today - he has apparently regained his health to a large degree and is now awaiting posting to N.E.T.D. and Home.</p>	G.S.A.
Pulborough	14 Sep		<p>Dull and overcast with intermittent showers throughout. Lieut Sharpe who arrived last night from Hospital, to-coys-on-perthis morning lectured to coys on operations in the North African Fields, and his remarks contained much that was of great practical value to all present. Word was received this evening that Field Marshall Viscount Wavell, K.C.G., C.M.G. would inspect the Bn on the 24th of this month prior to his departure for India. The M.O. spent the day in London demonstrating his oxygen invention. The sten range was in operation today and will be for the remainder of the week.</p>	G.S.A.
Pulborough	15 Sep		<p>A dull overcast morning developed into a pleasant afternoon and evening with some sunshine. The C.O. held an "O" Group at 0815 hrs when instructions were read out regarding the forthcoming visit of Field Marshall Viscount Wavell. The information was then passed on to all ranks and a start was made in checking equipment in order to ascertain just what new clothing will be required. It is felt that this inspection will cause the G.O.Cs inspection to be postponed at least temporarily. The Q.M. received 19 new Bren Guns with spare barrels today thus rounding out our war establishment on hand.</p>	G.S.A.
Pulborough	16 Sep		<p>Dull and overcast with rain at intervals throughout the afternoon and a fair south-westerly wind. The "I" Sec. left at 0820 hrs for a day's training under Capt. W. Boheny at 5 CIB, and LMG personnel left this morning for practice shoots at KITHURST ranges. Pipe Band again left for Cdn Corps for the changing of the guard. There was a further "O" Group at 2000 hrs on the coming inspection, ^{now} scheduled to take place at ALBUHERA Parade Ground, Aldershot on Friday the 24th at 1630 hrs.</p>	G.S.A.

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			Lieut Sharp today left for N.E.T.D., the wounds he sustained in North Africa necessitate his return to Canada for some months at least. Capt T.W. Beauclerk and Lieut L.P. Candler left for 5 C.I.R.U., the former on rotation the latter to an L.Os appointment at C.R.U.	G.S.B.
Pulborough	17 Sep		Cold, dull and overcast throughout. Still another "O" Group was held at 0830 hrs on the forthcoming inspection. With leaves having been stopped today it is hoped that over 600 men should be present for the inspection. The C.O. went to Aldershot today and reported that plans have now been completed satisfactorily. We were today granted a supplementary 500 gals of petrol to augment our normal monthly ration - this is to be used for additional carrier training.	G.S.B.
Pulborough	18 Sep		Weather fair to fine with good visibility. Battle dresses and equipment were given a thorough inspection by Coy Comds. this morning in anticipation of the forthcoming inspection. Under command of Capt Duchastel our advance party left at 0745 hrs for Aldershot and the Bn will leave Monday morning early, returning Saturday, 25 th. All applications for invitations must be in by tomorrow - these have been specially engraved and the allotment has been set at 60 per coy. It is thought hoped that a good crowd of friends will be able to witness the inspection.	G.S.B.
Pulborough	19 Sep		Bright and fine, extremely cold towards evening. We had no church parades today, as our Padre has left on leave. The C.O. held an "O" group for all officers at 1100 hrs to discuss the forthcoming move off to Aldershot, and the points to be checked in drill. The afternoon was spent in packing preparatory to the move. A minimum rear party is to be left under Lt. Law and the men returning from leave Monday and Tuesday will be joining us in Aldershot. Towards evening word came that Major Ritchie was to go to Brigade at once as A/Bde. Major during the absence of the B.M. on course. Train time for tomorrow is to be at 0930 hrs which means a later start than we had anticipated, which pleases everybody!	G.S.B.

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Pulborough & Aldershot	20 Sep		<p>A showery early morning developed satisfactorily into a fine day. The Bn left early in full marching order for Pulborough Station and arrived there in good time. Major Rawlings was O.C. Train and the Bn entrained speedily and luggage was quickly loaded. On arrival at Aldershot Station at 1132 hrs the Bn was met by the C.D. and by the advance party under Capt. Duchastel. Arrangements worked smoothly even to a loud speaker address system on the platform. The Bn then marched to Beaumont Barracks and reported in to No. 2 C.A.C.R.U. After tea had been added to a haversack lunch the C.O. held an "O" Group of all officers and laid on the drill directive for the weak. Companies then spent the afternoon on the parade square doing company and pl drill. Apart from a small guard supplied by the duty coy, personnel were out during the evening on a blanket pass until 2200 hrs. In the morning Major Stevenson and Capt. Traversy left Pulborough for HOVE and made a recce of what are tentatively to be our winter billets. The unit is slated to take over quarters which are being vacated by the Royal Cdn Dragoons. The Brigade has been allotted the Brighton area and current plans are that R.H.C. will occupy HOVE, R. de M. KEMP TOWN and Calg Highrs and 5 CIB the northern suburbs of the town. During the afternoon the C.O. and Major Rawlings visited H.Q. C.R.U. and H.Q. Aldershot District in connection with the inspection - the C.O. reports all arrangements have to be progressing satisfactorily. A visit also was paid to H.Q. 2 C.A.C.R.U. and Col. Perry the O.C. is to report in the unit. To complete a rather busy day, all invitations to the inspection were sent out this afternoon. The officers intend to hold a dance in Beaumont Barracks Mess on Friday evening to round off the day.</p>	<p>G.S.D.</p>
Aldershot	21 Sep		<p>A fine sunny day and warm. During the morning Coys worked individually on their parade grounds and appear to be rounding into shape. We are to go thro exactly the same routine as we did on 7 May for Her Majesty. Lt Kouson and Lieut Bourne joined us during the morning from 5 C.I.R.U. and Capt Stuart, though not as yet released from 5 C.I.R.U., will be available for the inspection. In the afternoon the Bn. paraded to Albuhera Parade Ground where the inspection is to take place. It was a fairly tiring afternoon and much time was spent in dressing and standing at ease - on the whole the Bn showed commendable steadiness. During the afternoon we heard from 5 C.I.B. that Major Rawlings, Lieut Chambers, CSM McFarlane and Sgt. Martin had all been selected for the interchange of personnel with 1st Div. in Italy.</p>	<p>G.S.D.</p>

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			<p>They started packing at once as they are to leave immediately. After supper the C.O held an "O" Group for all officers to discuss the drill to date and lay down a few minor changes. The C.O. decided that there would be an inter-coy competition on drill and that the best coy would become No. 1 Coy. and have the honour of leading the Bn on the march past. (trip to C.I.R.U. for the dress etc.)</p>	<p>G.S.B.</p>
Aldershot	22 Sep		<p>Another beautiful day. Once again the morning was spent on coy parade grounds and a definite improvement was noted. All pls have been sized off and are up to even strength. This also applies to coys and Sp Coy have given a pl to H.Q. Coy in order to make this possible. We therefore have six coys of even strength. An officer of the R.C.Es and a work party arrived today on attachment to supervise the painting of the parade square, the erection of platform, flag pole and guest stands. Major Ritchie returned from 5 C.I.B. this morning to take over as a/2 i/c now that Major Rawlings will not be available. Major Rawlings and his party left this morning for C.G.R.U. just a few hundred yards away. In the after noon the Bn again went through its paces on the Albuhera Parad Gd. The planes constantly drove over our the square from the Farnborough Experimental Station and this coupled with MC courses and lack of practice has caused several coy conds to suffer from loss of voice which is causing all ranks some amusement. In the late afternoon we were visited by Lt.-Col. Hamer R.C.O.C. erstwhile Bn Q.M. During the evening Capt Anderson RCAMC, Capt Long RCAMC and Major Rawlings visited the Mess - they are all on the same draught. <i>draft.</i></p>	<p>G.S.B.</p>
Aldershot	23 Sep		<p>Once again a bright sunny day. They were no parades in most coys today and all ranks spent the morning in blanco-ing equipment and pressing battle dress. etc. The C.O. held a Coy Comds "O" Gp. at 1000 hrs which lasted most of the morning. The Bn paraded at 1330 in a full dress rehearsal. "B" Coy having won the inter-coy competition took over #1 Coy position of honour. During the afternoon the Bn went thro the entire routine - the Engineers now have the platform flag pole, etc all set up and all arrangements are now complete. During the afternoon we were visited by Capt Fluck C.D.C. the ex Bn Dental Officer and by Lt.-Col Ibbotson of C.R.U. The C.Od "O" Gp covered not only the inspection but also the move back to Pulborough Saturday morning, the move of 10 officers and 250 other ranks to Ash Ranges on</p>	<p>G.S.B.</p>

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Aldershot	24 Sep		<p>Sunday and the move of the Adv. Party and the Main Body to Hove on Saturday or Tuesday respectively. The Bn was told of the move this afternoon on the Parade square and received the information with some glue as the older members of the Bn know Hove well</p> <p>The great day dawned bright and early sunny and all ranks are filled with the desire to do a good job - the spirit shown this week during rather long and tedious drill periods has been excellent and everyone seems keyed up and ready and anxious to "strut their stuff". The Pipe Band has suffered a few casualties but has been bolstered again and should acquit itself well. The morning was spent in lastminute preparations and no parades were held apart from inspection of equipment. The C.O. held a promotion meeting at 1230 hrs and the Bn paraded at 1520 hrs. After lunch everyone donned their best equipment and the Bn fell in on the parade ground at 1530 hrs. The Bn then moved off to Albuhera parade square. On our arrival there we found a good size crowd had already gathered. Before long the Army Commander, Corps Commander and the Divisional Commander had arrived. The Field Marshall with his M/C escort arrived about 10 mins late at 1645 hrs. After the Bn had given him a General Salute he proceeded to make a very thorough inspection of the Bn. The Bn was extremely steady on parade and even the fact that 4 men fainted went unnoticed save for one man who was in the front rank - he went down with his heels together! The Bn then marched past, and, after reforming in "mass", advanced in Review Order. The Field Marshall then addressed the Bn over the loud speaker. He congratulated the Bn on their fit appearance and spoke of his associations in this war with sister Bns of the Imperial Black Watch - he also apologized for having been late on parade - a crime, which he had seldom been guilty during his military career, but excused himself on the grounds that he had been detained at a Cabinet meeting. The parade was then turned over to the R.S.M. and a reception was held at the officers mess at Beaumont Barracks. The Field Marshall left about 1815 hrs and the Bn formed the ranks of cheering men had to thank him for his visit. In the evening a dance was held in the Officers Mess at which many ex-officers as well as officers of the unit currently at the holding unit were present. All in all a most successful day!</p>	<p>G.S.B.</p> <p>G.S.B.</p>

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Aldershot Pulborough Hove	25 Sep		<p>Cold and cloudy. The Bn left Beaumont Barracks shortly after 0800 hrs for Aldershot Station. From thence we entrained for Pulborough and arrived back in camp just about lunch time - haversack lunches had been provided prior to the departure. Major Stevenson and Capt Taylor left Aldershot early by tpt for Alfriston where they joined 5 Cdn Fd Regt. on Exercise Victor. They are functioning as Bn Comd and a Coy Comd respectively of a skeleton Bn and will be selecting arty targets. They will return on 29 Sep. Capt Fraser rejoined us today after a months absence on the Coy Comds School. In the after noon the Adv Party left for Brighton and our new billets which they hope to take over so that the Bn can move down on Tuesday or Wednesday. Most of the Bn returned early despite it being Saturday night after a reasonably busy week. Major Ritchie returned to 5 C.I.B. as A/B.M. and will remain in that post until 7 Oct.</p>	<p>G.S.B.</p>
Pulborough Hove Ash Ranges	26 Sep		<p>Cold and cloudy. The advance party left for Ash Ranges today where some 280 all ranks will be spending the next two days on rifle and Bren practices. Capt Motzfeldt left at noon on the Coy Comd course. At 1300 hrs the Range Party under command of Capt. Griffin left for Ash. The Bn is once again split three ways. During the morning the Q.M. and the Adjt. are touring the billets at Hove found that 5 C.I.B. HQ had taken 4 billets including B.H.Q. and Bn. Officers Mess and that four Armd Bde had the S.A.Q.C's authority to take over an additional four. The C.O. and the Adjt. then visited Bde where the Staff Captain arranged to visit the A.Q.C. with the C.O. the following morning. Capt Stuart rejoined us today after completing his tour of duty at 5 CIRU; he is to be our new Adjt.</p>	<p>G.S.B.</p>
Pulborough Hove Ash Ranges	27 Sep		<p>Cold with heavy frost but clear. The C.O. returns to Brighton this morning and on his return this afternoon reported that the billet situation was still unsatisfactory and that the Bn would not be able to move until Thursday. Lt.-Col. A. Bell the GSO 1 of Halifax visited us today and spent the night - he is on the "Cooks Tour" from Canada. In the afternoon Major MacDonald of 4 Div R.C.Es arrived and he too spent the night prior to proceeding to Senior Officer School. At the range a very satisfactory day was spent and most of those present were classified leaving a small number for tomorrow - most of the day should therefore be spent on L.M.G.</p>	<p>G.S.B.</p>

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Pulborough Ash Ranges	28 Sep		Cold, wintry and overcast. A quiet day at Pulborough, The Ash Range party completed their rifle practises and reported one failure only. The L.M.G. fire was also satisfactory and 68 out of 75 were classified. After supper on the range the Bn. left for the Station at 1715 hrs and arrived back at camp at 2130 hrs. The Rear Party turned over the camp to the Royal Montreal Regiment. Arrangements have gone ahead today for the move of the Bn Thursday and some personnel will in fact be leaving tomorrow.	G.S.B.
Pulborough	29 Sep		Dull and still cold. All ranks are looking forward to the move to billets as the weather no longer makes living under canvas a joy. Coy "O" Gps and packing were the order of the day prior to tomorrow move. Major M.H. Badgley C.G.G. of Farnham Trg Centre arrived today on a weeks attachment - he too is on the "Cooks Tour". Major Stevenson, who returned from Exercise Victor this morning leaves again this afternoon for the Senior Officers School. Vehicles were loaded throughout the day as the tpt coln leaves tomorrow morning whilst the troops leave by T C.Vs in the afternoon.	G.S.B.
Pulborough Hove.	30 Sep		Slight showers in the morning developing into a fine afternoon. The tpt coln left Pulborough and passed the S.P. at 1000 hrs under comd Capt. Bennett and were met on arrival at Hove about 1115 hrs by the Advance Party guides. Vehicles were quickly off-loaded and billets were allotted to coys. B.H.Q. was established at 41 Fourth Ave. in a large house. Haversack lunches were tucked away and about 1530 hrs the remainder of the Bn arrived in 30 cwt. One vehicle was kept busy all day making trips between Pulborough and Hove as several loads were necessary. Billet arrangements seem fairly satisfactory on the whole, though there are still certain difficulties to be overcome: the T.O. has no garage as yet, the officers mess is temporary only and will eventually be H.Q. & C.I.B. Officers Mess. The C.O. spent the afternoon touring the billets and reports things as being generally satisfactory. The Adjutant and Capt. Stuart arrived down shortly after supper having been succeeded during the afternoon by a draft of 2 officers on Special Increment and 12 O.Rs. During the evening the C.O. held a conference to study Bde TEWT "Punch" which will be held this coming weekend.	G.S.B.

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