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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
WOLDINGHAM.	1	1000	Usual church parades to St. Paul's Church, Woldingham. The band was in attendance.	Appx III CSH
	2	0800 0900	Training by Coy's as per syllabus. The Int. Section together with the Scouts and Snipers spent the day at the rifle range at Gangers Hill, specializing in snap and moving target shooting. Some very creditable scores were turned in including a possible (20) by Sniper Pte. Gibson. Lieut. R.T. Annand proceeded to Plymouth on an Engineering Course. A/CMS Nauss was today attached to "D" Coy where he will replace CSM Williams who will proceed to O.C.T.U. June 7.	Appx VII CSH
	3	0800	Coy's carried on according to syllabus.	Appx VII CSH
		1030	Lt.-Col. Ernst accompanied by Maj. Hebb left on a recce of the Westerham area where "A" Coy will be doing special guard duty re Prime Minister's estate.	
		1400	No. 3 Pl 3 rd mortar gave demonstration of the mortar at the rifle range.	
		1600	Lt.-Col. Ernst and Mr. Mil'ard proceeded to Div H.Q. and attended conference re war establishment and tradesman pay.	
		1800	All officers of the Unit attended lecture at Market Hall, Redhill, subject: "The Libyan Campaign"	
	4	0800	Coy's carry on according to syllabus.	Appx III CSH
		1400	"C" Coy proceeded to Limsfield as a work party under instructions from Div. Field Sports were held today which included a soft ball game between Bn.H.Q. and "H.Q." Coy. the final score being 8-10 in favor of "H.Q." Coy. This was a hotly contested game.	
		1845	A concert sponsored by the Can Legion was held in the Y.M.C.A. hut.	
		1900	Movies at Warlingham Hospital, admission by tickets which were distributed and taken advantage of by various numbers from all Coy's including Bn.H.Q.	
		2200	The concert party were entertained in the Officers Mess of Bn.H.Q.	
		5	0800	
		1600	G.O., Adj., and Coy Commanders attended conference at Bde re "Brenda" exercise.	Appx II CSH
		1700	Coy Commanders conference at Bn.H.Q. Ref. Training etc.,	
		1830	Movies at Y.M.C.A. Hut.	

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WOLDINGHAM Surrey	6	0800	Coy carried on according to syllabus. Lt.-Col Ernst, Maj. Bryson and Lieut. Millard spent this morning on a recce.	Appx VII
		1600	Conference for Adjutants at Bde H.Q. Routine matters discussed.	
	1900	Mens Mess meeting. <i>Girls Return 736 Officers 33</i>	Appx IV V Appx VII CRM	
	7	0900	Coy inspection this morning by Maj. Bryson.	
		1000	Lt.-Col. Ernst attended conference at Div to finalize plan of West N.S.R. taking over responsibility of Biggin Hill Aerodrome in the event of invasion.	
		1400	2i/c, Adj., Asst. Adj. and I.O. proceeded to Albert Hall, London and witnessed a boxing tournament arranged by the Amateur Boxing Association. L/Cpl Fall of the Provost Section, West N.S.R. was entered in the heavyweight class but lost out in the semi finals to L/Bdr G.F.K. Preston of the 222 Searchlight Trig. Regt. R.A. Lt.-Col. Ernst accompanied by the BSM, proceeded to Biggin Hill Aerodrome to finalize plans of an all round defense of the area.	Appx VII CRM
	1730	Dance at the Y.M.C.A.		
	8	1000	Usual church parades to St. Paul's Church Woldingham.	
		1900	A grand concert was held tonight in St. Paul's Church, Woldingham. Those present included the G.O.C., Brig., and Officers representing each Unit in Div. After the concert, the artists were invited to the Officers Mess at Bn.H.Q. The G.O.C. Brig. and other Officers were also visitors.	CRM Appx VII
	9	0800	Coy's carry on according to syllabus.	
		0900	Lt.-Col. Ernst left for Aldershot on a two days messing course for senior Officers.	
		1400	I.O. and Int. Section made a recce in the Biggin Hill area where West N.S.R. will take over in the event of invasion. 2 i/c and I.O. together with the Int Section made a further recce of the Biggin Hill area.	CRM Appx VII
	10	0800	Coy's carry on according to syllabus.	
		0830	Maj. Bryson and Lieut. Higgins proceeded to Biggin Hill area where further recce was made and a fire plan drawn up.	CRM Appx VII
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WOLDINGHAM Surrey	10	1530	Brigadier Ganong and Lieut. Abel visited the C.O. with ref to two men proceeding to rifle range and work with Bren gun on 11 June, also arranged to have coal hauled to Car't & York Regt.	
		1600	Mr. Higgins proceeded to Biggin Hill area making further recce of secondary roads leading to area.	
	11	0800	Coy's carry on according to syllabus.	C/O Appx VII
		0830	Two men per Bren gun proceeded to FURZE HILL range for A.A. practice.	
		1400	There were no sports today owing to condition of ground and lack of personnel who were on duty.	
		1930	Capt. Boult, HOME GUARD, called at Bn H Q and thanked the 2 i/c Maj. Bryson, for services rendered by our band on Sunday, at the same time donating £1-0-0 toward the purchase of dress uniforms for the band. Movies at WOLDINGHAM HOSPITAL.	
	12	0800	Coy's carry on according to syllabus. C.O. and Adj. proceeded to Supply Rail Head and followed the Supply column with tomorrow's rations from R H to Div bulk breaking points, Bde meeting point and Unit Q M stores where rations were shipped to R H this morning and distributed to Coy's at 1600 hrs today.	C/O Appx III
		1600	Sitrep received re WATERLOO exercise.	
		1700	The Brig. and B.M. called at Bn H Q.	
	13	0800	Coy's carry on according to syllabus "B" and "D" Coy's were at HANGMORE range today doing field firing practices.	C/O Appx III
		1500	I O from Bde visited Bn H Q this afternoon.	
		1900	A mess meeting of the various Coy's messes. Ways and means were discussed for the improvement of messing facilities throughout the Coy's.	
		2100	C O held conference re WATERLOO exercise. Coy comdrs and 2 i/c plus M O and Q M attended. Information in general re the scheme was handed out. <i>3rd return 734 Office 31</i>	
	14	0800	Unit turned in barrack room stores and preparation for scheme WATERLOO. "B" Coy provided T C personnel for scheme	Appx III C/O

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WOLDINGHAM Surrey	14	1300	C O., Adj., I O and 2 i/c together with recce gp went to Bde for Brigadiers conference returning at 1630 hrs.		
		1630	Recce gp under comd of Maj Bryson proceeded to Unit posn of readiness near HORSHAM.		
		1635	C O's conference. Unit to cross Bn start line at 1858 hrs at R R viaduct. C O and Adj travelling with Bde.		
		1858	Unit crosses Bn S P.		
		1917	Unit crosses Bde S P.		
		2300	Unit debussed at Bewbush Manor and marching to take up posn at ROFFEY after being held up enroute by 'enemy action ahead'		
		1330	In our Bn area at WOLDINGHAM, "A" Coy who had been doing special duty at the Prime Ministers estate at WESTERHAM, were paid.		
		15 0030	Arrived at ROFFEY and took up posn of readiness. Info coming in that heavy fighting going on ahead.		Appendix III
		15x 0000	Unit preparing to make a flanking attack around S E corner of HORSHAM to relieve Carlt & York Regt who are literally surrounded in HORSHAM		
		0630	Zero hr. Unit goes into attack.		
		0830	Patrol who had been sent out to either flank report enemy in very near vicinity and appearing to be surrounding us.		
		1200	After very heavy fighting, fwd Coy's report having made their objective in HORSHAM and have connected up with the Carlt & York Regt.		
		1230	Orders come through from Bde to prepare to push on SOUTH to new area in SEDGWICK PK.		
		1630	Reached new area at SEDGWICK PK.		
1930	C O holds short conference. TPS bedding down for the night. All round defence put out.				
2130	C O., Adj., and I O left for Bde conference.				
2300	C O., Adj., and I O return from Bde conference. C O holds conference and issues orders to move to new forward area at STARKER'S Fm.				
2400	Unit well on way to new area.				
x 0100	16	0300	After march of 8 miles Unit arrive at STARKER'S Fm and bed down for balance of night.	CRA Appendix III	
		0900	Everybody enjoying haversack breakfast after a good rest.		
		1000	Lieut. Fortune arrives from Bde with orders for Unit to move to CHANCTONBUR RING to reinforce 1 Bde who are encountering very heavy opposition.		
		1030	C O's conference. Orders were issued for Bn to move forward to reinforce 1 Bde. I O and Dr left for CHANCTONBUR RING to try and obtain sitrep on fighting in that area.		
		1120	Tps move off for CHANCTONBUR RING area.		

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WOLDINGHAM - Surrey	16	1215	I O and Dr return with sitrep from 1 Bde, 2 Bde and 8 Armoured Div. Word received from Bde that exercise "WATERLOO" concluded. Tps return to STARKER'S Fm area.	<p>check Appx III check</p> <p>Appx VII</p> <p>check Appx VII</p>
		2015	After two good hot meals in STARKER'S Fm area and a good rest in the afternoon, tps embussed and moved off for home.	
		2110	Tps passed Bde S P enroute home.	
		2400	After very successful scheme tps arrive back at billets	
	17	0830	Pay parades for "B" "C" and "H Q" Coy's	
		1400	Pay parade for "D" Coy and Bn H Q	
		1430	"C" Coy put on demonstration for Officers and N C O's of a German P ¹ in action	
	18	0900	C O's conference. Brief orders were issued for move to BIGGIN HILL area to carry out a scheme against the landing of paratroops.	
		1030	Bn crossed the start line at Xrds at "C" Coy in following order: "C" Coy, "Bn H Q" "B" Coy and "D" Coy.	
		1130	Enemy opposition was encountered in area just NORTH of TATSFIELD. Bn dispersed and took up defensive posn and formed a plan of attack. Enemy were dealt with and scheme terminated about 1230 hrs.	
		1300	Tps assembled and had dinner.	
		1400	C o's conference and remarks on scheme.	
		1430	Bn crossed S P for home in the following order: "HQ" Coy., "C" Coy., "B" Coy., Bn HQ and "D" Coy.	
		1610	Tps arrived at Bn area. Our Adjt attended a demonstration of flame thrower put on by the HOME GUARD at EAST HORSLEY (RANMORE COMMON)	
	19	0845	O C's conference. Orders were issued for a move to the BIGGIN HILL area to carry out another scheme against landing of paratroops.	
		0930	Lt.-Col. Ernst attended conference at Div re WATERLOO exercise.	
		1015	Bn crossed S P at "D" Coy HQ in the following order: "A" Coy., Bn HQ "B" and "C" Coy's	
		1105	Fired on by 'enemy' at 823722 (this was at the excessive range of appx 700X. "B" Coy was held up by 'enemy' activity but advanced slowly.	
		1250	Message arrives, exercise concluded. Tps marching home in same order as that in which they started out arriving at "D" Coy corner at 1430.	

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WOLDINGHAM	19	1330	Sports meeting in Bn HQ Officers mess to arrange for Bde Sports meet to be held 2 nd June	
	20	0800	Training carried on as per syllabus	C/Sgt Appx VII
			Range practice was carried on with 2" mortar.	
		1000	Lt.-Col. Vokes accompanied by Lt.-Col. Ernst visited the Biggin Hill area.	Appx III
		1400	Sports this afternoon. Soft ball, Volley ball and horse shoe pitching. Soft ball between "HQ" Coy and "A" Coy. "B" and "C" Coy also played. These games were umpired by the C.O. Bn HQ won the Volley ball tourney trimming two Coys. Lieut. Millard left on 48 hrs leave. <i>Trills return 733 Officer 35</i>	
	21	1000	C.O. and 2 i/c proceeded to the Biggin Hill area where a recce was made of intended Coy areas.	Appx IV C/Sgt
		1045	Brig. and I.O. were at Biggin Hill. Area was thoroughly covered and explained to the Brig. by the I.O.	
		1145	Bn left area for SP to Bde sports to be held in Caterham on the Hill with band in attendance.	Appx VII
		1200	Div signal Officer was a visitor and requested information regarding the Biggin Hill area.	
		1400	3 Cdn Inf Bde Track and Field Sports were held at the Rugby Football Field, Upper Caterham. West N.S.R. cleaned up in most of the events. Total points for West N.S.R. were 74 R22eR. 47 Car't & York 14.	
		2000	A beer party was provided by the Officers for the regimental sports team. This was held at the "Horse Shoe" Warlingham. The usual weekly dance was held in the YMCA hut and was well attended.	C/Sgt
	22	1000	Usual Church parades were held this morning, Bn falling in on the Village Green.	C/Sgt Appx VIII
		1200	R C's paraded to Parish Hall, Woldingham. C O's conference. All Coy comdrs attended together with Maj. Cassidy of the RCE. This conference was with reference to Biggin Hill.	
	23	0800	Coy's carry on according to syllabus.	C/Sgt Appx VII
		1000	Brig. Ganong visited Bn HQ this morning and inspected the guard.	
		1700	Nothing of import happened this afternoon.	
24	0800	Coy's carry on according to syllabus.	Appx VII	

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WOLDINGHAM	24	1015 1100	C O C, Brig, Lt/Col Ernst visited the Biggin Hill area. Maj. Harris, Capt. Millar, Capt. Steadman, Lieut. Bent, Lieut. McIntosh, Lieut. MacNab, Lieut. Putman and Lieut. Rhodes proceeded to Borden to make a recce on exercise "Maple" in which they are to be umpires.	CSM Appx I
	25	0600 1000 1930 2000	Personnel from all Coy's proceeded to ASH range for firing practice. Coy's passed SP in the following order: "B" Coy, "C" Coy, "D" Coy, BN HQ, "HQ" Coy and "A" Coy. Major Courtney was in charge of the party and was assisted by the following officers: Capt. S.D. Smith, Lieut. Theakston, Lieut. Johnson, Lieut. Cook and Lieut. Higgins. C O, Adjt, and Lieut Reardon visited the Biggin Hill area with view to pending move to that area. A soft ball game was held between Bn HQ and the RCE. RCE winning by a wide margin, the score being 10-3. "One lady spectator wanted to know why the catcher and umpire were wearing their gas masks" A concert by the West N S R band was held on the front lawn of BN HQ. A number of our civilian friends from WOLDINGHAM were in attendance.	CSM Appx VII
	26	0800 0900 1400 2000	Coy's carry on according to syllabus. "I" section recce alternative routes from present area to Biggin Hill. Coy's carry on according to syllabus. Nothing of import to enter for balance of day.	CSM Appx VII
	27	0800 1100 2100	Coy's carry on according to syllabus. Car't & York Regt. supply working party for the Biggin Hill area today. Through the courtesy of the Canadian Broadcasting Company a broadcast was made to Canada by the Officers and O R's of all Coy's. This broadcast was well patronized by the men who had the opportunity to say "hello Mom and Dad" "send along the cigarettes" while one lad requested a can of Saur Kraut. Lt.-Col. Ernst wound up the broadcast with a few well chosen general remarks. The C O, Adjt, I O, and L O plus referees proceeded to PETERSFIELD where they will take part in exercise MAPLE. <i>Field return 742 Office 31-</i>	Appx I
	28	0900 1030	Coy's inspection by Major Bryson. "B" and "D" Coy's " " " " " " "C" "HQ" and Bn HQ.	CSM Appx VII

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WOL-DINGHAM	28	1400	A free distribution of cigarettes and chocolate bars to the entire Bn was made this afternoon. These items were donated by the Auxiliary Services from Canada.	<p>check.</p> <p>check</p> <p>Appx III</p> <p>Appx III</p> <p>check</p>
		2000	The usual Saturday night dance was held at the YMCA hut. The West N.S.R orchestra was in attendance.	
	29	1000	Usual Church parades. Bn falling in on the VILLAGE GREEN.	
		1700	C O, Adjut, and I O returned to Bn HQ concluding exercise "MAPLE"	
	30	0900	Pay parades were held as follows:	
		0915	"A" Coy	
		1000	"B" Coy	
		1100	"D" Coy	
		1215	Col. Cole and Maj. Ga'away of the United States Army Intelligence together with Maj. deRome from 1 Cdn Div, Capt. Robertson from Corps and Lieut. Johnson acting I O for Bde visited Bn Intelligence Section. Methods of operation were discussed and explained by I O, Lieut. Higgins. Later the party returned to Corp's HQ for lunch.	
		1400	Pay parade-as follows:	
1415	"HQ" Coy			
1500	"C" Coy			
1600	"Bn HQ"			
			Lt.-Col. Ernst and Maj. Bryson visited London on Regimental business this afternoon.	
			<p><i>H. Bryson Major</i></p> <p><i>Commanding Officer</i></p> <p><i>West N.S.R.</i></p>	