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Worthing	1	0930	Church parades as usual.	App 1 <i>lclb</i>
		1400	Lt-Col Ernst and Maj Hebb went out on downs on recce. for Tuesday nights' scheme.	
	2	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>lclb</i>
		1130	Lt-Gen Montgomery, 7th Army Commander, called on Bn. He was accompanied by his A.D.C., Brigadier Ganong, Bde Maj, Jerome. He first interviewed the C.O., Lt-Col Ernst, The 2 i/c Maj Hebb, each of the coy comdrs, Lieut Archibald, Adjt and R.S.M. Humpherson. His visit lasted about forty-five minutes. A special guard was selected from C. Coy for this occasion.	
		1500	The C.O.s O Gp assembled on downs area 597272 to receive orders for the night attack in exercise "Ernst" to be held 3/4 of Mar.	App 4 <i>lclb</i>
	3	1000	A recce of area of exercise "Ernst" carried out by officers and N.C.O.s down to sec leaders.	App 4 <i>lclb</i>
		1300	Maj Hebb and H/Capt Butts attended a reception at the Overseas League, London, given in honor of His Excellency the President of Poland.	
	1900	All coys left for downs on exercise "Ernst".	App 4 <i>lclb</i>	
4	0800	Troops have this morning off after last nights' arduous exercise.	App 4 <i>lclb</i>	
	1300	Lt-Col Ernst left on a forty-eight hour leave.	App 5 <i>lclb</i>	
	1800	Tps at Weppons Fm and later Hq Coy were entertained by show given by Auxiliary Services.		
5	0900	Meeting of Coy Comdrs at Bn. Hq. to discuss training for following week.	App 5 <i>lclb</i>	
	1430	Maj J Dodds, O.C. 77th Bty 3 Fd Regt called to bring details of an exercise for tomorrow.		
	1900	A Coy entertained by "Bingo" with prizes given by Auxiliary Services.		
6	0800	Training as per syllabus. Majors Hebb, Berringer, Courtney and Stehelin attend an exercise on the co-operation of Inf and Arty.	App 4 <i>lclb</i>	
	1900	B Coy were entertained by show, sing-song party and refreshments given by Aux. Services. Field Return.	App 5 <i>lclb</i> App 3 <i>lclb</i>	
7	0800	D Coy moved to new quarters at Eardley Hotel, giving up all former billets except Granview Hotel. The new billets were inspected during the morning by Lt-Col A.A. Ernst.	<i>lclb</i>	
	1415	A party of two officers per Coy assembled at Bn. officers mess for instruction and practice		

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W Worthing	7	1415	in the indication of targets to the Arty. Also a party from the Arty. consisting of four officers and a number of sigs in charge of Maj Dodds, O.C. 77th Bty. After preliminary instructions the party carried out an actual practice on high ground, area of 574253.	<i>leleB.</i>
		2000	Lieut Fraser, member of the staff at Junior Leaders School called on this Regt.	
	8	0930	Church parades as usual.	App 1 <i>leleB</i>
		1000	Maj Hebb and Lieut Gray, 4th Fd Coy, R.C.E. went out to downs, area of Highden Ho to spot camping site for summer months.	
		1400	Coy Comdrs conference at Bn officers mess to discuss the promotion of N.C.O.s to fill vacancies made by sending instructional party back to Canada.	
		1900	D Coy entertained by show, "Stranded in Paris", given by Auxiliary Services.	
	9	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>leleB</i>
		1430	The C.O. inspected the billets of A and Hq. Coys.	
		1900	Hq. Coy entertained by show, "Andy Hardy" and short, given by the Auxiliary Services.	
	10	0900	The C.O. (Lt-Col Ernst) and Adjt (Lieut D. MacG. Archibald) proceeded to 2nd Ech at Farnham to obtain reinforcements of officers and N.C.O.s to replace vacancies caused by instructional party returning to Canada. Also went to Algonquin Camp, Witley, where the C.O. inspected a draft which is coming to this unit 11 Mar 42. Thence to N.E.T.D. to bid farewell to the instructional party.	App 5 <i>leleB</i>
			1400	
		1900	A Coy entertained by show, B Coy by concert party provided by Auxiliary Services.	
11	0845	The C.O. and ten other officers left to practice indication of target with Arty officers but due to unfavorable weather this was cancelled.	App 5 <i>leleB</i>	
	1100	Draft arrived from Holding Unit. The C.O. left to lunch with Brig. Ganong at Bde. Hq.		
	1150	B Coy entertained by a local concert party under the auspices of Auxiliary Services.		
12	0800	Training as per syllabus which consisted chiefly of digging and improving battle posns.	App 4 <i>leleB</i> App 5 <i>leleB</i> <i>leleB.</i>	
	1900	C Coy entertained by show provided by Auxiliary Services. A party from this unit attended the hockey finals held at Brighton.		

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Worthing	13	0800	C Coy move into new billets at Adversane Rd. Majors Berringer, Stehelin, Courtney and Capt Moore proceeded to Bostal Hill to view an arty shoot and also participated by indication of targets to the arty by medium of the 18 W/T set.		
		1600	Maj Hebb went to Highden Park to consult with Maj Holwood, R.E., on the matter of a summer camp at that place for this unit. Field Return On the whole, Friday the 13th passed quite peacefully.		
	14	0800	Training as per syllabus.		App 3 <i>leleB</i>
		1315	A meeting of the members of Bn. Hq and Hq Coy mess was held.		<i>leleB.</i>
		1900	Part of Hq Coy entertained by show provided by the Auxiliary Services.		App 4 <i>leleB</i>
	15	1400	A special church service was held at Christ Church, Worthing. The mayor, councillors and representatives of Worthing Red Cross were present.		App 5 <i>leleB</i>
		1700	A Coy entertained by show provided by Auxiliary Services.		App 1 <i>leleB</i>
	16	0800	A party from C Coy are erecting wire on the beach under supervision of 4th Fd Coy, R.C.E.		App 5 <i>leleB</i>
		1300	A party from C Coy doing same as above.		
		1900	A lecture, "Defeating the Invasion", was given at the New Drill Hall, Worthing, by Brigadier H.N.Ganong, attended by all officers and OqR.s of this unit.		<i>leleB.</i>
	17	0945	The C.O. went out on a recce of route to be used on exercise "Mouse".		
		1400	Coy Comdrs conference at Sky Ring to discuss, (a) training of the Home Guard, (b) training on the tuning and netting of 18 wireless sets.		
		1730	O Gp conference on exercise "Mouse". C.O. gives Operation Orders.		App 4 <i>leleB</i>
		1900	All officers of Bde gp attended conference at Highden Ho to discuss offensive action to be taken by M.T. column when attacked on the move by enemy tanks.		<i>leleB.</i>
	18	0800	C Coy still erecting scaffolding on beach under supervision of R.E. Due to the loss of 18 N.C.O.s to Canada for instructional duties for eight months many promotions became necessary and the unit has now many vacancies for junior N.C.O.s. With a view to filling these vacancies an N.C.O.s school has been opened at Weppons Fm. This school is under the benevolent patronage of our genial 2 i/c, Maj Hebb.		App 4 <i>leleB</i>
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Worthing	27	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>leleB</i>
		1300	Meeting of all officers at Highden Ho to discuss forthcoming Div exercise.	
		1900	C Coy entertained by show, "The devil and Miss Jones", provided by Auxiliary Services.	App 5 <i>leleB</i>
		2130	Personnel at Weppons Fm shown same as above. Field Return.	App 5 <i>leleB</i> App 3 <i>leleB</i>
	28	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>leleB</i>
		0930	T.E.W.T. for all available officers at High Tilton Hill.	
		1900	A concert party arranged for by Aux. Services Entertained D Coy	App 5 <i>leleB</i>
	29	0900	Maj Hebb visited Weppons Fm to give the N.C.O.s class their final inspection.	
		1000	Tps paraded to West Tarring Church. Brig. Ganong attended church with us this morning and took the salute on the march past following the service.	App 1 <i>leleB</i>
		1900	Hq Coy see show "The Devil and Miss Jones", provided by Auxiliary Services.	App 5 <i>leleB</i>
	30	0900	Bn officers meet at Sky Ring for general discussion of exercise "MICKEY", followed by O GP conference.	
		1200	"MICKEY". Stand To. Bn moved off at 1330 and arrived in battle posns at 1545 hrs. Only incident during the night was heavy rain which amounted to a mild deluge in the early morning of the 31st.	App 4 <i>leleB</i>
	31	0400	Reports come from R22eR that enemy are landing at Rustington, Kingston and Goring-by-Sea. At 0455 hrs Thirtieth Royal Sussex report they are being attacked from the East, also enemy landing on their front.	
		0715	D COY report that enemy paratps of approximately one plat. strength landed in Findon Park, area 568292. One sec of carriers and a patrol from D Coy were sent to deal with this situation.	
0910		O Gp left to attend conference at Bde. But, due to heavy fog, visibility was practically nil, and "Cease Fire" sounded at 0950 hrs. End of "MICKEY".		
1500		Tps arrive back at billets and the rest of the day is spent in cleaning and drying up.	<i>leleB</i>	