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July	Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	Woldingham	1	1100	About 500 of the personnel of the Regt. crossed SP for Redhill to attend 1 Cdn Div Track and Field Championships. When the final heat was run, 3 CIB finished in second place. CSM Shaffner took 2nd place in the 100X dash. L/Cpl. Falls won 3rd place in the Shot-Put. Pte Hutchins was 2nd in the 3 mile run. Pte Letourneau was 3rd in the 440X while our Tug-of-War team got 3rd place. The 440 relay was won by West N S R and was composed of the following: Lieut. Day CSM Shaffner Pte Campbell and L/Cpl. Butler. His Majesty, the King was present together with Lt.-gen. McNaughton, Maj.-Gen. Pearkes and several Brigadiers and Lt.-col's.	Appx VII
			1030	The CO and Adj. visited the Guards Depot when the King presented colours to the Carlt & York and Edmn Regt	
			2000	Brig and Officers of 3 CIB held a dance at TINNEVELLI. Lieut. Millard represented this Regiment.	Appx VII CSM
		2	0800	Coys carry on according to syllabus	Appx VII
			1000	CO visited Biggin Hill where work is being done in preparation to our impending move to that area.	Appx VIII
			2000	Moving pictures at Warlingham Hospital tonight. The usual number from various Coys attending.	Appx VIII CSM
		3	0800	Coys carry on according to syllabus	Appx VII
			1600	CO and all Officers attended a lecture on Crete in the Market Hall at Redhill. This was by an Officer from the Armoured Bde who had been in Libya.	Appx VIII CSM
		4	0800	Coys carry on re syllabus. Later in the morning a work party proceeded to Biggin Hill	Appx VII
			1000	CO visited Biggin Hill	
			2000	The usual weekly dance was held at the YMCA. West NSR dance band was in attendance. Strength Return: Officers 34 Other Rank 746	Appx V CSM
		5	0800	Work party to Biggin Hill.	
			1000	CO and IO visited Biggin Hill area. After a thorough inspection of the work being done the CO voiced his approval.	
			2030	A dance was held at 'Broadlands' WARLINGHAM for the Officers of this Unit. A most enjoyable time was had by all who attended. The proceeds from this dance were handed to the Lord Lieutenants Fund.	Appx II CSM

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Woldingham	6	0900	Lt.-col. Ernst proceeded to the Polytechnic School in Croydon and inspected the various classes being held there.	
		1000	Usual Church Parades.	<i>with</i>
	7	0800	Work parties to Biggin Hill.	
		1000	CO proceeded to Biggin Hill to inspect operations with ref to impending move of Regt to that area.	
		1500	Bn HQ moved off to Xrd EAST of "C" Coy area to witness a paratroop demonstration which was supposed to be held in vicinity of Oxted. After waiting at Xrds for a considerable time, Bn HQ moved off with HQ "Coy". No person seemed to know just where the demonstration was supposed to be put on, so the "Coys" marched down lime works hill in jackets plus skeleton equipment. When the "Coys" arrived at the bottom there were no guides so proceeded further. In the meantime the show was put on about two miles away, and the "Coys" had a tough eight mile march in the broiling sun for what?	<i>CHAM</i>
	8	0800	Regiment preparing to move to Biggin Hill.	
		1600	Bn HQ moved off for Biggin Hill and were fairly well settled by 2000 hrs under canvass. There is splendid cover in this area for all "Coys" and the CO seemed quite pleased with the whole picture.	
		2000	Coy orderly rooms have eventually been set up in marques.	<i>CHAM</i>
	9	0800	Coys are working hard getting settled.	
		1400	Order came through to the effect that the Regt will be C B as from 1800 hrs.	
		1800	Paratroop exercise commenced. OP established at WINDMILL on main rd and one on the roof of the 'palace' and referred to as OP No's. I and II	<i>CHAM</i>
		2200	Two 'enemy' tp carriers passed over Bn area travelling in a WESTERLY direction.	<i>CHAM</i>
		2205	Report from 3 Fd RCA para tps dropping at 84658285, at the same time a report from OP No II to the effect that 17 paratps were dropped in the above area.	<i>CHAM</i>
		2216	Airport reports that 16 more paratps were dropped in the above mentioned area and "C" Coy was ordered to deal with the situation.	<i>CHAM</i>
		2348	"C" Coy are on the main rd and preparing to attack HIGH HOUSE where paratps are supposed to be hidden.	<i>CHAM</i>
		0100	There seems to have been some difficulty in contacting "A" and "D" Coys.	<i>CHAM</i>
	0105	OC leaves in carrier in an endeavour to locate the missing Coys.	<i>CHAM</i>	

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Biggin Hill	10	0250	All Coys returning to jumping off posn after having swept the area.	Appx VII CMAH
		0330	No. 18 pl ran into 40 S A S at HIGH HOUSE and were wiped out with the exception of one man, it is further reported that 16 pl has gp surrounded and pretty well cleaned up.	
		0410	7 paratp prisoners brought in to Bn HQ for questioning.	
		0600	Paratroop exercise successfully concluded. Personnel turned in and slept till noon.	
	11	0800	Various Coys quite busy settling down in new quarters etc.	Appx V CMAH
		1600	Conf at Div re paratp exercise held in this area on the nights 10-11 STRENGTH RETURN <i>Officers 34 Other Rank 745</i>	
	12	0800	Usual routine throughout Coys. It will take a few days before Coys will really get down to business.	CMAH Appx III
		1000	Maj. Mitchell, North Nova Scotia Highlanders arrived with the advance party of the 3 Cdn Div and was a visitor at this HQ.	
		1100	Work parties busy in all Coys.	
	13	1000	Church Service on the Cricket Pitch. Through a misunderstanding of daily orders, Bn HQ and "C" Coy failed to appear on Church parade.	CMAH Appx II
		1300	A meeting was held in the mens Mess tent by Mr Higgins who informed Bn HQ that they were to be penalized for not attending Church this morning, the penalty to be a 4 mile route march.	
		1400	Bn HQ moved off on "penal" march returning to HQ at 1530 hrs. "C" Coy also did this march	
	14	0800	Usual camp routine by various Coys.	CMAH Appx III
		1000	A lecture on Crete was held in WESTERHAM. Officers attending were Lt.-col. Ernst, Maj. Harris and Lieut Archibald Nothing of import occurred during the balance of the day.	
	15	0830	Pay Parade starts with Bn HQ	CMAH Appx III
		1030	Brigadier Ganong visited Bn Hq and conferred with C O	
	16	0930	C O held a conference with all Coy cmdrs re Corps cmdrs inspection to be held tomorrow.	CMAH

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Biggin Hill	17	0930	Corps cmdr and G O C arrived to carry out an inspection of the Unit.	Appx I CASH
		1330	Corps cmdr, G O C, Brig and others lunched with Lady Stanley.	
		1400	C O held conf with Coy cmdrs re exercise to be carried out this afternoon.	
		1630	C O issues orders and Bn moved off and proceeded to LEAVES GREEN where they will engage "enemy" paratroops.	
		1700	Exercise in full swing, our troops putting on a splendid show and the GOC seems quite pleased.	
		1730	Exercise concluded.	
		18	0800	
	1000		Bath parade for all Coys to the mobile bath at CATERHAM. All Coys managed to get baths in CATERHAM with the exception of Bn HQ. Arrangements have been made with the airport at BIGGIN HILL to allow Bn HQ to use their baths tomorrow.	
	2000		A guard is to be posted at the lower gate. In this connection the I section has been selected. STRENGTH RETURN <i>Officers 34 Other ranks 746</i>	
	19	0800	Work parties still busy throughout Holwood Park area	Appx III CASH Appx III
		1300	Bn HQ proceeded to BIGGIN HILL airport for bath parade.	
		1500	Lieut Higgins, together with the Scouts section proceeded to SHEER to participate in a scouting exercise in conjunction with the Home Guard. The party will return Sunday.	
		2000	A dance was held in Keston Hall for a limited number of the personnel of this regt. This dance was a decided success.	
	20	1000	Usual Church parade on the Cricket Pitch.	CASH
		Pte Gehue and Pte Gibson proceeded to BORDEN to attend a Snipers course.		
1500		Lieut Higgins returned from SHEER with Scouts and Snipers. The scheme in which the above participated in was quite successful.		
1600		Lieut Higgins left for Dorking to attend a three day camouflage course. L/Cpl Walters, "A" Coy L/Cpl Perry and Cpl Irving of "B" Coy proceeded to BORDEN on instruction course.		
21	0800	Usual work parties busy on weapon pits etc.	CASH	
	1000	Lt.-col. Ernst proceeded to Aldershot to attend lecture held in Prince Consort library. Nothing of unusual note happened during the balance of the day.		

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Biggin Hill	22	0400	Personnel from A B C D Bn HQ and HQ Coy's proceeded to ASH RANGE for rifle practice. Maj Courtney was i/c of party. Personnel passed the main gate in the above order.	Appx VII Appx VII CASH
		1000	Lt.-Col Ernst left for the SOUTH COAST to attend a tank demonstration.	
	23	0830	Coy cmdrs attend a demonstration of attack put on by the R22eR at REIGATE.	CASH Appx III
		1300	"C" Coy put on a demonstration of Coy in defence in our Coy area.	
		1400	Lieut Higgins returned from camouflage course	
	24	0900	Bn formed up on Cricket Pitch where Lt.-col. Ernst presented trophy for efficiency for the month of June. The cup was presented to "B" Coy	CASH
		1000	CO held a conference re duties etc. Nothing further to report today.	
	25	0830	Bn route march 15 miles	Appx VII
			Lieuts. Hiltz, McCarthy, and Isnor came up to Unit from the Holding Unit and were taken on strength.	
		1000	The Brig paid a visit to the Unit, discussing matters with the CO	Appx II Appx VII Appx V CASH
		1700	Officers of this Bn attended a lecture at the Drill Hall, Caterham re COURTS MARTIAL.	
		2000	A meeting was held for Coy cmdrs and Pl cmdrs of "A" and "C" Coy's with reference to field practice to be held tomorrow. A dance was held at WARLINGHAM hospital for the officers of this Unit. STRENGTH RETURN <i>Officer 34 Other Rank 742</i>	
	26	0900	"A" and "C" Coy's proceeded to HANGMORE range to take part in field firing exercises.	CASH Appx I
		1330	The CO, 2i/c and Lieut Reardon left for HANGMORE range to witness field firing exercise this afternoon.	
1700		Lieut. Hiltz left for Bde to take over L O work for Lieut. Fraser who is going on a six weeks course at Div.		
27	0800	CO's conference for Coy cmdrs re FANNY ADAMS exercise.		
	0855	L O reported 300 paratroops landed at airdrome and that Home Guard needed assistance. The CO immediately dispatched "A" Coy		
	0907	"A" Coy move off to render assistance to Home Guard in the vicinity of airdrome.		

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Biggin Hill	27	1330	"C" and "D" Coy's have been enlisted to act as "enemy" and are making plan of attack.	Appx I CASH
		1425	"C" and "D" Coy advance according to plan.	
		1443	"B" Coy have reached objective with 30% casualties in one pl.	
		x 1400	Attack well under way	
		1530	After gaining various objectives and threatening main line defence, scheme called off.	
		1620	Fanny Adams exercise concluded.	
		28	0245	
	0400		All clear sounded. During the raid AA shells landed and exploded in our area without damage.	
	0900		The CO granted permission to 3 RCA to use part of our area for an inspection by Corps cmdr.	
	1700		CO's conference re training, vehicles and conservation of petrol.	
	2000		Coy cmdrs conference re Home Guard exercise held yesterday.	
	29	0800	Usual routine by various Coy's.	CASH
		1000	Brig and Bde IO visited Bn HQ. later accompanying Lieut Higgins to rifle range at Woldingham	
	30	0800	Usual routine by various Coy's.	CASH
		1400	Sports at the Cricket Pitch.	
		1530	HQ Coy and Bn HQ pay parade	
		1930	The band concert which was to be held at the Fish Pond was called off on account of rain.	
	31	0800	Training as per syllabus.	Appx VII Appx VIII CASH
		0830	"A" "D" "B" and "C" Coy pay parade.	
		1000	C O and Maj. Hebb proceeded to London on regimental business	
1400		Various messes and wanteens checking up on monthly statements.		
			<p><i>H. Bryson Major</i> <i>A/Commanding Officer</i> <i>West</i></p>	