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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	1	1030 1900	Church parades cancelled because of heavy snow storm. "D" Coy entertained by film "Cisco Kid", put on by K. of C.	<i>llb</i> App 5 <i>llb</i>
	2		Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>llb</i>
	3	0800 1600 1750	Training as per syllabus. "D" Coy has selected Ptes. suitable for training as N.C.O.s. (Coy. school) "I" Sec. and Sig. Sec. proceeded to Battle Hq. at Frieslands where they will take part in exercise "Beaver 2". Arrived at Battle Hq. and informed Bde. of location. Exercise starts at 0700 hrs. tomorrow.	App 4 <i>llb</i> <i>llb</i>
	4	0855 0930 1105 1545 1700	"Beaver 2". "B" Coy reports their posn. divebombed. Suffered eight casualties. Heavy casualties inflicted on paratps. that landed on Harrow Hill by Carlt & York carriers. Remnant of enemy withdrew South. Enemy reinforcement almost completely wiped out R22eR. Meanwhile Worthing is being heavily bombed. Gas in the nature of toxic smoke has been released in Brighton. Sitrep. and Int. summary forwarded to Bde. Meanwhile at Rear Bn. Hq. Maj. Hebb is somewhat perturbed about one missing training directive.	App 5 <i>llb</i> <i>llb</i>
	5	0835 0910 0940 1140 1145 1208	"C" Coy have been attacked by paratps., "A" Coy move in to support them. Enemy retreating toward Chanctonbury Ring. We suffer few casualties. Enemy paratps landed near Lancing, moving N.W. "A" Coy moved to Frieslands to relieve "C". P.L.D.G. put in a three pronged attack on Findon Pk. Fm. and Kingswood with Arty supporting. "D" Coy report enemy cleared out of area. "Cease Fire". (End of "Beaver 2".)	<i>llb</i>
	6	0800 1000 1900	Training as per syllabus. Capt. Crouse has returned to unit from Bde. where has been Staff Capt. Field Return. C.O.s conf. at Sky Ring on training and administration. Capt. Jenkins gave a talk on current affairs. A sand table exercise, "Coy in night attack" was also held followed by film shown by the Auxiliary Services.	App 4 <i>llb</i> App 3 <i>llb</i> <i>llb</i>

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	7	0800 1900	Training as per syllabus. Hq. Coy. were entertained by a luncheon and film given by the Auxiliary Services.	App 4 <i>lllB</i> App 5 <i>lllB</i>
	8		Church parades as usual.	App 1 <i>lllB</i>
	9	0800 1900	Training as per syllabus. The C.O. spent the afternoon with "B" Coy. supervising training. "A" Coy were entertained by a social evening, free Bingo with prizes put on by the Auxiliary Services.	App 4 <i>lllB</i> <i>lllB</i>
	10	0800 1430 1900	Training as per syllabus. C.O. attended G.O.C.s conference on training and general dispositions. "C" Coy were entertained by film "Nice Girl", given by Auxiliary Services. The finals of the Bde. boxing eliminations were held at the Sussex County Sport Club. Our boys did remarkably well, winning most of their bouts. The thriller of the evening was a middleweight contest between "Gussie Savarnoch", W.N.S.R. who lost a very slim decision to "Irish" Knowlan, Carlt & York Regt, a professional of some repute.	App 4 <i>lllB</i> <i>lllB</i>
	11	0800 1800 1900	Training as per syllabus. Coy commanders conference at Sky Ring. A concert party performed for "B" Coy at North Lancing. Performance was described as quote, "lousy"; end of quote. The players were entertained in the officers mess after the show.	App 4 <i>lllB</i>
	12	0900 1330 1830	Lt-Col. Ernst, Maj Hebb, Maj Berringer, Capt Upton and Lt. Bent attended a lecture given by Dr. Franz Burger who had been in an internment camp in Germany for some time. Address was accompanied by a film. Mr. Gordon of the 12th Tank Regt gave a lecture to officers and plt. sergants on tactics while working in conjunction with tanks. Hq. Coy were entertained by film, "Our Neighbors", given by the Auxiliary Services.	App 5 <i>lllB</i> <i>lllB</i>

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	13	0900	All Coy commanders and 2/ i/c Coys attended a cloth model exercise at Highden Ho. Field Return	App 3 <i>llb</i>
		1800	Study night for officers at Sky Ring. Mr. Putnam gave a twenty minute talk on the characteristics and handling of the three inch mortar. (war). "C" Coy officers put on a T.E.W.T. "Immediate counter-attack". Following this the Auxiliary Services provided a film.	<i>llb</i>
		1800	"A" Coy entertained by film "Our Neighbors".	
	14	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>llb</i>
		1300	Band and "A" Coy of this unit are taking part the "Warships Week" parade in Worthing. Ten members of W.N.S.R. are competing with other units of the Bde. in a cross country run.	<i>llb</i>
		1730	A large number of this unit attended a concert party by Ensa at New Drill Hall, Worthing.	
	15	1000	Church parades as usual. Coy commanders conference at Sky Ring. Capt J.O. Millard was chosen to supervise training at Ordnance Depot for an indefinite period.	App 1 <i>llb</i>
		1400	Band of W.N.S.R. played for Home Guard inspection and march past at Broadwater Green.	
		1800	Conference at Sky Ring to discuss selection of officers and N.C.O.s for infantry training centres in Canada. Names to be submitted by Coys later.	<i>llb</i>
	16	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>llb</i>
			Lt.-Col. Ernst on the "Downs" all day with the Coys.	
		1630	"C" Coy entertained by show "Our Neighbors" provided by Auxiliary Services.	App 5 <i>llb</i>
	17	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>llb</i>
			Lt.-Col. Ernst on "Downs" inspecting Coy posns.	
		1900	Lt.-Col. Ernst, Capt Worth, Capt Butts, Lt. Archibald, Lt. Burns, Mr. Lozie, Sgt-Maj. Foley, Sgt-Maj. Dean, Sgt. Hebb, Sgt. Taylor, Cpl. Garber, Ptes. Clarke and Withers were guests of the Round Table Club at a luncheon in Mitchells' Resturant, Worthing. Speakers of the evening were Lt.-Col. Ernst and Capt. Butts.	<i>llb</i>
	18	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>llb</i>
		1900	Coy. commanders meeting at Sky Ring to discuss training and administration. At Weppons Fm. a show, "Stanley and Livingstone" was shown by the Auxiliary Services.	<i>llb</i>

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	19	0800 1900	Training as per syllabus. "B" Coy entertained by show, "Waikiki Wedding". Shown by the Auxiliary Services.	App. 4 <i>clab</i> App 5 <i>clab</i>
	20	1300 1900	Bn. Hq, Hq, D, and C Coys were shown training films, "Use of assault boats and bridges," and "Platoon in the attack". The unit was visited today by Lt. Fortune and Lt. Higgins, Bde I.O. also by Maj. Bethune and Capt. Trask of the R.C.A.M.C. Field Return. All officers attended a sand table exercise at Sky Ring put on by D Coy, "Coy in deliberate counter-attack". This was followed by two training films and show, "Waikiki Wedding".	<i>clab</i> App 3 <i>clab</i> <i>clab</i>
	21	0800 1300	Training as per syllabus. Mr. Bent, Unit I.O. gave a sand table exercise at Sky Ring for the benefit of the Sig. Pl. Progress Report to date. A Coy, 95%, B Coy 60%, C Coy 50%, D Coy 60%. All Coys have weapon pits practically completed and all pits are revetted. practically	App 4 <i>clab</i> App 5 <i>clab</i>
	22	1000	Church parades as usual. This afternoon Lt-Col. Ernst and Lieut. Archibald, Adjt. went to Witley on Bn. business.	App 1 <i>clab</i> <i>clab</i>
	23	0800 1330	Training as per syllabus. The "I. Pl." have adopted the use of semaphore, and this afternoon under the supervision of Mr. Bent they journeyed to the golf course, where, midst the drives, putts and mashie-shots of the worthy citizens of Worthing they gained much useful practice.	App 4 <i>clab</i> <i>clab</i>
	24	0800 0900 1130	Training as per syllabus. "I" Pl. proceeded to Cissbury range for firing practice. Today our I.O. failed to live up to his precedent of a "possible", scored at a former firing practice. Alibi, quote, "different rifle", Twenty-four officers and twelve O.R.s attended a demonstration at Friston, "R.A.F. fighter aircraft attacking ground targets."	App 4 <i>clab</i> <i>clab</i>
	25	0900 1400 1900	Lieuts. Beck, Putnam and Reardon were on an exercise, "Cooperation of Inf. and Arty". KIAW Lt-Col. Ernst attended a sand table exercise given by the 12th Tank Bn. Coy commanders meeting at Sky Ring. Chief item of the discussion was the proposed visit of army commander, Lt-Gen. Montgomery.	<i>clab</i>

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	26	0800	Training as per syllabus.	APP 4 <i>lclB</i>
	27	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>lclB</i>
		0900	Two pls. of C Coy proceeded to Bow Hill Firing Range for firing practice. Lt-Col Ernst attended a demonstration on Bostock Hill, "Inf, Tanks and Arty. in the attack." Demonstration was given by H.Q. South Eastern Command.	App 4 <i>lclB</i>
		1300	Three pls. B Coy proceeded to Bow Hill Range for firing practice.	APP 4 <i>lclB</i>
		1900	All officers attended a lecture given at Highden Ho. by Lee on "Invasion Role and Tactics". Field Return.	App 3 <i>lclB</i>
	28	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>lclB</i>
		0900	Two pls. D Coy proceeded to Bow Hill Range for firing practice.	App 4 <i>lclB</i>
		1300	Three pls. A Coy proceeded to Bow Hill Range for firing practice. Progress Report on digging, wiring etc. A COY 95%, B Coy 90%, C Coy 70%, D Coy 80%. Most of this week was spent in erecting wire and Coy H.Q.s in Coy battle posns. Plan for Anti-raid Defence. Operation Instruction on anti-invasion role.	App 4 <i>lclB</i> App 4 <i>lclB</i> App 4 <i>lclB</i> <i>lclB</i>

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