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Highden	1	0800	This being Dominion day was treated as a holiday to the same extent as a Sunday. Transport was provided for a large party to attend the Div sports meet at Hove. Of the contestants entered from this unit, those who placed in the finals were, L/Cpl Falls 1st in shot-putt, Pte LeTourneau 3rd in 880, West N.S.R relay team 3rd in 440, Pte MacInnes 3rd in 220 and the light tug-of-war team took second place.	App 5 16-
) pres	2	0900	Training as per syllabus. Signal T.E.W.T. "Phoenix" starts. Bn. Hq. remained at Highden Ho with the 11 set. This exercise designed to test a system whereby officers work in teams on W/T. "Cease Fire" came at 1645 hrs. Tps entertained by a concert party arranged for by the K of C. Maj J.A.Hebb attended a dinner given to senior officers at Bde Hq.	App 4 Hre
Hus	3	1000	Lieut H.M.Eisenhauer, I.O. proceeded with his sniper & scout Secs to ThunderBarrow Hill to be spectators at the fd firing carried out by Seaforths of C. Apparently the G.O.C. has been dissatisfied with the manner in which these secs work with their units through out the Div and had them gather to adopt a standard way of working. Maj Hebb went to Hq. 1 Bde to receive orders for the relief of that Bde while they are carrying out fd firing exercise next week. Maj Hebb contacted R.C.R. at Arundel Pk at which place West N.S.R. less three rifle coy will camp while taking over the role of that unit. Lieut C.N.G.Wilde contacted the Hast& P.E.R., area 404193 which will be relieved by "A COY". Other coys have not as yet liased but "D COY" will be on Ford Aerodrome and C Coy will relieve 48th at Littlehampton.	S
Hut	4.	1100	A C.O.S inspection was held on a point system. Bn O gp conference held in the C.O.s office regarding the move on the morrow. The Bn softball team played the 3rd R.C.A. at Highden and won the game by the imposing score of 25 to 5. Big things are expected of this team this summer.	
Hue	5		No church parades today. Coys move off at their own time to relieve the various units o the 1st Bde. Bn Hq, Hq and B Coys arrived at Arundel Pk at 1600 hrs to take over from	

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Arundel Pk	5		the R.C.R. A Coy arrived at 1615 hrs to relieve Hast & P.E.R. area of Middleton 4119. C Coy relieved the 48th in the area of Littlehampton arriving at 1400 hrs. D Coy arrived at 1500 hrs to relieve the unit on Ford Aerodrome. The Regt softball team was drawn from their various coys and attached to Hq Coy in order to keep them together and maintain their high standard of training.	
His	6		H/Capt R. Phillips, new C of E padre arrived at the unit today to take over his duties. Owing to the wide dispersal of the coys they are carrying out training under their own arrangements, the training being that most suited to the terrain of the area they are in A Coy had been looking forward to a bit bathing, but found to their disappointment that the beaches had been closed the day of their arrival. Six officers and eleven N.C.O.s went under charge of Maj Gemmel to act on the patrol staff of the fd firing range in the area of Lewes.	
) ful	7	0800	Coys carry on with their normal training. Maj J.A. Hebb went to 2nd Ech and to 1 C.D.I.R. U. at Witley. Very quiet day.	
)tus	8	0800 1400	Coys carry on with normal training. A Coy commanders meeting was held at Bn Hq to discuss (a) N.C.O. establishment, (b) next weeks training. Again an uneventful day.	
Ans	9		The latest reinforcement officers to the unit assembled at this Hq for instructions and practise in the use of 18 sets. The officers and N.C.O.s who were on thepatrol staff of the fd firing range returned to Highden Ho. Bn Hq officers and Coy commanders attended a dinner given by the 5th Bn Sussex (Wor) H.G. at the "Fountain", Worthing.	
Ant	10	1500	A very wet day. Training was rearranged to suit the weather, a number of training films were shown. The C.O., I.O., Adjt and Sig Sjt rvd at the area of the fd firing range to make a recce of that area under the direction of Bde. The move back to Highden was commenced. Move was made by M.T. Coys moved under their own arrangements.	

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Highden	11	0800 1500	Tps spend the morning in cleaning of weapons, area etc. Softball game at Highden Green, West N.S.R. vs R22eR, West N.S.R. winning by a score of 17 to 4. Our boys were provided with a uniform bearing the crest of this unit by the K of C. That is just one of the many splendid services rendered this unit by the branch of that organization attached this unit under the able supervision of Mr.J.R.Losie. A very high standard of films are procured and shown twice nightly changing three times each week. They also run a Regt canteenk which is well stocked even to soft drinks and pies which were wangled with some diffuculty by Mr Losie. Hospitality services, free issues of tea, cakes, choclate, smokes etc. are greatly appreciated by all ranks. Especially when the going is tough.	
) tus	12	1000	The state of the s	App 11ty
Huk	13	0800	Brig. H.N.Ganong and the three Bn commanders proceeded to the area North of Ashford to attend a T.E.W.T. "Kitten 11". They returned at 1500 hrs. (Recce of area)	
		1900	West N.S.R. today received a silver cup in recogonition of their track and field team as Bde champions. Maj Hebb and Capt Clarke attended a party at Bde in celebration of the appointment of Brig H.N.Ganong to the rank of Maj-Gen. Brig Keller and Brig Bokes of the 1st and 2nd Bdes were among those present. Vokes	
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, , ,		1500	umpire on this exercise. Maj Hebb went to Div Hq re "Kitten 2". Maj Hebb has the dual role of C.O. and unit umpire on this exercise.	
		2000	Maj Hebb along with several other officers had a preliminary taste of "Battle Inoculation This promises to be rare stuff and the entire Regt will take it on the morrow.	ion
) fra	15	0800	Maj-Gen H.N.Ganong delivered his farewell address to the unit. Training today is in the form of "Battle Inoculation". The tps advanced through a scree of fire laid down by the snipers and some L.M.G.s. Grenades and fire hazards were also	∌n

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Highden	15		encountered in the course of the advance. Only a few minor casualties were sustained. The C.O., Adjt, S.O., Lieuts MacNab and MacIntosh along with several O.R.s proceeded to a concentration area at High Street Kent for the opening phase of "Kitten 2". Softball game at Highden Green, West N.S.R. vs R.C.A., our team winning by a score of 38 to 2. In the course of this game Pte Lockhart, of the West Novies batted out four homers, three times with the bases full. N.S.R.	
Hre	16	1330	"Kitten 2" kicked off at this time. This is a skeleton exercise designed to give training to senior officers. All Coy commanders and the I.O. proceeded to Shoreham to recce the billeting area and anti-raid role of the 49th Edmonton Regt. this unit takes over the role of that Regt while the 2nd Bde is carrying out fd firing practise. "Cease fire" came through on "Kitten 2". Tps return to Highden.	
Hr	17		Field Return. Lt-Col M.P.Bogert gave a lecture to all the officers of the 3rd Cdn Inf BdeX in the cinema, Highden. The topic of the lecture was KWAX "The Libyan Campaign", based upon the speakers own experience in that country. On this evening Coys are busy preparing for the move to Shoreham to take place tomorrow	
)fus	18		Marching tps move off to take over the role of the Edmonton Regt while that unit is tarrying out fd firing. Transport followed later. En settle down in posns. Bn Hq, Hq and D Coy area of Shoreham, C Coy South Lancing, B Coy Southwick, A Coy Shoreham Aerodrome. Five officers, five Sjts and six Cpls proceeded to fd firing range area of Lewes to act on the patrol staff.	
Here	19	0830	Lieut H.M.Eisenhauer, Lieut G.O.Curphy and three scouts proceeded to Amberley where they will act on the instructional staff of the school which 3 Bde conducts for Home Guards each Sunday. Owigg to the wide dispersal of the Coys there were no church parades	

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Shoreham	20	1500	The I.O., Carrier Officer and Mortar Officer proceeded to the area near Lewes to be spectators at the fd firing practise being carried out there by the 2nd Cdn Inf Bde. All Coys and Bn Ho turned out for fast practise march. This in accordance with an order which states that every man in the unit must be able to march ten miles in two hours or less if the necessity arises.	H-Z
	21	1315 1930	Maj J.A.Hebb, Maj M.G.Clennett and Capt D.McG.Archibald went on a recce of the proposed move early in August. All available officers went to the area of Lewes to be Spectators of the fd firing practise being carried out there by the 2nd Bde. Bn move off to the area of Highden. The very high standard of mobility which the modern army must attain is apparent in the fact that this march was accomplished in approximate half the time which would have been required for the same distance just one year ago.	1600
	22	1330 1415 1900	Today Lt-Col M.P.Bogert made his first appearance as Commanding Officer of this unit. Lt-Col M.P.Bogert called a meeting of all the officers of the Bn at which he expressed his pleasure at being with this unit and also discussed certain aspects of training and discipline. Inspection of the Bn by the new C.O. Lt-Col Bogert addressed all the N.C.O.s of the Bn in the cinema, Highden. Bn and Coy commanders, Adjt, I.O.and M.O.proceeded to Bde Hq to attend a lecture. The subject of the lecture was" Reorganization of Medical Units". Lt-Col Playfair, O.C. 5th Cdn Fd Amb presided at this meeting.	Hor
	23	1330	The C.O. and Coy commanders proceeded on a recce of the area of the proposed move in early August. A competition on the point system between platoons was held. No 7 Plat took first plac A sudden death semi-final softball game in the Bde play-offs took place at Highden. West N.S.R. handed the R22eR a sound trimming to the tune of 35 to 11 in this game.	a App 1

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HIGHDEN	24		This morning the Bn do the ten miles in two hours test. Plats took off at five minute intervals. The results of this test were extraordinarily good. MAJNHANN, MIENK. MIENKANNE Maj Hebb, Lieut Eisenhauer, T.O., J.M., S.O., and paymaster proceeded to New Haven to recce area to be taken over early in Aug. An informal party was held at the "Fountain", Worthing, to celebrate the morrows event in which Maj P.H. Stehelin takes the plunge.	A of
	25	0800	Lt-Col M.P.Bogert and Maj J.A.Hebb accompanied Maj P.H.Stehelin to London in order to be present at the wedding of the latter. Officers and N.C.O.s of this unit detailed to act as umpires on the exercise being carried out by 3rd Cdn Div proceeded to Battle Abbey as per instructions. No 5 Flat who have been attached to 4 Fd R.C.E. for training for a period of two weeks returned to the unit today.	App 5
	26		No church parades today. A very quiet Sunday on the whole. In the evening the tps were entertained by a film, "Nice Girl", provided by Aux Services.	Ans
	27		The C.O., Coy commanders and Adjt carried out a recce of the area where this unit will carry out fd firing practise. West N.S.R. softball team played a team from B Coy, 5 Fd Amb at Broadwater Green, Worthing, winning the game by a score of 25 to 3.	Ang
	28	1700	Training as per syllabus. Officers meeting in Bn Orderly Rm in which Maj Hebb gave out some rules for fd firing. The final softball game for Bde championship was played on Highden Green. Our team lost 3 R.C.A. 10 to 5. Our volley ball team was also eliminated by R22eR. A meeting of all officers of the Bn was held in C.O.s office. Lt-Col Bogert outlined the attack Bde would carry out during fd firing practise. He also added a few comments training and discipline. A lawn dance was held on Highden Green. Regt dance band provided the music. Numbers of A.T.S. and W.A.A.F.s were imported for this event. (Quote a good time was had by alll (end of quote)	to Amz

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Highden	29	1300	Training as per syllabus. Meeting of members of the officers mess was held. The mess was closed and others detail were discussed. Responsibility for week-end training of H.G. of this area was taken over by 1st Cdn Bde today. Lt-Col M.P.Bogert and Maj J.A.Hebb proceeded to A/tk school at Moonhill to be spectators for a short period.	
	30		Tps spend the day in cleaning up the area, packing spare kit and making general preparations for the move. Bn 0 gp conference re move to fd firing area was held.	Home
	31	1330 1530 2000	Marching tps push off for fd firing area near Lewes. Transport moved to area under Bde arrangements. Tps arrive at concentration area at Ashcombe Bottom. The C.O. attended Bde O gp at the Race pavilion. Bn O gp was held on Black Cap re tomorrows activities.) fre
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