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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices and initials
NEWHAVEN	1	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4
		1800	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert, Lieut J.R. Cameron, Lieut H.M. Eisenhower, members of Sig Plat and cipher personnel proceeded to Friday St near Eastbourne on a T.E.T., "Harvest." These and corresponding elements of the entire 1 Cdn Div represented the attacking force. This battle raged verbally all the following day and "Cease Fire" sounded at 1810/2 Oct with the attacking force firmly established on an intermediate objective.	App 5
	2	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4
			Field Return. For entertainment as provided by the K of C, see App 5. In addition to this entertainment K of C facilities are used for the showing of training films to the tps.	App 3
	3	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4
			0830 Lt-Col M.P. Bogert carried out an inspection of H.Q. Coy in which he paid special attention to equipment and kit.	
	4		Church parades as per Maj J.A. Hebb visited the unit this afternoon. Maj Hebb is on a senior officers course at Erlstoke Park, Denizes.	App 1
	5	1600	Lt-Col M.P. Bogert, Maj F.B. Courtney, Capt W.R. Moore, Capt G.F. Johnston, Capt G.L.F. MacNeil, Lieut J.R. Cameron, Adjut, Lieut H.M. Eisenhower, I.O., and Lieut G.W. Theakston attended a lecture at East Grinstead. This lecture was divided into two parts, (1) types of German and Italian bombs and passive defence against types of booby traps dropped from planes, (2) German and Italian A t/k and anti-personnel mines and methods of disarming same.	R.G. Thexton
			Maj W.C. Gemmell and Maj P.H. Stehelin attended an anti-tank demonstration at Burlington Gap. Lt-Col M.P. Bogert attended a conference at Bde H.Q.	
	6	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4
			Lieut H.M. Eisenhower, I.O., took a working party <del>to</del> area of Telescombe and Southease for the purpose of filling any remaining slit trenches etc.	
		1130	Maj Howard of the Mobile Laboratory reported at this unit for the purpose of carrying out various tests to determine the vitamin content of food being served in the unit. He found that the contents were very high in comparison to the average.	

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NEWHAVEN	7	0800	Training as per syllabus. Lieut H.M.Eisenhauer, I.O., and the Int and Scout Sub-sections proceeded to Bde H.Q. where two days intensive "I" training will be given by the Div and Bde I.O.s.	App 4 HME
	8	0900 1930	Inspection under medical arrangements of stretcher-bearers of the unit by A.D.M.S. Lt-Col M.P.Bogert attended a Bn commanders conference at Bde H.Q. Subject of the discussion was "Battle Procedure".	HME
	9	0800 1000 1400	Training as per syllabus. Capt Henry of the Small Arms School, Hythe? visited the unit for the purpose of discussing weapon training problems. Bn parade. Field Return.	App 4 HME App 3
	10	0830 1030 1900	D Coy inspected by the Commanding Officer, Lt-Col M.P.Bogert. A demonstration in the coaching of small arms was given by Capt Henry of the Hythe staff. This was attended by all the senior N.C.O.s of the Bn and the N.C.O. class. Advised by Bde that this unit will not supply control staff for exercise "Breast stroke" as was previously intended, reason being the inspection to take place on 12 Oct 42. A dance held at the Bn officers mess was largely attended.	HME
	11		Church parades as per	App 1 HME
		2015	Notified by Bde that inspection to-morrow will take place at Lewes Race Course.	
	12	0950 1930	Tps embussed and proceeded to Lewes Race Course. There at 1140 hrs, four hundred and fifty members of the Bn were inspected by Col the Hon J.L.Ralston, Min of Nat Def, together with Lieut-Gen A.G.L.MacNaughton, Army comdr, Lieut-Gen Stuart, C.G.S., Lieut-Gen Crerar, Corps comdr, Maj-Gen H.L.N.Salmon, Div comdr and Brig A.E.Walford, A.Q.M.G. of 1 Cdn Corps. Lieut F.E.Hiltz and Lieut E.L.Fortune who have just returned from Junior War Staff course in Canada were attached to this unit for general duty pending appointment to Staff. Lt-Col M.P.Bogert attended a discussion at Bde H.Q. Discussion was on new form of village fighting. Maj P.H.Stehelin and Capt J.R.Cameron attended the first two of a series of lectures on Military Law.	HME

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NEWHAVEN	13	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>H.M.</i>
		1330	A lecture on the first "Battle of Burma" was given at the Hailsham Pavilion. This was attended by Lt-Col M.P.Bogert and several other officers of the Bn. Maj M.G.Clenett arrived at the unit for a period of approximately three days to assist with the Regimental accounts. Unit commenced operating as per new war establishment today.	
	14	0800	Training as per syllabus. Bn paid today as per Lt-Col M.P.Bogert gave a lecture to the "Battle-drill Wing", Windlesham School.	<i>H.M.</i> App 4 App 1
	15	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 <i>H.M.</i>
		1930	A Naval officer gave a lecture at Downe School, Seaford, attended by all available officers of 3 Cdn Inf Bde. Lecture was in two parts, (1) Submarines (2) Convoys and Naval A.A. protection.	
	16	0930	The Bn was inspected by the Bde commander and his staff. Brig Foulkes inspected the pps on the Recreation ground, following which he inspected the billets, R.A.P., Q.M. stores etc. At the same time Staff Capt D.W.Hay inspected the administrative part of the unit such as Bn H.Q. offices, Coy offices, R.Q.M. stores and Coy Q.M. stores. Capt Whitty, Bde T.O. inspected the transport. Sub-conductor Scott, Bde W.O., checked Ordnance stores. Capt DeVebre, Div catering adviser, inspected rations, cookhouses and general messing arrangements. Capt Harvey of the Regt Funds Board assisted in making up and checking of accounts for the three month period past. The Bde commander and staff appeared to be well satisfied with the turnout and efficiency of the unit.	<i>H.M.</i>
			1700	
	17	0912	Exercise "Blackboy" starts. This exercise was designed to test the anti-raid plan of 3 Cdn Inf Bde. 4 P.L.D.G. acted as enemy. Main activity took place in area held by C & Y.R. and R22eR. No action took place in that held by West N.S.R. "Cease Fire" at 1115 hrs.	<i>H.M.</i>
18	0900	Church parades as per Maj P.H.Stehelin and Capt J.R.Cameron attended another in the series of lectures on Military Law and Administration.	App 1 <i>H.M.</i>	



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NEWHAVEN	19	0800	Training as per syllabus. A very quiet day.	App 4
	20	0800	Training as per syllabus. Lieut W.A.Himmelman arrived from the Holding Unit and was posted to "A" Coy. A report on the Pioneer Plat was submitted to Bde. Report recommended that this Plat should be trained for skilled work and demolition duties and that on no account should they be employed as unskilled handymen. This policy has been adopted in training of the Pioneer Plat in this Regt.	App 4
		1400	C.O.s weekly conference on training. Chief topic of discussion was the intensive period of Sec and Plat training to be carried out during November. The training programme was prepared for the four week period commencing 26 Oct 42. This was laid down by <del>higher authority</del> C.O.	
	21	0800	Training as per syllabus. Lt-Col M.P.Bogert proceeded to H.Q. 1 Cdn Div to attend a Bn commanders discussion of a T.E.W.T. "Tourist".	App 4
	22	0800	Training as per syllabus. N.C.O. school closed today. Capt C.B.Higgins taken on strength of the unit and posted to "A" Coy.	App 4
	23	0800	Training as per syllabus. A muster parade of the Bn by Coys was held.	App 4
		1400	The weekly Bn parade was held on the Recreation Ground. Field Return.	
		1500	Lieut J.W.K.Smeltzer gave a demonstration of the correct method of examination T.O.E.T.s.	App 3
	<del>24</del>		Following this Lieut Smeltzer gave a lecture to officers of the Bn on the most up-to-date methods of teaching weapon training.	
		1930	Lt-Col M.P.Bogert, Maj P.H.Stehelin and Capt J.R.Cameron attended a cloth-model exercise at Bde H.Q. This exercise was in the nature of "The movement of an advance guard through a bridge-head." Lieut C.L.Putnam reported back from a course to day.	
	24	0800	Training as per syllabus. Weather very fine and sunny today.	App 4
		0930	Lt-Col M.P.Bogert inspected "B" Coy.	

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NEWHAVEN	24	2100	A dance was held at Bde H.Q., this was attended by the senior officers of the Bde.	Jmz
	25	1030	Church parades as per Maj P.H.Stehelin and Lieut H.M.Eisenhauer inspected the B.E.C. School Cadet Corps at the County School, Mountfield Rd, Lewes. Maj P.H.Stehelin and Capt J.R.Cameron attended another in the series of lectures on military law and administration at Rushlake Green.	App 1 App 5 Jmz
	26	0800	Training as per syllabus. Twenty-two Sjts of the Bn commence a refresher course to be carried out for a period of one week under the direction of Lieut J.K.Rhodes.	App 4 Jmz
		1230	Slight enemy air activity over the Bn area but no bombs dropped.	
	27	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 Jmz
		1100	Conference at Bn H.Q. re training.	
		1930	Lt-Col M.P.Bogert attended conference on general training at Bde H.Q. Educational plans for the coming winter were also discussed at this meeting.	
	28	0800	Training as per syllabus. Brig C.Foulkes visited the unit and had lunch at the Bn officers mess.	App 4
		1330	All officers and N.C.O.s of the Bn gathered at A Coy mess to listen to a lecture delivered by Brig C.Foulkes. Brig Foulkes expressed the view that the coming winter would be the last opportunity we would have to add the final touches to our training before putting it to the test. He also stated that in view of the fact that this unit is recruited largely from the seafaring elements of N.S. and so should prove immune to seasickness, that he would look to it to be the spearhead of any landing attempt made by the Cdn Inf Bde.	Jmz
	29	0800	Training as per syllabus.	App 4 Jmz
	1830	Lt-Col M.P.Bogert went to Bde H.Q. to obtain information on exercise to be held 30 Oct 42.		
30	0800	Lt-Col M.P.Bogert and Capt J.R.Cameron proceeded on exercise "Boulder". This exercise is in the nature of "Practice of movement of arty in bounds behind the advance Bn."	Jmz	

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NEWHAVEN	30	1400	Weekly Bn parade. Holding Unit band was in attendance. Lieut H.M. Eisenhauer, I.O., and two O.R.s attended a demonstration of fieldcraft and stalking put on by elements of the Seaforth's of C. Field Return.	App 3
	31	0800	Training as per syllabus. Refresher course for sjts ended today. It is felt that this course proved highly beneficial to all and especially to several whose duties are normally of a specialist nature. Gatherings of this nature also promote a feeling of fellowship that is invaluable to the esprit-de-corp of the unit.	App 4

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