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Unit 1st Bn The Herefordshire Regiment
Commanding Officer Major I.H. Freeland

Month and Year January 1944

Summary of Events and Information

References to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour		
Hornsea.	30 DEC	1400	Cloth Model Ex 'HOLMIT' held for Officers and N.C.Os.	
"	31 DEC	1800	Night firing demonstration for all N.C.Os with German & British weapons.	
"	4 JAN	2345	DAY EX 'BRIDLINGTON'. Unit acting as enemy to 29 and 3de.	
"	5 JAN	1900	} EX 'FREDERICK INGLE III'. "A" Coy took part.	
"	7 JAN	-		
"	9 JAN.			
"	10 JAN	1400	Cloth model exercise for Officers and N.C.Os	
"	13 JAN	0830	EX 'LINDSEY'. Advance party left for C.T.C. Baversey.	
"	15 JAN	2330	EX 'LINDSEY'. Bn proceeded to the C.T.C. Baversey for training in combined operations for the period from 16/1/44 to 25/1/44.	
"	26 JAN		Bn returned to station.	
"	28 JAN		Road and rail rear party returned from Baversey.	
"	31 JAN		Composite Coy proceeded to Linehouse area London for street fighting course from 31/1/44 to 5/2/44.	

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Comd 1st Bn The Herefordshire Regiment.

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Month and Year FEBRUARY 1944.

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Unit 1st Bn Herefordshire Regt
 Commanding Officer D. Chamberlain

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Place	Date	Hour		
	FEB.	5	0830	Ex "STANFORD" Bn. moved by road to Bivouac area - Elton Park - ref. 5412. Sheet 74.
	FEB	6	0830	Bn proceeded to Dukes Ride Camp (ref 2796. Sheet 76) for training in Battle Area.
	FEB	7		Ex "STANFORD" 'East'. Object to practice Bn in attack with supporting arms.
	FEB	8		Ex "STANFORD" 'West' Object to practice deployment of the Bn on first contact.
	FEB	9	0830	Bn moved to Staging Camp DONCASTER.
	FEB	10		Bn returned to Station.
	FEB	13	1225	Ex "EAGLE" o Corps Exercise. designed to exercise 3 Corps over a protracted period.
	FEB	24	1600	Ex "EAGLE" ended. Bn. returned to Station via Night Drive
	FEB	28		Commencement of 10 days easy period by order of 3 Corps Comd.

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Month and Year MAR 44

Commanding Officer J. H. Franks

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HORNSEA	3 MAR		1 Offrs 2 Sgts & 3 ORs proceeded on attachment to U.S. Armd Div. Station Cadford, St. Mary, Wilts for period of 10 days	
HORNSEA	3 MAR		1 Offr, 4 Sgts & 6 ORs from 3rd U.S. Armd Div, arrived. Att to Bn for period of 10 days.	
HORNSEA	6 MAR		Course of Instruction commenced for non-swimmers under APTG instrs at HULL for period of one month.	
HORNSEA	6 MAR		C.Os Lecture to all Bn on Ex "EAGLE"	
HORNSEA	7 MAR		Bn commenced normal training	
HORNSEA	8 MAR		3 Flame Throwing Equipments, No 2. Mk.I, issued to Bn for trg purposes by carrier Pl.	
HORNSEA	9 MAR		"D" Coy carried out night exercise by Pls. Object - Practice movement and ambush fighting patrols	
HORNSEA	15 MAR		Course of Instruction by Unit Pioneer Pl for all Rifle Pl Sgts on Slit Trench blowing with Hawkins' Grenades	
HORNSEA	15 MAR		Demonstration to all Rifle Coy, Pl Comds & NCOs by Unit Pioneers on Slit Trench blowing	

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Unit 1 Herefordshire

Commanding Officer J.H. Freeland

Month and Year MARCH 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HORNSEA	17 MAR		"D" Coy carried out Coy night Exercise. 1 Pl. enemy. 2 pls as fighting patrols.	
HORNSEA	17 MAR		Attached U.S.A. personnel returned to own Unit.	
HORNSEA	20 MAR		En changed over to new type headress	
HORNSEA	21 MAR		Unit A/Tk Pl. Shoot at BUCKTON Ranges	
HORNSEA	21 MAR		En visited by 8 Corps Comd. "C" Coy demonstrated Pl in attack One man fatally injured during demonstration.	
HORNSEA	22 MAR		H.M. King George VI inspected 11 Armd Div. Less 29 Armd Bde at Dridfield.	
HORNSEA	22 MAR		Reinforcements. total 23 arrived from 101 Reinforcement Group.	
HORNSEA	22 MAR		Adv party left HORNSEA at 0710 hrs	
HORNSEA	23 MAR		CADRE Course for Potential NCOs commenced	
HORNSEA	23 MAR		Pioneer Pl. demonstration to "S" Coy Offrs & NCOs on Slit Trench (blowing)	
HORNSEA	24 MAR		Mortar Pl carried out practice Group Shooting on ROLSTON Ranges	
HORNSEA	27 MAR		Main Body left HORNSEA by road 0615 hrs. Staged for night	

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Unit 1st Bn Herefordshire Regt
Commanding Officer D.B. Churchill
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Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	
Aldershot	2 APL		Rear Party arrived ALDERSHOT
"	3 APL		Privilege Leave commenced
"	3 APL		Cadre for potential NCOs re-commenced period 3rd - 11th APL 44
"	3 APL		Privilege leave suspended wef night 5/6 APL 44
"	5 APL		Unit censoring commenced
"	9 APL		Carrier P1 commenced 3 day Unit Course on Flame Throwing Warfare
"	10 APL		En carried out complete loading trials
"	11 APL		En changed to closed address
"	11 APL		"D" Coy proceeded on 48 hrs scheme, Practiced - River crossings and patrols
"	12 APL		En Snipers proceeded to BISLEY
"	14 APL		Reinforcement Company formed
"	14 APL		Reinforcements Total 58 O.Re arrived from D.C.L.I.
"	14 APL		Carrier P1 proceeded to Ash Ranges for night firing practice
"	14 APL		with Vickers MGs

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Commanding Officer *C. B. [Signature]*

Month and Year: *APL '44*

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Place Date Hour

ALDERSHOT 14 APL
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"A" Coy night Ex. Patrolling practice
All Rifle Coys Pl. Sgt's Day under 2.1/c.
"A" Coy, 2" Mortar ~~Rxxx~~ Team proceeded to BISLEY
"C" Coy-Night Compass March & neutralizing Mines by Pls.
"C" Coy, Inter-Pl. Patrol Exercise
"D" Coy, Bren Gps proceeded to BISLEY.
All Coys, 2" Mortar Teams proceeded to BISLEY.
2 i/c. Major I.A. Freeland posted. to take over Comd 7. Norfolks.
"A" Coy. Night Ex. Practice River Crossings.
Sig. Ex. "BEVERLEY 6"
"B" Coy., commenced night training programme 2300 - 0400 hrs -
Ex "GUERILLA" Object - Practice individual movement through enemy territory
2300 - 0600 hrs Ex. - Patrols-arrived back in barracks 0900 hrs
"D" Coy., Ex. Pl. in attack.

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Unit. Lt. Bn Herefordshire
Commanding Officer *T.B. Chamberlain*

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ALDERSHOT	24	APL	"D" Coy. Ex. Pl in Attack.
"	24	APL	"S" "A" & "B" Coys proceeded on 3 days march
"	24	APL	Sig. Ex. "EVERLEY 5"
"	25	APL	"D" Coy. Ex. Practice River Crossings.
"	26	APL	Bn changed over to new tactical Coy Signs on all Vehicles.
"	27	APL	"HQ" "C" & "D" Coys proceeded on 3 days Route March
"	27	APL	Mortar Pl proceeded to HANGMOOR HILL. Practice Gp Shooting

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Place	Date	Hour	
ALDERSHOT	26 APL		Adv Party consisting 1 Offr & 5 ORs proceeded on Ex "FABIOUS"
"	27 APL		Main Party consisting 1 NCO & 16 ORs proceeded on Ex "FABIOUS"
"	1 MAY-		"B" Coy. Route March be Secs. Bivouaced at 318625 Sheet 124. Object - to practice Map Rdg. Assault Boating, Mine Laying and Lifting
"	3 MAY		"A" Coy., NCOs Night Compass March
"	3 MAY		"C" Coy. P1 Ex. Location of Enemy and Plwin attack & consolidation.
"	4 MAY		Adv and Main Parties returned from Ex "FABIOUS"
"	5 MAY		"D" Coy. Ex. P1 in attack.
"	5 MAY		Reinforcement Coy., Left Station. 4 Offrs 100 ORs to 33 RHU
"	8 MAY		HYTHE Kent. 33 ORs to 10f Rfts Gp. BORDON, Hants. MT off Rd., for maintenance and painting prior to Waterproofing.
"	8 MAY		"HQ" Coy. 3 dys. trg at LOWER FROYLE: M.R. 209632 Sheet 123 (Winchester)
"	8-11 MAY		"D" Coy. Ex. Night Patrols by Pls.
"	11 MAY		Demon-stration for all Offrs and NCOs down to P1 Sgts of the 'Flail Tank'
"	13 MAY		"C" & "D" Coys Field Firing Ex at BISLEY.
"	15 MAY		

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ALDERSHOT and 1 loop at 173618 1730 hrs, return Bde 1800 hrs.

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ALDERSHOT

15 MAY

Ex "INITIATIVE" Fld Firing Ex by Pls under Bn arrangements
Object - Fighting on to objective. Tps taking part "A" & "B" Coys
HOLYBOURNE ref 1760 Sheet 123

15 MAY-

"B" Coy Bivouaced at OLDHAM COMMON 1870 for night trg in Recce
and Fighting Patrols.

18 MAY

"HQ" Coy. 3 days trg at LOWER FROYLE ref 209632 Sheet 123.
Mortar Pl. Shoot. - CHOBEAM RANGES.

16 MAY

Demonstration for 63 Med Regt.

16+25 MAY

R.A. of Pl in attack by 17 Pl "D" Coy.,

19 MAY

Colonel of the Regt- General Sir Charles Grant visited the Bn

19 MAY

Pl. of "D" Coy Demonstrated Mine Clearing.

22-24 MAY

"D" Coy on 3 days march by Pls.
Signal Ex. "MARTHA" Object- Wireless Security

23 MAY

Ex "INITIATIVE" Fld Firing Ex by Pls "C" Coy taking part (See entry for 15th)

24 MAY

Pl of 1 Airborne Div visited Bn to familiarize all Ranks with
their appearance as aid to recognition.

24 MAY

Two Section and 1 jeep on 24 May 1944
at 173618 1730 hrs, return Bn 1800 hrs
Capt & Adjutant
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