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Aldershot.	3 & 4.	4.41.	Bn engaged in Div M T night move.	
do.	6.	3.41.	Warning Order that 38 (W) Div would move to area North Sussex.	
do.	10.	3.41.	Operation Order No. 2 issued for occupation of G H Q Line.	
do.	15.	3.41.	Lieut. W O Small joined the Bn.	
do.	17 to		Bn takes part in 38 (W) Div final training Exercise in Marlborough Area.	
	19.	3.41.		
do.	21 & 22.	3.41.	Bn fires Bren Guns on Long Siberia Range at Bisley.	
do.	23.	3.41.	Operation Instruction issued in connection with Defence Scheme.	
do.	25 to		Bn completes Bren Gun firing on Henley Park Range.	
	29.	3.41.		
do.	25.	3.41.	Information received that Bn allotted area at BRANBRIDGE FOREST, near HORSHAM and to lay out new Camp Site.	
			Site visited.	
do.	28.	3.41.	2/Lt. P A Blackburn and 2/Lt. P L B Egremont-Lee joined the Bn from I T C, K S L I.	
do.	29.	3.41.	Instructions that 38 (W) Div relieved of all commitments under Aldershot Area Defence Scheme.	



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Aldershot.	3. 4.41.		114 Inf Bde Op. Instr. No. 9 received relating to move to Sussex if ordered to do so.	
do.	4. 4.41.		Advance party of 25 O Rs under 2/Lt. Hooper move to DENNE PARK, HORSHAM.	
do.	7 & 8. 4.41.		114 Inf Bde Group Exercise in area.	
do.	14. 4.41.		Two Fls of Y Coy proceed to new site at DENNE PARK.	
do.	15. 4.41.		Op. Instr. No. 3 issued in case of sudden move to new area.	
do.	18. 4.41.		The Honorary Colonel of the Bn, Col. H E P Pateshall, D S O arrived on a two day visit.	
			The Officers were defeated by the Sjts at Soccer.	
			The Sjts' Mess held an Invitation Dance in Marlborough Lines Gymnasium.	
do.	19. 4.41.		The Bn parade in close column of Coys, was inspected by Col. Pateshall and then marched past. The Bn formed up again and marched past in column of threes, finally forming close column for an address by Col. Pateshall, and was then dismissed.	
			Col. Pateshall made an inspection of Barracks and Dinners and left after lunch.	
do.	25. 4.41.		Remainder of Bn, less small rear party, moved by road in Bde convoy to DENNE PARK, HORSHAM.	
			Bn under canvas.	
do.	26. 4.41.		Work commenced on digging trenches and erecting parapets round all sleeping tents. Work commenced on camp defences.	
do.	29. 4.41.		Rear party from Oudenarde Barracks joined the Bn.	

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Horsham.	4.5.41.		2/Lts. M A W Vale and E C P Clee joined the Bn from I T C, K S L I and were posted to No. 1 Pl and W Coy respectively.	
do.	5.5.41.		2 Herefords Alarm Scheme issued.	
do.	10.5.41.		Successful All Ranks dance held at Drill Hall, Horsham. Bn band's first performance.	
do.	11.5.41.		Op. Instr. No. 4, covering operational role in this area, issued.	
do.	12.5.41.		Coy Officers and N C Os commence recess of routes to TANGMERE aerodrome.	
do.	15.5.41.		Officers and N C Os commence evening and Sunday instruction to local Home Guard.	
do.	16.5.41.	1200 hrs.	Inspection of Bn Area carried out by Div Comd.	
do.	17.5.41.		Capt. A C Gale promoted to A/Major w.e.f. 17 Mar 41.	
do.	18.5.41.		Bde Comd carried out Administrative Inspection.	
do.	19.5.41.		2 Herefords "Scheme for Military Assistance for dealing with heavy air raid damage in HORSHAM" issued.	
do.	20.5.41.		Bn on Mobile Column duties for one week.	
do.	21.5.41.		Lieut. W O Small posted to 4 Corps Junior Leaders School and struck off strength.	
do.	22.5.41.		2/Lt. G Morrison joined the Bn from 70 Bn R W F.	
do.	23.5.41.		Bn took part in UMBRELLA Exercise.	
do.	24.5.41.		Orders received that Fridays to be a "Make and Mend" day.	
do.	25.5.41.		Orders received that one Coy to be detailed to find Guards and duties at H Q, South Eastern Command from 1 Jun for one month. Z Coy detailed.	
do.	26.5.41.		Bn took part in REVENGE Exercise.	
do.	31.5.41.		Bde Comd inspected Z Coy.	

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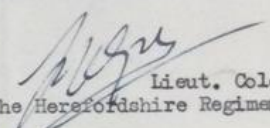
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Horsham.	1.6.41.		Capt. G M Singleton posted to South Eastern Command Coy Comds School as Instructor and struck off strength.
			Capt. R V Webb assumed comd of Z Coy.
			Z Coy moved to REGIMATE to take up Guard duties.
			WARNING ORDER. 38 Div to relieve 47 Div on Right Sector of 4 Corps front. 114 Inf Bde Gp to relieve 140 Inf Bde Gp. Relief to commence on or about 25 June and to be completed by 1st July.
do.	3.6.41.		Warning Order that in new Area Bn would have to man 12 Vickers M Gs and six 6 pdr guns. Training to commence shortly.
			Orders for STAND TO for Inlying Picquet relaxed to 3 times per week and for Mobile Column once per week.
			Training for M G teams commenced.
do.	5.6.41.		C O and Adjt attended Bde Conference. Informed that move would take place on 25 June. Bn was to relieve 12 R F in Centre Sector of Bde front.
do.	6.6.41.		New Alarm Scheme issued.
			Capt. R T Carver moved to new area to recce tactical lay-out etc.
do.	11.6.41.		2/Lt. J E Roberts appointed M T O vice Lieut. J E F Roberts w.e.f. 9.6.41.
do.	12.6.41.		Bn took part in LIGNY and WATERLOO exercises.
do.	13-16.6.41.		2/Lt. A V Parsons and 2/Lt. G L Cash joined and posted to Z Coy.
do.	14.6.41.		Advance Party of 7 Officers and approximately 150 Other Ranks moved to new area.
do.	18.6.41.		Lieut. J E F Roberts attached to "A" Recovery Section, R A O C.
do.	20.6.41.		2/Lt. F A Blackburn posted to 44 Div Provost Coy on probation.
			Advance Party from 12 R F arrive.
			Operation Instruction No. 5 issued, bringing operational role up to date.
do.	21.6.41.		C O and Adjt attended Bde Conference. Move to new area probably postponed for 10 - 14 days. Bn to be prepared to move on 25th as arranged or to carry on in present location till further orders.
			Advance Party 12 R F returned to unit except for 1 Officer and 12 Other Ranks.
do.	22.6.41.		Div Athletic Contest at CRAWLEY.
			Z Coy relieved from Guard Duties at S E Command H Q and returned to Bn.
do.	23.6.41.		2/Lt. J E Taylor to be War Substantive Lieutenant w.e.f. 17.6.41.
do.	27.6.41.		Various advance parties attached to Bn from R A S C, R E and A M P C. Commenced building camp in park to the South of the house to accommodate R E and A M P C who are to construct hutted camp in this park.

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 Comdg. 2nd Bn. Herefordshire Regt. MAJOR.

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Horsham.	1.7.41.		Fresh Operation Instruction received from Bde changing details of Bn's operational role for the remainder of our stay in this area.	
do	3.7.41.		Fresh Operation Instruction (No. 6) issued, bringing Bn's operational role up to date. Remainder of Y and X Coys (under command of Capt. A N Gwynne) move to 2 L I R billets to assist in building new camp for 140 Bde Gp.	
do	8.7.41.		Move to beaches postponed now until new camp ready for 140 Bde Gp.	
do	10.7.41.		C R A S C, 38 Div called and informed Adjt that Div Supply Coln would be taking over Denne Park from us, when we moved to beaches.	
do	11.7.41.		Following Officers took part in Bde T E W T:- C O (Directing Staff), Major Combe, Capt. Webb, Capt. Barnsley, 2/Lt. Turp, 2/Lt. Hudson.	
do	12.7.41.		The u/m Officers joined the Bn:- Lieut. E C Levyno. Lieut. D J Pitts.	
do	14.7.41.		Bde O O received giving details of the relief of 140 Bde. Move stated as on 17.7.41. We were previously informed by telephone, however, that it would not be till 19.7.41.	
do	18.7.41.		Further communication from Bde informing us move would probably not take place till 21.7.41. C O and Adjt attended Bde Conference and informed that Bde was taking in R. Anun in its area and that Bn area would therefore be extended Eastwards, taking in about a further mile and a half of coast of 5 K S L I.	
do.	21.7.41.		Bn moved to Bognor Regis and took over Centre Sector of Bde front from 12 R F. Relief completed by 1400 hrs.	
Bognor Regis.	23.7.41.		Quite an exciting first day - 2 crashed Spitfires in Bn area and I O had to take over from 12 R F one dead German pilot washed up on shore.	
do	24.7.41.		Bde Comd inspected beach defences in Bn Sector and settled details of posts to be held and of taking over additional front from K S L I.	
do	31.7.41.		Further move to allow Coys to extend over larger front. W, Y and Z stretched out further and X withdrawn from front to form Mobile Reserve with 3 and 4 Fls. 4038165. Pte. Eades, G (Y Coy) killed by explosion of mine at Felpham.	
<u>31.7.41.</u>				


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Bognor Regis.	1.8.41.		Div Comd inspected beach defences with Bde Comd	
Do.	2.8.41.		2/Lt.A.B.W.Hooper to be War Subs. Lieut. w.e.f. 21.7.41.	
Do.	5.8.41.		Captain G.C.Murphy posted to this Unit from HQ 58 Div Posted to X Coy. 2/Lt.W.R.L.Turp transferred from W Coy to HQ Coy and assumes appointment of Bn. I.O. w.e.f. 28.7.41.	
Do.	12.8.41.		Miss Gracie Fields appeared at a concert held at the Pavilion Bognor Regis. This Unit was allotted a certain number of seats.	
Do.	22.8.41.	1030	3 PI fired 3" Mortars at Pagham Beach at 1030 hrs	
Do.	23.8.41.		2/Lt.H.G.Wakeelin joined this Unit on 23.8.41. and is posted to Z Coy.	
Do.	25.8.41.	1930	Y Coy fired 6" Mortars at Felpham WS/Lieut. T.W.Peters promoted A/Capt. & Adjutant w.e.f.28.7.41. WS/Lieut. W.C.K.Howells promoted A/Capt. 28.7.41.	
Do.	29.8.41.		The u/m Officers are promoted to rank now stated w.e.f.5.8.41. A/Major R.T.Carver A/Capt. O.T.Bulmer.	
	<u>10.9.41.</u>			

[Signature]
Lieut.Colonel,
Commanding 2nd Bn.The Herefordshire Regiment....

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Bognor Regis.	2.9.41.		Capt. F.J.Woodhouse joined this unit and is posted to HQ. Coy.	
do.	7.9.41.		National Day of Prayer. Bn paraded for Church Service at St. John's Parish Church, Bognor. The Commanding Officer took the salute. The Chairman and Clerk to Bognor Council were present at the saluting base. Other denominations attended their respective places of worship.	
do.	6.9.41.		C.O. and Adj. informed of move to OUTS/OLD area in October, and that units of 1 Canadian Div. would take over our operational role. 2/Lt. G.A.Dixon joined this Bn. from 165 U.C.T.U. and is posted to W. Coy.	
do.	10.9.41.		Fougasse Demonstration. A Fougasse was fired by 283 Fd Coy R.E. Following message received from C.I.G.S. "As we enter into the third year of the War, the Army can look with pride upon what has passed and with confidence into the future. We have passed through times of defeat and anxiety through weary months of waiting and through days of triumphant success. No one can predict what the future holds for the Army which in these two years by its own endeavour and with the help of its brothers in industry has grown in strength and efficiency. There may still be months of waiting and preparation for some, there may still be heavy blows to be met by others, but whether patience or hardihood is demanded of the soldier, he will, I know, carry out his task with a high hearted confidence in absolute assurance that whether it comes soon or late, victory will be ours".	
do.	11.9.41.		2/Lt. N.N.Hamilton ceased to be attached and now posted to this unit. Posted to W. Coy.	

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Bognor Regis.	12.9.41.		Brigade M.T. march took place.	
do.	20.9.41.		inter-Coy cross country run, 4½ miles, took place.	
do.	21.9.41.		Coy Comds of Hastings & P. Edward Regt., 1 Canadian Div., visited Bn to obtain particulars of billets etc.	
do.	21.9.41.		Bde Church Parade of R.Cs. at Arundel under command of Brigadier J.G.Frere, D.S.O., M.C. Major The Duke of Norfolk K.G., P.C. (The Royal Sussex Regt) took the salute.	
do.	21.9.41.		Officers' Mess cocktail party to meet General Sir Charles Grant, K.C.V., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., Colonel of the Corps of the K.S.L.I., held at Strange Gardens, Aldwick, Bognor.	
do.	29.9.41.		Notification received that the move to Cotswold Area is cancelled.	
do.	29.9.41.		Major A.C.Gale & C.O. acting as senior umpires in G.H.Q. exercise "Bumper".	
do.	27.9.41.		Capt. P.J.Woodhouse transferred from HQ. Coy to command Y. Coy. Capt. A.N.Gwynne transferred from Y. Coy to be 2 i/c W. Coy.	

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Bognor Regis.	4.10.41.		Lecture on Employment of Air Forces in the Field given at Worthing. Several Officers attended.	
	13.10.41.		Capt. J F Gale posted to this unit. Lieut. K R Phillips selected for duty in Tropics. 11th Bn Royal Fusiliers moved in to Bognor Regis.	
	14.10.41.		Bde Comd held a Conference for all Officers on Bognor Pier.	
	15.10.41.		Div Comd visited this area and inspected billets and tactical lay-out.	
	26.10.41.		Exercise "Redshank." Bn represented Enemy parachutists. 140 and 114 Bdes took part.	
	27.10.41.		Variety concert with well known artists took place on Bognor Pier. Major A C Gale assumed Command of the Bn in absence on leave of Lieut. Colonel W A Grey.	
	29.10.41.		Bn Tactical Exercise without Troops, under direction of Bde Comd.	
	30.10.41.		Div Comd's conference for all Officers in Bde Group, on exercise "Redshank." Capt. P J Woodhouse, M B E granted embarkation leave prior to move to tropics.	

J. Charles Gale MBE Lieut. Colonel.
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Bognor Regis.	1.11.41.		2/Lt. F.A. Goodenough taken on strength of this Bn from 163 C.C.T.U. and posted to X Coy.	
	3.11.41.		Lt. Col. W.A. Grey resumed command of the Bn on return from privilege leave.	
	5.11.41.		Bde Comd conference on Bognor Pier to all officers of the Bde Cpt. Bde Comd gave notice of forthcoming move to the Dorchester area. He informed officers that Major General Irwin was relinquishing command of the 38 Welsh Division on his promotion to Corps Comd.	
	9.11.41.		Remembrance Day Church Parade and Service at St. Johns Church Bognor Regis was attended by Drums and a detachment of the Bn. Military and Civil Defence units in Bognor attended. Lt. Col. Mardell C.O. of the 12th Bn Royal Fusiliers took the salute.	
	10.11.41.		The Commanding Officer held a conference for all Officers, W.Os and N.C.Os. of the Bn on Bognor Pier.	
	11.11.41.		Major R.T. Carver moved to new area BROADMAYNE CAMP to carry out recce.	
	12.11.41.		The Commanding Officer visited the new area.	
	13.11.41.		Company and Pl Comds of the Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment visited Bognor area and were shown Coy and Pl Areas and layouts.	
	16.11.41.		Advance party moved by M.T. to new area at BROADMAYNE CAMP.	
	17.11.41.		Advance party of Hastings & Prince Edward Regt moved into Bognor area.	
	20.11.41.		Major General A.B. Bowler new Divisional Commander visited BnHQ to meet C.O. and Officers.	
			Hastings and Prince Edward Regt arrived in Bognor at 0900 hrs. Area handed over by 1200 hrs. Bn moved to assembly area and then later to the harbour area for the night. Subsequently by road at night to BROADMAYNE CAMP Dorchester arriving at 0800 hrs. The Bn then took over from the 2 Royal Ulster Rifles. The new Station consists of an unfinished Nisson Hut Camp with plenty of mud. Royal Engineers anticipate that it will not be finished before Christmas. Operational role of Counter attack on Warmwell Aerodrome taken over from 2 Royal Ulster Rifles.	
			Brigadier J.G. Frere D.S.O., M.C. visited camp and introduced new Bde Major.	
			Brigadier J.G. Frere D.S.O., M.C. visited camp on an inspection of huts and works in progress.	
Broadmayne Camp.	21.11.41.			
	24.11.41.			

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Broadmayne Camp.	2.12.41.		Lt.Gen. E.C.A.Schreiber. D.S.O.(5 Corps Comd) visited the Bn to meet the C.O. and Officers.	
	3.12.41.		Major R.T.Carver assumed command of the Bn during the absence of Lt.Col. W.A.Grey on duty.	
	4.12.41.		Bde. Signal Exercise in which Bn.H.Q. and O's.C.Coys and 3 & 4 Fls. took part.	
	7.12.41.		Lt.Col. W.A .Grey resumed command of the Bn.	
	8.12.41.		Bde.Comd held conference for all officers of the Bde Gp at the Barracks,Dorchester.	
	17.12.41.		Subject - Bde. Signal Exercise, Training, Discipline Turn-out etc.	
	20.12.41.		Capt.G.M.Singleton reposted to the Bn and assumed command of Y Coy.	
	21.12.41.		Lt.A.B.W.Hooper promoted A/Capt w.e.f. 25 Nov 41.	
	25.12.41.		Lt.Gen. The Hon.H.R.L.G. Alexander. C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C. G.O.C. in C Southern Command visited the Bn accompanied by Major.Gen. A.A.B.Dowler G.O.C. 38th(welsh)Div. and the Brigade Commander.	
	29.12.41.		Christmas Day. Church Parades at Broadmayne and West Knighton in the morning. C.O. accompanied by 2 i/c., Adjt., Q.M., & Messing Officer toured Mess rooms where C.O. judged the Competition for the best decorated mess room and awarded the prize to Y Coy. Day was observed as a Sunday.	
			Bde T.E.W.T. for Field Officers attended by Major A.S. Shaw Ball and Major A.C.Gale.	

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