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WAR DIARY

1st Bn, Herefordshire Regt.

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weston-super-Mare.	22.8.39	2006	Hastings received.	
"	22.8.39.	2030	Hastings acknowledged to Hq 53rd.Divn. and Hq 159th. Inf.Bde.	
"	23.8.39.	0725	Allenby less Territorial Army Units received.	
"	23.8.39.	0750	Allenby less Territorial Army Units acknowledged to Hq 159th. Inf.Bde.	
Hereford.	23.8.39.	1300	assist.adjt., O.R.Q.M.S., and clerks return to Hereford from weston-super-Mare.	
"	"	1924	Plumer (I.V.) received.	
"	"	2140	Police Telegram." all leave cancelled" received.	
"	"	2215	all leave cancelled acknowledged to Hq 159th. Inf. Bde.	
"	24.8.39.	0900	Plumer (I.V.) acknowledged to Hq 159th. Inf. Bde.	
"	"	1300	adjt., R.S.M., and Key Parties returned to Hereford from weston-super-Mare.	
"	25.8.39.	0124	Allenby received.	
"	"	0144	Allenby acknowledged to Hq 159th. Inf. Bde.	
"	"	2100	E.G.F.A.4. Take all precautions for imposing lights restrictions at all T.A. buildings in accordance with police war instructions ENGALONADINWALE Section 12 This is a warning and not an executive order. Troopers.	
"	"	2120	All Companies warned in accordance with telegram above, received 2100 hours, 25.8.1939.	
"	"	2215	Territorial Hay M.O. 3/104/B (1) Plumer Para. 1(F) Troopers.	
"	"	2230	Territorial ^{Hay} Hay M.O. 3/104/B (1) Plumer Para. 1(F) Troopers. acknowledged to Hq 159th. Inf. Bde.	

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Hereford.	26.8.39.	2300	Telegramme received 2040 from Territorial Hay. repeated from General Shrewsbury. No. ack necessary.	
"	27.8.39	1200	Intelligence Officer obtained information regarding Police War Regulations for lighting of Buildings & Vehicles from Sgt. Waever of Hereford City Police.	
"	"	1500	Received report W.O. by noon 28.8.39. Nos. of Officers and O.Rs. called out for service & actually serving with Units 28th. Aug. A.A.A. Reports by telegramme addressed Troopers London A.A.A. Message to read No. Officers No. O.Rs. followed by Unit title. General Shrewsbury.	
"	28.8.39.	1340	To Troopers London. 10 Officers 60 O.Rs. First Herefords.	
"	"	1355	718/A4. If rifles and clothing for N.D.C. affiliated to you have not yet been received you will immediately issue N.D.C. personnel with rifles equipment, steel helmets on charge of Unit. STOP. Pending arrival of clothing. N.D.C. will wear armllets issued for Seprember 1938 crisis. STOP. Rifles issued to N.D.C. personnel will be replaced by those being issued by Ordnance STOP. These are on rail STOP. Report by telegramme when above issues complete STOP. Section <i>Action</i> to be completed today STOP. General Shrewsbury.	
"	"	1430	Ref. 718/A42 Issues completed - reported to H.Q. 53rd. Div.	
"	"	1602	497/LA4. Reference telegramme ordering Units to report to War Office by noon 28th. Aug. number of Officers and other ranks called out for service and actually serving with Units numbers required are in respect of Coast Defence T.A. personnel with their numbers compared to National Defence Companies, A.T.S. personnel only. STOP. Connections if necessary are to be wired immediately to Troopers London STOP. Message to read A.G.1. Statistics. Number of Officers Number Other Ranks followed by Unit title. Units informed direct. General Shrewsbury.	
"	"	1630	MO/3/104/B (1) <i>Plumer</i> Para (1 V) 56/218 Cipher Fo.3. 25/8 addressed Home Commands. Repeated. Acknowledge. Troopers.	
"	"	1700	MO/3/104/B (1) acknowledged to H.Qs. 159th. Inf. Bde.	
"	"	2350	<i>Plumer</i> Para 3. Acknowledge. General Shrewsbury.	

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Stord.	23.8.39	2315	209/AQ Considerable shortage of service respirators persists STOP They are being issued by War Office on a propriety list list STOP Important that all troops T.A. N.D.C. should have service or civilian duty or civilian general respirators STOP Latter should be drawn through civilian service STOP For those then remaining without any respirator will report by wire the minimum number of service respirators for N.D.C. & duplicate T.A. called out or about to be called out for Sentries etc. or who may be required to remain on duty (and not under cover) during an air raid STOP Endeavour will then be made to supply these at high priority STOP Ability to do so will depend strictly on demand being kept to minimum STOP Nil telegrams required if no service respirators required. General.	
"	29.8.39.	0930	Reference 209/AQ 28th. August - Nil reported to H.Q. 53rd.Div.	
"	"	1045	To Army Forms Depot Kimber Road Wandsworth. Despatch immediately 200 Army Books 3. Twenty Army Forms No.1450.	
"	"	1225	<i>Plumer</i> Para 3. acknowledged to H.Q. 53rd.Div.	
"	"	1400	Reference Welsh Area 23/PAD/G dated 25th. Feb. 1939 and 17th. June 1939 STOP Local emergency expenditure on material and labour for P.A.D. Splinter and Blast protection is approved and chargeable to Item 247A STOP Local purchase ordnance stores and equipment not authorised through P.A.D. scheme has been put into action General Shrewsbury.	
"	"	1430	To B,C & D Companies by phone. Lighting restrictions in force for Offices, Drill Halls etc.	
"	"	1600	209/AQ Reference 208/AQ 28th. Aug. STOP Every effort must be made to get as many civilian respirators as possible before requests are made for service respirators STOP Units will wire revised requirements as necessary General Shrewsbury.	
"	31.8.39	1129	497/1/AQ Reference telegram 26th. & 28th. Aug. ordering Units to report to War Office by noon 28th. Aug. number Officers & O.Rs. called out for service in respect of T.A. Coast Defence N.D.C. & A.T.S. STOP TROOPERS report numerous N.D.C. & A.T.S. Units failed to report STOP Return is urgent and important STOP All concerned will report TROOPERS forthwith, Repeat Fortwith. General.	
"	"	1206	497/3/AQ Statutory Order under Section 108A Army Act authorising General or Field Officers to issue billeting requisition has been executed Stop Order dated 20th. Aug. General.	

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Hereford.	3.9.39.	1700	T. General Shrewsbury Unit arrived Civil Defence Area	
"	"	1737	G.43. War has broken out with Germany STOP. Inform duplicate Units General Shrewsbury.	
"	"	1800	G.43. Acknowledged to H.Q. 53rd. Div.	
"	"	1815	To 2nd. Herefords Locking Camp. G.43 War has broken out with Germany	
"	"	1700	B.C.D. & Hq Companies moved into billets C.D.A.	
"	4.9.39	1800	En. Quarter Guard strength 2 N.C.Os. 6 men 1 bugler mounted at Race Course	
"	5.9.39		En. Hq. moved to Moor House	
"	8.9.39	1715	Guard mounted at Militia Camp strength 2 N.C.Os. 15 men 1 bugler	
"	11.9.39.		1 Officer 70 O.Rs. fruit and hop picking at Pomona Farm Bartestree	
"	12.9.39		Kings Regimental Colours was laid in Hereford Cathedral 1 Officer 76 O.Rs. fruit and hop picking at Pomona Farm Bartestree	
"	13.9.39.		Harvesting 6 O.Rs.	
"	14.9.39.		Harvesting 1 Officer 80 O.Rs.	
"	15.9.39		Ditto 1 Officer 144 O.Rs. <small>into protective custody as escaped female patient from Marg Hill Mental Hospital</small>	
"	16.9.39		Harvesting 1 Officer 148 O.Rs. <small>inspired by orderly Officer at request of Hospital Sister.</small>	
"	17.9.39	1000	Battalion Church Parade at Cathedral	
"	"	1200	Inspection by A.D.M.S. 53rd. Div.	

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Hereford	18.9.39		Harvesting 1 Officer 216 O.rs.	
"	19.9.39		Harvesting 214 O.Rs. 1 Officer	
"	"	1600	Inspection by G.O.C. 53rd. Div.	
"	20.9.39		Harvesting 1 Officer 214 O.Rs.	
"	21.9.39		Harvesting 1 Officer 213 O.Rs.	
"	22.9.39.		Harvesting 1 Officer 213 O.Rs.	
"	23.9.39		Harvesting 1 Officer 170 O.Rs.	
"	24.9.39	1015	Battalion Church Parade Holy Trinity	
"	25.9.39		Harvesting 1 Officer 212 O.Rs.	
"	26.9.39		" 1 " 124 "	
"	27.9.39		" 2 " 204 "	
"	28.9.39		" 2 " 211 "	
"	29.9.39.		" 2 " 196 "	
"	"	1900	Militia Guard Commander took into protective custody an escaped female patient from Burg Hill Mental Hospital	
"	"	2020	Patient returned to Hospital in car by Orderly Officer at request of Hospital Sister.	
"	30.9.39		Harvesting 1 Officer 174 O.Rs.	
"	1.10.39	1015	Battalion Church Parade Holy Trinity.	

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Hereford	2.10.39		Harvesting 1 Officer 208 O.Rs.	
"	3.10.39		" 1 " 179 "	
"	4.10.39		" 1 " 173 "	
"	5.10.39		" - - - - 83 "	
"	6.10.39		" - - - - 85 "	
"	7.10.39		" - - - - 85 "	
"	8.10.39	1015	Battalion Church Parade Holy Trinity	
"	9.10.39		Harvesting Nil.	
"	"		Commenced pitching of reception Centre.	
"	10.10.39		Harvesting 113 O.Rs.	
"	11.10.39		" 117 "	
"	12.10.39		" 117 "	
"	13.10.39		" 112 "	
"	14.10.39	1200	Inspection of C.D.A. by G.O.C. in C. Home Forces.	
"	14.10.39		Harvesting 6 O.Rs.	
"	15.10.39		Battalion Church Parade Holy Trinity	
"	"	1800	C.O. met Conducting Staff at Reception Centre	
"	16.10.39		Harvesting 38 O.Rs.	

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Hereford	5.11.39	1030	Bomber refuelled from R.A.F. Bowser.	
"	"	1130	Bomber took off under Pilot Officer Middlehurst with Pilot Officer Knowles as passenger. Mr. Huddle continued journey to Andover by road.	
"	8.11.39	0910	Headquarter ,A. Companies marched out of C.D.A.	
"	"	1000	"B""C""D" Companies marched out of C.D.A.	
Tenby	"	1430	"HQ" "A" Companies arrived Tenby	
"	"	1515	"B" "C" "D" Companies arrived Tenby	
"	"	1800	Bn. Quarter Guard and M.T. Guard mounted at Tenby.	
"	15 th	1500	Guard mounted over heavy baggage trucks.	
Hereford	"		Rear Party 1 Officer 1 P.S.M. 2 Sgts. 17 Privates commenced clearing up and handing over requisitioned property.	
"	"		Billeting Officer examined inspected requisitioned property with representative of owners and tenants.	
"	9.11.39	0955	1 Sgt. 9 O.Rs. depart by rail for Tenby.	
"	"		Pioneers replaced railings etc. at Hereford.	
"	10.11.39		Pioneers continued to make good damage at Hereford.	
"	"	1300	R.E. fixtures in C.D.A. handed over to Clerk of Works, Militia Camp, Hereford	
"	11.11.39	0955	1 P.S.M. 6 O.Rs. left by rail for Tenby.	
"	"	1030	1 Sgt. 1 M.T. Driver and 2 ton Lorry left for Tenby by road.	
"	"	1445	Officer and 1 O.R. left for Tenby by road.	

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Tenby	11.11.39	1613	Det. Rear Party arrived by rail.	
"	"	1800	1 Officer 1 O.R. arrived by car.	
"	"	1915	2 Tom Lorry arrived.	
"	12.11.39	0945	Garrison Church Parade Parish Church.	
"	"	1130	March Past Divisional Commander 53rd.Div.	
"	15.11.39	1500	Inspection of quarters by A.D.M.S. 53rd.Div.	
"	18.11.39	1030	Inspection of quarters by G.O.C. 53rd.Div.	
"	"		2/Lt. Arkwright and 20 O.Rs "g" Company guard at Llanion Oil Tanks Pembroke Dock.	
"	19.11.39	0945	Garrison Church Parade at Parish Church.	
"	20.11.39	1100	Conference of Bn. I.O.s at 159 Bde. HQ. Discussion of Orders for Coastal Recce.	
"		1400	C.O., Adjt., & IO. inspect Guard at Llanion Pile.	
"	21.11.39	1745	Training Conference at HQ. 159 Bde.	
"	22.11.39	1400	I.O. went to Cardigan by road in connection with Coastal Recce.	
"	24.11.39	0915	Bn. Route March.	
"	25.11.39	0900	I.O. went to Lampeter by road. Borrowed 6 O.S. sheets of Coast of Cardiganshire from ABERDOVEY to PENRHYN CASTLE and one mile inland from War Agricultural Executive Committee. Interviewed by chief Constable of Cardiganshire at Aberystwyth. Arranged billeting for one Hereford Inf. Sec at ABERAYRON and for 3 Mon Int. Sec at NEWQUAY.	
"		2030	Returned to TENBY.	

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Tenby.	25.11.39	1600	2/Lieut. Watkins, 20 O.R's relieved guard at Llanion Pile. Lieut. Sir J.H. Croft Bt., 2/Lt. Phillips, 65 O.R's "D" Company to Defensive Barracks - Guard for V.P's.	
	26.11.39	0945	Garrison Church Parade at Parish Church.	
		1000	I.O. went to FISHGUARD by road and interviewed Mr. SMITH, District Officer, H.M. Coastguards. Obtained details of coast watchers reports about activities of enemy submarines.	
	27.11.39	0820	2/Lt. T.A.G. Sprague, J.F. Croome, and S.H. Ward left for Section Leading Course at I.T.C. Shrewsbury.	
	28.11.39	1430	I.O. and Int. Sec. to ABERAYRON for Coastal Recce.	
	2.12.39	1600	20 O.R's of B. Coy. relieved Guard at Llanion Pile. "D" Company at Defensible Bks relieved by 4th Bn. K.S.L.I.	
	3.12.39.	0945	Garrison Church Parade at Parish Church.	
	4.12.39.		Lieut. R.P. Barneby assumed duties as Commandant 53rd. Div. Rest Camp, Waterwynch.	
	5.12.39.		2/Lt. Watkins (Guard Commander at Llanion Pile) reported sick. Relieved by 2/Lt. J.R.S. Arkwright.	
	6.12.39.		Intelligence Section returned from ABERAYRON. 7.12.39 I.O. returned from ABERAYRON.	
	9.12.39.	1400	Guard at Llanion Pile relieved by 2/Lt. Phillips and 20 O.R's "D" Coy. Guard mounted at Milford Haven Naval Barracks. Mr. Lewis & 20 O.R's "C" Coy.	
	10.12.39	0945	Garrison Church Parade - Parish Church.	
	11.12.39	1600	1st leave period begins A & D Coys.	
	12.12.39	1600	" " " " "HQ" Coy.	
	16.12.39	1200	Lieut. J. Mc.A. Plunkett took over guard at Defensible Barracks from 3rd Mon R.	
		1400	2/Lt. Lewis and 20 O.R's "C" Coy. returned from Milford Haven - relieved Guard at Llanion Pill.	
		1600	Major Carless, 65 O.R's "B" Coy relieved 3rd. Mons R. at Defensible Bks.	
	17.12.39	0945	Garrison Church Parade at Parish Church.	
	20.12.39	1600	2nd. leave period begins B and D Coys.	
	21.12.39	1600	" " " " "HQ" Coy.	
	23.12.39	1400	"B" Coy at Defensible Bks. relieved by 4th Bn. K.S.L.I.	
		1400	2/Lt. Ward, 20 O.R's "A" Coy. relieved Llanion Pill Guard.	
	24.12.39	0945	Garrison Church Parade - Parish Church.	
	28.12.39.	1600	3rd. Leave period begins C and A Coys.	
	30.12.39	1200	2/Lt. Phillips and 20 O.R's "D" Coy. took over guard at Naval Barracks, Milford Haven. H.Q.	
		1400	Lieut. Plunkett and 20 O.R's "B" Coy. relieved Guard at Llanion Pill.	
	31.12.39.	0945	Garrison Church Parade - Parish Church,	