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1st Bn Herefordshire Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Exams</i>	<i>1/1/42</i>	<i>10 00</i>	<i>Bn scheme. Object - Practice of R.O.F.T. procedure</i>	
	<i>5/1/42</i>		<i>Band scheme POTTERY Object - (1) Concentration of a Light A.A. Regt (2) Crossing of a mine obstacle (3) Reclamitation</i>	
	<i>8/1/42</i>		<i>New intake arrived Party consisting of 95. 17 not yet reported</i>	
	<i>8/1/42</i>	<i>18 00</i>	<i>Bn returned from scheme POTTERY</i>	
	<i>14/1/42</i>		<i>Bn scheme. Object - Deploying and taking up a defensive position</i>	
	<i>20.1.42.</i>		<i>Party consisting of 50 ORs & 2 Sgts proceeded to Redgrave clearing roads which were blocked after heavy snow fall. Working there till Friday 23rd.</i>	
	<i>21.1.42.</i>		<i>Party of 50 ORs & 3 Sgts proceeded to Stoke for similar duty.</i>	
	<i>22.1.42.</i>		<i>All recruits from R.T.C proceeded to Crowe station to assist in the coal yards.</i>	
	<i>23.1.42.</i>		<i>All men of HQ Coy proceeded to Crowe station for similar duty.</i>	
	<i>23.1.42.</i>		<i>Recruits from R.T.C proceeded to Bligen clearing snow.</i>	
	<i>29.1.42.</i>		<i>Inter-Coy scheme. Troops taking part. B & D Coy 2 Sea Carriers & Motor Platoon.</i>	
	<i>31.1.42</i>	<i>14.30</i>	<i>S. Coy and the Band and Drums took part in a parade which inaugurated the Exams Week.</i>	

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<i>Base</i>	<i>4/2/42</i>		<i>B Coy proceeded to Dodington Hall (to take over guard duties) as a demonstration Coy.</i>	
	<i>10/2/42</i>		<i>Tutor - company scheme. Troops taking part A & B Coy plus 1 det mortar and 1 sect barriers</i>	
	<i>11/2/42</i>	<i>16-10</i>	<i>Air raid warning sounded. Alert lasted until 14.35 hrs</i>	
	<i>15.2.42</i>	<i>2330.</i>	<i>A Sgt from the Medical Reception Centre was involved in an accident with a 3 ton lorry from this unit, whilst riding a motor cycle, & he received fatal injuries.</i>	
	<i>21.2.42</i>		<i>A Coy returned from firing rifle & Bren gun course at Sealand Range.</i>	
	<i>21.2.42</i>		<i>B Coy proceeded to Sealand range.</i>	
	<i>26.2.42</i>		<i>Sa & R.T.C personnel attended a lecture by Div Security Officer Cpt Hullon.</i>	
	<i>26.2.42</i>		<i>B Coy returned from firing at Sealand range.</i>	
	<i>27.2.42</i>	<i>2-3.42</i>	<p><i>Western Command Exercise "WREXIN". Object. @. To practice 53 Div in an adv through hostile country, in gaining contact, & in carrying out an attack involving 53 Div (control of arty</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(b) To practice infiltration tactics</i> <i>(c) To practice Army Air Support.</i> <i>(d) To practice concealment from the air.</i> 	

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Cove	3-3-42		D Coy proceeded to Sealand Range.	
	5-3-42	14 00	Bn visited by the Div Comd. Major General Bucknall M.C.	
	7-3-42		Personnel from the R.Y.C. & small party from H.Q. Coy proceeded to Seaton for "Warships Week" parade	
	9-3-42		Divisional Skeleton Exercise "Pencook"	
	9-3-42		Major H.H. Barnaby assumes comd of the Bn during the absence of Lt Col Bryant s.o.f. 9/3/42 to 13/3/42.	
	16-3-42.		No 7 & 16 Platoons proceeded on the first period of the Platoon Toughening Week. 1 Sec Garrison 2 det	No 3 Pl from H.Q. Coy.
	17-3-42.	1000.	Brid Callender visited the Bn, leaving at 1115 hrs.	
	23-3-42.		No 7 & 16 Pl & all H.Q. personnel returned from the Pl Toughening Week.	
	23-3-42		No 10 & 13 Pl and 1 sec Garrison 1 det Montars proceeded on the 2nd period of Pl Toughening Week.	
	23-3-42.		Bn informed of proposed move to Southern bank by the G.O.	
	27-3-42		Advance party left camp for new station in Southern bank. Party consisted of 5 Officers and 28 O.R's	

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Lichfield	27.3.42	1700	Rear party arrived Whittington Barracks Lichfield	
"	28.3.42	0900	" " left	
Yatton-on	28.3.42	1700	" " arrived Yatton-on Rest Camp.	
"	29.3.42	0900	" " left	
Linton	30.3.42	1700	" " arrived Linton Linton Place the new Bn area. Taking over from 2nd Buffs Regt.	
Crooke	2.4.42	1030	Main Body left Crooke Hall	
Lichfield	2.4.42	1430	" " arrived Whittington Barracks Lichfield.	
"	3.4.42	0325	" " left	
Yatton-on	3.4.42	1420	" " arrived Yatton-on Rest Camp.	
"	4.4.42	0700	" " left	
Linton	4.4.42	1515	" " arrived Linton	
"	8.4.42	1120	Div General 53 Div, Major General Bucknall arrived to inspect Bn area.	
Crooke	7.4.42	1345	Rear party left Crooke Hall. Stopping at Lichfield & Yatton-on. C/C party Lt. A. M. Bryant.	
Linton	9.4.42	1630	" " arrived Linton Place.	
"	10.4.42	1100	Brig 159 Bde, Brig Ballender inspected Bn area.	
"	14.4.42	1530	12 Corp Exercise. PUFOS - Skeleton HQ ops only.	
"	16.4.42	1200	Exercise ended.	
"	21.4.42	1000	Brig Ballender arrived Linton Place.	
"	24.4.42	1030	Brig Ballender inspected the Bn on Parade and took the salute	
"	25.4.42	1515	Boys band Lt General Farnell of A.H. CB. DSO MC inspected the Bn on parade	

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Linton	28/4/42		and took the Salate in the March past	
	28/4/42		Major Oliver of the West Yorks Regt posted to Bn as 2nd I/C	
	28/4/42	19.30	Parties of men from HQ, B Co & R boys called out for fire fighting duties at FRITH WOOD S.W. of CRANBROOK. Fire first reported at 1300 hrs 4 KSLI reported out immediately to assist A & B. This unit sent out to relieve KSLI at 1930 hrs	
	29/4/42	04.30	Further parties from HQ, A B & D & R boys sent out as reliefs	
	"	11.30	Further relief parties from A & B boys	
	"	20.00	3 Mns and 1 boy (boys) R.B. sent out to relieve this unit	

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Linton Manusfield	1/5/42		All Bn informed that 159 Inf Bde have been chosen to carry out experiment of inf. working with an Armoured Unit. Bn moving to a new location for this purpose
"	4/5/42		Army band. Lt Gen, B.L. Montgomery C.B. D.S.O of the S.C. Band visited the Bn.
"	6/5/42	0900	Ade party left camp for new location
"	"	1030	Transport left camp for bivouac area at Beegans Bush sq 0451
"	"	1330	Ops " " " " " " " " " by march route
Manusfield	7/5/42		Bn set at new location - Manusfield Camp, Manusfield
"	8/5/42	1600	Bn left camp for exercise "SHIKAR"
"	10/5/42	1930	Bn returned from Exercise
"	17/5/42	1600	Rece party left camp in connection with Exercise "TIGER". (159 Bde officially incorporated in the 11 (Arm Div) on this date)
"	19/5/42	1930	Bn left camp on Exercise "TIGER"
"	30/5/42	1900	Exercise ended. Bn returning to camp by march route
"	1/6/42	1330	Bn arrived in camp from concentration area HORSMONDEN sq 1558.

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Maresfield	1/6/42	1350.	Bn arrived in camp from concentration area HORSMONDEN at 15.58.	
"	3/6/42		Bn given day off in recognition of work done on the Exercise	
"	6/6/42		11th Arm Div band visited the Bn Major for P.L. Hobart 68 D.S.O. O.B.E. M.C.	
"	22/6/42		A/Bay of G. Sanders D.S.O. M.C. assumes comd 159 Bde vice Bay Galloway	
"	"	1000	" " " " visited the Bn.	
"	27/6/42.		Lt Gen Sir Bernard Paget C-in-C Home Forces visited Bn. Visited training areas and saw B. Bay with under comd 1 Pl A Bay No 4 Pl (det 1 sec) and 2 det Mortars on Exercise in Bn training. C-in-C departed 11.55 hrs.	
29-6-42.			Major Barnaby assumes comd of the Bn next 29-6-42 during the absence of Lt. Col. Bryant on leave. 2 1/2 Major Oliver being in hospital.	
30-6-42	1000.		Adv party of the 2nd Life & Tofar Yeomanry arrived, in connection with the intended change over of Camps with two days of the unit for a fortnight	

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Maresfield	17/7/42	10 00	Exercise ended.	
"	18/7/42	11 00	3rd party R.A.F. Sqds (attached) returned to Bourne mouth	
"	17/7/42	17 00	Main body of 58th L.A.A. Regt arrived	
"	18/7/42		One troop 57 Gp bombing bay attacked indefinitely	
	20/7/42	14 00	Div exercise "DRAGON" Object - forming pivot area.	
	21/	14 00	" " " ended.	
	25/		B + L Coys left camp for 3 day Route march by Platoon	
	27/		B + L Coys arrived back in camp	
	28/	15 20	Div exercise "RABBIT" Object - Intelligence - Sig communication and base attack.	
	28/7/42	15 20	" " " ended.	
	29.7.42.		All attached troops of A/Tk. Fd Artys - 2nd F&F Y L.A.A. Regt returned to own camps.	

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Mansfield	3/5/42	1500	Security lecture to the Bn by a F.S. N.C.O. regarding the proposed move of the 11th Bomb Div to new location	
	4/8/42	0800	Adv party left camp for new location	
	4/8/42	1700	" " arrived Westing Hall camp Brandon Suffolk	
	6/8/42	0900	Full scale Div scheme "Black Ball"	
	7/8/42	0945	Exercise ended	
	11/8/42		15/19 King's Own Hussars moved from Westing Hall camp for their new location	
	11/8/42	0700	Main body left Mansfield camp	
	11/8/42	1940	" " arrived Westing Hall	
	14/8/42	1600	3 boys turned out to search for the crew of a crashed flying Fortress area SHAKERS WOOD ref 2615 " map No 66	
		1900	Search parties returned to camp the air crew having been found by other parties	
	16/8/42	1400	Bn informed that mobilization of the unit is to be completed by 1st Sept 42.	
			Personnel to proceed on embarkation leave commencing 17/8/42	
			Instructions received from 159 Bde embarkation leave postponed until further notice	
	19/8/42		First party proceeded on 4 days emergency leave. Party consisting of 160 N.C.Os and men	
	24/8/42		2nd " " " " " " " " " "	
	24/8/42		2 teams selected from the Bn took part in an Aircraft Recognition competition organized by Bde. Bn "B" team took the honours	

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Waiting Hall	21/8/42		Bn visited tank circus comprising Cox and Cream tanks (P2I-IX) at COLDHARBOUR 2517.	
	26/8/42		One tp Crusaders attached to Bn until 29 Aug 42 with the object of experience and practising infantry riding on tanks	
	28/8/42		3rd Party proceeded on 4 days emergency leave	
	28/8/42	0400	Intelligence section proceeded on scheme, object - morning of O.P., area Shifford Warren Lodge	
	29/8/42		Reinforcements arrived, at Waiting Hall camp for 1st Herefords, from 5th K.S.L.I number 158	
	30/8/42		2nd Batch of reinforcements arrived from 2nd Herefords number 89	
	30/8/42		Emergency leave extended from 4 to 7 days those already on leave notified by telegram	
	31/8/42	0930	All reinforcements paraded for inspection by Brig.	M. C. V. 20 1.6.

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Wooting Hall	6/9/42	13 30	B & C Coy proceeded to range in ORFORD NESS Battle area for range firing and field firing
"	8/9/42		Boys returned to camp. New intake proceeded from ORFORD NESS to FINGRING HOE ranges for further firing practice
	13/9/42		Lt Col G B Lumsden assumed command of the Battalion with Lt Col A. D. Bryant
	14/9/42		Reinforcements posted to their respective companies after short training course
	15/9/42	09 00	Full scale Divisional Exercise "Bull" Object - Control of the Division and penetration into enemy territory
	17/9/42	20 00	Exercise Bull ended
	22/9/42	06 00	Bde exercise "Iron" Icklingham area Object to form and study a post
	22/9/42	16 40	Exercise ended
	29/9/42		Further reinforcements arrive at Wooting Hall Camp from 2nd Bn Hertfordshire Regt strength 10 men
	30/9/42	08 10	Bn Exercise. Field firing at Tottington. Object :- (a) To practice the Bn with in support a Hd Coy, in the attack using live amm. (b) To test Physical fitness
	30/9/42	15 00	Exercise ended. (Minor casualties sustained from 2" mortar bomb by 4 persons. Serious injuries to Adjutant and one other tank by 3" and 2" mortar bombs respectively)

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Westing Camp	3/10/42		A representative team from the Bn took part in the Bole M.C. competition with the following result:- 4 K.S.L.I. 135 pts 1st Herefords and 3 Mns 133 pts Bn spoils held. HQ Support team winning with 57 pts as against B boys.
	3/10/42	1400	30 pts.
	6/10/42		159 Bde Aircraft Recognition competition for Officers of 159 Bde Results - K.S.L.I. 983 pts Mns 916 1st Herefords 808 pts (possible score 1750 pts)
	7/10/42	1000	B boy proceeded to West Ham for 2 days course Street Fighting
	7/10/42	1400	1 Sec carriers from 1st Herefords demonstrated to Officers & N.C.Os from K.S.L.I. Mns and own unit method of taking carriers across a river on a raft
	8/10/42	1000	A boy left for West Ham on 2 days Street fighting course.
	9/10/42	1000	B boy left for West Ham on 2 days Street fighting course.
	10/10/42	1000	B boy left for West Ham on 2 days Street fighting course.
	11/10/42	0835	Air Raid siren alarm sounded
	"	0845	All clear & sounded.
			Major H.H. Barnaby assumed command of the Bn during the absence of Lt Col

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Weekling camp	12/10/42		J.B. Churche on leave.
"	13/10/42	16 30	Bn on parade for farewell inspection and address by Major General P.B.S. Hobart on his relinquishing command of 11th Armd Div
	14/10/42		A & B bays detached from main body of Bn and moved to SOUTH WOOD camp area RUSHFORD sq 3700.
	16/10/42		C bay cooperated with 29 Armd Bde on Exercise in the Tellingham area Object - To practice attack on a defended locality Exercise ended
	17/10/42		Div band Major General M. J. Burrows D.S.O. M.C. visited and inspected the Battalion
	20/10/42	12 30	Lt Col of B. Churche assumed command of the Bn vice Major H.H. Barnaby.
	21/10/42		Exercise "Peacock" Full scale Bde Exercise with object to practice
	22/10/42		(a) River crossing (b) establishing bridgehead and control of traffic over bridge constructed by R.C.'s
	23/10/42	12 30	Exercise ended in area of Risby 2585 sheet 76

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<u>Resting Camp</u>	<u>2-11-42</u>		<u>A & B Coy's returned to Resting Hall Camp and</u>	
"	<u>9-11-42</u>		<u>by 2nd Coy's and out the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]</u>	
"	<u>9-11-42</u>		<u>Shellford range allocated to this unit. boys fired as below.</u>	
"	<u>9-11-42</u>		<u>H.Q. boy on range [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]</u>	
"	<u>10-11-42</u>		<u>A & B boys [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]</u>	
"	<u>11-11-42</u>		<u>C & D [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]</u>	
"	<u>12-11-42</u>		<u>A & B [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]</u>	
"	<u>12-11-42</u>		<u>C & D [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]</u>	
"	<u>16-11-42</u>		<u>Party of R.C.'s attached to Bn for the period of one week for the purpose of instructing the pioneers in demolition and kindred subjects. Party consists of</u>	
"	<u>17-11-42</u>	<u>14.00</u>	<u>1 Officer 2 N.C.O.s and 3 Sappers.</u>	
"	<u>18-11-42</u>		<u>Bde Exercise "Albert" cancelled</u>	
"			<u>Skeleton Bde scheme "Edinburgh" Troops taking part</u>	
"			<u>Bn H.Q. less Medical personnel</u>	

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Commanding Officer *Lieut. Col. Church.*

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<i>Waiting camp</i>	<i>21.11.42</i>		<i>Field Living houses set by side "Lundee" Area -</i>	
			<i>Stanford Battle Area Troops taking part in complete</i>	
			<i>and 9 Bty. 151 Ld. Regt.,</i>	
	<i>22.11.42</i>		<i>boys changing camps P. O. to Southwood Park camp</i>	
			<i>P. O. to Waiting camp</i>	
			<i>Privilege leave cancelled.</i>	
	<i>25.11.42</i>		<i>450 Officers and men proceeded on 14 days embarkation leave</i>	

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Westing Hall	3.12.42		Co took part in the Bde. Stakes: Beavers competition with the following result:- 1. Harfords 52½ pts 4. K.S.H. 51 pts 3. Moss 40½.	
	7.12.42		Major O.L. Newton Dunn assumes comd of the Battalion s.e. of 7/12/42 during the absence of Lt Col G.B. Hughes on leave.	
	9.12.42		A further party consisting of 235 A.Cs proceeded on Special Leave.	
	9.12.42		18 C.As were drafted to this unit as reinforcements for the Warwickshire Regt.	
	15.12.42		Lt Col G.B. Hughes assumes comd of the Battalion vice Major O.L. Newton Dunn s.e. of 15/12/42.	
	16.12.42		A Coy gave a demonstration of Anti Aircraft Battle drill. Battle drill and a Pl in attack for the visiting R.A.F. personnel.	
	17/12/42		Companies changing camps Co D to Scares Hill Camp. Co B to Westing Hall.	

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Dulorg	22/12/42		Bn informed that orders had been received to prepare to go overseas.	
	23/12/42		R.A.S.B personnel of the Troop bombing company were detached from this unit and returned to own headquarters.	
	26/12/42		All batt took part in a point to point cross country march Area - Cranwick 2311	
	28.12.42		B/4th Platoon equipped with 6 pots a/td gas in place of 2 pots with which they were equipped previously	
	28.12.42		Gas drive commenced in which every man in the Bn had two days course on gas including practical experience of gas in the field	
	29.12.42		Carrier platoon on exercise in Stamford Battle Area	
	30.12.42		Objct - to practice use of Vickers M.G. on skeleton scheme "Freight" Bn H.C. only taking part Area Suffolk.	

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