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Unit 1st Bn. The Herefordshire Regiment.
Commanding Officer Lieut. Col. J. B. Churcher.

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Weeping Hall	3.1.43		Bn. rehearsal for smoke demonstration.	
	4.1.43		Smoke Demonstration. Area HILLBOROUGH. With detachment of a specialist smoke unit.	
	5.1.43		Exercise "LANCER". A Div. Exercise to test 27 Lancers and an opposing force. Object: To practice 27 Lancers probing a thinly held screen and endeavouring to infiltrate.	
			Area - TRETFORD to DISS.	
	7.1.43	1130hrs.	Bn. inspected by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester during H.R. Highnesses inspection of 159 Infantry Brigade.	
	8.1.43		Change of Camps - "A" & "B" Coys to SNARESHILL. "C" & "D" Coys to WEEPING HALL.	
	12.1.43		Inter-Bn. Intelligence Competition.	
	13.1.43		Officers Day - All officers on T.B.W.F. Area COSQU HILL.	
	13.1.43.		Warning Order received.	
			Bn. to move to new location at WEST TOFTS Camp, taking over	

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Commanding Officer **Major O.F. Newton-Dunn**

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West Tefts	1 Feb 43.		"A" Company proceeded on 48 hours Leave,	
	5 Feb 43.		"D" Company proceeded on 48 hours Leave.	
	5 Feb 43.		Commanding Officer lectured M.T. Sec. prior to move.	
	6 Feb 43.		Two blocks of vehicles left station. No.3 Sec. comprising 15 vehicles, and No.2 Sec. of 23 vehicles and 4 combinations.	
	21 Feb 43.		One fitters truck proceeded independently.	
	6 Feb 43.		Order received - All Road and Rail moves postponed.	
	(7 Feb 43. (1810 hrs.		No.3 Section returned to Station, being recalled after one day's journey.	
	10 Feb 43.		"C" Coy proceeded on 48 hours Leave.	
	11 Feb 43.		Further 5 days leave granted. "H" Company first party left this a.m.	
	12 Feb 43.		F.S.P. Demonstration to "B" Company. Handling of Ps. of W.	
	12 Feb 43.		"C" Company returned off Leave.	
	12 Feb 43.		Remainder of M.T. returned to Station.	

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West Tofts.	15 Feb 43.		"HQ" Company first party returned from Leave.	
	16 Feb 43.		"HQ" Company second party proceeded on leave. Also "A", "B" and "C" Companies.	
	20 Feb 43.		"D" Company proceeded on leave.	
	21 Feb 43.		"HQ" Company second party and "C" Company returned.	
	23 Feb 43.		"B" Company returned off leave.	
	25 Feb 43.		"D" Company returned off leave.	
	26 Feb 43.	0930 hrs.	Brigadier inspected the Battalion and Barracks during a comprehensive inspection.	
	27 Feb 43.		All vehicles being re-assembled. Fittings, etc, being replaced.	
	28 Feb 43.		A.Tk Pl. proceeded to HOLME RANGES to zero 6-prd guns after being fitted with new barrels which incorporate a muzzle recoil reducer.	
West Tofts Camp, Near Brandon, Suffolk.	2 Mar 43.			

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West. Tofts.	1.3.43.		14 Officers proceeded to Ex Spartan as umpires.	
	4.3.43.		Adv party of the 55th Fd Regt R.A. arrived to take over West Tofts Camp, consisting of 1 Officer and 15 Other Ranks.	
	11.3.43.		Adv Party left camp for new location.	
Newmarket.	12.3.43.		Bn. moved to new location at Newmarket.-- Bn HQ at the Links. "A" Company Hillside "B" Company The Kremlin Stud. "C" Company Dullingham "D" Company Salton Lodge.	
	12.3.43.		14 Officers returned from Ex Spartan.	
	15.3.43.		Rear party arrived at new location.	
	16.3.43.		Officers Day - Stanford battle Area.	
	17.3.43.		Notification received that privilege leave commenced April 1st.	
	18.3.43.		Bde. skeleton Ex "Crocus". Object - (a) To practice org & layout of Bde & Bn HQ's. (b) To practice R.T. Procedure comm generally. (c) To practice control and movement by M.T. Area - Stowmarket.	

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Newmarket.	21.3.43.	
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Div Exercise - "Lunar" Area.- Battle Area.


- Object.-
- (a) Reece and deployment for an attack.
 - (b) The preparation of a detailed fire plan, without registration by shooting.
 - (c) A night attack fully supported by Div Arty.
 - (d) Consolidation in the dark followed by the occupation of a Pivot at first light.

	26.3.43.	
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36 Other Ranks drafted to unit.

	30.3.43.	
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Commander of 8 Corps - Lt. General Lumsden - visited the Bn.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Newmarket.	1.4.43.		privilege Leave commenced. Battalion provided 20 umpires for 4 K.S.L.I Exercise.
	2.4.43.		Battalion provided 20 Umpires for 3 Mons Exercise.
	3.4.43.		159 Inf. Bde Rifle Meeting commenced at THETFORD Ranges.
	4.4.43.		159 Inf. Bde Rifle Meeting - THETFORD RANGES.
	5.4.43.	0001	Div. Wireless Day, commencing 0001 hrs, ending 2359 hrs 5.4.43.
	5.4.43.	1600	Day into Night "Day into Night" Week commenced. Training under Coy. Comds.
	5.4.43.		Instruction received this Unit to adopt Serial No. 63 and 4 K.S.L.I. 62.
			Change brought into effect by 0900 hrs, 14 Apr 43.
	8/9.4.43.	2200	Coy. Compass March under Bn. arrangements.
	9/10.4.43.	2200	Bn. Night Drive for all vehicles.
	10/11.4.43.	1600	Bn. Exercise "NIGHTJAR" - WEST CALTHORPE HEATH . Object - (a) To practice Bn. in Night Attack. (b) To practice passing Res. Coys. through fwd Coys on to a second objective by Night.
	11.4.43.	1100	Exercise ends, and end of "Night Week".

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Indices
Newmarket.	12.4.43.		Battalion granted day off.	
	12.4.43.	1730	Conference at 159 Inf. Bde HQ by Brigadier to all officers.	
	16.4.43.		Bn. Field Firing Exercise "LANE" - BATTLE AREA. Object - (a) To practice fire and movement in the Frontal Attack. (b) To practice replenishment of amm. Casualties - 1 man sustained fatal injuries, 1 man minor injuries.	
	19.4.43.		Div. Arty Exercise "UBIQUE". Bn. provided 4 Umpires. Duration 5 days.	
	20.4.43.		Corps Comd of 8 Corps, Lieut. General Lumsden, lectured all officers on "Battle of El Alamein" at "Doric" Cinema, NEWMARKET.	
	22.4.43.		"B" Coy Exercise with under comd Nos. 3, 4 and 5 Pls and A. Tk Pl. Object - To practice new method of assault on enemy strong point.	
	23.4.43.		3 R.A.F. officers and 6 Sgts attached to this Unit for 5 days training.	
	25.4.43.	0945.	Bn. Church Parade. Div. Comd. took the Salute in March Past.	
	26.4.43.		"D" Coy proceeded to HOLKHAM Field Firing Ranges.	
	27.4.43.		Attached R.A.F. personnel left for 29 Amd. Bde.	

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Place	Date	Hour		
Newmarket	28.4.43.		2nd i/c of Bn. proceeded on Corps Exercise "CHARGER" as an Umpire.	
	30.4.43.		M/C reliability ride for other ranks.	

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Newmarket.	25.5.43.	1330	Fd firing Ex Unseen. Practice all Coys as Adv Gd Coy with actual ^{SUPPORTING} arms.	
Newmarket.			One O.R. sustained injuries.	
Newmarket.	26.5.43.	1030	Demonstration by 3 MGMS of Assault Gp in the advance. All Officers of Combined Camp attended.	
Newmarket.	27.5.43.	0530	Ex Stilton. Adv party left camp for new location consisting of 5 offrs and 62 O.Rs	
Newmarket.	27.5.43.	1230	Personnel 13 RMA returned own location after combined camps.	
Newmarket.	31.5.43.	1000	Demonstration by Crusader Tanks of 29 Amd Bde Sub sec 117 A/Tk Bty and P1 3 MGMS. Object. the means by which 3" 16 cwt gun can be towed over rough and difficult country by a Crusader. How the gun is towed or propelled into action both under fire and when not in contact with the enemy.	
Newmarket.	27.5.43.		Adv Party of the 1st Polish Amd Div arrived consisting of 4 Offrs 4 WOs and 56 O.Rs.	
Newmarket.	2 June 43.			

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Newmarket.	7.5.43.		10 Offrs & NCOs from each Coy proceeded to STANFORD Battle Area as spectators for Demonstration "Black Bull".	
Newmarket.	4.5.43. 8.5.43. 8.5.43.		2 Officers proceeded on Ex. Stilton. Coys proceeded on 6 days Route March. 2 Officers returned from Exercise Stilton.	
Newmarket.	11.5.43.		3 RAF Officers & 6 Sjts attached for 5 days to see & study trg.	
Newmarket.	13.5.43.		Coys returned from Route March.	
Newmarket.	13.5.43.		159 Bde Sports Meeting. Results 1st. 1 HEREFORDS 2nd. K.S.L.I. 3rd 3 MGS	
Newmarket.	14.5.43.		Coys proceeded on 6 day route march.	
Newmarket.	15.5.43.		Attached RAF personnel left for 2nd F & P Y (Armd Bde)	
Newmarket.	19.5.43.		Coys returned from Route March.	
Newmarket.	20.5.43.		Personnel 13 RHA arrived for Combined Camp. C. Coy left for 161 Fd Regt Combined Camp.	
Newmarket.	21.5.43.		3 RAF Officers & 6 Sjts attached for 3 days.	
Newmarket.	24.5.43.		Attached RAF personnel left for 29th Armd Bde HQ.	

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Newmarket.	19.5.43.		Coys returned from Route March.	
Newmarket.	20.5.43.		Personnel 13 RHA arrived for Combined Camp. C. Coy left for 151 Fd Regt Combined Camp.	
Newmarket.	21.5.43.		3 RAF Officers & 6 Sjts attached for 3 days.	
Newmarket.	24.5.43.		Attached RAF personnel left for 29th Armd Bde HQ.	

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Place	Date	Hour		References to Appendices
Newmarket	5.6.43	0700	Main body left for new location.	
Doncaster	5.6.43	1630	Arrived DONCASTER Staging Camp.	
Doncaster	5.6.43	0900	Main body moved off from Staging Camp.	
Hornsea	5.6.43	1530	Arrived at HORNSEA. Companies located as follows: "A" Coy - ATWICK.	
Hornsea	5.6.43		"B" Coy - ROWLSTON. "C" "D" & "E" Coys - HORNSEA. How and Mortar	
Hornsea	8.6.43		Bren and Mortar Carriers arrived by rail.	
Hornsea	9.6.43		Brigadier Sandie inspected Bn Area.	
Hornsea	14.6.43		Bn Ex DEMONSTRATION. Area - FOXHOLES. Object - Bn. in attack, consolidation and forming of a pivot in area of objective.	
Hornsea	18.6.43		Divisional Commander visited the Battalion.	
Hornsea	21.6.43.		7 days Snipers Course commenced for 2 snipers from each Coy. Under instruction by Bn. I.O.	
Hornsea	23.6.43 - 26.6.43.		All Rifle Coys proceeded on 48 hours schemes. Object - Long distance patrolling and Night Attacks.	

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Hornsea	24.6.43		Exercise Map Reading using 1/2 maps. for M.T. Drivers.
Hornsea	26.6.43		Assault Course competition between Rifle Section of "B" Coy against Rifle Section of 8 R.B. "B" Coy winning Sec.
Hornsea	28.6.43		Change over to new W.E. came into effect.
Hornsea	28.6.43		Adv. Party left for Combined Camp at BITTERWICK.
Hornsea	28.6.43		A.Tk Pl proceeded to MAPLETON RANGES for firing practice. Results - 70% hits.
Hornsea	29.6.43.		Demonstration "Evacuation of Casualties" given by 179 Pz Ab using Unit R.A.P.
Hornsea	30.6.43		3 Offrs and 7 Sgts, R.A.P., attached to Coys until 4 JUL 43.
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Yorkshire.			
3 JUL 43.			

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HORNSEA	1.7.43		Main body left for Combined Camp at BUTTERWICK.
BUTTERWICK	2.7.43		Bde Skeleton Ex "THRUSTER". Object - To practice R/T Inter-Comm.
	2.7.43		Demonstration of layout of Rifle Coy in Lorried Inf. Bn. by "A" Coy, followed by layout of Coy in Mot. Bn. by Coy of 8 R.B.
	3.7.43		Artillery Air O.P. aircraft from 239 Army Co-op. Sqn. Pilot and 4 O.Rs attached to Bn. until 23 JUL 43.
	4.7.43		"A" and "D" Coys left camp to take up posns for Ex "ABLE".
	5.7.43		Ex "ABLE". Area - SWAYTHORPE. Object - To practice Comds in the handling of Coys in Encounter Battle.
	5.7.43		"B" and "C" Coys left Camp to take upposns for Ex "ABLE".
	6.7.43		Ex "ABLE". Area - SWAYTHORPE. Object - to practice Comds handling Coy in the Encounter Battle.
	6.7.43		Demonstration by a Tp of the 151 Fd Regt of preparing for action and engaging target.
	7.7.43		Bn Ex "TEASER". Area - SPAUNTON MOOR. Object - To practice

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			movement and control of formed bodies across country.	
	8.7.43		Ex "TEASER" ends.	
	9.7.43		Bn. Fd. Firing Ex "GET ON". To practice Coys with their Sp Arms in adv and the contact battle.	
	11.7.43		Drumhead Service for all units of Combined Camp.	
	12.7.43 and 13.7.43		Div. Ex. "WOLDSONE". Area - BUTTERWICK. Object - To practice clearing a gap through Mine-Fields and control of traffic through gap.	
	15.7.43 and 16.7.43		Bn Ex "SMOKER". Object - To practice (a) Bn in the Adv and Contact (b) Night Attack and rapid exploitation at first light after successful night attack. Area - WINTKINGHAM.	
	19.7.43		Div Ex "FIKE". Object - To practice forming and digging a Pivot Posn and holding it against assault by Gds Armd Div. Area - SLEDMERE.	
	21.7.43		8 Corps Ex "HAWK". Object - To practice the handling of an Armd Div after a successful break-through from a Bridgehead.	

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Burrow House Camp.	24.7.43	1115	Bn returned to Burrow House Camp on conclusion of Ex "HAWK".
"	25.7.43.		10 Sjts (RAF) att for co-operational trg until 30.7.43.
"	28 - 31.7.43		8 Corps Exercise "GROUSE". Object - To practice Gds Armd Div in the role of breaking out from a bridgehead.
			11 Armd Div enemy - 1 HEREFORD provided Umpires for 32 Gds Bde

Burrow House Camp.
3rd August 43.

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Burrow Ho Camp, Yorks	1 AUG		Drumhead Service for all Units of Combined Camp.	
	2 AUG		Bn exercise "CANTER" - object, to practice Bn in adv and contact, in attack co-operating with tks, in rapid exploitation after success and also collection of casualties. Area WEAVERTHORPE.	
	3 AUG		Demonstration "The Trained Soldier" by five Spts own unit to all Offrs and NCOs of Bn.	
	3 AUG	1700 to 1900	Officers and Senior NCOs study limitations of tks and engage tks with A tk guns.	
	4 AUG		Coys practice riding on tks - area LANGTOFT, B. YORKS.	
	5 AUG		Two-Coy Exercise ("B" & "C" Coys taking part) Object to practice Company in adv and contact, in attack co-operating with tks, and rapid exploitation after success. Area WEAVERTHORPE	
	6 AUG		Two-Coy Exercise ("A" & "D" Coys taking part) Object - as for Exercise by "B" & "C" Coys 5 AUG 43. Area WEAVERTHORPE.	
	9 AUG		Mortar Shoot - Fylingdale Moor.	

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Burrow Ho Camp. Yorks Hornsea.	11AUG	0915	Bn returned to HORNSEA Yorks. Div Exercise "BRIDLINGTON". Object - Employment of Adv Gd, gaining and maintaining contact, Quick deployment - Attack. Area - WOLDS TRAINING AREA.
Hornsea.	14-	16AUG	Demonstration - Mines & Mine Lifting, to Offrs & NCOs by personnel of 89 Coy REs.
Hornsea.	17AUG		Demonstration - Use of Scrambling Nets, to Offrs and NCOs by personnel of 29 Armd Bde.
Hornsea.	18AUG		"B" Coy Enemy Force to Fife & Forfar Yeo - Area RUDSPOH.
Hornsea.	20AUG		"B" Coy Exercise with 2 P & P Yeo - Area WOLDS TRAINING AREA.
Hornsea.	23 -		"D" Coy on House Clearing Exercise - Ref BERFORD (662741)
Hornsea.	24AUG		"D" Coy Enemy to 29 Armd Bde - Area WOLD NEWTON.
Hornsea.	24AUG		All Coys practised in use of scaling Net from Jetty BRIDLINGTON HARBOUR.
Hornsea.	26AUG		
Hornsea.	28AUG		

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Month and Year SEP 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
HORNSEA.	1	SEP	All Support Coys of the Bde and "I" Secs proceeded to BURROW HO CAMP for own specialist trg period 1 -to- 12 SEP 43.
HORNSEA.	1	SEP	Bn moved to new location at LEVEN. YORKS. Changing over with 3 MON.
LEVEN	3/4	SEP	RE Mine Circus visited the Bn.
	6	SEP	Weapon / Trg Cadre Class commenced for all junior NCOs
	8/10	SEP	"B" Coy on Exercise. Object - Construction of a prepared defensive posn. Area - BROACH DALE (WOLDS TRG AREA).
	12/13	SEP	"A" Coy on Exercise - Object Construction of a prepared Def Posn.
	13	SEP	"A" Coy on Exercise "CUTEX" "THREE" Enemy to 24 L. Area - WOLD NEWTON.
	13	SEP	5 Offrs, 3 NCOs and 1 MP Orderly proceeded on EX "LINK" as Umpires. Period of Exercise 13 -to- 19 SEP 43
	14/15	SEP	"C" Coy on Exercise "MOLE" - Object Construction of a prepared defensive posn. Area - BROACH DALE.

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Place	Date	Hour		
LEVEN	16 SEP		In att a talk given by the Senior Padre from 8 Corps.	
	22 - 30 SEP		Exercise "BLACKCOCK" To exercise 8 Corps for an extended period at the fullest possible scale.	
			159 Inf Bde's role was the construction and holding of a prepared defensive posn to exercise 8 Corps in the initial stages in the break-through.	
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Leven. Yorks	1 OCT		Beaufort aeroplane crashed at Little Leven 574647. Guard from C Coy mounted guard over wreckage.	
	5 OCT		5 Oftrs and 5 NCOs as spectators to 4 KSLI training with 6 Guards Tk Bde for period 5 -to- 9 OCT 43 at NORTH BURTON CAMP.	
	5 OCT		Major I.H. Freeland posted to Bn as 2IC.	
	7 OCT		D Coy ceased to be detached from Bn. "B" Coy from Bn to NORTH FRODINGHAM.	
	8 OCT		A tk Shoot - Wheeldale Range.	
	9 OCT		Seven Dvr-Mechs posted to unit from 11 South Staffordshire Regt.	
	14 OCT	1600	8 TCVs reported to Fimber Camp to assist in movement of 227 Inf Bde.	
	16 OCT 43.		Traffic Control Exercise - Object to exercise Pl of D Coy in new role of	
	15 OCT	1400	TC Pl. Area - RISTON -to- COTTINGHAM.	
	15 OCT		Air photographs of Bde Def posn on Exercise "BLACKCOCK" received and	
	16 OCT		exhibited to Bn.	
	18 OCT		Fieldcraft Cadre commenced for selected NCOs	
	19 OCT		Bde Ex "TRAFFIC" Object - to exercise TC pls within the Bde. Area - SOUTH SKIRLAUGH to BRASSER.	

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Place	Date	Hour	
Leven, Yorks	20 OCT	1100	"D" Coy Exercise "Guerrilla" Object to practice tps in finding way by stars and using stealth. Area FOXHOLES (WOLLS TRG AREA)
	21 OCT	1400	"C" Coy Exercise "SHOCK" Object - practice movement by night with aid of the stars and practice patrols. Area BUTTERWICK - LANGTOFT.
	21 OCT	2300	Air Raid "Alert" sounded - 4 HES bombs and a number of incendiaries dropped in "D" Coy area, NORTH FRODINGHAM. No casualties.
	23 OCT)	Mortar Exercise and Shoot. Object to practice section in new drill.
	24 OCT		Area WHEELDALE MOOR SQ 2715.
	24 OCT		
	27 OCT		in commenced firing new War Course at ROLSTON RANGES.

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LEVEN	1 NOV	1030-	All Officers and senior N.C.Os including Cpls attended lectures given by	
"		1530	C.O. 2 F & F Yeo at BRIDLINGTON. Subject - Inf in attack supported by tanks.	
"	2 NOV		"B" & "D" Coys exercise with tks. Object - To practice (1) Inf co-operation	
"			with tks. (2) Combined inf and tk attack. Area - OCTON X rds,	
"	3 NOV		"A" & "C" Coys exercise with tks. Object - as for exercise above.	
"	4 NOV	1130	Ex "BUSTER" 1 HEREFORD & 2 F & F Yeo took part. Object - To practice Bn	
			in combined Inf/Tk attack at first light. To practice breaching a	
			minefield and to practice MT march discipline. Area - BUTTERWICK -	
			MOTTER PROMPTON WOLD.	
"	8 - 9		Carrier & Mortar Pls proceeded to WHEELDALE Moor Firing Ranges. Object -	
"	NOV		To practice Carrier & Mortar Combat Gps firing live amm.	
"	8 - 9		Pioneer Pl proceeded to WHEELDALE Moor - Object - Practice demolition &	
	NOV		firing large charges.	

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LEVEN	13 NOV	1500-1630	Demonstration by Bde Sp Gp to "S" "A" & "D" Coys.	
"	16 NOV		"A" Coy night Exercise - Object - Practice digging in sec posn & patrolling at night.	
"	16 NOV		Carrier Pl night drive - Object - practice night driving discipline & harbouring at night.	
"	18 NOV		159 Inf Bde skeleton Ex "FLOWER". Object - To practice R/T & W/T procedure.	
	23 NOV		Bn Moved to new location at HORNSEA. Changed over with 4 K.S.L.I.	
HORNSEA	25 NOV		159 Inf Bde endurance competition. 12 miles cross country course with team shoot 5 rds per man. Offr, Sjt and 10 men per team. Results. ESLI, HEREFORDS, MONS.	
"	29 NOV		M.T.O. commencing nightly M/C maintenance course for DRs duration 2 weeks.	

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HORNSEA	1.	1730	Bn. attended lecture by Maj. Bouch.M.G. Subject - Experiences of an Inf Bn in North Africa.	
HORNSEA	1		"D" Coy Night Firing at ROLSTON RANGE	
HORNSEA	2		Officers Day T.E.W.T. - Demonstration given by A/Tk Pl.	
HORNSEA	3.		"C" Coy. Night Firing at ROLSTON RANGE	
	5-6		Carrier & Mortar Pls proceeded to WHEEDALE RANGES to practice Carrier & Mortar Combat Gps. Also Pioneer Pl to practice demolitions.	
	6.		"C" Coy., fired Bren Course at ROLSTON RANGE	
	7.		Div Ex. "BEVERLEY II" (Skel Ex) Object - (a) To practice wireless procedure with emphasis on the use of G.W. (b) procedure at Div Order Gp. & the issuing of orders	
	7		Personnel Selection Team attached to Bn for Selective Testing of all O.Ps.	
HORNSEA	7		"D" Coy fired Bren Course	

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HORNSEA	7-12		Mortar and Carrier Pls proceeded to WHEELDALE Moor for Firing Ex	
HORNSEA	9 - 17		Sniper Course for Bn Snipers	
HORNSEA	16		G.O.C's visit. Demonstration given by Mortar Pl & A.A. Battle Drill by "C" Coy.	
HORNSEA	17		Demonstration given by G.O. & Officers of this Unit, to Officers and NCOs of the Bde - Subject - "Briefing a Patrol".	
HORNSEA	18-19		Bde Ex "HORNSEA" Object (a) Approach March, (b) Breaching Minefield (c) Attack	
HORNSEA	22		"B" Coy fired Bren Course.	
HORNSEA	27		A/Tk Pl. proceeded to BUCKTON RANGES for day & night firing practice	
HORNSEA	27		18 Unit Dvrs proceeded to CLEETHORPES for trg "B" Veh Dvrs in sea wading	
HORNSEA	29		"A" Coy fired Bren Course	
HORNSEA	30		Draft of 12 Graded men arrived from 2nd HEREFORDS R.	

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