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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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4003-01

M.F.M. 11.

A.F.C. 3116.  
1 M.D. - 8-20 (1708)  
H.Q. 1172-45-18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Aldershot	1		During the morning the battalion was inspected at training by Major-General Wilcox. During the day all personnel were completed in Bren gun Practices. During the day, Mr. Audrain, P.R.Os. Office, photographed the regiment during various activities.	
	2		All personnel proceeded to Caesar's Camp, where they fired A.A. practices with Bren Gun.	
	3		Battalion paraded to church in the morning as usual.	
	4		At 0900 hours the officers and N.C.Os. attended a demonstration of night patrol work by H. & P.E. Regiment. The battalion carried on with the training syllabus during the day. During the evening the Adjutant lectured the officers on Military Law.	
	5		The battalion carried on with training in accordance with the syllabus all day.	
	6		The battalion carried on with the training syllabus during the day. "C" Coy gave a demonstration of Kapok Bridging which was watched by the Brigadier. Between 1930 and 2230 hours the coys practiced night reconnaissance patrols. The Brigadier was in the area and asked one man his name, saying that he was the Brigadier. The man replied, "Brigadier, Hell!". The Brigadier gave verbal orders that the I.R.A. were operating in England, and might be expected to raid a barrack building during the night to steal rifles. Consequently the picket was to be increased to 1 N.C.O. and 18 men, to double the sentry posts, sentries to have loaded rifles with orders to shoot. Bolts to be removed from rifles of men in barrack rooms and other arms to be kept under lock and key in the Guard Room. This Unit also mounted guard in the lines of the 12th Field Company as they had received no orders.	
	7		Battalion proceeded with training syllabus during the day. "D" Company was to carry on with bridging in the morning, but did not find their material until 1215 hours, due to a mistake in R.V. One half the battalion were fitted in the gas chamber at Wellington Lines. The Officers' Mess Picket discovered a fire which had been lighted in the east end of the Officers' Barracks with a pile of wood soaked in kerosene from a street lamp. The fire was extinguished without damage. The Sergeants held a dance in their mess during the evening.	219
	8		Companies carried on with training in accordance with the syllabus during the morning. In the afternoon the battalion marched out through ASH and returned via FARNBOROUGH, and the men had their first look at the "Glass House". At 1530 hours the battalion paraded in the Stanhope Theatre where they were shown a film on "Defence Against Gas".	

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1 M.I.-8-39 (1758)  
H.Q. 1773-45-14

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Aldershot	9		The battalion carried on with training syllabus during the morning. G.Q.M.S. Church was married in Saint Andrew's Church. Men allowed out on pass as usual during the afternoon and evening.	
	10		The C.O. and Major Southam proceeded on command to T.E.W.T. in the Cotswolds. Major Hendrie in command. The battalion paraded to church as usual in the morning. Lieut. Parker and two men from No.2 Platoon proceeded to London on command to provide A.A. protection for shipping in the North Sea. The battalion commenced providing duties for South Aldershot Area, necessitating the using of one company <del>per</del> week.	
	11		The rifle companies carried on with training in accordance with syllabus. "H.Q." Company carried on with its own syllabus of engineering. During the evening, Lieut. Seagram lectured the officers on incendiary bombs.	
	12		The route march scheduled for the morning was cancelled on account of rain. The afternoon was left to the disposal of the Company Commanders. The C.O. and Major Southam returned from the Cotswolds in the evening.	
	13		Companies carried on with training syllabus during the morning. Battalion sports scheduled for the afternoon were cancelled on account of rain.	
	14		Companies carried on with training in accordance with syllabus. The Hon. Anthony Eden and the Hon. Vincent Massey inspected the battalion during training. It snowed or sleeted all day. The battalion commenced voting in accordance with D.O. 75 dated 15 Mar 40.	
	15		The battalion carried on with training in accordance with syllabus. Clear, cold day.	
	16		Reveille 0400 hours. The whole battalion proceeded to the training area on a night scheme, following compass bearings. Breakfast 0700 hours. The remainder of the day in accordance with the syllabus	59
	17		The battalion paraded to church as usual.	
	18		Lieut.-Col. Wimberly lectured the officers and warrant officers in the Stanhope Theatre at 0900 hours. The morning parades were cancelled on account of rain.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Aldershot	18		The training syllabus for the morning was carried out in the afternoon, instead of a route march. Major-General Wallace, A.D.C., formerly an instructor at R.M.C., Kingston, lunched with the officers. The period of collective training commenced this date, the coming week to be utilized for section training. Certain men who had not qualified on rifles, repeated rifle practices at Ash Ranges.	
	19		Companies carried on with training syllabus during the morning. At 1330 hours the battalion paraded for inspection by the G.O.C. At 1315 hours as the battalion was proceeding to the battalion parade ground it commenced raining. At 1605 hours it hailed. By 1430 hours, when the G.O.C. and staff arrived the weather was clear. The G.O.C. inspected the battalion and took the march post. The inspection was very thorough, each member of the staff having a point of equipment to look over. The dress, Battle Order. Following the inspection, men were detailed to fire both rifle and Bren Gun, and certain other men to be examined in D.A.G. At 1645 hours the band played retreat, for the first time.	
	20		Companies carried on with syllabus during the morning. During the afternoon the battalion played the R.C.Rs. in softball. Score: 48th - 19 R.C.R. - 4.	
	21		Certain men unqualified in L.M.G., shot at Ash Ranges during the day. The balance of the battalion carried on with the training syllabus. At 2030 - 2330 hours the battalion went to the training area to carry out night schemes of Section Reconnaissance Patrols.	
	22		<del>March 22nd</del> Good Friday - HOLIDAY	
	23		Companies carried on with training syllabus during the morning. Voting was completed this day.	
	24		Easter Sunday - Battalion paraded to church as usual in the morning.	
	25		"C" & "D" Coys Bathing Parade was cancelled as the baths were closed on Easter Monday. A period of loading trucks at night was cancelled on account of rain. A series of lectures on gas by Lieut. Seagram were commenced in accordance with D.O.82. During the afternoon Lieut. Seagram gave a demonstration to the battalion on incendiary bombs. At night the battalion played the R.C.Rs. at hockey, at Brighton.	219



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Aldershot	26		Owing to rain, the syllabus of training for Thursday afternoon was substituted for morning parades. The route march scheduled for the afternoon was cancelled and the companies carried on with training of the L.M.G. on fixed line firing.	
	27		Companies carried on with training in accordance with syllabus during the morning. It rained during the sports day in the afternoon. All personnel had the valves of their respirators checked and replaced where necessary. The heavyweight boxing championship of the Brigade was won by Pte. Sproule. At night the companies loaded and unloaded trucks in the dark. Mr. Warren lectured the officers in the evening on security.	
	28		Companies carried on with syllabus during the day. At night the companies went to the training area where they carried out schemes of the platoon in the defence.	
	29		Companies carried on with platoon training during the day.	
	30		Battalion carried on with training in accordance with syllabus. Due to regular duties coming heavy, H.Q. Company was unable to supply all duties of the day on their tour, so the system of all companies supplying part of the duties was instituted. The battalion played the Toronto Scottish hockey at Wembley Stadium at night.	
	31		The battalion paraded to church as usual.	

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