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The War Diary for the period January to July 1942 is shown below:

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1st Bn Herefordshire Regt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Same</i>	<i>1/1/42</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>Bn scheme Object - Practice of R.O.F.T. procedures</i>	
	<i>5/1/42</i>		<i>band scheme POTTERY Object - (1) demonstration of a Light A.B. Regt (2) showing of a mine obstacle (3) Administration</i>	
	<i>8/1/42</i>		<i>New intake arrived Party consisting of 95. 17 not yet reported</i>	
	<i>5/1/42</i>	<i>1800</i>	<i>Bn returned from scheme POTTERY</i>	
	<i>16/1/42</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 Lts 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 Lts proceeded to Stokes for similar duty.</i>	
	<i>22.1.42.</i>		<i>All recruits from R.T.C proceeded to Grove station to assist in the coal yard.</i>	
	<i>23.1.42.</i>		<i>All men of HQ Coy proceeded to Grove station for similar duty.</i>	
	<i>23.1.42.</i>		<i>Recruits from R.T.C proceeded to Migan clearing snow.</i>	
	<i>27.1.42</i>		<i>Inter-Coy scheme. Troops taking part. B & D Coys 2 Ice Carriers & Master Platoon.</i>	
	<i>30.1.42</i>	<i>14.30</i>	<i>Lt. Col and the band and band took part in a parade which inaugurated the Snow Week.</i>	

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Land	2/2/42		B Coy proceeded to Biddington Hall (to take over ground etc) as a demonstration Coy.	
	19/2/42		Tables - company exercise. Groups taking part: A & B Coy plus 1 det mortar and 1 sect carrier	
	11/2/42	16-10	Air raid warning sounded. Alert lasted until 16.35 hrs	
	15-2-42	2330.	A Sgt from the Medical Reception Centre was involved in an accident with a 3 rd ton lorry from this unit, whilst riding a motor cycle, & he received fatal injuries.	
	21-2-42		A Coy returned from firing rifle & Bren gun course at Sealand Range.	
	21-2-42		B Coy proceeded to Sealand range.	
	26-2-42		Para & R.T.C personnel attended a lecture by Div Security Officer Cpt Hadden.	
	26-2-42		B Coy returned from firing at Sealand range.	
	27-2-42-23-42		Western Band Exercise "WRENIN". Object. (a) To practice 53 Div in an adv through hostile country, in gaining contact, & in carrying out an attack involving 53 Div control of arty (b) To practice infiltration tactics (c) To practice Army Air Support. (d) To practice concealment from the air.	

W. H. H. 2/12/42
1st Bn. The Buffs (East Kent)

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Sea	2-3-42		B Coy proceeded to Sealand Range	
	5-3-42	16.00	Ba 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 lecture for "Washlips Week" parade	
	9-3-42		Divisional Skeleton Exercise "Perceval"	
	9-3-42		Major H.H. Barnaby assumes comd of the Ba during the absence of Lt Col Boyart s.o.f. 9/3/42 & 13/3/42.	
	16-3-42.		No 7 & 16 Platoons proceeded on the first period of the Platoon Toughening Week. Sec Barris 2 det	
	17-3-42	1000	Brid Callender visited the Ba, leaving at 11.15 hr.	No 3 Pl from HQ Coy.
	21-3-42.		No 7 & 16 Pl & all HQ personnel returned from the Pl Toughening Week.	
	23-3-42		No 13 & 13 Pl and 1 sec Barris 1 det Posters proceeded on the 2nd period of Pl Toughening Week.	
	23-3-42		Ba informed of proposed move to Southern band by the G.O.	
	27-3-42		Advance party left camp for new station in Southern band. Party consisted of 5 Officers and 28 OR's	

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Place	Date	Hour		
Lichfield	27-3-42	1700	Adv party arrived Whittington Barracks Lichfield	
"	28-3-42	0900	" left " "	
Yattandon	28-3-42	1700	" arrived Yattandon 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.	
Crewe	2-4-42	1030	Main Body left Crewe Hall	
Lichfield	2-4-42	1130	" arrived Whittington Barracks Lichfield.	
"	3-4-42	0305	" left " "	
Yattandon	3-4-42	1120	" arrived Yattandon Rest Camp.	
"	4-4-42	0700	" left " "	
Linton	11-4-42	1515	" arrived Linton	
"	8-4-42	1120	Div General 53 Div, Major General Bucknall arrived to inspect Bn area.	
Crewe	7-4-42	1345	Rear party left Crewe Hall. Stopping at Lichfield & Yattandon. O/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	Brig Ballender inspected the Bn on parade	

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Linton	25/4/42		and took the salute in the March past	
	25/4/42		Major Oliver of the West Yorks Regt posted to be as 2nd i/c.	
	25/4/42	19.30	Parties of men from HQ, B Co & R Coys called out for fire fighting duties at FRITH WOOD S.W. of CRANBOURNE. Fire post reported at 1800 hrs & K521 reported out immediately to assist A & S. This unit sent out to relieve K521 at 1930 hrs	
	25/4/42	04.30	Further parties from HQ, A B Co & R Coys sent out as reliefs	
	.	11.30	Further relief parties from A & B Coys	
	.	20.00	3 men and 1 Coy (Coys) P.C. sent out to relieve this unit	

W. Henderson
Lt. Col. Newbold

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London	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 Comd. Lt Gen. B.L. Montgomery C.O. D.D.O of the S.G. Comd visited the Bn	
.	6/5/42	0900	Recon party left camp for new location	
.	-	1030	Transport left camp for bivouac area at Beggan Bush by 0451	
.	-	1330	4pt " " " " " " " " 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	Recon 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 by 1558.	

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Worcestershire	1/2/42	13.50.	Bn arrived in camp from concentration area HORSMONDEN at 15.58.	
"	3/2/42		Bn given day off in recognition of work done on the Exercise.	
"	6/2/42		11th Lond Div band visited the Bn Majors for Plut. Robert G.B. 280. O.B. G. M.C.	
"	22/2/42		O/Syng J. G. Sanders D.S.O. M.C. assumes comd 159 Pde vice Syng Lallywater	
"	"	10.00	" " " " visited the Bn.	
"	27/2/42		Lt. Col. Sir Bernard Paget Linc. Horse Guards visited Bn. Visited training areas and saw L. Coy with under comd 1 Plt O/Syng No 4 Plt (Lt. Col. 1. sec) and 2 det. Norton on Exercise in Bn training Linc. departed 11.35 hrs.	
"	29-2-42		Major Barnaby assumes comd of the Bn until 29-6-42 during the absence of Lt. Col. Bryant on leave. 2 1/2 Major Bliven being in hospital.	
"	30-6-42	10.00.	Adv party of the 2nd Life & Tropic Yeomanry arrived, in connection with the intended change over of Camp with two days of their unit for a fortnight.	

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Mansfield	17/7/42	1000	Exercise ended.	
"	18/7/42	1100	3rd party R.A.F. Sgt (attached) returned to Bournemouth	
"	17/7/42	1700	Main body of 58th L.A.A. Regt arrived	
"	18/7/42		One troop 57 Lp company bag attached indefinitely	
"	20/7/42	1400	Div exercise "DRAGON" Object - forming pivot area.	
"	21/7/42	1400	" " " ended	
"	25/7/42		B + L bags left camp for 3 day Route march by Platoon	
"	27/7/42		B + L bags arrived back in camp	
"	28/7/42	1520	Div exercise "RABBIT" Object - Intelligence - Sig communication and baselines.	
"	29/7/42		ended.	
"	29/7/42		All attached troops of A/TK. FA Coy - 2nd F&F Y L.A.A Regt returned to own camps.	

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