

It is to be hoped that we shall be left in peace sufficiently long enough to take full advantage of these benefits.

3. OPERATIONS

The sphere of the Brigade's activities lies across the Plain of Sharon, through the hills to the east and down to the Jordan Valley.

Operational activities, however, are confined to the coastal strip where Jewish settlements predominate, and have consisted chiefly of defence duties, patrolling, setting of road blocks and assisting the Police in their searches for Thugs.

The only exception to this rather dull routine was on the 14th, when it was reported that an illegal ship was approaching the shore. 'C' Coy under the command of Major Mumford M.C. was immediately despatched to a strategic point on the coast north of Tel Aviv to await the arrival of the illegal immigrants and prevent their dispersion, should they land, into the orange groves and farms. 'C' Coy were, however, not called upon to act as the Royal Navy boarded the ship before reaching land and escorted it to Haifa.

4. TRAINING

Intensive training throughout the Battalion has been one of the features of the month. Drill is once more elevated to its rightful position of priority in an Infantry Battalion. Cadres are giving to every man the opportunity of acquiring skill in specialist employment.

5. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

(a) ARRIVALS

The following officers joined the Bn during May: Lt. Grief H.E. Lt. Hogson J.E. and 2/Lt. Walters C.R.

The following O.R's were posted to this Bn during May from various units as shown: Pte. Wagg posted from 'HQ' 9 Inf Bde, Pte Cartwright N. from BTD, Pte Paulsen C. (Danish) from 50 MP & DB (Staff). The following from 1st Bn R.N.F. Cpl Clayton Ptes Ablitt J. Brown G. Busby C. Butler R. Devine D. McFee G. Owen A. The following from 2 D.C.L.I. Cpl Leonard R. Cpl Mathews G. Cpl Merry R. Cpl Millington R. Cpl Rickells P. Ptes Alexander C. Anderson C. Balderson F. Baxter M. Bemrose L. Blackband K. Blackett G. Booth V. Bradley B. Bunt J. Capes W. Carter J. Chapman W. Close H. Collingham J. Collyer E. Cook G. Craft C. Craven D. Culley D. Darnell S. Dayton H. Day E. Dickens W. Dover F. Eaton D. Esterby J. Evison J. Fair R. Fell W. Fletchers S. Gill K. Gloster E. Goodwin G. Gregory K. Gummer E. Hall L. Heath R. Hodgkinson K. Howell E. Humprey