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(1 L/A/R Regt) RCA

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WAR DIARIES, C.A.S.F.

Instructions for Compilation and Despatch

1. A War Diary is **SECRET**.
2. The War Diary takes the place of the Historical Record when on active service. (K.R. Can. Para. 1530). Its objects are: to supply authentic material for the history of the unit, and of the force; to furnish a historical record of operations; and to provide data upon which to base improvements in training, equipment, organization and administration.
3. Unless otherwise ordered, the original and duplicate copies are sent on the first day of the succeeding month, through the usual channels, to the A.G., 2nd Echelon, wherever that office may be. The triplicate copy may be held by the unit for three months and then forwarded, also through the usual channels, to A.G., 2nd Echelon.
4. Post-war disposal will be as under:
 - Original—retained at Ottawa for historical purposes.
 - Duplicate—to British Record Office for historical purposes.
 - Triplicate—to unit for custody with unit records.
5. The War Diary will be entered up daily on M.F.M. 11 and rendered monthly in triplicate (Mobn. Instr. for C.M. 1937. App. "C"). Each entry will be initialled by the officer detailed to keep the War Diary, which will be signed at the end of each month by the commander. (F.S.R. Vol. II, Sec. 35, para. 3 iii).

6. The following should be recorded daily as events occur:

- (i) Important orders, instructions, reports, messages or despatches received and issued, and decisions taken. *Original documents* should be attached as appendices to the Original copy of the War Diary.
- (ii) Daily map location, employment, movements and dispositions of unit headquarters and of batteries, companies, etc. March tables should be attached as appendices.
- (iii) Important movements of officers and matters relating to the duties of each branch of the staff. A complete set of the *routine orders and instructions, Part I Orders*, issued by the unit during the month should be attached as an appendix to the original copy.
- (iv) Detailed account of operations—to include:—Exact hour, location and circumstances of important occurrences. Movements and names of neighbouring units. Commanders of batteries, companies, etc., names of Officers and number of O.R. (i) engaged and (ii) battle casualties. Dispositions, activities and identity of enemy forces. Prisoners and trophies captured. Ammunition expended. Factors affecting operations, topographical and climatic. *Maps and sketches* showing dispositions of batteries, companies etc., at important phases. The record of *communications, both written and verbal*, received or despatched during active operations as an appendix. A complete set of the *operation orders and instructions* issued during the month. Notes on conferences and *reports* rendered to higher formations, or received from lower formations, as appendices to the original copy.

- (v) Nature and description of trenches, field works or accommodation occupied or constructed. Meteorological notes.
- (vi) Changes in establishment or strength. Names and ranks of officers and number of O.R. Attachment of units and individuals. Reinforcements. *Copy of Part II Orders and Weekly Field Returns of Officers and O.R.* should be attached as appendices to the original copy. Changes in organization, stores, transport, etc.

7. It is essential that all copies of both text and appendices are legible. Appendices will be numbered and referenced to the text in the last column of the form. Current issues of any regimental publication should be attached.

8. It will be found convenient at the end of each month, when the War Diary is being completed and the correspondence in unit files for the month is being reviewed and distributed (F.S.R. Vol. I, sec. 171, para. 3) if the material considered to be of historical value in the light of the above is attached as appendices to the original copy of the War Diary.

9. A good war diary makes possible the accurate and detailed reconstruction of circumstances, conditions and action.

NOTE: If monthly diary is more than one inch thick, use a second folder. If appendices are bulky, tie folder up with tape or string to make a firm package.

PRESERVE IMPORTANT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR POSTERITY: INSERT THEM AS APPENDICES IN ORIGINAL COPY OF WAR DIARY

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UNIT OFFICE FILING SYSTEM AND RECORDS

"Every office will arrange for the filing and custody of its own correspondence." (F.S.R. Vol. I. Sec. 171.3.)

1. *Titles and Numbering of Files.*

A simple filing system adaptable for use in any military office at home or in the field is illustrated by the "List of File Titles" overleaf.

All documents handled by a unit fall into one or other of the nine categories enumerated, 1 to 9. The titles of the nine main divisions are based on British army operations, organization, administration and the regulations governing. Each title may be broken down into ten component parts or sub-titles, by adding a dash and subsidiary numbers 0 to 9. In turn each of these may be further broken down by adding a second dash and a third digit, and if necessary a third dash and a fourth digit. Thus 4-7-3 might be "Cooking Course at Kingston." According to circumstances, a fighting unit would expand the 1-3 prefix to accommodate all arms and services with which it may be concerned.

2. *Date reference.*

In giving communications a reference number, it is convenient to use the date system of four figures indicating day and month, e.g. 0102 for 1st February; 3010 for 30th October.

3. *Combined Numeration.*

If the systems outlined in paras 1 and 2 are combined, by placing the four date figures under the subject file numbers, a simple and informative method of reference results, thus

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might be immediately identified as a communication dealing with replacement of gas masks, dated 8th April.

NOTE.—This method is not applicable to signal messages, A.F.C. 2128, which bear serial numbers 1 to 9999. The use of dashes eliminates confusion between serial numbers and file numbers.

4. *Documents for Preservation.*

The monthly review of correspondence (F.S.R. Vol. I, sec. 171.3) is facilitated and future confusion avoided by jacketing the material in "Category ii" (i.e., "no longer required", etc.) to conform with the system.

5. *Correspondence in the Field.*

The functioning of the office of a formation or unit during active operations may be simplified by keeping a log or register of all orders and messages, written or verbal, received or sent during the action. This may conveniently be done by extending the use of the "Field Register of Communications Received or Despatched", (Army Form 2040, F.S.R. Vol. I. sec. 171) to include verbal as well as written orders and messages in chronological order as received or sent.

Time of sending and of receipt are of importance second only to time of event, and should be entered both on the office copy of every field message or other document, and in the log or register. A carbon copy for contemporary reference of the commander or others concerned is desirable.

A brief précis of written orders, reports and messages, with the sender's number, is sufficient, for they will be kept on file. But particular care is necessary in making entries of times of moves and of verbal orders, reports or conversations, by telephone or otherwise, which in the stress of action, may not otherwise be recorded on paper. In battle, operations messages dealt with by one officer may number over twenty-five per hour for several hours on end.

The record should be kept convenient to the telephone. Entries may be made by a clerk, or by the officer on duty at the telephone.

Such a record is invaluable to the commander in making appreciations of the situation during the action, and in compiling his report on the action afterwards. It is contemporary evidence of the highest quality, and therefore is of the highest historical value, and should be attached as an appendix to the original copy of the War Diary, together with the original documents sent and received.

(Appendix to Routine Order No. 147 C.A.S.F.
22 Nov. 39).

PRESERVE IMPORTANT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR POSTERITY

LIST OF FILE TITLES

1. *Operations (G.S.) (or Technical Functioning).*

- 1-0. General.
- 1-1. Orders.
- 1-2. Instructions.
- 1-3. Co-operation and Liaison.
- 1-4. Intercommunication, sigs, etc.
- 1-5. Working Parties.
- 1-6. Scheme of Work.
- 1-7. }
- 1-8. } Available for allotment.
- 1-9. }

2. *Protection. (G.S.)*

- 2-0. General.
- 2-1. Guards and Patrols.
- 2-2. Alarm Posts.
- 2-3. Field defences.
- 2-4. Against air attacks.
- 2-5. Against A.F.V.
- 2-6. Gas.
- 2-7. Defence Schemes.
- 2-8. }
- 2-9. } Available for allotment.

3. *Intelligence.*

- 3-0. General.
- 3-1. Secrecy. Codes.
- 3-2. Censorship.
- 3-3. Enemy forces, Prisoners of war.
- 3-4. Reports and sketches.
- 3-5. Maps.
- 3-6. War diary.
- 3-7. Weather.
- 3-8. }
- 3-9. } Available for allotment.

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4. *Training. (G.S.) (or Technical).*

- 4-0. General.
- 4-1. Drill.
- 4-2. P.T.
- 4-3. Technical: Musketry, Gun Drill, etc.
- 4-4. Route Marches.
- 4-5. Tactical Schemes.
- 4-6. Courses and Schools.
- 4-7. Lessons learned and Pamphlets.
- 4-8. }
- 4-9. } Available for allotment.

5. *Organization and Administration (A.G.).*

- 5-0. General.
- 5-1. Establishments.
- 5-2. Medical and Sanitation. Dental.
- 5-3. Inspections. Ceremonial. Visitors.
- 5-4. Discipline. Police.
- 5-5. Office.
- 5-6. Routine Orders.
- 5-7. }
- 5-8. } Available for allotment.
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6. *Personnel (A.G.).*

- 6-0. General.
- 6-1. Officers.
- 6-2. Strengths, Casualties, Reinforcements.
- 6-3. Part II Orders.
- 6-4. Chaplains and Welfare.
- 6-5. Pay. Financial.
- 6-6. Burials. Effects.
- 6-7. Honours and Rewards.
- 6-8. Demobilization and discharge.
- 6-9. Available for allotment.

7. *Movements and Quarters. (Q.M.G.)*

- 7-0. General.
- 7-1. Moves by road, rail, water, air.
- 7-2. Employment of transport.
- 7-3. Reliefs.
- 7-4. Barracks, Bilets, Camps.
- 7-5. Baths and Laundry.
- 7-6. Boundaries and areas.
- 7-7. Traffic.
- 7-8. }
- 7-9. } Available for allotment.

8. *Supplies and Maintenance. (Q.M.G.)*

- 8-0. General.
- 8-1. Rations, forage, water, disinfectants.
- 8-2. Petrol and lubricants.
- 8-3. Fuel and Light.
- 8-4. Engineer Stores.
- 8-5. Postal.
- 8-6. Remounts and Veterinary.
- 8-7. Canteens, Comforts, and small consignments.
- 8-8. Printing and Stationery.
- 8-9. Available for allotment.

9. *Stores. (M.G.O.)*

- 9-0. General.
- 9-1. Arms and armament.
- 9-2. Ammunition.
- 9-3. Clothing and Necessaries.
- 9-4. Personal Equipment.
- 9-5. Unit equipment.
- 9-6. Vehicles.
- 9-7. Salvage.
- 9-8. }
- 9-9. } Available for allotment.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	3 Dec	44	<p>passes through a coy. of the PLDGs and "B" Coy passed through "C" Coy of the PLDGS. "A" and "B" Coys reached the road from 459305 to 453307. "C" and "D" Coys will move to Davidson, "C" Coy right and "D" Coy left at report-line "Sandy"; remaining report lines as previously planned. "C" and "D" Coys will move behind "A" and "B" Coys on C.O.'s orders. Tac H.Q. will move to area 445297 at "H" hr, crossing Davidson through the PLDGs at 1800 hrs. No let-up, drive right through. At 2100 hrs a message came through from the R.S.M. McCarthy by Sgt. Coullard. At 2125 message was sent to Bde. that the two leading Coys., "A" and "B" were at 454315 and 453307 respectively. Enemy using Ortona tactics. Progress slow. At 2100 hrs "A" Coy sent through "D" Coy 1 POW. A little information was gotten from him through the able assistance of Mr. B.P.Lange, the pnr. offr. At 2115 a German red-cross man was brought in who spoke a bit of English. He asked to be sent back to his comrades to tend their wounds, but the C.O. retained him. At 2145 hrs., "B" Coy reported 1 Sgt. killed and 1 Cpl. wounded. At 2150 the I.O. of the PLDGS came over and conversed with the C.O. At 2150 hrs L/Cpl Priest, RA reported that the first POW had been seen safely to 3 CIB, 1st Cdn Div H.Q. The E.S.B. is still being retained at Tac. At 2155 hrs a report came from "A" Coy to the effect that 3 POWs were on their way in to Tac. At 2200 hrs "B" Coy reported at "Sandy" (report line). Question to "C" Coy (same time) "Is your area free of the enemy?" (Answer) "As far as I know" POWs arrived at 2220 hrs, one of them was sent down by the PLDGS, two others came from "B" Coy. They were interrogated, again by Lt. B.P.Lange, but not much information was gained. The contact patrol that left at 2030 hrs reported closed road and again swam the Montone River and proceeded along the east bank. A protection party from the Scout plt. went out with Lt. Bray (Eng) while he swept the road north along the river. An enemy counter attack was beaten off by "A" Coy and 2 POWs taken, one badly wounded. They were sent to Bde. Major E.C.Carter sent in the identity of 1 POW as of the 114 Recce, 2nd Coy. A message from PLDGS at 2305 hrs of their area. The C.O. sent to the PLDGS a location state of Coy positions and received the same from the PLDGS. At 0015 hrs "C" Coy reported "Sandy". So far 0110 hrs, we have suffered only 4 casualties, one dead and 3 wounded. A request went out to Bde for location of 3 Bde Sub-units at 1330 hrs. At approximately 0430 hrs, Tac moved to new</p>	<p><i>a.l.p.</i> <i>marks</i></p>

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			<p>Location. It was in position in 25 minutes, at 0900 hrs Tac moved again in order to keep up with the Coys who were moving very rapidly, "A" and "B" still in the lead. Later in the morning, "D" and "C" Coys moved through and advanced to the canal, reached it by 0200 hrs. They advanced across the canal and after dark went in and took the town of Godo. They captured a number of enemy weapons and vehicles.</p>	
	4 Dec	44	<p>Weather:-Bright and warmer. Very quiet to-day. "A" and "B" moved up and covered the flanks of the town. "B" Coy then moved through the town before first light and took up a position at 458363. "A" Coy then moved out and spread farther to the West of the town. The O.C. "B" Coy stepped on some nails and poisoned his foot and the I.O. took over the Coy till the 2 i/c came up. Before leaving, the O.C. gave orders to attack a building close to Coy. H.Q. Lt. D.Shapiro took his platoon (12 pl) and Sgt Cormier and 2 snipers attacked and captured his objective. They took 17 prisoners, killed some but Lt. Shapiro lost his own life doing his duty. There were 4 enemy wounded and the remainder walked out. A very scruffy looking lot mixed in with the Infantry were mountain tps. After the scrap it was very quiet.</p>	
	5 Dec	44	<p>Weather:-Showery. "B" Coy cleared up to the Lamone River. "C" Coy moved to "B" Coy's old billets for a short while and then moved up behind "B" Coy. "A" Coy then moved up to the river "D" Coy stayed in the station in Godo. "A" and "D" Coys went on Coy. patrols - very little activity during the rest of the day. Tac moved to the "C" Coy location at 458363. Patrols were active to the river but had very little to report other than hearing movements on the other side.</p>	<p><i>u.l.?</i> <i>WAB</i></p>
	6 Dec	44	<p>Weather:-Cloudy with some showers. "D" Coy moved to 45353655. Other locations remain the same. The C.O. and I.O. went around to all the rifle Coys. The C.O. planned a shoot on Taversara. At 1615 hrs, 1 tp. of tanks of the B.C.Ds shot up the houses which overlooked the</p>	

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	6 Dec 44		<p>river. Two tanks fired 12 rounds each. 4 snipers shot 6 enemy for sure. In retaliation, the enemy mortared our fwd. Coy positions and killed Lt. R.S.Gallivan, 1 Sgt. and 3 Pts. were wounded. A very successful counter-fire was brought to bear by Capt. H.G.Crocker, 11 RCA He also shot up all in-roads to Taversara and kept it up till dark. The C.O. went up in the lead-tank during the shoot and observed the fire. The enemy is dug in all along the far banks in good positions. "A" and "C" Coys had nothing to report except mortaring. Shelling lightly all around Coy positions. The scheduled attack for to-night was cancelled at 1900 hrs for 24 hrs. It is a miserable night, dark and raining and cold. Two Moreps came in from "B" at 2250 hrs. Westminster patrols came in at 2315 hrs. No contact with either our patrols or the enemy. Intermittant shelling, mortaring and MG fire during the night. The shelling by the heavies was serious in rear areas. "B" Coy had a standing patrol in a house at 435382 from last light to first.</p>	
	7 Dec 44		<p>Weather:/Cloudy but warmer. Col.W.C.Dick visited the 2 i/c of the Regt. Reinforcements arrived: Mr.R.J.Michner, (Lt.), Lt G.R.Stead, Capt C.H.Baker and 14 O.Rs. Total casualties to date are 3 Officers killed and 1 wounded, 1 Sgt killed and 2 wounded and 16 O.Rs. wounded. A book in German was found in "D" Coy's area at 0800 hrs. Plans were layed to-day for the big diversionary part we were playing in the river-crossing show. The C.B.H. and Perths were making the crossing at Villanova while this Unit and the Cumberland force put up diversions at Traversara and Mezzano respectively. The show was scheduled to kick off at 1930 hrs, Mr B.P.Lange the pnr. offr. officiating on the smoke with Mr. T.D.Lafferty on the MGs' and Capt J.A.Johnston of "B" Coy who had troops as covering party and right flank protection for the smoke party. The C.O. paid a visit to all Coys and the I.O. also paid a visit and put all Coy Commanders in the picture. The other 3 rifle Coys did not have a part in the show. At 1900 hrs operations were again cancelled for 24 hrs. "B" Coy had 2 patrols out and one of them spotted 5 of the enemy across on our side of the river. Capt. J.A.Johnston sent out a fighting patrol to intercept and get them. There was inter-</p>	<p>A.L.P. W.D.P.</p>

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	13 Dec	44	<p>reported "A" Coy as approaching Naviglio. At 0310 hrs Major E.C.Carter came in to Tac with the latest information and received the order to cross through "A" and "D" Coys and cross the river at all costs. They were temporarily held up by heavy MG fire. At 0500 hrs 1 squadron of the BCDs arrived and the C.O. gave them the story and they are ready to go in as soon as they sappers get the bridges ready. They are now lined up on the canal and are shooting up the houses in the town along the banks of Naviglio Osteria. 6 POWs taken by "D" Coy and sent to Bde. A counter-attack on the right flank at 0730 hrs on "B" Coy. Resistance very stiff. At 0830 hrs the counter-attack has not made any progress and appeared to be dying out. At 0830 hrs the casualties began to dribble in and continued all day. 1 troop of the RCDs were shooting up enemy-occupied houses on the far side of the river while waiting for the second bridge to be made ready. At 1400 hrs, 1 troop of the LSHs came up to relieve them; they also had a shoot before the last light. At 1730 hrs 1 squadron of the LSH came up ready to go over against the river bank and remain there and shoot the houses up. Major G.A.Henderson was evacuated at 1630 hrs with a light scalp wound. Capt R.R.Douglas, 2 i/c of "D" Coy came up and took over the Coy. Lt. W.L.Stirling also came up for "D" Coy. Casualties to date are over the hundred mark. Major D.E.Jones reported in to Tac and stayed for lunch. There were three ammo-carrying parties and two patrols were out to the river. Patrol's intention tonight to go to 420421; if no contact is made there to proceed to 417416. Went out at 1900 hrs and if possible to get back by 2300 hrs and on return contact CBH on left. At 1800 hrs Major E.C.Carter was hit-not seriously in the hand. Capt J.J.F.Morrison went up to take "B" Coy over for the night. It is our intention tonight to make a local advance to thicken up our canal defence and to hold our side by sending "A" Coy upon the left in the area of the road. He is to have support of the tanks firing from the canal line. 4 prisoners were taken at the canal on our side by "A" Coy at 2200 hrs. They were all from 6 Coy, 741 Jaeger Regt. A Recce patrol led by Lt. R.K.Chalmers from "C" Coy proceeded to 425423 to 420421 to 418418 to 424418 and back. Found the enemy in strength on west side of the river digging in and talking but no contact was made. The patrol returned at 2100 hrs.</p>	

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	14 Dec	44	by casualties. This evening reinforcements went up to the front. Capt R.R.Douglas is in charge of "D" Coy.	
	15 Dec	44	<p>Weather:-Sunny.</p> <p>At 2200 hrs, "C" Coy reported over the river at 420424. At 2220 hrs "A" and "D" Coys reported over the river on objectives. "B" Coy remained on our side of the river for a time until "D" Squadron of the PLDGS came under our command and took up a position to cover our rear. Sgt K.Hubbard and 2 scouts went out on a recce patrol and reconnoitred the canal north-east of our position. They contacted the Jerries and exchanged fire 250 yards from our positions. One of our carriers with ammo on it broke through the arc bridge and caused great difficulty in getting the casualties out. At 0200 hrs we interrogated 14 prisoners. Four Jerries tried to enter our "B" Coy position but were promptly taken care of. At 0245 hrs "B" Coy took up positions across the river to thicken our bridgehead. The bridge was cleared at 0315 hrs of the carrier. Our bridgehead was fired on by SPs and much MG fire. The Jerries tried to infiltrate our "D" Coy position but we wounded one. For much of the night the enemy remained very close to our front and right flank. On our left an explosion was heard which suggested the blowing of the bridge over our next canal barrier "Fosso Munia". 14 casualties were reported during the night. 0630 hrs (first light) "A" Coy was still taking minor action against the Jerries on our right. They killed one and wounded one. "C" Coy, on our left, was profiting by the advance of the Westminsters on our left, so got a few more prisoners. The PLDGS arrived at approximately 0630 hrs to make preparations to relieve us at 0900 hrs--good news to our fighting men. At 0830 hrs three more prisoners came in from 1 Coy 117 PZ Regt. Our planes did more strafing and bombing this morning which was very effective. At 0900 hrs the PLDGS began passing through us. Our men are no longer in such direct contact with the Jerries. However "B" Coy early this morning was ordered about 400 yards forward to support the PLDGS. They took a position along the next ditch. During the morning the Brigadier came around to tell us that we were going to take up a Bde. reserve position in a group of houses just in the rear of the front</p>	<p><i>at 11</i></p> <p><i>Ward</i></p>

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	16 Dec 44		<p>1800 hrs-"D" Coy reported heavy mortar fire and some MG fire from their right flank. At about the same time our Arty was dropping smoke in the area of "D" Coy, which was suffering from the heavy mortar fire-it was thought a counter-attack was coming. But indications are that Jerry is making another withdrawal. Our recce patrol from "C" Coy returned to say that the enemy was still along the Munio. They gave map-references for what they thought were an OP, two mortar positions and 1 MG position. During the night "B" Coy returned to the forward ditch position at 2400 hrs and at the same time, "A" Coy came back for a bath and 12 hrs rest.</p>	
	17 Dec 44		<p>Weather:-Cloudy. 0630 hrs (first light), our standing patrol which went out to the bridge, returned to say that they had seen no Jerries and that the only difficulty came from an MG firing on fixed lines and from mortars. 0900 hrs-"C" Coy reported enemy at 30 yard intervals along the part of Fosse Munio facing them. Our tanks began dealing with them. We took one POW from 14 Coy, 741 Jaeger Regt. 0930 hrs-the GG HGs went north-east along the canal to 438451 and located enemy and heard vehicles across the canal. They fired at the houses across the canal. At 1100 hrs, two war correspondents visited us asking for our unit history in battle. At 1230 hrs, the Brigadier called in to explain the new situation and intention. We and the PLDGS are to strengthen and hold our ground which is very vital to present and future operations. Our part beside holding the area is to form a two Coy counter-attack force which will be ready for an immediate counter-attack. Our "C" Coy with the GG HGs is to be withdrawn to take over part of this ground. We are to hold to and inclusive of the Munio. This is to give the 11 Bde, with the Irish on the right and the Perth on the left, a firm base for the advance on the Senio. 1430 hrs--Major-General B.M.Hoffmeister, ^{C.S.}D.S.O., E.D., was came to our Tac. He complimented our Bn and the rest of the Div. He said that our advance had upset the plans of the enemy and that it would be necessary to stick a while longer to accomplish their purpose. 1450 hrs--There was more straffing and bombing. 1500 hrs-"A" Coy was rushed back from its rest to take part in the new defensive position. 1640 hrs-1 casualty in "A" Coy. "C" Coy occupied area 428436 as part of the defense scheme. It is posting an out-</p>	<p><i>a.l.h.</i> <i>WMP</i></p>

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	19 Dec 44		<p>found an enemy MG post along the other side and at another point saw 3 Jerries. 1600 hrs--The C.O. and I.O. visited "A", "B" and "C" Coys and gave them the new plan for to-night. There is to be a general change of Coy positions with only "D" Coy remaining in its present position. "C" Coy is to move left and to take the counter-attack role. "A" Coy is to replace the PLDG Coy over the Munio at the left of "D" Coy. "B" Coy is to take over "A" Coy's position. We are to have "A" Squadron of the PLDGS under the command of Capt R.White. At 1850 hrs. The C.O. takes over command of the sector. At 1700 hrs all Coys were reported in new positions. At 1900 hrs, a small raid was reported on the Westminsters to our left. 2000 hrs--heavy shelling reported from "D" and "B" Coys. Several Arty reps came in; also a report of tracked vehicles before our front. 2345 hrs- Enemy vehicles heard moving over the other side of the Munio.</p> <p>Weather:-Cloudy.</p> <p>The night was quiet except for mortaring and shelling. Numerous shell and mortar reports were sent in. 0610 hrs--Sniper reported on our right rear. He must have sneaked in during the dark. 0630 hrs-(first light) The Brigadier telephoned to ask if we had passed the ditch to our right in "D" Coy area and if the MG post near there had been taken out. Since this had not been done, "D" Coy was ordered to place a platoon across the ditch as quickly as possible. 0710 hrs-A platoon, led by Lt. T.E.Bodnaruk got over the ditch but were fired on immediately. A Cpl was killed, another man was wounded on the way back. 0750 hrs-10 Jerries were reported around a position across from "A" Squadron of the PLDGS. The Brigadier seemed insistent of attempting more so the C.O. sent the I.O. up to the front to find more information. The I.O: found that "D" Coy had to cross an open road under criss cross fire to gain the objective. However "A" Squadron of the PLDGS felt they could move farther right and possibly take out the position on the other side. To cross over and assault these positions from either of the 2 Coys seemed hazardous ^{against} to the benefits to be gained. The I.O. then went to see the Brigadier to explain the position. Shelling and mortaring was heavy on our front all morning. They seem to have our positions taped. The Brigadier ordered that "A" Squadron of the PLDGS</p>	

A.L.P.
[Signature]

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			<p>Just as the counter-attack started, the Brigadier came in. 1630-Tanks were reported at two points to our right (NE). We expected another counter-attack but we put the Arty on it and the attack did not materialize. During the previous attempt, we believe one shell hit the rear of one tank. This afternoon, reports came of advances of the 5th Corps on our left. Nearer, the Perths held their 700 yard bridgehead over the Munio and a bridge was built across it. 1800 hrs-(last light) Our two forward Coys began exchanging positions. "C" Coy replaced "A" and "B" Coy replaced "D". 1900 hrs-This relief of Coys was completed. Our casualties in to-day's fighting were 1 killed, 4 wounded and 7 sick. 1905 hrs-Enemy reported close to front 2030 hrs-Fighting patrol reported approaching "A" Coy on the left. They stood to, but it did not get that far. Later reports of this afternoon's counter-attack stated that the Arty fire had been perfect. The first shell hit the tank and the stonk hit all around it. The next murder target of 24 guns caught the infantry following along dead centre. Then our men got up in the dykes and poured small-arms fire into the infantry. One of our piats hit the rear end of the SP. When leaving the SP was smoking. The Jerries came back with stretcher-bearers so they must have had a number of casualties, as well as dead. 2030 hrs- The Irish Coys to our front withdrew to attack from the Perth bridgehead to our left. 2400 hrs--All quiet on the front.</p>	
	21 Dec	44	<p>Weather:-Clear. 0630 hrs--We sent a recce patrol out from "B" Coy to recce houses 400 to 500 yards beyond our positions. They found only dead Jerries. During the night, we did a holding role of our positions. The 11th Bde put in an attack on our left. The last burst of MG fire came at our positions at 0230 hrs. Very quiet on our front at 0630 hrs--The 11th Bde made good progress during the night. They captured a number of prisoners and some officers. 0800 hrs--The Irish reported their leading Coy at their objective only 100 yards short of the Senio river. The Perths, CBH and 1 Div on their left made good advances against light opposition. 0930 hrs--"C" Coy and part of "D" Coy advanced across the Munio and occupied 3 houses about 400 to 500</p>	<p><i>A.L.P.</i> <i>[Signature]</i></p>

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	22 Dec 44		<p>Yards in advance of the ditch. "A" Squadron of the PLDGS came back out of the line. On crossing the Munio, our troops found a number of German dead on the other side. 1100 hrs--"D" Coy came back out of the line for a rest and shower. "A" Coy put a standing patrol in its former position. 1200 hrs--Received information that the Irish had 2 Coys on the Senio on a broad front. The CBH have a Coy about 500 yards from the Senio. The 1st Div has made long advances and the Carlton and Yorks took Bagnacavallo. A D/R out on a recce picked up a prisoner, a L/Cpl who was Polish. 1345 hrs--"A" Coy passed back on its way out of the line. "A" and "D" Coys are going to Ravenna for their rest. "A" Ech and part of "F" Ech went too. The rest of us hope to follow tomorrow. 1500 hrs--Our two remaining Coys came under command of 11 C.I.B. until such time as it has secured its Senio front. This afternoon the C.O. and I.O. went to have a look at the Naviglio and Munio battle-lines. The former particularly is a landmark of the tenacity and fighting ability of our fighting battalion. And, after the two other Regts. of the Bde. are back out of the line we still have two Coys there. 1530 hrs--At the Munio we found the Brigadier and Bde Major having a look too. We had a look at the spot where the tank and SP counter-attacked. The tank had gotten to within 30 yards of our bank. We found an armoured plate of one of them which had been knocked out. The houses ^{now} occupied by our "C" Coy and "B" Coy are in ruins--the result of our medium Arty pounding them ^{earlier}. In all we counted 18 dead Jerries along our section of the Munio, as well as evidence of many other casualties. 1730 hrs--(last light) The 5th Cdn Div had consolidated its hold on the Senio. Many tanks were up in support and other supporting arms. The Senio is another Lamone with very high banks. 2400 hrs--The evening has been very quiet. Very little enemy shelling. Our sector has been very quiet. Our role is to guard the open right flank until the Senio line is solidified.</p> <p>Weather:-Clear.</p> <p>0500 hrs--The night was quiet; no reports whatever of activity in our sector. 0630 hrs (first light) All quiet-firing some distance ahead. 1000 hrs-The MGs moved with the mortars to Ravenna. 1400-1600 hrs--Considerable strafing by our planes</p>	<p>A.R.P. H.B.</p>

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	31 Dec 44		<p>said he had an odd character for us to interrogate--possibly a Jerry. The Adjutant who was here went down to bring him back. He was brought in at the point of a Tommy and immediately clicked his heels and came out with several smart Nazi salutes and "Heil Hitler". He wears a moustache much like Hitler and combed his hair down. He had us all fooled for a few minutes. But he turned out to be an RAP chap. 2150 hrs--Heavy mortaring came down on "A" and "D" Coys positions and between "C" and "D" Coys, the Jerries were reported approaching "C" and "D" Coys. 2200 hrs-- All Coys stood to. 2210 hrs--Support Coy ordered to stand to and to prepare for counter-attack if any Coy were over-run. 2215 hrs--All personnel of Tac H.Q. stood to and everyone went outside to form defensive position. 2230 hrs--The Germans were reported crossing the river on the right of our Bn area. With later information we found the Jerries had over-run part of the PLDGS forward position and had advanced between them and ourselves on our side of the river. The PLDGS do not seem worried however. 2330 hrs--All quiet for the past 5 minutes. 7 platoon, "A" Coy reported 1 direct hit with a bazooka on the house--no casualties "A" and "C" Coys used 2" mortar to cover gap between them. "C" Coy reported great success with 3" mortars who fired in river directly to the front of their forward platoon. "D" Coy reported Jerries bringing in things on carts on other side of river. 2350 hrs--"C" Coy reported Jerry firing tracer directly up in the air before them. 2355 hrs--By now all Coys had stood down to normal guards and watches. RCDs reported a Jerry running across the field to give himself up. But other Jerries fired at him all the way across. It would be fitting if all the Jerries did that to end the old year.</p>	<p><i>P. L. Deal</i> <i>Liut</i></p>

LANARK & RENEW SCOTTISH

Part I Orders

by

Lt:Col: W.H: Buchanan, Officer Commanding

Last Order
No. 10
29 Nov 44

In the Field

This Order
No. 11
1 Dec 44

1. DISCIPLINE

1. On 20 Oct 44, F57093 Pte William John Hillier, CIC, was tried by FGCM and found guilty of a charge under Sec 15(7) of the Army Act - when on active service, misbehaving before the enemy in such a manner as to show cowardice in that he in the field at approx 2015 hrs 9 Oct 44 while proceeding on patrol to a fwd posn left his patrol and remained absent until approx 0600 hrs 10 Oct 44. He was sentenced to suffer penal servitude for a term of three years. The findings and sentence were duly confirmed by MGA CMHQ on 13 Nov 44.

2. On 20 Oct 44, F55545 Pte Joseph Patrick MCGEAN, CIC, was tried by FGCM and found guilty of a charge of absence without leave and another charge under Sec 5(7) of the Army Act - when on active service misbehaving before the enemy in such manner as to show cowardice in that he while proceeding on a patrol to a fwd posn left his patrol and ran back to his pl. He was sentenced to suffer penal servitude for a term of 5 years. The findings and sentence were duly confirmed by MGA CMHQ on 13 Nov 44, who remitted two years penal servitude.

3. On 20 Oct 44, M104804 Pte Gordon Cecil Williams, CIC, was tried by FGCM and found guilty of a charge under Sec 12(1)(a) of the Army Act - when on active service, deserting His Majesty's Service in that he in the field absented himself without leave from a fwd position, with intent to avoid battle. He was sentenced to suffer penal servitude for a term of three years. The findings and sentence were duly confirmed by MGA CMHQ on 13 Nov 44.

4. On 20 Nov 44, B146186 Pte Gordon Chester Colling, CIC, was tried by FGCM and found guilty of a charge under Sec 12(1)(a) of the Army Act - when on active service deserting His Majesty's Service in that he after being placed on one hr's notice to proceed fwd into action, with intent to avoid so proceeding, absented himself without leave from his unit. He was sentenced to suffer penal servitude for a term of three years. The sentence was duly confirmed by MGA CMHQ on 13 Nov 44.

5. On 20 Nov 44, A106832 L/Cpl Earnest Jackson Marks, CIC, was tried by FGCM and found guilty of a charge under Sec 12(1)(a) of the Army Act - when on active service deserting His Majesty's Service in that he after being placed on one hr's notice to proceed fwd into action, with the intent to avoid so proceeding, absented himself without leave from his unit. He was sentenced to suffer penal servitude for a term of four years. The findings and sentence were duly confirmed by MGA CMHQ on 13 Nov 44.

6. On 16 Nov 44, K42933 Pte Charles Alfred BUTCHER, CIC, was tried by FGCM and found guilty of a charge under Sec 12(1)(a) of the Army Act - when on active service deserting His Majesty's Service in that he absented himself without leave from his unit which was in a fwd position, with intent to avoid battle. He was sentenced to suffer penal servitude for a term of five years. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed by MGA CMHQ on 13 Nov 44, who remitted two years penal servitude.

L. McKenzie
(L. McKenzie) Capt
Adjutant
for Commanding Officer

PART I ORDERS

by

Lt.Col. W.H. Buchanan Officer Commanding

Last Order No. 11 1 Dec 44	In the Field	This Order No. 12 3 Dec 44
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1. LOOTING:

1. Herewith is reproduced a letter from Lieut-Gen R.L. McCreery, GOC Eighth Army:

Rear HQ Eighth Army, GMP
R 19248 A

25 Nov 44

1. Cases of looting have been recently brought to my notice. Although I have no reason to believe that there is any general increase in the number of cases occurring I consider that it would be as well for all ranks in the Army under my command to know my views in regard to this offence.

2. Looting is no more or less than 'stealing' aggravated by the ease with which thefts can be made under active service conditions in the forward area. It would be, I know, rare for any of the men who loot in the forward area to steal in their own townships or countries. Moreover, it is the duty of any citizen to prevent thefts if within his power, or alternatively to report them at once to the appropriate authority. I feel sure if it were realized by all ranks that they were stealing when they take articles etc from damaged or deserted houses, or livestock from wrecked or deserted homesteads, that they would not loot. It is the duty of every officer to see that the men under his command realize they are stealing if they take articles etc, however small, and to impress on them that it is their duty to stop if they can, or report if they cannot, any cases that they may see.

3. The Italian people are poor and many of them have been reduced to beggary by the tide of war that has swept over their homes. In many cases, particularly in the country, they have saved the lives of men of the Allied Armies by giving information, and, in addition, they have harboured in the towns and villages escaped Allied prisoners of war at the risk of their own lives and have fed them out of their meagre food stocks for long periods. The food situation in Italy is deplorable, and to steal or loot food stocks is tantamount to taking it out of the mouths of a hungry people.

4. To loot sewing machines, household utensils and furniture which cannot be moved for lack of transport is not only criminal, but is wanton waste.

5. Until the tide of war engulfed Italian towns and countryside the Italian people in most districts had had little experience of the German Army under operational conditions; nor had they suffered the inevitable discomforts inherent in the occupation of a country by large forces. In addition the Italian people do not neglect such opportunities as present themselves of paying off old scores, such opportunities are legion in the wake of an advancing army.

It is not, therefore, surprising that the local inhabitants when they return to their devastated homesteads levy unjustified complaints of looting against the troops they find in occupation. This renders it all the more imperative if the reputation of the Army under my command is to remain unscathed that we see to it that we are blameless and that there is no justification for such allegations.

6. I therefore direct that all Formation and Unit Commanders will be their personal example and by constant watchfulness ensure that cases of looting are reduced to a minimum and that cases that do occur are dealt with with the utmost severity. The contents of this letter are to be brought to the notice of all ranks.

2. STERILIZATION OF WATER

1. All sources of water in this theatre will be regarded as contaminated and must be chlorinated whether intended for human consumption or for washing purposes. Dual water sups, eg, pure for drinking and impure for washing will NOT be allowed. Thirsty men are liable to drink any water.

2. When units are drawing water from other than supervised water pits set by the RCE or RL, unit water duty personnel will carry out filtration, chlorination and de-chlorination in the manner laid down.

3. Fwd tps who cannot be served by unit water vehs will chlorinate and de-chlorinate all water by means of their individual sterilizing outfits. Full instrs as to their use are contained in the outfits.
(5 CAD RO 362/44)

3. DECEMBER PAY - OFFICERS AND ORs:

1. NDHQ has approved the issue of December pay to offrns and ORs before Christmas 1944 as follows:

(a) Officers' December pay to be deposited to their banking account on 22 Dec 44.

(b) ORs will receive between 15 Dec and 20 Dec 44, 50% of the amount normally issuable on 31 Dec 44 in addition to the amount normally issuable on 15 Dec 44. The remaining half of the amount issuable on 31 Dec 44 to be paid on the usual end of the month pay day.

2. Instructions to Field Cashiers and Paymasters in accordance with the above are being issued by PMCT, AAI.
(1 CRO 491/44)

4. POSTAL ORDERS

Remittances to CANADA and UK

1. Cdn Sec GHQ 1 Ech AAI Circular Letter No. 118 is reproduced herewith.

"1. Cases have occurred of Cdn personnel, CMEs, purchasing British Postal Orders in excess of the daily authorized amount for transmission to the UK and CANADA.

2. The GPO, LONDON, are very concerned over the irregularities, and the continued contravention of the regulations in that regard may result in the cancellation of the privilege. Present regulations are repeated hereunder for guidance:-

(a) Remittances may be sent to CANADA and the UK by means of British Postal Orders.

(b) Such Postal Orders may be obtained only from Canadian or British Army Field Post Offices and must bear the Field Post Office date stamp.

(c) The amount to be remitted must not exceed £2.2.0. per individual remitter per day.

3. Postal Orders must be purchased by the remitter from Unit Post Orderly or Field Post Office and are not negotiable except in CANADA or UK. Soldiers will not be permitted to purchase Postal Orders for use of friends or acquaintances."

(1 CRO 492/44)

ITALIAN RIBBONS:

Italian shops and street vendors are selling imitations of British Medal ribbons. These are made from silk thread and in no way conform to the authorized patterns. All ranks will be notified that such ribbons will not be purchased or worn.
(CRO 959/44 and 1 CRO 498/44)

6. POSTAL - CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

1. The Expeditionary Force Message (EFM) service will be suspended to all destinations with the exception of NEW ZEALAND between the inclusive dates 6 to 25 Dec 44. The use of standard texts Nos 47 to 53, 64 and 152 will NOT be permitted in messages to NEW ZEALAND during the period referred to above.
2. The suspension is necessary owing to the impossibility of coping with a large increase in traffic that would otherwise arise during the Christmas period.
3. This order does not apply to other telegram services referred to in GRO 588/44 which will continue to operate as usual.

7. PURCHASES OF FOODSTUFFS BY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ITALY:

1. The purchase of all foodstuffs by Military personnel in ITALY is forbidden with the following exception:-

Those made by the official purchasing agencies of the Allied Armies, Navies and Air Forces, which include Welfare Organizations - e.g., Philanthropic Societies, Canteen Services and Clubs. Such purchases will be regulated by the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board through the Food Supply Committee.

2. Restrictions in the use of restaurants and eating houses are as issued in GRO No. 869/44.

3. This order will come into force from the date of publication and will apply to the mainland of ITALY only.
(GRO 917 d/17 Nov 44)

8. INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE OF CIGARETTES:

1. The undermentioned cigarettes may now be purchased from No. 1 Cdn Tobacco Dep, CMF, under the individual purchase scheme:

<u>Name of Manufacturer</u>	<u>Brand</u>
Benson & Hedges (Can) Ltd	Wenley

(5 CAD RO 359/44)

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PART I ORDERS

by

Lt.Col. W.H. Buchanan, Officer Commanding

Last Order No. 1215 22 Dec 44	In the Field	This Order No. 14 22 Dec 44
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1. APPROVED BARBER SHOPS - RAVENNA

Published below is a list of Barber Shops in RAVENNA which have been approved by the Med authorities. All others are out of bounds for hygienic and sanitary reasons:

1	Geroni Eude	Via Cairoli 32
2	Melandri Guisepe	Via Cairoli 7
3	Caletti Alberto	Via 28 Ottobre 2
4	Galli Aldo	Via Cavour 12
5	Mazzanti Pietro	Via Maggiore 11
6	Ridolfi Odene	Via Maggiore 32
7	Vannini Francesco	Via Corrado Ricci 12
8	Camerani Domenico	Via Mazzani 38

2. V.D. CONTROL - ROME:

1. During the past week 80% of the VD cases in 1 Cdn Corps have been contracted in ROME. It is the opinion of VD Control that some of this VD is being contracted by ORs picking up prostitutes and escorting them to the dance at the CANADA CLUB.

2. All personnel proceeding to ROME will be instructed that no soldier will escort a woman into the CANADA CLUB and that Pro will enforce this reg.

3. Dancing partners allowed in the Club are to be only those in possession of a pass issued by the Club management.

3. LOOTING:

1. It is brought to the attention of all ranks that strong measures are being taken in RAVENNA to prevent looting. Anti-looting patrols are operating. Looting consists of removing any article whatsoever from any place without authority.

2. All ranks are hereby warned and if discovered in the act of looting will suffer the consequences.

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ENTERTAINMENT

	STRAND	ODEON	CAPITOL	MAROON CLUB
Fri. 23 Dec	"Off the Record" (CWAC Show)	"One Dangerous Night"	"Harrigan's Kid"	"Andy Hardy's Double Life"
Sat. 24 Dec	"	"	"	"Going My Way"
Sun. 24 Dec	"	"	"Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble"	"
Mon. 25 Dec	"	"	"	"

The RCA Band (dance section) will provide entertainment at the Strand Theatre at 1900 hrs Sun 24 Dec 44.

LANARK & RENFREW SCOTTISH
PART I ORDERS

by

Lt. Col. W.H. Buchanan, Officer Commanding

Last Order
No. 14
22 Dec 44

In the Field

This Order
No. 15
23 Dec 44

1. CHURCH SERVICES - SUNDAY 24 DEC 44:

(a) R.C. Services:

Sunday 24 Dec 44 - 0900 hrs
Sunday 24 Dec 44 - 2400 hrs (Midnight Mass)
Monday 25 Dec 44 - 0900 hrs

The above services will be held in the Church of Caduti, 100 yards North-East of Rear Div HQ.

(b) PROTESTANT Services:

Sunday 24 Dec 44 - 0900 hrs - Holy Communion in the Padre's Office, near the "I" Office.
Sunday 24 Dec 44 - 1000 hrs - Voluntary Christmas Service in the theatre of the MAROON CLUB.
Sunday 24 Dec 44 - 2400 hrs - Christmas Eve Service in the Padre's Office.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

The following message from the Commanding Officer is brought to the attention of all ranks:

"I wish to express my appreciation to all ranks of this Battalion for their magnificent achievements during the past three weeks in action.

The going was just about as tough as any which an infantry battalion can expect to meet - and you met it with a fine spirit. There were long days without sleep or rest, prolonged discomfort and constant danger, but your performance did not falter.

For some it was their last fight. They gave their lives in helping to make our mission the success it was - a man can give no more. Each, in giving his life, advanced us all one step toward our final objective - Victory.

It is for us who remain to carry on with any future tasks with the same courage and determination which has distinguished this Battalion in all its engagements so far."

3. HEBREW SERVICES - SUNDAY 24 DEC 44:

Services for Jewish personnel will be held at the CAPITOL Theatre RAVENNA, at 1000 hrs Sunday 24 Dec 44.

4. CURFEW

Curfew will be lifted for personnel attending Midnight Services on Christmas Eve, 24 Dec 44.

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PART I ORDERS

by

Lt.Col. W.H. Buchanan, Officer Commanding

Last Order No. 15 23 Dec 44	In the Field	This Order No. 16 29 Dec 44
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1. REGIMENTAL CANTEEN COMMITTEE:

A Regimental Canteen Committee has been formed with members as follows:

Major K.L. Campbell
Major J.S. Whyte
Capt. L.G. McKenzie

and a Regimental Canteen Sub-Committee with the following members:

"A" Coy - B15610 L/Cpl McCaffery, J.J.
"C" Coy - M67608 Pte Mann, E.J.
"D" Coy - M3230 Cpl Stanton, A.C.
Sp Coy - F56044 Cpl Timmons, F.
HQ Coy - M106023 Pte Wilkie, D.E.

Time and place of meetings to be notified later.

2. SECURITY - TELEPHONES:

1. No tele line can be regarded as completely secure. Whatever its nature it is liable to interception by enemy agents who have the correct apparatus.

2. A physical line is easily intercepted by tapping in on the line with small apparatus.

3. No secret infm or futures will be discussed on a physical line unless to the knowledge of the user the enemy or their agents have not got access to the line and so cannot tap in. Lines within 3000 yds of the enemy will in no circumstances be used for discussing futures.

3. CROSS-POSTINGS:

C5672 Pte Holmes, D.J. cross-posted from "A" Coy to HQ Coy this date.

4. COURSES - RESULTS:

The following personnel attended courses at CMTC as shown and obtained gradings as shown:

	Application	Tech Knowledge	Instr ability
F55723 Cpl Cederberg, JF - Vickers MMC : 20 Nov 44 to 9 Dec 44	A	A	A
F87227 Cpl Smith, HL - Pl Weapons 20 Nov 44 to 9 Dec 44	A	B	C
D13577 Cpl Thomson, R.S. - Gas Course, 27 Nov 44 to 7 Dec 44	B	A	A
K45088 Sgt Campbell, CLW - 3" Mortar 20 Nov 44 to 9 Dec 44	A	B	B

Appropriate entries will be made in the MBN.I, Part I, of the personnel concerned.

6. THE REWARD OF A BRAVE MAN:

The following story, written by a Canadian Major who has received great assistance from Italian partisans in liberating important territory, is repeated so that all ranks may appreciate the hardships that may be caused to a valued assistant by wilful looting:

" CIRILLI, Gaetano and his son, aged 16, decided some time ago to fight the Germans. They stored their personal belongings in the house of a man named BUGGI, in the hamlet of S. GIACOMO, near RUSSI, moved Mrs CIRILLI and her infant daughter to the house of a friend at 17 Via BACCARINI, RAVENNA, and then joined the partisans. I met the son and the father in the marshes NW of RAVENNA where they had been leading a precarious existence for over a month, often in contact with the enemy.

After the liberation of RAVENNA, the Partisans were ordered to concentrate there, to rest and refit. CIRILLI, Gaetano went "home" to 17 Via BACCARINI. On 14 Dec a boy came from S GIACOMO on a bicycle to tell them that Canadian soldiers had robbed him of all he possessed. He came to me for help. I obtained a travelling permit for CIRILLI and went to S GIACOMO.


The scene was one of complete desolation and destruction. The looters had broken into the house with weapons in hand, had stolen everything of any value and carried it away in their truck. What they did not consider worth carrying off they destroyed on the spot.

CIRILLI, Gaetano picked up a few things which were lying on the floor, a pair of his wife's slippers, a torn table napkin, a shawl and some baby clothes. These he put in my vehicle.

I made many inquiries but could not discover anything about the looters. The two Italians who were present when they arrived had taken fright when threatened and had gone to a house some 250 yards away. They could tell me nothing. So many troops have been through the area that it will be impossible to trace the thieves.

The results are that a brave and good man, his wife and two children are now destitute. The little they had left is gone and there is no way of compensating them because linen can no longer be obtained, warm clothing and bedding have long since vanished from the market. They are left with the clothes in which they stand."

(1 Cdn Corps A/Q 5-4-2 d/23 Dec 44)


(L.G. McKenzia) Capt
Adjutant
for Commanding Officer
Tanark & Renfrow Scottish

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No. (Repeat at Part D)

Lanark & Renfrew Scottish Unit.

For week ending 1 Dec 44

To be made up to mid-day on Saturday in each week by all units of Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Reconnaissance Corps, R.A.V.C., A.E.C., R.A.P.C., C.M.P., Pioneer Corps, Intelligence Corps, A.C.C. and Non-Combatant Corps, and 1 copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, and 1 copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 5 columns: Rank or Appointment, W.E. less 1st Rfts., Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts., Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts., Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E., less 1st Rfts.). Rows include W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc., Buglers, Trumpeters, etc., and a TOTALS row.

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

Part B. Other ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

Table with 4 columns: Rank or Appointment, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Rank or Appointment, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Rows include Sgk, Cpls., Ptes., and Ptes. with their respective units.

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Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Regiment or Corps, Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known). Includes a row for 'General Duty'.

For week ending 1 Dec 44

Serial No.

Part D. Detail of trades and duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

Large table with columns for 'SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT' and 'REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED'. Rows list various trades like Blacksmiths, Boot Repairers, Bricklayers, etc., and include a 'General Duty' row at the bottom.

2 Dec 44

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS. Serial No.

Lanark & Renfrew Scottish

Unit **8 Dec 44** (Repeat at Part D)

For week ending

To be made up to mid-day on Saturday in each week by all units of Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Reconnaissance Corps, R.A.V.C., A.E.C., R.A.P.C., C.M.P., Pioneer Corps, Intelligence Corps, A.C.C. and Non-Combatant Corps, and 1 copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, and 1 copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1. Rank or Appointment.	2. W.E. less 1st Rfts.	3. Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	4. Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	5. Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E., less 1st Rfts.)
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7	7		
Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	6	6		
Staff Serjeants				(1 RCASC 7(1 RCEME 5 CIC
Serjeants	39	32		
Corporals	73	68	1	6
Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	686	619	13	80
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
TOTALS	812	733	* 14	*93

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

Part B. Other ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Cpls 1	8 CASS		
Ptes 1	8 CASS		
Ptes 1	HQ 1 Cdn Corps		

Lanark & Renfrew Scottish

Unit **8 Dec 44**

Week ending 19 A.F.W.3009E. (Ft. Gds., Inf., etc.)

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Regiment or Corps.	Remarks, (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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Unit

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For week ending **8 Dec 44**

Serial No.

Part D. Detail of trades and duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	COMS. or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	Buglers and Trumpeters.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	COMS. or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.		Buglers and Trumpeters.	TOTAL.
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN																			
Blacksmiths																			
Boot Repairers																			
Bricklayers							1	1											Covering Mason
Carpenters and Joiners							1	1											
Carrier Personnel																			
Concreters																			
Cooks													1		3				4
Chiropody Orderlies																			
Clerks							3	3											
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			
.. .. . (Wheeled)																			
.. .. . (M/Cyclists)																			
Driver Mechanics							7	7											
Driver Operators																			
Electricians																			
Equipment Repairers																			
Farriers																			
Fitters, M.V. RCEME																1	1		1
Masons																1	1		1
Mortar Personnel																			
Motor Mechanics							1	1											
Painters and Decorators																			
Plumbers and Pipe Fitters																			
Push Cycle Repairers																			
Saddlers																			
Signallers																			
Storemen T. & D. (other than Rly. and R.A.O.C.)																1	1		1
Tailors																			
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE.																			
Armourer RCEME																	1	1	1
NON-SPECIALISTS AND NON-TRADESMEN.																			
G.D.																	5	6	74
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 4 and 5 of Part A.)							1	13	14							7	6	80	93

R. J. ...
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch **9 Dec 44**

12 Cdn Inf Bde

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W. 3008 (Revised)

Serial No.

(Repeat at Part D)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Lanark & Renfrew Scottish (Unit.) For Week Ending 8 Dec 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 W.E. less 1st Rfts.	3 Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	4 Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	5 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)	
				No.	Any Specific Qualifications
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1			
Majors	5	5			
Captains	12	11	1	1	
Lieutenants	19	20			
2nd Lieutenants	1	1			
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	38	38	1	1	

* Insert details of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Unit from which joined.
Lt A/Capt	R.R. Douglas	CIC	9 Dec 44	X.4 List
Lt	C.H. Baker	"	9 Dec 44	X.4 List
Lt	R.J. Michener	"	9 Dec 44	X.4 List
Lt	C.H. Reid	"	8 Dec 44	from Spec Inc
Lt	L.M. Russell	"	8 Dec 44	from Spec Inc
Lt	G.R. Stead	"	9 Dec 44	X.4 List

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.
Lt	R.G. Feistead	CIC	3 Dec 44	deceased
Lt	R.S. Gallivan	"	6 Dec 44	deceased (List
Lt	R.L. Rutledge	"	3 Dec 44	wounded to X.3
Lt	D. Shapiro	"	4 Dec 44	deceased

Lt A/Capt C.L. VanKoughnett " 22 Nov 44 5 CAB Auth Pending

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Army Form W. 3008 (Revised)

Serial No.

Unit Lanark & Renfrew Scottish

For Week Ending 8 Dec 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Personal Number.	Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Parent Corps or Regiment.	Date taken on Strength.	Whether present with Unit.	Appointment held.	Date Assumed present Appointment.	Remarks including how employed if absent from unit.	
1	Major	Lt. Col.	M.H. Buchanan	CIC		Yes	CO			
2			K.L. Campbell	"		"	2 1/6			
3	Capt	Major	E.C. Carter	"		"				
4	Capt	Major	G.A. Henderson	"		"				
5	Lt	Major	D.E. Jones	"		"				
6	Capt	Major	C.E. Petepiece	"		"				
7	Capt		D.D. Bishop	"		"		Q.M.		
8	Capt		E.W. Clark	"		"				
9	Lt	Capt	R.A. Douglas	"		"				
10	Lt	Capt	J.A. Johnston	"		"				
11	Capt		G.L. Matthews	RCAPC		"		PMF		
12	Capt		R.F.M. Myers	RCAMC		"		MO		
13	Lt	Capt	L.G. McKenzie	CIC		"		Adjt		
14	Lt	Capt	C. Nadeau	"		"				
15	Lt	Capt	R.P. Neil	"		"				
16	Lt	Capt	W. Rich MC	"		"				
17	Lt	Capt	J.E. Price	"		"				
18	Capt		J.R. Webb-Smith	"		"				
19	Lt		W. Ambrose	"		"				
20	Lt		C.H. Baker	"		"				
21	Lt		T.E. Bodnaruk	"		No			On course	
22	Lt		R.A. Chalmers	"		Yes				
23	Lt		T.P.H. Darlington	"		"		TO		
24	Lt		P.A. Edm undsen	"		No			On course	
25	Lt		I.R. Green	RC Sigs		Yes				
26	Lt		T.D. Lafferty	CIC		"				
27	Lt		B.P. Lange	"		"				
28	Lt		A.I. MacDonald	"		"				
29	Lt		G.L. MacDonald	"		"				
30	Lt		R.J. Michener	"		"				
31	Lt		J.J.F. Morrison	"		"				
32	Lt		J.L. O'Hagan	"		"				
33	Lt		J.A. Parkin	No		No			On course	
34	Lt		C.H. Reid	"		Yes				
35	Lt		L.M. Russell	"		"				
36	Lt		G.R. Stead	"		"				
37	Lt		W.L. Stirling	"		"				
38	Lt		A.L. Teal	NS		No			On course	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Major		J.S. Whyte	CIC	22 Nov 44	Spec. Inc.
Lt		W.F. MacAlister	"	6 Dec 44	" "
H/Capt		C.M. MacLean	CCS		Chaplain (P)
Supervisor		M.J. Quinn	K of C		Aux Serv

9 Dec 44

(Date of Despatch.)

R.P. MacLean Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

12 Cdn Inf Bde

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Lanark & Bonprey Scottish (Unit.) For Week Ending 22 Dec 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 W.E. less 1st Rfts.	3 Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	4 Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.		5 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)
			No.	Any Specific Qualifications	
*					
*					
*					
*					
Lieut.-Colonels	1	1			
Majors	5	4		1	
Captains	15	13	1		
Lieutenants	19	216		23	
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters	1	1			
District Officers					
TOTALS	38	35	1	4	

* Insert details of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Unit from which joined.
Capt	J. E. Sackett	GIC	18 Dec 44	from Spec Inf
Capt	J. E. McQuist	"	19 Dec 44	" 4 List
Lt	J. K. Plumbtree	"	18 Dec 44	" 4 List
Lt	J. G. Rosefield	"	19 Dec 44	" 4 List

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.
Lt	J. B. Macgillivray	GIC		703 Cancelled

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit Lanark & Bonprey Scottish

For Week Ending 22 Dec 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Personal Number.	Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Parent Corps or Regiment.	Date taken on Strength.	Whether present with Unit.	Appointment held.	Date Assumed present Appointment.	Remarks including how employed if absent from unit.	
1	Major	Lt Col	J. E. Buchanan	GIC		Yes	CO			
2	Major		J. E. Campbell					2 1/6		
3			J. E. Jones							
4	Capt	Lt Col	J. E. Peterson							
5	Major		J. E. Hyde							
6	Capt		J. E. Fisher							
7			J. E. ...							
8			J. E. ...							
9	Lt	Capt	J. E. ...							
10			J. E. ...							
11			J. E. ...							
12	Lt	Capt	J. E. ...							
13			J. E. ...							
14			J. E. ...							
15	Lt	Capt	J. E. ...							
16	Lt	Capt	J. E. ...							
17	Lt	Capt	J. E. ...							
18	Lt	Capt	J. E. ...							
19	Capt		J. E. ...							
20	Lt		J. E. ...							
21			J. E. ...							
22	Lt		J. E. ...							
23	Lt		J. E. ...							
24	Lt		J. E. ...							
25	Lt		J. E. ...							
26	Lt		J. E. ...							
27	Lt		J. E. ...							
28	Lt		J. E. ...							
29	Lt		J. E. ...							
30	Lt		J. E. ...							
31	Lt		J. E. ...							
32	Lt		J. E. ...							
33	Lt		J. E. ...							
34	Lt		J. E. ...							
35	Lt		J. E. ...							
36										
37										
38										

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
R/Capt		J. E. Mackean	GDS		Chaplain (P)
Major		J. E. Quinn	Aux Serv		R of C
Capt		J. E. Aubut	GIC	19 Dec 44	Special Inc.
Lt		J. E. ...		19 Dec 44	

23 Dec 44

(Date of Despatch.)

R. J. ...
(Signature of Commander.)

12 Can Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No. (Repeat at Part D)

Lanark & Renfrew Scottish Unit. For week ending 22 Dec 44

To be made up to mid-day on Saturday in each week by all units of Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Reconnaissance Corps, R.A.V.C., A.E.C., R.A.P.C., C.M.P., Pioneer Corps, Intelligence Corps, A.C.C. and Non-Combatant Corps, and 1 copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, and 1 copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 5 columns: Rank or Appointment, W.E. less 1st Rfts., Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts., Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts., Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E., less 1st Rfts.). Rows include W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc., Buglers, Trumpeters, etc., and a TOTALS row.

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

Part B. Other ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

Table with 4 columns: Rank or Appointment, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Rank or Appointment, Unit and Corps to which they belong.

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Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Regiment or Corps, Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

For week ending 22 Dec 44 Serial No.

Part D. Detail of trades and duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

Large table with columns for SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT and REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED, categorized by trade (e.g., Blacksmiths, Boot Repairers, Bricklayers, etc.). Includes a TOTALS row at the bottom.

Signature of Commander: [Signature] Date of Despatch: 22 Dec 44 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving: 12 Cdn Inf Bde.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No.
(Repeat at Part D)

Lanark & Renfrew Scottish Unit. For week ending **15 Dec 44**

To be made up to mid-day on Saturday in each week by all units of Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Reconnaissance Corps, R.A.V.C., A.E.C., R.A.P.C., C.M.P., Pioneer Corps, Intelligence Corps, A.C.C. and Non-Combatant Corps, and 1 copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, and 1 copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1. Rank or Appointment.	2. W.E. less 1st Rfts.	3. Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	4. Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	5. Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E., less 1st Rfts.)
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
W.Os. Class II.	7	5		2
Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	6	6		
Staff Serjeants				
Serjeants	39	29		10 (1 RCEME) (9 CIC)
Corporals	73	64	1	10
Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	686	635	10	61
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
TOTALS	812	740	11	83

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

Part B. Other ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Cpls 1	8 CASS		
Ptes 1	8 CASS		
Ptes 1	HQ 1 Cdn Corps		

Lanark & Renfrew Scottish Unit Week ending **15 Dec 44** 19 A.F.W.3009E. (Ft. Gds., Inf., etc.)

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Regiment or Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

For week ending **15 Dec 44**

Serial No.

Part D. Detail of trades and duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	C.O.M.S. or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	Buglers and Trumpeters.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	C.O.M.S. or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.		Buglers and Trumpeters.	TOTAL.
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN																			
Blacksmiths																			
Boot Repairers																			
Bricklayers							1	1											Covering Mason
Carpenters and Joiners																			
Carrier Personnel																			
Concreters																			
Cooks																2	2		
Chiropody Orderlies																			
Clerks							2	2											
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																			
.. .. (Wheeled)																			
.. .. (M/Cyclists)																			
Driver Mechanics							5	5											
Driver Operators																			
Electricians																			
Equipment Repairers																			
Farriers																			
Fitters, M.V.																			
Masons															1	1			Bricklayer Covering
Mortar Personnel																			
Motor Mechanics							1	1											Awaiting results of T.F.
Painters and Decorators																			
Plumbers and Pipe Fitters																			
Push Cycle Repairers																			
Saddlers																			
Signallers																			
Storemen T. & D. (other than Rly. and R.A.O.C.)							1	1											
Tailors																			
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE.																			
Armourer RCEME							1	1						1					1
NON-SPECIALISTS AND NON-TRADESMEN.																			
G.D.														2		9	1058		79
Totals (to agree with Columns 4 and 5 of Part A.)																			
							11	10	111	2			10	10	61			83	

R. J. Macgill Capt
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch **16 Dec 44**

12 Cdn Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Lanark & Renfrew Scottish (Unit.) For Week Ending 15 Dec 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

Table with 5 columns: Ranks, W.E. less 1st Rfts., Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts., Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts., Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.). Rows include Lieut.-Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, 2nd Lieutenants, Quartermasters, District Officers, and TOTALS.

* Insert details of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Name, Regt. or Corps, Date, Unit from which joined.

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Name, Regt. or Corps, Date, Cause or Unit to which proceeded.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name and Initials, Regt. or Corps, Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

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Unit Lanark & Renfrew Scottish

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PART D—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

Table with 11 columns: Personal Number, Substantive Rank, Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held, Name and Initials, Parent Corps or Regiment, Date taken on Strength, Whether present with Unit, Appointment held, Date Assumed present Appointment, Remarks including how employed if absent from unit.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

Table with 6 columns: Substantive Rank, Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held, Name and Initials, Regt. or Corps, Date of attachment, Nature of attachment.

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(Date of Despatch.)

Signature of Commander: R.P. Neil

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(4) OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CORPS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT FROM WHICH JOINED</u>
Lt. A/Capt	R.H. Taber	CIC	11 Dec 44	12 Cdn Inf Bde
Lt. A/Capt	R.R. Douglas	"	9 Dec 44	X.4 List
Lt	C.H. Baker	"	9 Dec 44	X.4 List
Lt	G.R. Stead	"	9 Dec 44	X.4 List
Lt	R.J. Michner	"	9 Dec 44	X.4 List
Major	J.S. Whyte	"	15 Dec 44	From Spec Inc.
Lt	W.F. MacAlister	"	15 Dec 44	From Spec Inc.

(11) OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CORPS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAUSE OR UNIT TO WHICH PROCEEDED.</u>
Lt.A/Capt	J.A. Johnston	CIC	10 Dec 44	12 Cdn Inf Bde.
Capt	E.W. Clark	"	11 Dec 44	X.9 List.
Lt	J.L. O'Hagan	"	11 Dec 44	X.9 List.
Lt.A/Capt	B.P. Lange	"	12 Dec 44	X.3 List.
Major	C.E. Carter	"	13 Dec 44	X.3 List.
Major	G.A. Henderson	"	13 Dec 44	X.3 List.
Lt	W.L. Stirling	"	13 Dec 44	X.3 List.
Lt	A.I. MacDonald	"	14 Dec 44	X.3 List.
Lt	G.L. McDonald	"	13 Dec 44	X.6 List.

APPENDIX "A"

LOCATION STATE - TROOP & DETACHMENTS.

"A"	T.H.Q.	420031	"B"	T.H.Q.	438019
"A"	1	432020	"B"	1	431007
"A"	2	404012	"B"	2	426976
"A"	3	417022	"B"	3	427006
"A"	4	419028	"B"	4	435005
"A"	5	421017	"B"	5	442018
"A"	6	422016	"B"	6	446003

"C"	T.H.Q.	394995
"C"	1	391987
"C"	2	399985
"C"	3	402982
"C"	4	398962
"C"	5	392983
"C"	6	396972

APPENDIX "B"

Part 1 Orders.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No. (Repeat at Part D)

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For week ending 29 Dec 44

To be made up to mid-day on Saturday in each week by all units of Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Reconnaissance Corps, R.A.V.C., A.E.C., R.A.P.C., C.M.P., Pioneer Corps, Intelligence Corps, A.C.C. and Non-Combatant Corps, and 1 copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, and 1 copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 5 columns: Rank or Appointment, W.E. less 1st Rfts., Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts., Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts., Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E., less 1st Rfts.). Rows include W.Os. Class I, W.Os. Class II, Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants, Staff Serjeants, Serjeants, Corporals, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc., Buglers, Trumpeters, etc., and a TOTALS row.

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

Part B. Other ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

Table with 4 columns: Rank or Appointment, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Rank or Appointment, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Entries include Cpl 1, Ptes 1, Ptes 1.

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19 A.F.W.3009E. (Ft. Gds., Inf., etc.)

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Regiment or Corps, Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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Army Form W.3009E. (Ft. Gds., Inf., etc.)

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Serial No.

Part D. Detail of trades and duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

Large table with columns for SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT and REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED, categorized by trade (e.g., Blacksmiths, Boot Repairers, Bricklayers, etc.). Includes a TOTALS row at the bottom.

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch 30 Dec 44

12 Cdn Inf Bde, Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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27 DEC 44

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SECURITY

1. It has been noticed lately that the enemy has managed to obtain much infm concerning movements, order of battle, strs and personalities of Cdn forces in this sector.
2. In view of this fact the following security rules will once again be stressed to all ranks:
 - (a) Should any soldier ever be so unfortunate as to find himself a PW in the hands of the enemy, he will give NO infm whatsoever other than NAME, RANK and NUMBER.
 - (b) Below the level of Bde HQ the danger is always present that the enemy will overhear L/T conversations through induction or tapping of our L/T lines. Therefore this method of comm should only be regarded as slightly more secure than R/T or W/T transmissions, and above all, intentions or code names coupled with MRS will NOT be given over a telephone.

for J. A. Vaughan
Capt

(D M Clark) Maj
BM 12 Cdn Inf Bde.

PATROL REPORT

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1. Date 30 Dec/44
2. Object To capture a prisoner for identification
 - (a) By ambush.
 - (b) fighting patrol if the ambush failed.
3. Patrol Commander Lt. G.L.Stead.
4. Strength Ambush- 1 NCO and 3 men.
Fighting- 1 Offr and 10 men.
5. Arms
6. Route, incl point of departure and return
"D" Coy H.Q. to 383435 to cover entrance of small house at 382433.
Fighting patrol was to pass through ambush patrol at that point and attack known MG post on curve of river at 381434.
7. Time of departure Ambush patrol-last light.
Fighting patrol-0100 hrs.
8. Time of return 0145 hrs
9. Furthest point reached vicinity of small house 382433
10. Enemy encountered at house (above) and along curve of river.
11. Enemy casualties believed to be nil.
12. Own casualties Nil
13. Patrol Commander's report Ambush patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men arrived on the ground by 1745 hrs. Reccd the area around the house at the same time finding all quiet but possible movement on the bank to left of house. Checked patrol at 2015 hrs finding them pinned down by snipers and under fire from rifle grenades. As there was no adequate cover and little opportunity to fire back, removed patrol to house of left section of 18 platoon (383435) and reported to Coy Cmdr. Returned and carried out recce of house with my Cpl which action drew MG fire on fixed lines. Also placed Bren in left section 18 platoon to cover other house. Little movement possible around house during evening. Enemy very alert, firing MGs on fixed lines, sniping, firing rifle grenades, bazookas at slightest noise. Gave impression enemy reinforced south bank of river after spotting ambush patrol. At 0100 hrs 1 NCO and 5 men attempted to raid house One round PIAT fired after which enemy spotted them and began sniping which pinned them down. At same time, I, with 10 men, planning to take advantage of raid started to work towards bank between left and right sections of 18 platoon. When level with church, was pinned down by sniper and rifle grenades. Second attempt drew more grenades and bazookas. Cancelled my effort and joined up with my Cpl's party which got clear by running out of left area by 0145 hrs. No casualties.

Personnel on Patrol "D" Coy

Lt G.R.Stead	
L.104455 Pte Buckingham T	L.106807 Pte Chatterson DM
B.139682 Pte Borodenko, MD	Pte Collins CW
M.103063 Pte Webb C	K.48099 Pte Dickinson AE
B.85712 Pte Burling CF	H.35493 Cpl Erickson HJ

WLB

PATROL REPORT

1. Date 30 Dec/44
2. Object To obtain identification of enemy troops on our front.
3. Patrol Commander Lt T.A.Edmundson
4. Strength 12
5. Arms 10 TSMGs, 2 rifles.
6. Route, incl point of departure and return.
Start point 372412 to 368416 to 3685-4195 return to 368416 to start point 372412.
7. Time of departure 2359 hrs
8. Time of return 0145 hrs.
9. Furthest point reached 3685-4195
10. Enemy encountered at 3685-4195
11. Enemy casualties 2 believed killed.
12. Own casualties 1 slightly wounded.
13. Patrol Commander's report I proceeded to farthest point as above. Listened for enemy movement and heard none. Then I proceeded to top of bank (Senio river); here I encountered two enemy in a slit trench. I tried to get them out, one at a time, but they refused to do this and as they tried to take my Tommy-gun from me, it was necessary for me to shoot them. One man fell back down the river slope; the other was in the slit trench. With the section giving me covering fire, another man (Pte Thibeau, P.J) and myself dragged him out and down the side of the bank. We stripped him for identification. The patrol then withdrew to MR 368416. Waited for about 20 minutes and then returned to our company position.

Personnel on Patrol "A" Coy.

Lt. T. A. Edmundson		
B. 143359 Cpl. Howard F.J.	C. 20760 Pte. Thebault P.J.	
B. 20343 Pte. Weaver H.B.	F. 55622 Pte. O'Connel J.T.	
K. 66123 Pte. Robertson J.	A. 62069 Pte. Ohara J.R.	
B. 105127 Pte. Banton H.	B. 38500 Pte. Potts G.V.	
K. 71319 Pte. Prince R.	H. 67548 Pte Boisvert A.	
B. 149117 Pte. Parson M.		

In direct support.

C. 103060 Pte. Livingstone W.	F. 82446 Pte. Downe H.L.
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W.A.S.

PATROL REPORT

1. Date 10/0300
2. Object To take prisoner

3. Patrol Commander Lt W. Ambrose
4. Strength 1 Offr, 2 NCOs and 10 men
5. Arms 1 LMG, 6 TSMGs, 6 rifles.
6. Route, incl point of departure and return
From 437377, via road and path to 434381. Left at 0200 hrs over dyke to river, returned same way to 437377.

7. Time of departure 0300 hrs
8. Time of Return 0425 hrs
9. Furthest point reached 6 ft in the river-bed--in the water.
10. Enemy encountered at 434382 - Enemy post
11. Enemy casualties Nil
12. Own casualties Nil
13. Patrol Commander's report The river, at present, is an obstacle which is not fordable. The dyke towards the river is very steep and slippery. At the bottom, is a small shelf about 2 ft above water--this shelf is not consistent. The river-bed is very soft and muddy--you sink from 4 to 6 inches upon resting your feet on the bottom. Approximate width of river--30 to 35 ft. Estimated depth 7 to 8 ft in the middle. Speed-between 3 and 5 miles an hour. Impossible to guess interval between enemy positions across river. He gave away his positions by firing rifle shots; and several clicks of rifles being cocked--were heard as patrol was going to objective over the dyke--illuminating flares fired. Moon silhouetted us coming up on our backs at 0330 hrs when we returned.

W. Ambrose
Lieut