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# WAR DIARY

PART I ORDERS Nos.

PART II ORDERS Nos.

OF

11TH INDEPENDENT MACHINE-GUN COMPANY (PLF)

FROM 1 JANUARY 1944 TO 31 JANUARY 1944

VOLUME \_\_\_\_\_

APPENDICES TO 1

355/1 JAN 44 ORIGINAL 11TH INDEP MG COY (PLF)

## I

## WAR DIARIES, C.A.

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. In Canada all copies as above are sent through the usual channels to N.D.H.Q.; in England to Canadian Military H.Q.
  - (i) District Officers Commanding will arrange to forward War Diaries to National Defence Headquarters addressed Director Historical Section, G.S. (War Diaries) with covering roll, in duplicate, showing unit from which received and number of copies in each case; the duplicate roll will be returned as a receipt.
  - (ii) Formations and Units in the Ottawa Area Command will forward War Diaries direct to National Defence Headquarters (addressed Director, Historical Section, G.S. (War Diaries)).
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 (Mohn. 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).

## II

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; *copies* should, whenever available, be attached as appendices to the duplicate and triplicate copies 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.

## III

(vi) Changes in establishment or strength. Names and ranks of officers and number of O.R. Attachment of units and individuals. Reinforcements. *Weekly Field Returns of Officers and O.R.* should be attached as appendices to the original copy. *Copy of Part II Orders* should be attached to the triplicate copy only. 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, the file title and reference number being entered in conformity with the filing system.

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**

**THE EXTRACTION AND RETENTION OF APPENDICES, MAPS, ETC., FROM A WAR DIARY IS AN OFFENCE  
UNDER THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT.**

## REPORTS ON OPERATIONS

1. A Report on Operations is a statement made by a commander to convey a clear impression of the action of his command during a specified period. It is primarily for the immediate information of higher military command. Compiled in the field largely from the C.O's note book and unit office log books it is a firm statement of fact. Being a record of experience gained, it is a valuable guide for training and for future operations. It is inserted as the backbone of the war diary, and is invaluable to the historian.

2. In compiling Report on Operations, unit commanders quote from reports of their officers. Commanders of formations forward reports of unit commanders intact, amplifying them whenever necessary.

3. Officers preparing reports will follow the rules laid down in F.S.P.B., Pt. I, Pamphlet No. 4, 1943.

4. Specimen headings are as under, with modifications appropriate for the planned attack, the defensive engagement, the encounter battle, or minor actions.

### (a) SITUATION—

- (i) Outline.
- (ii) Information re enemy intentions, dispositions, and strengths.
- (iii) Our intentions, unit locations, and strengths.
- (iv) Condition own troops and equipment.

### (b) PLAN AND METHOD—

- (i) Objectives.
- (ii) Action required by unit.
- (iii) Boundaries and areas.
- (iv) Fire plan incl. Naval and Air co-operation.
- (v) Administration.
- (vi) Intercommunication.
- (vii) Start line and zero hour.

### (c) COURSE OF THE BATTLE—

- (i) Narrative of action with locations and times.
- (ii) Weather and terrain.

- (iii) Quality, action, equipment and methods of the enemy.
- (iv) Objectives reached (incl. flank formations).
- (v) Outstanding incidents.
- (vi) Factors affecting the course and results of the action.
- (vii) Ammunition expenditure.
- (viii) Performance of vehicles.
- (ix) Consolidation and reorganization—unit locations, boundaries, areas.
- (x) Casualties, their cause and number.
- (xi) Captures, incl. identifications, weapons and equipment.

### (d) COMMENTS AND LESSONS LEARNED—

- (i) Tactical methods.
- (ii) Weapons and Equipment.
- (iii) Administration.
- (iv) Intercommunication.

### (e) APPENDICES—Orders and instructions, air photos, maps and sketches, etc.

## 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, para. 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 4-6-3 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—

The method outlined in F.S.R. Vol. II, Appendix IV, will be used for all purposes, e.g. 2 Feb 40.

### 3. DOCUMENTS FOR PRESERVATION—

The monthly review of correspondence (F.S.R. Vol. I, sec. 171, para. 3) is facilitated and future confusion avoided by docketing the material in “Category ii” (i.e., “no longer required”, etc.) to conform with the system.

### 4. 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 precis 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.)

*For list of headings see back of jacket.*

## VII

## 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.

## VIII

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.
- 5-9. }

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.

## IX

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, Billets, 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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## LIST OF APPENDICES - WAR DIARY - 1 Jan 44 to 31 Jan 44

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| PART I ORDERS  | X               | X                | X ✓                |
| PART II ORDERS | -               | -                | X ✓                |
| FIELD RETURNS  | X               | -                | -                  |

Part I orders were not published from 8 Jan 44 to 23 Jan incl.

Part I orders were not published from 25 Jan 44 to 31 Jan 54 both dates incl.

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## ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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| Place              | Date   | Hour             | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks, references to Appendices and initials |
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|                    |        |                  | <b>355-N-2 JAN-44</b>  |  |
|                    |        |                  | <b><u>11th CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SUPPORT GROUP (P L FUS)</u></b>   |  |
| ALTAMURA<br>ITALY  | 1Jan44 | 1000<br><br>1600 | Cloudy and rain.<br>Offrs of this unit attended reception at HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde.<br>New Years treated as a holiday for men of the Unit.<br>A.A. Coy supplying town guard at ALTAMURA.   | <i>G.F.D.</i>                                  |
| ALTA MURA<br>ITALY | 2Jan   | 1045             | Clear and fine.<br>Church parade in ALTAMURA.  | <i>G.F.D.</i>                                  |
| ALTAMURA<br>ITALY  | 3Jan44 |                  | Clear and bright.<br>Major W.W. Reid, Major N.H. Minshull, Major P&B. Kennedy, Capt. R.S. Blair, Capt. D.G. Bauld and Lieut. G.E. Darrach attending 5 Cdn Armd Div Study week in ALTAMURA.<br>14 personnel of this unit attending mine clearing demonstration at C.B.H. lines.<br>All personnel, of this unit received bath at the Mobile Bath Unit. | <i>G.F.D.</i>                                  |
| ALTAMURA<br>ITALY  | 4Jan44 |                  | Bright and warm.<br>7 personnel attending mine clearing demonstration at C. B.H. lines.<br>R.C.E. demonstration squad put on demonstration in Mortar Coy lines on booby traps for personnel of this unit.  | <i>G.F.D.</i>                                  |
| ALTAMURA<br>ITALY  | 5Jan   |                  | Cool.<br>Ordinary trg carried on.  | <i>G.F.D.</i>                                  |
| ALTAMURA<br>ITALY  | 6Jan   |                  | Bright and warm.<br>7 Offrs attending 5 Cdn Armd Div Study week.<br>First vehicles from 5 Cdn Armd Bde arrived at unit.  | <i>G.F.D.</i>                                  |
| ALTAMURA<br>ITALY  | 7 Jan  |                  | Bright and warm.<br>7 Officers attending 5 Cdn Armd Div Study Group<br>Preparations being made for exercise "STAR".  | <i>G.F.D.</i>                                  |

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|                       |                      |              | <b>355-N-3 JAN-44</b>   |  |
| ALTAMURA<br>ITALY     | 8Jan                 |              | Bright and warm.<br>Vehicles being collected from units of 5 Cdn Arm'd Bde.   | J.E.D.   |
| ALTAMURA<br>ITALY     | 9Jan                 | 0500<br>1600 | Cloudy and warm.<br>Major W.W. Reid and Capt D.G. Bauld left with Comd Group for 8th Army Front.<br>One Platoon of Mortar Coy and one Platoon of MMG Coy attached to Irish Regt, Perth Regt and Capt Breton Highlanders to move off with above units on Exercise "STAR".  | J.E.D.   |
| ALTAMURA<br>ITALY     | 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 1400<br>2200 | Clear and bright.<br>Preparations completed for move, on Exercise "STAR".<br>Men rested for remainder of day.<br>This unit less A.A. Coy left ALTAMURA.<br>Moon full and bright.  | J.E.D.   |
| STAGING AREA<br>URURI | 11Jan                | 0800         | Clear and bright.<br>Arrived Staging Area URURI. Remained there all day.  | J.E.D.   |
| TREGLIO               | 12Jan                |              | Clear and bright.<br>Departed URURI at 0610 hrs and arrived TREGLIO (MR 349068 SHEET 147 - I at 1400 hrs<br>Set up camp.  | J.E.D.   |
| TREGLIO<br>ITALY      | 13Jan                | 1500         | Clear and bright.<br>Remained in camp during day.<br>No. 2 Platoon M.M.G. Coy left to take up position at MR 310176 SHEET 147 - II  | J.E.D.   |
| TREGLIO<br>ITALY      | 14Jan                | 0900<br>1000 | Clear and warmer.<br>Lieut G.F. Halliwell and LIEUT KC TRACY's Platoon, MMG Coy left bivouac area at TREGLIO to take up new position at MR 313178 SHEET 141 - II<br>HQ of Hq Group and MMG F Echelon left bivouac area TREGLIO for new positions north of ORTONA at MR 326175 arriving at 1130 hrs.<br>HQ set up. | J.E.D.   |

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| ITALY<br>MR 326175<br>SHEET 141 - II | 15Jan |      | Dull and cool.<br>No reports of action from MMG or Mortar Coys.<br>A & B Echelons left TREGGIO to take new positions at MR 328148 SHEET 141 - II<br>One case of jaundice reported from Mortar Coy.   | J.S.O.   |
| ITALY<br>MR 326175<br>SHEET 141 - II | 16Jan |      | Bright and clear.<br>MMG and Mortar Coys report all quiet in their areas.<br>A & B Echelons sheeled intermittently during night 15/16 Jan.   | J.S.O.   |
| ITALY<br>MR 326175<br>SHEET 141 - II | 17Jan |      | Cloudy and cool.<br>MMG and Mortar Coys supporting attack by 11 Cdn Inf Bde on areas MR 2917 and MR 2918<br>SHEET 141 - II ITALY 1:50-000.<br>Mortar Coy under command of Mortar Group 1 Div.<br>No 1 Platoon MMG brought harrassing fire on MR 285183 switching on order to road along square 2919 - 2920 firing harrassing fire intermittently during hours of daylight<br>No. 2 Pl - 1 Sec advanced to vicinity 312 179 to snipe enemy driven out of house by A/Tk fire.<br>Forced out of position to original fire position at 312 178 from where they carried out tasks on road (harrassing fire) on square 2919 - 2920.<br>No 3 Platoon MMG carried out harrassing fire from 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs on ford 280 175<br>Mortar coy fired 700 bombs per gun. | J.S.O.   |
| ITALY<br>MR 326175<br>SHEET 141 - II | 18Jan |      | Cloudy.<br>11 Cdn Inf Bde relieved at front by 2 Cdn Inf Bde. Mortar coy of this unit returned to TREGGIO leaving ORTONA at 1300 hrs. and arriving at 1500 hrs.<br>HQ Gp A & B Echelon left at 1400 hrs arriving at 1540 hrs. MMG Coy 1 ft at 1600 hrs arriving at 1840 hrs.   | J.S.O.   |

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| <b>355-N-5 JAN-44</b>              |       |                      |  |  |
| T REGLIO<br>ITALY                  | 19Jan | 0900<br>1030<br>1000 | Bright and warm.<br>Unit addressed by Major General C. Vokes R<br>Officers addressed by Major General C. Vokes in the lines of the Irish Regt of C.<br>Major P.B. Kennedy, Capt J.A. MacDonald, Capt K.M. Harrison and party of 6 NCOs left on Reece and advance party.  | g.f.s  |
| TREGLIO<br>ITALY                   | 20Jan |                      | Bright and warm.<br>Lieut Horobin, Major W.W. Reid and Lieut J.L. Crochetiere reced new position.<br>Personnel engaged in cleaning guns.   | g.f.s.   |
| TREGLIO<br>ITALY                   | 21Jan |                      | Bright and warm.<br>MMG Coy moved by Platoons at 0800 hrs, 1300 hrs and 1345 hrs arriving at new positions<br># 1 Pl MR 24950380 Sheet 147 - 1<br># 2 Pl MR 251030<br># 3 Pl MR 266018<br>Last 2 miles supplies carried in by mule trains.<br>8 mule skimmers attached for all purposes.   | g.f.s  |
| TREGLIO<br>ITALY                   | 22Jan | 0800                 | Bright and warm.<br>HQ, MMG and Mortar Coy HQs moved to new area MR 283031 Sheet 147 - I<br>A & B Echelons remaining in staging area at TREGLIO.<br><del>Capt P.B. Kennedy</del> Major P.B. Kennedy, Capt, J.A. MacDonald, Capt K.M. Harrison returned to A Echelon.<br>Group from Mortar coy swept this area MR 258034 for "S" Mines. | g.f.s  |
| ITALY<br>MR 258034<br>Sheet 147 -1 | 23Jan | 1300                 | Bright and warm<br>Mortar Coy moved to this area MR 258034.<br>Under command of CRA.<br>"C" Echelon moved to FURCI, west of VASTQ and attached for all purposes to D.M.A.<br>5 Cdn Arm Div.  | g.f.s  |
| ITALY                              |       |                      |  |  |

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| Place                               | Date  | Hour                 | 355-N-6 JAN-44 Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks, references to Appendices and initials |
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| ITALY<br>MR 258034<br>SHEET 147 - 1 | 24Jan |                      | Bright and warm.<br>No firing by our weapons.<br>A & B Echelons moved to area MR 364984 Sheet 147 - 1   | P.F.O.   |
| ITALY<br>MR 258034<br>SHEET 147-1   | 25Jan | 2300<br>2315<br>2335 | Bright and warm.<br>15 ORs from AA Coy came as reinforcements to MMG and Mortar Coys<br>Bde ordered 3 MMG platoons to engage road bend MR 229020.,<br>These platoons engaged with two belts per gun.<br>No 1 Platoon reported they were fired on by enemy MG on bearing of zero line plus 30 degrees right, range 2300 yds. Plotted on battle board as MR 213029.<br>Bde ordered fire on MR 213029 and 217037 plus 200 yds<br>Both pls firing at extreme range.   | P.F.O.   |
| ITALY<br>MR 258034<br>SHEET 147-1   | 26Jan | 0700<br>0800         | Dark and rainy in morning.<br>Cleared up at noon.<br>Mortar coy fired on area from which No 1 Pl MMG were fired on previous night..<br>MMG Platoons ordered to stand down and return to normal fixed lines and D.F. Tasks<br>Ordered by HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde to fire in conjunction with 4.2 Mortars on target MR 223043 Sheet 147-1. Target engaged by No 1 and No 2 Pls. No 1 Pl fired at 1730 hrs on D.F. Task in front of Irish Regt of C, FDLs. No 1 Pl MMG engaged and put out of action an enemy MG in house 1300 yds north of Pl HQ. | P.F.O.   |
| ITALY<br>MR 258034<br>Sheet 147 - 1 | 27Jan |                      | Dark and wet during morning.<br>Roads very greasy.<br>No t rgets from higher than Pl level.<br>No 1 and 2 Platoon s experienced moderate enemy mortaring and sheel fire.<br>No 3 Platoon getting nothing to report.<br>Capt. D.G. Bauld attended meeting at CRA at CASELPRENTANO to tie in mortar fire with Arty fire plan.   | P.F.O.   |

Instructions regarding preparation of War Diaries (which will be kept from first day of mobilization, creation or embodiment), are contained in F.S. Regs. Vol. 1

# WAR DIARY

M.F.M. 11.  
40/P & S/37 (9/42)

OR

## ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to O. i/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.

Title pages will be prepared.

(Erase heading not required)

| Place                               | Date  | Hour         | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks, references to Appendices and initials |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------|--|--|
|                                     |       |              | <b>355-N-7 JAN-44</b>  |  |
| ITALY<br>MR 258034<br>SHEET 147-1   | 28Jan |              | <p>Clear and warm.<br/>Roads still muddy but passable to 4x2 with chains<br/>MMG Coy - No 1 Platoon no targets fired.<br/>Heavy mortar and MB fire from enemy directed on positions. No casualties.<br/>No 2 Platoon - 1730 hrs target Dave MR engaged with two belts per gun rapid. Heavy enemy shelling and mortaring forced platoon from building and slit trenches on gun line were occupied from 1400 - 1550 hrs. One minor casualty sustained by Fus Goodall - shrapnel abrasions in buttocks.<br/>No 3 Platoon - no targets engaged and no enemy activity observed.</p> | <i>J.E.D.</i>                                  |
| ITALY<br>MR 258034<br>SHEET 147-1   | 29Jan | 1000<br>1400 | <p>Bright and clear.<br/>Quiet in early morning<br/>to 1200 hrs three pls from mortar Coy did reistering tasks.<br/>CMH asked for fire on convent school on ORTOGNA. The roof was blown off the building.<br/>Remainder of the afternoon was spent in registering targets. Enemy fire still heavy but less than previous day. MMG Coy had nothing to report.</p>   | <i>J.E.D.</i>                                  |
| ITALY<br>MR 258034<br>SHEET 147-1   | 30Jan | 1510         | <p>Bright and warm. Mortar Coy reported very quiet day. One amusing incident during the day namely C.B.H. asked for mortar fire to wipe out a sniper that was causing them trouble. They stated that mortar fire seemed to be more accurate than arty.<br/>Irish Regt asked for fire from Mortar Coy to be brought down at a bearing of 205 degrees and 900 yds from their positions on an enemy mortar position that was causing them trouble.<br/>MMG coy reported heavy enemy fire intermittently during the day.</p>   | <i>J.E.D.</i>                                  |
| ITALY<br>MR 258034<br>SHEET 147 - 1 | 31Jan |              | <p>Bright and clear.<br/>Enemy using heavy guns and mortars during night 30 - 31 on both MMG and Mortar positions. There was nothing to report from coys otherwise.</p>  | <i>J.E.D.</i>                                  |

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS  
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11 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SUPPORT GROUP  
PART I DAILY ORDER

No. .... 1  
1 Jan 44

Last Order  
No. .... 42  
31 Dec 43

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1. DUTIES  
1-A

ORDERLY OFFICER  
ORDERLY OFFICER NEXT FOR DUTY  
ORDERLY SERGEANT  
ORDERLY SERGEANT NEXT FOR DUTY

-LIEUT. G.F. HALLIWELL  
-LIEUT. W.J. HOPGOOD  
-SGT. HATFIELD, JA  
-SGT. MATHERS, ER

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NOTICE

(Excerpt from a prominent Halifax newspaper of recent date)

"P.L.F. Men  
Mentioned  
With Forces

Announcement of the arrival in Italy of a reinforcing contingent raised comment in Halifax today that the Princess Louise Fusiliers, famed local regiment, may be taking its place with units on the Italian Front.

With Contingent

Belief that the P.L.F. accompanied the contingent to the Mediterranean area from Great Britain, was based on the news of the arrival of two men, Capt ----- and Capt -----.  
Captains ----- and ----- left Canada with the P.L.F. and underwent rigorous training with that regiment in England.

Trained for Assault

Arrival of the two men does not, however, indicate for certain that The Princess Louise Fusiliers has arrived in Italy. It is possible that Captains ----- and ----- may have been transferred to other units during their training period.

In England the P.L.F. has been engaged in continuous training for an eventful assault on the European Fortress or any other theatre of war in which it may be called to serve.

During the First Great War the Princess Louise Fusiliers saw hundreds of Canadian soldiers pass through the ranks on their way overseas."

De-Dah--De-De-Dah----De-De-Dah-----

REGIMENTAL ORDERS  
BY  
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PART I DAILY ORDER

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1. DUTIES

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ORDERLY OFFICER  
ORDERLY OFFICER NEXT FOR DUTY  
ORDERLY SERGEANT  
ORDERLY SERGEANT NEXT FOR DUTY

-LIEUT. W.J.HOPGOOD  
-LIEUT. F.A.NEAL  
-SGT. MATHERS, ER  
-SGT. NEIFORTH, RG

2. INDISCRIMINATE SHOOTING

2-A

Attention of all ranks is directed to Appendix "A" para 2 (b) of 5 DRO 288/43 as published in Unit Part I orders No. 31 dated 15 Dec 43, stating "except in trg ops, firearms will only be discharged in cases of extreme necessity". This order is to be complied with and any infringement will be strictly punished.

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11 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SUPPORT GROUP

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1. DUTIES

1-A

ORDERLY OFFICER  
ORDERLY OFFICER NEXT FOR DUTY  
ORDERLY SERGEANT  
ORDERLY SERGEANT NEXT FOR DUTY

-LIEUT. F.A. NEAL  
-LIEUT. C.D. NICKERSON  
-SGT. NEIFORTH, RG  
-SGT. POELZER, AV

2. DISCIPLINE

2-A

1. On 15 Dec 43, M3096 Gnr Alfred Leo TRAINOR, 17 Fd Regt RCA. was tried by FGCM on a charge under A.A. Sec 40 for obtaining a ride in a mil veh by pointing a TMG at those in charge and demanding tn.

2. He was convicted and sentenced to undergo six months' detention.

3. SAL IN OPS

3-A

1. The standard sal procedure throughout the army is based on immediate clearance of material by tps through DMA by returning first and second line tpt. The sal dumps will always exist at FMCs, rail and rd heads.

2. The lids of pet containers will be closed immediately the can is empty.

3. Ann empties will be boxed by gnrs on site and returned via first line tpt to a designated area near the AP where boxes will be stacked and cleared by second line tpt to Sal Dump at FMC or rail head.

4. Sal is one means of achieving economy of forces by preventing waste and by collecting and bringing back quickly into service all material capable of re-use in any form, so that tps can be kept properly maintained in the most efficient and economical manner.

(7-22/Q)

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4 Jan 44

1. DUTIES  
1-A

ORDERLY OFFICER  
ORDERLY OFFICER NEXT FOR DUTY  
ORDERLY SERGEANT  
ORDERLY SERGEANT NEXT FOR DUTY

-LIEUT. C.D. NICKERSON  
-LIEUT. J.H. PELLETIER  
-SGT. POELZER, AV  
-SGT. RELF, FG

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NOTICE

There will be a movie in the Cinema at ALTAMURA to-night  
at 1700 hrs.

"CITY FOR CONQUEST"

REGIMENTAL ORDERS  
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CMDR  
11 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SUPPORT GROUP  
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No. .... 5  
5 Jan 44

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1. DUTIES  
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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ORDERLY OFFICER                | -LIEUT. J.H. PELLETTIER |
| ORDERLY OFFICER NEXT FOR DUTY  | -LIEUT. C.A. RITCEY     |
| ORDERLY SERGEANT               | -SGT REIF, JG           |
| ORDERLY SERGEANT NEXT FOR DUTY | -SGT SADDLER, JT        |

2. UNIT BOARD  
2-A

The u/m Officers are hereby appointed members  
of the Unit Audit Board, w.e.f. 5 Jan 44

|         |                |            |
|---------|----------------|------------|
| A/CAPT. | K.M. HARRISON  | MORTAR COY |
| LIEUT.  | C.D. NICKERSON | HQ COY     |

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6 Jan 44

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1. DUTIES  
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|                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| ORDERLY OFFICER                | - LIEUT. C.A. RITCEY |
| ORDERLY OFFICER NEXT FOR DUTY  | ☉ LIEUT. K.C. TRACY  |
| ORDERLY SERGEANT               | - SGT. SADDLER, JJ   |
| ORDERLY SERGEANT NEXT FOR DUTY | - SGT. TOMES, PH     |

2. POSTING  
2-A

Posted to MMG Coy w.e.f. 5 Jan 44  
F-34594 FUS HOUGHTON, BM      2HQ GP

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NOTICE

There will be a movie in the theatre at ALHAMBRA at 1700 hrs  
Fri, 7 Jan 44.

"BROTHER ORCHID"

with  
LIEUT. G. W. HINDS

REGIMENTAL ORDERS  
BY  
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11 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SUPPORT GROUP  
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7 Jan 44

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1. DUTIES  
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|                                |                    |
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| ORDERLY OFFICER                | -LIEUT. K.C. TRACY |
| ORDERLY OFFICER NEXT FOR DUTY  | -LIEUT. G.S. BAULD |
| ORDERLY SERGEANT               | -SGT TOMES, FH     |
| ORDERLY SERGEANT NEXT FOR DUTY | -SGT WALSH, JJ     |

2. POSTINGS  
2-A

Posted to HQ GP w.e.f. 6 Jan 44

M-59174 SGT GIRARD, JA  
C-75627 L/CPL HARRISON, EG

2-B Posted to MMG Coy w.e.f. 7 Jan 44

A-11013 FWS BINNINGTON, H

2-C Posted to AA Coy w.e.f. 6 Jan 44

F-86454 PTE SLAUNWHITE, A.W.

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1. DUTIES  
1-A

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| ORDERLY OFFICER                | -LIEUT. G.S. BAULD     |
| ORDERLY OFFICER NEXT FOR DUTY  | -LIEUT. D.M. CREIGHTON |
| ORDERLY SERGEANT               | -SGT. WALSH, JJ        |
| ORDERLY SERGEANT NEXT FOR DUTY | -SGT. WESTLAKE, R.L    |

2. ALL CDN AIRMAIL SERVICE  
2-A

The Minister of National Defence requests that Cdn tps be advised that arrangements have been completed for an all-Cdn Air Service for the carriage tps mail between CANADA, the UK, and the MEDITERRANEAN, and that service is now in progress.

(7-s/Q)

3. FRUIT PARCELS  
3-A

All ranks are warned of the risk involved in sending fruit to the UK or CANADA by parcel post. Mail despatches from this theatre are likely to be irregular and, during certain periods, infrequent. For security reasons no announcement can be made regarding the frequency of the service or the probable dates of departure. There is considerable danger that fruit, particularly soft fruit may become rotten before reaching destination and in certain cases parcels may have to be destroyed. The Army Post Office does not accept responsibility for deterioration.

4. DISCIPLINE  
4-A

1. On 27 Dec 43, C32376 Pte James Varner COSSABOOM, 5 Can Armd Div Tps Coy RCASC, was tried by FGCM and pleaded guilty to charges of leaving his post as sentinel before he was regularly relieved and drunkenness when on duty as sentinel.
2. He was sentenced to undergo detention for a period of 18 months.

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UNIT ORDERS

BY

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1. DISCIPLINE

ALL personnel will wear caps field service or steel helmets only.

Caps mechanic may be worn by drivers when carrying out maintenance on their vehicles.

Any personnel wearing any other kind of head dress will be punished for failing to comply with a standing order.

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11 Cdn Inf Bde Sp Gp (P L Fus)