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The Princess Louise Fusiliers (M.C.) Ser. No. 355-
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HALIFAX	1 SEP	1900	ALL RANKS WERE ASSEMBLED AT THE HALIFAX ARMOURY FOR A "TRIAL" MUSTER PARADE IN ANTICIPATION OF BEING "CALLED OUT"		<i>gion.</i>
	1 SEP	2315	THE COMMANDING OFFICER ARRIVED AT THE HALIFAX ARMOURY WITH A LETTER AUTHORIZING THIS UNIT TO MOBOLIZE UNDER SECTION 64 OF THE MILITIA ACT.		① <i>gion.</i>
	2 SEP		CAPTAIN (PAYMASTER,SUP'Y) E. J. NICOLLE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE HALIFAX RIFLES.		<i>gion.</i>
	2 SEP	2000	DETACHMENT FOR DUTY IN EASTERN AREA EMBUSSED:	McNABS ISLAND (AREA HEADQUARTERS) 53 all ranks EASTERN PASSAGE 20 all ranks	} <i>gion.</i> ② <i>gion.</i>
	3 SEP	0800	DETACHMENT FOR DUTY IN WESTERN AREA EMBUSSED:	HERRING COVE 54 all ranks. SPRYFIELD (AREA HEADQUARTERS) 32 all ranks.	
	3 SEP	0907	MESSAGE FROM FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS " INFORM ALL UNITS THAT ACCORDING TO RADIO REVIEWS(?) "WAR HAS BEEN DECLARED."		<i>gion.</i>
	3 SEP		INSTRUCTED TO AMEND ALL FORMS READING "CANADIAN FIEDD FORCE" TO READ "CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE "FORCE". AND TO USE THE NEW TITLE IN ALL FUTURE REFERENCES.		<i>gion.</i>
	3 SEP		PHONE MESSAGE FROM FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS ADVISING THAT REGIMENTAL DEPOTS WILL FUNCTION SHORTLY.		<i>gion.</i>
	3 SEP		RECEIVED HALIFAX FORTRESS OPERATION ORDER NUMBER 1.		③ <i>gion.</i>
	4 Sep.		Received undated amendment to Halifax Fortress Operation Order No 1.		④ <i>gion.</i>
	4 SEP		PHONE CALL FROM COLONEL W.M.KING (D.A.A.G.) SAYING THAT WE SHOULD INDENT IMMEDIATELY FOR: 4 - 2-TON TRUCKS & 5 - 2-SEATER PASSENGER CARS.		<i>gion.</i>
	4 SEP		MR. CHARLES HOPGOOD : ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA YACHT SQUADRON: HAS OFFERED THE USE OF HIS MOTOR BOAT TO TRANSPORT OFFICERS FROM THE MAINLAND TO McNABS ISLAND FREE OF CHARGE.		<i>gion.</i>

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HALIFAX N.S.	5, SEP.		CAPT. T. E. GUY (REGIMENTAL DEPOT) REPORTED AT M. D. NO. 7 AND IS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS.		
	5 SEP.	2200	BLACKOUT TRIAL LASTING FROM 2200 HRS. UNTIL 2205 HRS.		
	5 SEP		RECRUITING BRISK. UNLIKELY LOOKING MEN ARE BEING TURNED AWAY.		
			AT OUR SUGGESTION OFFICER I/C HALIFAX ARMOURY HAS AGREED TO A TWENTY FOUR HOUR GUARD ON THE MAIN DOOR OF THE BUILDING.		
	6 Sep		Normal Routine		
	6 SEP		RECEIVED ADVICE TO AMEND ALL FORMS READING CANADIAN FIELD FORCE TO READ CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE.		
	7 SEP		UNIT IS SUPPLYING, COMMENCING AT 1700 HRS TO-DAY AN N.C.O. AND THREE FUSILIERS FOR GARRISON POLICE DUTY.		
	8 SEP	1700	39 RECRUITS TAKEN ON STRENGTH TO-DAY.		
			TRUCK SENT TO SPRYFIELD FOR USE BETWEEN SPRYFIELD (WESTERN AREA DETACHMENT H.Q.) AND HERRING COVE.		
	9 SEP		CAPT. GEMMELL REPORTED FOR DUTY .		
			NUMBER OF RECRUITS TAKEN ON STRENGTH SINCE WE MOBILIZED ON 2 SEPT, 1939, 197.		
	10 SEP.		RECEIVED COPY NO THREE OF HEADQUARTERS M. D. NO. 6. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 2. DATED 9 SEPT 39.		
			WEARING OF SUMMER DRESS (KHAKI DRILL) WILL BE DISCONTINUED FROM 10 SEP. 39.		
		1420	REPORT FROM HERRING COVE THAT DYNAMITE AND CAPS HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM A CONSTRUCTION JOB IN THE VICINITY. (SUBSEQUENT INQUIRIES AT R.C.M.P. H.Q. REVEAL THAT DYNAMITE ETC. WAS NOT LOCATED.		

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HALIFAX N.S.	11SEP		OPERATION ORDER NO I. #####. ISSUED CONFIRMING VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED 2 SEP 39.		⑥ <i>bison</i>
	12SEP		OPERATION ORBER NO.I.AMENDMENT NO.I.ISSUED.		⑦ <i>bison</i>
		1527	PHONED COLONEL W.M.KING RE-USE OF LABOUR TEMPLE FOR USE OF TROOPS AFTER PARADE.COLONEL'S KINGS REPLY ATTACHED AS AN APPENDIX.		⑧ <i>bison</i>
			LETTER FROM FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS GIVING PERMISSION FOR JEWISH SOLDIERS TO BE GIVEN LEAVE ON CERTAIN DAYS.WE HAVE NO JEWISH SOLDIERS.		<i>bison</i>
			DREW LANTERNS FROM Q.M.STORES FOR USE IN BATTALION ORDERLY ROOM DURING BLACKOUTS.		<i>bison</i>
	13SEP		RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS PLACING LT.COLONEL COLWELL R.J.E.D.(HALIFAX RIFLES)IN COMMAND OF WESTERN SECTOR.		⑨ <i>bison</i>
	14SEP	0900	ONE SERGEANT AND TWENTY FUSILIERS PROCEEDED TO WELLINGTON BARRACKS FOR GAS DRILL .		<i>bison</i>
		1700	ONE GAS MASK LOANED TO HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT AS PER TELEPHONE INSTRUCTION FROM HALIFAX FORTRESS.		<i>bison</i>
	15SEP	0900	BATHING PARADE AT HALIFAX Y.M.C.A.		<i>bison</i>
	16 Sep		Normal Routine		<i>bison</i>
	17SEP		MAJOR R.D.KING FROM MCNABS ISLAND TO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AS G.S.O.(III).		<i>bison</i>

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HALIFAX N.S.	17SEP	1500	VIOLENT HAILSTORM LASTING MORE THAN AN HOUR BROKE ALL WINDOWS IN SHELTERS AT McNAES ISLAND AND GENERALLY WRECKED THE TAR PAPER COVERING OF THE HUTS.		bixon bixon
		1530	36 ALL RANKS PROCEEDED TO FORTRESS WEAPON TRAINING CAMP AT BEDFORD. THIS CAMP HAS JUST COMMENCED AND THE MAJORITY OF THE STAFF IS SUPPLIED BY THIS UNIT, VIZ. CAMP COMMANDANT CAPT. J. MORRIS THREE MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTORS ONE GAS INSTRUCTOR AND SIX FATIGUE MEN.		
	18SEP		EIGHT OTHER RANKS REPORTED TO 22ND, FIELD AMBULANCE R.C.A.M.C. FOR INSTRUCTION IN FIRST AID AND STRETCHER BEARER WORK. SENT TWO CANDIDATES TO PHYSICAL TRAINING CLASS AT MILITARY GYM. COGSWELL STREET. RETREAT THIS WEEK BEING SOUNDED AT 1853 HRS.		bixon bixon bixon
	19SEP	1207	PHONE MESSAGE FROM CAPT. CAREW -O.C., EASTERN PASSAGE POST -REPORTING THAT HE HAD SEEN A SUBMARINE.		10 bixon
	19SEP		A REGIMENTAL BARBER IS NOW AVAILABLE HAIRCUTS 15¢ EACH.		bixon
	20SEP	0800	FUMIGATED THE MENS CANTEEN (SLEEPING PLACE FOR RESERVE MOBILE PLATOON) FURNISHED A FATIGUE PARTY TO LOAD BLANKETS AND MATTRESSES AT WELLINGTON BARRACKS FOR FORTRESS WEAPON TRAINING CAMP.		bixon bixon bixon
		1100	THE BAND PLAYED A CONCERT IN THE GRAND PARADE BARRINGTON STREET. BORROWED BAYONET FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FROM THE R.C.R.		bixon bixon

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HALIFAX N.S.	20 SEP	2228	TELEPHONE ORDER TO CEASE RECRUITING FROM THIS DATE.		11 bison
	21 SEP		MAJOR H.R.CHIPMAN O.C.,HERRING COVE POST TO COMMAND MC NAB ISLAND DETACHMENT.		bison
	23 SEP	1100	THE BAND PLAYED A CONCERT IN THE GRAND PARADE BARRINGTON STREET.		bison
		1300	ANNUAL CLOSING OF ROADS OVER MILITARY PROPERTY WITHIN THE HALIFAX FORTRESS AREA STARTED.		bison
	24 SEP	1300	ROADS OVER MILITARY PROPERTY INCLUDING THE HALIFAX FORTRESS AREA AGAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.		bison
			SENT ONE FUSILIER TO DISTRICT PAYMASTERS OFFICE FOR PERMENANT DUTY AS ORDERLY.		bison
		1400	CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE ATTESTATION PAPERS AND OTHER FORMS RECEIVED.		bison
		1745	THIRTY TWO CANDIDATES RETURNED FROM FORTRESS WEAPON TRAINING CAMP.		bison
	25 SEP	2359	ALL CLOCKS WITHIN THE HALIFAX FORTRESS AREA TURNED BACK ONE HOUR ¹⁰ 2259 HRS.I.E.,A.S.TIME.		bison
			RETURNED BAYONET FIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO THE R.C.R.		bison
			RETREAT THIS WEEK WILL BE SOUNDED AT 1744 HRS.		bison
			ORDERED BY FORTRESS H.Q.TO MOVE FROM OUR ORIGINAL LOCATION AT EASTERN PASSAGE TO A NEW POSITION THERE AT 946610.PRESENT POSITION TO BE HANDED OVER INTACT TO THE P.E.I.HIGHLANDERS.		bison

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HALIFAX N.S.	26SEP	0930	ORIGINAL POSITION AT EASTERN PASSAGE HANDED OVER TO P.E.I.HIGHLANDERS .NEW POSITION TAKEN UP AT 946610. REPORT FROM MAJOR.LIDDELL O.C.,WESTERN AREA DETACHMENT AT SPRYFIELD THAT A CAR BEARING QUEBEC LICENSE PLATES HAD STOPPED ON THE HERRING COVE ROAD ABOUT 3000 YDS.FROM SANDWICH BATTERY.THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CAR ATTEMPTED TO SET UP SOME KIND OF AN INSTRUMENT.A CIVILIAN RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT STARTED TO GO OVER TO SEE WHAT THEY WERE DOING WHEREUPON THE MEN GOT INTO THE CAR AND DROVE OFF. A DRY CANTEEN WAS OPENED TO-DAY IN THE MENS CANTEEN. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO I. ISSUED TO-DAY.	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
	27	1504	RECEIVED COPY NO.II.OF HALIFAX FORTRESS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO I.DATED 26.SEP.39. Normal Routine	
	28SEP.	1047	MESSAGE FROM HERRING COVE (CAPT.GEMMELL) SAYING THAT A PLANE IS CIRCLING AROUND AND FIRING A MACHINE GUN.CHECKED WITH FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS IT WAS FOUND TO BE A MACHINE FROM H.M.S.BERWICK .R.N. DETACHMENT MOVED FROM SPRYFIELD TO JUNCTION ST.MARGARETS BAY ROAD AND PROSPECT ROAD. RECEIVED COPY NO.11.OF FORTRESS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.11.DATED 27SEP.39 COMMENCED MEDICAL BOARDING OF UNIT PERSONNEL. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.2,ISSUED BY THIS UNIT .	
	29SEP	0900	BATHING PARADE AT HALIFAX Y.M.C.A.	

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HALIFAX N.S.	30 SEP		<p>A GUARD HAVING BEEN INSTITUTED AT DISTRICT H.Q. THIS UNIT WILL SUPPLY , EVERY THIRD DAY TWO N.C.O'S AND SIX MEN.</p> <p>THIRTY SEVEN CANDIDATES RETURNED FROM FORTRESS WEAPON TRAINING CAMP.</p>		20

COMMANDING _____ *CC Mitchell* MAJOR.
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HALIFAX N.S.	1.OCT		RETREAT THIS WEEK WILL BE SOUNDED AT 1732 HRS. CHURCH PARADE AT HALIFAX ARMOURY. FORTY EIGHT CANDIDATES PROCEEDED TO FORTRESS WEAPON TRAINING CAMP. <i>Normal Daily Routine</i>	WAR DIARY October 1939 <i>Lian</i> <i>Lian</i> <i>Lian</i> <i>Lian</i> <i>Lian</i>
	2 Oct			
	3 Oct			
	4.OCT		COMPLETED MEDICAL BOARDING OF PERSONNEL OF THIS UNIT . EXCEPT MC NABS ISLAND AND EASTERN PASSAGE)	
	5.OCT		GUARDS AT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, CITADEL HILL, VETCRAFT SHOP, AND CABLE LANDING TAKEN OVER FROM THE HALIFAX RIFLES.	<i>Lian</i>
	6.OCT	0900	BATHING PARADE AT HALIFAX Y.M.C.A.	<i>Lian</i>
	7.OCT		FORTY EIGHT CANDIDATES RETURNED FROM FORTRESS WEAPON TRAINING CAMP.	<i>Lian</i>
	8.OCT		CHURCH PARADE AT HALIFAX ARMOURY.	<i>Lian</i>
		1000	BEGAN TYPHOID INOCULATION IN W.O'S AND N.C.O'S MESS. COURT OF INQUIRY RE DAMAGE TO RIFLE NO.236 HELD TO DAY. RETREAT WILL BE SOUNDED THIS WEEK AT 1719 HRS. FORTY EIGHT CANDIDATES PROCEEDED TO FORTRESS WEAPON TRAINING CAMP.	<i>Lian</i> <i>Lian</i> <i>Lian</i> <i>Lian</i> <i>Lian</i>

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HALIFAX N.S.	7.OCT		MEDICAL BOARDING OF PERSONNEL OF MC NABS ISLAND DETACHMENT COMMENCED TO DAY. SENT A MESSAGE TO EASTERN PASSAGE POST ADVISING THEM THAT FORTRESS H.Q. HAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO MR.G.A.HUBLEY TO OPERATE A DREDGE IN THE VICINITY OF SOLDIERS PIER MC NABS ISLAND AND BARRIE BEACH.	<i>bison</i> (A) <i>bison</i>
	9.OCT		THANKSGIVING DAY .AUTHORITY FROM DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS TO ALLOW AS MANY AS POSSIBLE TO HAVE A HOLIDAY.	
	10 Oct		INOCULATIONS CONTINUED.	
	11.OCT		PERSONNEL OF EASTERN PASSAGE POST RELIEVED TO DAY FOR BOARDING BY MEDICAL OFFICERS.	
	12.OCT		PHYSICAL TRAINING CLASS AT MILITARY GYM.COGSWELL STREET STARTED TO DAY THIS UNIT SENT FOUR CANDIDATES.	
		1000	A DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL CONVENED TO DAY AT WELLINGTON BARRACKS TO TRY NO.P15380 PTE.MUNROE M.E.,THE R.C.R.CAPT.W.C.GEMMELL OF THIS UNIT DETAILED AS A MEMBER OF THE COURT.CHARGE (SLEEPING ON HIS POST) PLEA (NOT GUILTY) FINDING (GUILTY) .NOT CONFIRMED BY D.O.G. DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL DISSOLVED.	
	13.OCT	1630	A MEETING WAS HELD AT FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS TO DAY TO DISCUSS RECREATIONAL TRAINING .	

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HALIFAX N.S.	15.OCT		RETREAT THIS WEEK WILL BE SOUNDED AT 1707 HRS. INOCULATIONS CONTINUED. CHURCH PARADE AT HALIFAX ARMOURY. ^{1ED} SUPPLY ONE MORE INSTRUCTOR AND TWO MORE FATIGUE MEN FOR FORTRESS WEAPON TRAINING CAMP.		<i>Bison</i> <i>Bison</i> <i>Bison</i> <i>Bison</i>
	16.OCT		INOCULATIONS CONTINUED. MESSAGE FROM FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS THIS UNIT IS TO SEND TWO SPECIALLY SELECTED MEN TO MELVILLE ISLAND PRISON FOR INSTRUCTION UNDER THE CHIEF WARDER.		<i>Bison</i> <i>Bison</i>
	17. OCT		MESSAGE FROM FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS THIS UNIT IS NOT TO SEND TWO MEN TO MELVILLE ISLAND PRISON FOR INSTRUCTION.		<i>Bison</i>
	18.OCT		INOCULATIONS CONTINUED.		<i>Bison</i> <i>Bison</i>
	19.OCT.		WARNING ORDER TO WITHDRAW M.G. POST AT JUNCTION ST.MARGARET BAY ROAD AND PROSPECT ROAD.		<i>Bison</i>
	20.OCT		HEADQUARTERS A.B.AND C. COMPANIES CEASED TO USE N.P.A.M.REGIMENTAL NUMBERS BUT D.COY.WILL CONTINUE WITH N.P.A.M. NUMBERS FOR A FEW DAYS.		<i>Bison</i>

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HALIFAX N.S.	21.OCT		WARNED BY DISTRICT H.Q. TO DRAIN ALL V.M.G. 'S ON ACCOUNT OF FROST. FIRST CHILD BORN IN P.L.FUS.(MG) C.A.S.F. TO CAPT.AND MRS.JACK MORRIS A DAUGHTER HEATHER EVILLE.	<i>Brian</i> <i>Brian</i>
	22.OCT		RETREAT DURING ENSUING WEEK WILL SOUND AT 1655 HRS. CHURCH PARADE AT HALIFAX ARMOURY.	<i>Brian</i> <i>Brian</i>
	23.OCT	2000 1330	LECTURE IN THE HALIFAX RIFLES OFFICERS MESS SUBJECT . BATHING PARADE AT PLAYGROUNDS HUT ON SOUTH COMMON	<i>Brian</i> <i>Brian</i>
	24 Oct		REPORTED TO OFFICER I/C HALIFAX ARMOURY THAT SLOPING GRANITE THRESHOLD MAIN DOOR IS VERY SLIPPERY AND THAT IT SHOULD BE ROUGHENED BEFORE AN ACCIDENT OCCURS.MEN MARCHING OUT OF THE ARMOURY ARE CONTINUALLY SLIPPING DUE TO THE STEEL HEEL PLATES SLIPPING ON THE SMOOTH SLOPING STONE. <i>Normal Routine</i>	<i>Brian</i> <i>Brian</i>
	25.OCT.		RECEIVED COPY NO.13,OF HALIFAX FORTRESS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.III DATED 22OCT39.	<i>Brian</i> <i>Brian</i>
	27.OCT.		BATHING PARADE AT PLAYGROUNDS HUT ON SOUTH COMMON.	<i>Brian</i>

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HALIFAX N.S.	Oct.27		ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL COMPANYS (LESS H.Q. COMPANY) FOR THEM TO RE-ORGANIZE IMMEDIATELY INTO COY., H.Q. AND FOUR PLATOONS EACH OF A PLATOON H.Q. AND ONE SECTION. THIS ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FORTRESS H.Q.	bixon bixon
	Oct.28	0900	PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION COMMENCED THIS MORNING CANDIDATES FROM THIS UNIT 2/LIEUT.R.L.SIMMONDS, 2/LIEUT.J.H.VANBUSKIRK, 2/LIEUT.D.G.BAULD.	bixon
	Oct.28	1000	THE COMMANDING OFFICER CALLED TO FORTRESS H.Q. TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE WITH OTHER INFANTRY AND M.G. COMMANDING OFFICERS.	bixon
	Oct.28	2000	SING SONG AND CONCERT HELD IN THE GARRISON CLUB, HALIFAX ARMOURY.	bixon
	Oct.29		COURT OF INQUIRY CONVENED TO INQUIRE INTO CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING AN ACCIDENT IN WHICH FUS.SLADE, VICTOR HURT HIS ANKLE.	bixon
	Oct.29		ORDERS FOR "FIRE PRECAUTIONS" ISSUED AND SENT TO ALL POSTS AND DETACHMENTS.	© bixon
	Oct.30	1212	PHONE CALL FROM EASTERN PASSAGE RE NAVAL ACTIVITIES. SEE APPENDIX.	① bixon
	Oct.30		TIME OF GUARD MOUNTING AT DISTRICT H.Q. CHANGED TO 1030 HRS. WEEK DAYS - 1015 HRS. SUNDAYS.	bixon

cc Mitchell Lieut Colonel

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OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS NO.322nd, OCTOBER, 1939.

Reference Maps:

HALIFAX 1/25,000
Sheets 9369, 9358
7369, 7339

Appendix (B)

1. With reference to para 10 of HALIFAX FORTRESS OPERATION ORDER No.1. dated 2 Sept.39, and to verbal instructions of 19th, Oct 39, the infantry defences will be re-organized by withdrawing of permanent posts mentioned below and replacing them by night observation posts.
 - (a) THE EASTERN SECTOR.
 - (i) Road MUSQUODOBOIT-DARTMOUTH (Post Road) and road UPPER LAWRENCETOWN-CRANBERRY LAKE.
 - (ii) Road UPPER LAWRENCETOWN-DARTMOUTH (COLE HARBOUR ROAD) and road running S.E. through squares 9368 and 9367.
 - (b) THE WESTERN SECTOR.
 - (i) Road patrols in vicinity of SPRYFIELD.
 - (ii) Post at junction of PROSPECT ROAD and ST.MARGARETS BAY ROAD.
2. To take the place of the above ,night observation posts will be established as follows.
 - (a) THE EASTERN SECTOR.
 - (i) Vicinity of bridge 933716 on Post Road.
 - (ii) Road junction 931688 on COLE HARBOUR ROAD.
 - (b) THE WESTERN SECTOR.
 - (1) Road junction 823613 S.W.of SPRYFIELD.
 - (11) Roadn junction 796641 (ST.MARGARETS BAY ROAD).
3. The above observation posts will be manned nightly by a section of one N.C.O.and six men from sunset until one hour after sunrise.
4. Road blocks will be in position during the period the post is occupied and removed each morning when the post is withdrawn.
5. Personnel detailed to man the night observation posts will be conveyed to and from the posts in M.T.under Unit arrangements.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed.(S.T.E.Fetterley)
Brigade Major,
Halifax Fortress.

Time of Signature 1500 hrs.
Issued by D.R.L.S.

P.L.Fus. (M.G.) C.A.S.F.

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FROM 1 - Nov. 39 TO 30 - Nov. 39

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Place	Date	Hour	P.L. Fus. (M. G.) C.A.S.F.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
HALIFAX N.S NOVEMBER. 1939	1		DAILY ROUTINE.		L L L L L L L L
	2	2000	LECTURE IN THE HALIFAX RIFLES OFFICERS MESS.SPEAKER FLIGHT.LIEUT.D.SMITH,R.C.A.F. SUBJECT"AIR FORCE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION".		
	3		DAILY ROUTINE.		
	4		DAILY ROUTINE.		
	5	1045	CHURCH PARADE,R.C'S TO ST.MARYS CATHEREDERAL OTHER DENOMINATIONS TO ALL SAINTS CATHEDERAL.		
	6		RETREAT DURING THE ENSUING WEEK WILL SOUND AT 1636 HRS.		
	6	0800	COMMANDING OFFICER ON THREE DAYS LEAVE. R.O.82-(4).		
	7		BLACK OUT DRILL CARRIED OUT THIS EVENING BETWEEN 1900 HRS.AND 2100 HRS.-PERIOD OF DARKNESS LASTED FOR THIRTY MINUTES.ALL LIGHTS IN ARMOURIES WERE TURNED OFF AND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WORK WAS CARRIED ON IN BATTALION ORDERLY ROOM,BY USING OIL LANTERNS.		
	8	0830	COMMANDING OFFICER RETURNED FROM THREE DAYS LEAVE.		L

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NOVEMBER 1939	9		DAILY ROUTINE.		November '39	bison bison bison bison bison bison bison bison bison
	10		RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DISTRICT H.Q. AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN ORGANIZATION FROM FOUR PLATOONS PER COMPANY TO THREE PLATOONS EACH OF TWO SECTIONS OF TWO V.M.G.'S.	(A)		
	11		REGIMENTAL BAND AND ONE COMPANY ATTENDED THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL, GRAND PARADE.THE BAND PLAYED FOR ALL THE SINGING AT THIS SERVICE.			
	12		CHURCH PARADE AT HALIFAX ARMOURIES.			
	12		ADVISED COMPANY COMMANDERS OF AUTHORIZED CHANGE IN ORGANIZATION.SEE APPENDIX.	(B)		
	13	0900	SENT FOUR CANDIDATES TO PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTORS CLASS AT MILITARY GYM.			
	13		CERTAIN PERSONNEL BEING EXERCISED ON MINATURE RANGE IN HALIFAX ARMOURY.			
	13		TYPHOID -PARATYPHOID INOCULATIONS BEING CONTINUED IN W.O.'S AND N.C.O'S MESS.			
	14		COMMANDING OFFICER CALLED TO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.THIS UNIT WAS GIVEN THE HONOUR OF SUPPLYING AN ANTI-TANK PLATOON FOR THE FIRST DIVISION,ONE OFFICER ONE SERGEANT,THREE CORPORALS AND SEVENTEEN FUSILIERS.	(C)		
	15		NORMAL DAILY ROUTINE.			

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HALIFAX N.S.	16	2000	BOXING TOURNAMENT IN THE HALIFAX ARMOURIES .			
NOVEMBER 1939	17	0800	LIEUT.COLONEL R.J.COLWELL E.D., HALIFAX RIFLES, ASSUMES COMMAND OF THE FORTRESS VICE COL.C.S. CRAIG, D.S.O., M.C.			
	17	2000	BOXING TOURNAMENT -FINALS -IN HALIFAX ARMOURIES.			
	18		ALL SENTRYS , EXCEPT THOSE AT DISTRICT H.Q., ORDERED TO CARRY THEIR RIFLES AT THE SLING.			
	19		CHURCH PARADE.			
	20		RETREAT DURING ENSUING WEEK WILL BE SOUNDED AT 1623 HRS.			
	20	2150	COL.C.S.CRAIG D.S.O., M.C., RESUMES COMMAND OF THE FORTRESS, VICE LIEUT.COL.R.J.COLWELL E.D.			
	%	see next page				
	21		DAILY ROUTINE.			
	22		DAILY ROUTINE.			
	23		MAJOR.GENERAL C.F.CONSTANTINE D.S.O., ASSUMES COMMAND OF MILITARY DISTRICT NO.6.			
	23		LETTER FROM FORTRESS ASKING IF WE HAD COMPLETED WITHDRAWAL OF GUARD AT CABLE LANDING.			

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HALIFAX N.S.	20		% RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FORTRESS H.Q., AUTHORIZING THIS UNIT TO WITHDRAW THE GUARD FROM CABLE LANDING. GUARD WITHDRAWN AND "HUT LOCKED AT 1605 HRS".	(E) Nixon
NOVEMBER 1939	24	1250	LETTER FROM DISTRICT H.Q. DATED 23, NOV, 1939, RE THE TRANSFER OF ANTI-TANK PLATOON TO WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT.	(F) Nixon
	24		SENT LETTER TO FORTRESS H.Q. ADVISING THEM OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE GUARD AT CABLE LANDING.	(H) (D) Nixon
	25		RECEIVED COPY NO. 13, OF HALIFAX FORTRESS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 4, DATED 4TH, NOV. 1939.	(I) Nixon
	26		CHURCH PARADE .	Nixon
	27		RETREAT DURING THE ENSUING WEEK WILL BE SOUNDED AT 1620 HRS.	Nixon
	28		NOCTURNAL PROWLER AT HERRING COVE SEE REPORT ATTACHED AS APPENDIX.	(J) Nixon
	29		RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DISTRICT H.Q. TO HAVE TEN FUSILIERS DETAILED FOR ATTACHMENT TO EMBARKATION STAFF -TO BE READY BY 3 DEC. 1939.	(K) Nixon
	30		DAILY ROUTINE.	Nixon
			(C.C. MITCHELL) LIEUTENANT-COLONEL, ccmitchell	(C.H.H. NIXON) CAPTAIN ADJUTANT. CHH Nixon

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	P.L. Fus. (M. G.) C.A.S.F.	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
HALIFAX N.S	1		ADVISED THAT NO.6.DISTRICT DEPOT IS AUTHORIZED AND WILL FUNCTION AS FROM 1,DEC,1939.		
DECEMBER	1	1330	BATHING PARADE TO PLAYGROUNDS HUT ON HALIFAX COMMONS.		
1939	2		DAILY ROUTINE.		
	3		CHURCH PARADE.		
	3		PRINCESS LOUISE DIED TO DAY.SHE ^{WAS} IS HONOURARY COLONEL IN CHIEF OF THE PRINCESS LOUISE FUSILIERS (M.G.)		
	4	1630	COMPLETED X-RAYING OF ALL PERSONNEL OF THE UNIT.		
	4	1715	PHONE CALL FROM COLONEL DUNBAR (D.H.Q.) CANCELLING ORDER FOR TEN FUSILIERS FOR EMBARKATION STAFF.(ORDERED 29.NOVEMBER,1939.		
	4		PERMISSION GRANTED BY DISTRICT H.Q. FOR OFFICERS OF THIS UNIT TO WEAR MOURNING BANDS IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PRINCESS LOUISE.		
	5		RECEIVED COPY NO.20F H.Q.,M.D.NO.6,OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.3,DATED DEC.5,1939.		
	6		DAILY ROUTINE.		

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HALIFAX N.S	7		PERMISSION GRANTED -BY RADIO FROM N.D.H.Q.TO SUBSTITUE LIEUT.OXLEY F.W. FOR LIEUT HILTZ F.E. AS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ANTI-TANK PLATOON.		<i>Bixon</i> (B)
DECEMBER 1939.	8		DAILY ROUTINE.	DUPLICATE	<i>Bixon</i>
	10		PERSONNEL OF ANTI-TANK PLATOON GIVEN THREE DAYS LEAVE ON INSTRUCTION FROM FORTRESS H.Q.		<i>Bixon</i>
	11		RECEIVED A REPORT FROM LT.GRAHAM OFFICER IN CHARGE M.G.POST EASTERN PASSAGE RE-NOCTURNAL ACTIONS OF A SHIP.SEE APPENDIX.		<i>Bixon</i> (C)
	12	1130	RECEIVED A LETTER FROM D.A.Q.M.G.,RE THIS UNIT TAKING OVER WELLINGTON BARRACKS?SEE APPENDIX.		<i>Bixon</i> (D)
	12 13	1430	PHONE CALL FROM D.A.Q.M.G.CANCELLING ALL REFERENCE TO THIS UNIT TAKING OVER WELLINGTON BARRACKS.		<i>Bixon</i>
	13		<i>Normal Daily Routine</i>		<i>Bixon</i>
	14	1500	RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM LIEUT.COL.F.R.HENSHAW R.C.E.,RE TAKING OVER WELLINGTON BARRACKS, HE NOT HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF CANCELLATION OF D.A.Q.M.G'S LETTER.		<i>Bixon</i>
	15		RECEIVED COPY NO 2.OF H.Q.,M.D.NO.6.OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.4,DATED 14,DEC,1939.		<i>Bixon</i> (E)
	16		DAILY ROUTINE.		<i>Bixon</i>
	17		CHURCH PARADE.		<i>Bixon</i>

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HALIFAX N.S. DECEMBER. 1939.	18		RECEIVED LETTER FROM H.Q., M.D., NO. 6, STATING THAT THE ANTI-TANK PLATOON IS TO REPORT TO EMBARKATION STAFF OFFICER AT 1500 HRS. 20. DEC, 1939. (ANTI-TANK PLATOON DID NOT GO UNTIL 21 DEC. 39.		
	19	1750	ONE OFFICER AND SEVENTEEN OTHER RANKS SENT TO ISOLATION HOSPITAL TO GUARD ABOUT FIFTY PATIENTS WITH CHICKEN POX.		
	20		DAILY ROUTINE.		
	21		RECEIVED 100 PAIRS OF WOOLLEN SOCKS FROM THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY .		
	21	1243	ANTI-TANK PLATOON CONSISTING OF ONE OFFICER, ONE SERGEANT, THREE CORPORALS AND SEVENTEEN FUSILIERS. MARCHED OUT OF THE HALIFAX ARMOURY TO JOIN WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT C.A.S.F. AT PORT REST CAMP, AND TO PROCEED OVERSEAS. WITH THE SECOND FLIGHT OF THE SECOND DIVISION. THEY WENT ABOARD THE TRANSPORT AT 1335 HRS.		
	21	1430	ONE OFFICER AND SEVEN OTHER RANKS RETURNED FROM THE "CHICKEN POX GUARD" AT ISOLATION HOSPITAL		
	21	1700	GUARD AT H.M.GUN WHARF REDUCED FROM ONE N.C.O. AND TWELVE MEN TO ONE N.C.O. AND SIX MEN.		
	22	1549	"D" COMPANY (LESS ONE PLATOON) RETURNED FROM DUTY AT PORT REST CAMP.		
	23		DAILY ROUTINE.		
	24		CHURCH PARADE. OTHER DENOMINATIONS (R.C. PARADE CANCELLED)		

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HALIFAX N.S. DECEMBER 1939	25		CHRISTMAS DAY TEN PERCENT OF PERSONNEL GIVEN THREE DAYS LEAVE ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS.BALANCE OF UNIT NOT ACTUALLY ON DUTY GIVEN THE DAY OFF.CHOCOLATE BARS,PLUM PUDDINGS,ORANGES AND CIGARETTES DISTRIBUTED TWO PERSONNEL ON OUT POST DUTY AT EASTERN PASSAGE AND MC'NABS ISLAND.	DUPLICATE	
	26		ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FORTRESS H.Q. "D" COMPANY SUPPLIED ONE N.C.O.AND SIX FUSILIERS FOR FATIGUES WITH R.C.A.S.C.		
	26	1515	"A"COMPANY FURNISHED A GUARD FOR A MENTAL PATIENT AT COGSWELL STREET MILITARY HOSPITAL.		
	27	0915	"B" COMPANY SUPPLIED ONE LANCE CPL.AND THREE MEN AS ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO GUARD MENTAL PATIENT AT COGSWELL STREET HOSPITAL.		
	27	1030	GUARD AT CITADEL HILL TAKEN OVER BY THE HALIFAX RIFLES.		
	27		RECEIVED COPY NO.13,OF HALIFAX FORTRESS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.5,DATED 27,DEC, 1939.		
	28	0915	GUN POSITION AT STRAWBERRY HILL MC'NABS ISLAND WITHDRAWN.		
	28	1600	HERRING COVE DETACHMENT RELIEVED BY THE HALIFAX RIFLES.		
	28		RECEIVED 100 PAIRS OF LEATHER MITTENS FROM THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.		
	28		REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR DELIVERED A LECTURE TO THE N.C.O'S ON "DUTY AND DISCIPLINE".		

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DECEMBER 1939	29	1130	CONFERENCE OF COMPANY OFFICERS IN THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S OFFICE.		Nixon Nixon Nixon Nixon Nixon
HALIFAX N.S	29	1445	GUARD MOUNTING THE HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED ONE OFFICER AND THIRTY OTHER RANKS.TOOK OVER THIS GUARD FROM THE HALIFAX RIFLES.		
	29	1650	PHONE CALL FROM FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL AT BAY ROAD HUT.REDUCED FROM ONE N.C.O.AND SIX MEN TO TWO.		
	30	1250	SUPPLIED THREE FUSILIERS TO GUARD A V.D.PATIENT AT COGSWELL STREET HOSPITAL.		
	30	1250	TWENTY SECOND FIELD AMBULANCE R.C.A.M.C.,HAVING VACATED THE HALIFAX ARMOURY THIS UNIT NOW HAS TO SUPPLY A MAIN GATE PICQUET ON ALTERNATE DAYS,COMMENCING AT 1800 HRS.FOR 24 HRS. (THIS UNIT HAS BEEN SUPPLYING A MAIN GATE PICQUET EVERY THIRD DAY.		
	31		NORMAL ROUTINE.		

C.C. Mitchell
(C.C.MITCHELL)
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL.

(C.H.H.NIXON)
CAPTAIN-ADJUTANT.

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H.Q.M.D. No.6.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.3

5th, December, 1939.

1. With a view to augmenting the existing arrangements for policing the area adjacent to the Ocean Terminals, Military guards are to be employed on certain days to assist in denying to the general public access to the points of actual detrainment and embarkation.

2. These guards will be furnished from a company of infantry to be detailed by Halifax Fortress Commander.

3. The strength of the Company will be not less than 5 Officers and 75 other ranks and will be held in readiness to report to Embarkation Staff Officer at the Immigration building, Ocean Terminals at 0900 hours, 6th, December, 1939. The periods during which the Military guards will be required for duty will be communicated to O.C. Company by the Embarkation Staff.

4. The guards will assist in policing the detrainment and embarkation areas by means of a system of posts and cordons, where necessary obstacles in the form of knife rests and rope barriers will be provided.

5. The duties will be carried out in closest co-operation with the Embarkation Staff, Port authorities and the civil police or special constables on duty in the area.

6. Meals and sleeping accommodations for the personnel of the military guards will be provided by the O.C. Port Rest Camp. The latter will provide mattresses but NOT blankets.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed. (A.H.W. Landon) Lt.-Col.
G.S., M.D. No.6.

APPENDIX

(A)

THE PRINCESS LOUISE FUSILIERS (MG) C.A.S.F.

Eastern Passage N.S.
11th, December, 1939.

Officer Commanding,
P.L.Fus.(MG) CASF,
Armoury,
HALIFAX N.S.

Sir:-

At 2040 hrs. 10-12-39 P.E.I. Highlanders Post at BARRIES BEACH reported suspicious craft proceeding in general direction of HALIFAX, toward Eastern Passage. This ship doused all lights and came in close, then put up lights and headed westerly toward Chebucto Head, where it hovered for some time. Sgt. Carr i/c our Gun Position confirmed the above at 2042 hrs. I immediately ordered a general alarm in co-operation with P.E.I. Highlanders O.C. Lieut. Burnett, sentries were placed ##### at 200 Yard intervals along road fully armed and 10 rounds ammunition apiece. We remained on watch until 2245 Hrs. On reaching gun position at 2100 hrs, advised Dockyard and remained in contact with them until 2245 hrs.

Signed. (G.M. Graham) Lieut,
O.C. Eastern Passage Post,
P.L.Fus.(MG) C.A.S.F.

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