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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Possingworth Park	1Sep43		Fair and cool. Sports day held in celebration of 4th anniversary of mobilization.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	2Sep43		Fair and cool. Trg Continued. Regimental dance held in State Hall, Heathfield.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	3Sep43		Fair and cool. Trg continued.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	4Sep43		Fine. Trg continued. Recce of new area at Hampden Park made by Major W.W. Reid, Capt. E. Tomes, Capt. R.L. Simmonds and Lieut. G.E. Barrach.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	5Sep43		Clear and cool. R.C. Church parade held at 0900 hrs.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	6Sep43		Clear and warm. M.M.G. Coy assumes duties for the week. Trg continues.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	7Sep43		Clear and warm. Trg continued. Route march at night. Under Command of 4th Canadian Armoured Brigade.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	8Sep43		Clear and warm. Trg continues. Sports held in afternoon.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	9Sep 43		Clear and warm. Trg continued. A.A. Coy on map reading scheme.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	10Sep43		Clear during day. Rain and electrical storm at night. Trg continued. Route march at night. 2 Officers, Major Collins and Capt Campbell and two other ranks att for Pd Trg.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	11Sep43		Fair. Trg continued in morning. Afternoon free. Dance in evening in Offrs Mess. Visit by Major-General Stein G.O.C. 5 Canadian Armoured Division.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	12Sep43		No church parades. Rain at night.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	13Sep43		Dark and wet. Mortar Coy duty 60Y. Trg continued.	J.F.D.
Possingworth Park	14Sep43		Cloudy. Four officers attached from 7 C.I.R.U. on special increment. Lieut. R.C. Ward, Lieut. D.M. Creighton, Lieut. M.J. Doran and Lieut. A.J. St. Pierre.	J.F.D.

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Possingworth Park	15 Sep 43	0830	Clear and warm. Visit by Brigadier Sharpe Comd., 11 Canadian Infantry Brigade. Capt. C.O. Higgard S.O.S. to 7bC.I.R.U.	Q.F.O.
Possingworth Park	16 Sep 43		Cloudy and cool. Major W.W. Reid, Capt. P.B. Kennedy, Capt. N.H. Minshull and Capt. E. Tones on recce to new area at Barton Stacey. Capt. A.J. Andrew T.O.S. Unit from 7XXXXX G.I.R.U..	Q.F.O.
Possingworth Park	17 Sep 43		Clear. Lieut. G.E. Dunn R.C.A.P.C. proceed to RIME 4 Canadian Armoured Division to be T.O.S. w.e.f. 20 Sept 43. Trg continued.	Q.F.O.
Possingworth Park	18 Sep 43		Clear and cool. Trg continued in morning. Visist by Capt. Clarke, Staff Captain H.Q. 11 Canadian Infantry Brigade.	A.C.O.
Possingworth Park	19 Sep 43		No church parades. Clear and warm.	A.F.O.
Possingworth Park	20 Sep 43		Lieut. Hoppood, Lieut Shankel proceeded on AA and Anti/Aircraft Recognition Course to Clacton-On-Sea. Advance party under Capt E. Tones left for Micheldever.	Q.F.O.
Possingworth Park	21 Sep 43		Clear. Trg continued. In afternoon preparations made for breaking camp.	Q.F.O.
Possingworth Park	22 Sep 43		Clear and warm. Unit moved in two convoys. Carrier convoy left at 0845 hrs. Wheeled convoy left at 0945 hrs. Move completed by 1730 hrs. L/Cpl. J.A. Rose injured in carrier accident and taken to St. Swithun's School Hospital (U.S. Army.)	Q.F.O.
Micheldever	23 Sep 43		Clear and cool. Men getting settled in camp at M.R. 960642, Sheet 123.	Q.F.O.
Micheldever	24 Sep 43		Clear and cool. Mortar Coy trg. Other Coys doing fatigues.	Q.F.O.
Micheldever	25 Sep 43		Clear. Trg continued in morning.	Q.F.O.
Micheldever	26 Sep 43		Clear. R.C. Church parade held in morning.	Q.F.O.
Micheldever	27 Sep 43			

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Micheldever	27Sep43		Dull and cool. Trg continued.	R.F.U.
Micheldever	28Sep43		Dull and overcast. Trg continued. Major W.W. Reid left on Privilege Leave.	R.F.U.
Micheldever	29Sep43		Dull and cool. Trg continued.	R.F.U.
Micheldever	30Sep43		Dull and cool. One convoy with stores left for Possingworth Park and returned. Trg continues.	R.F.U.

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(W.W. Reid) Major  
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Micheldever	1 Oct	43	Dull and Misty, 240 all ranks attended mine clearing demonstration at Barton Stacey, 1 Platoon Mortar Coy put on weapon demonstration at H.Q. 11 Cdn Inf Bde.	g f d.
Micheldever	20 Oct		Clear and cool. Convoy left for Hampden Park carrying advance Party and Stores.	g f d.
Micheldever	3 Oct		Clear and cool. No parades.	g f d.
Micheldever	4 Oct		Camp being cleaned and trucks loaded. 1600 hrs crossed starting point for Bivouac area. Arrived at 1650 hrs. BN HQ set up at 881581, Sheet 123.	g f d.
Bivouac Area	5 Oct		Cloudy and damp. A.A. Coy and M.M.G. Coy on scheme with Perth Regt.	g f d.
Bivouac Area	6 Oct		Cloudy and damp. Personnel available returned to Micheldever Camp to clean lines. Major Reid returned from leave 2000 hrs. Major Reid and Capt Kennedy attended conference at H.Q. 5 Cdn Armd Div.	g f d.
Bivouac Area	7 Oct		Cloudy and warm. All vehicles grounded and being maintained for Exercise DITTO.	g f d.
Ex DITTO	8 Oct		Clear and warm. On Ex DITTO.	g f d.
Ex DITTO	9 Oct		Clear and warm. On Ex DITTO.	g f d.
Ex DITTO	10 Oct		Foggy in morning. On Ex DITTO.	g f d.
Ex DITTO	11 Oct		Foggy in morning. On Ex DITTO.	g f d.
Ex DITTO	12 Oct		Ex DITTO ended at 1000 hrs.	g f d.
Bivouac Area	13 Oct		Dull and cool. Maintenance being done on Vehicles. Major Reid attended conference at Bde H.Q. at 1000 hrs and at H.Q. 5 Cdn Armd Div at 1330 hrs. Personnel had use of Mobile Bath from 1430 hrs to 1630 hrs. Coy Comdrs meeting at 2145 hrs, verbal orders for return move.	g f d.

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Bivoiac Area	14Oct	0730	Dull and Misty. Left bivouac Area at 0810 hrs . Arrived Bivouac Area at 1445 hrs Dinner served at 1700 hrs. Men bedded down.	J.S.D.
Bivouac Area	15Oct	0630	Breakfast at 0630 hrs. Left bivouac area at 0810 hrs. Arrived new quarters at Hampden Park at 1215 hrs. Men settled in billets.	J.S.D.
Hampden Park	16 Oct		Dull and cool. Vehicles being <del>maintained</del> maintained. Kit inspections held. Pay parade for all personnel. Rear party of 2 Offrs and 30 Other Ranks arrived. Special Increment Other Ranks S.O.S. <del>to</del> Reinforcement Unit.	J.S.D.
Hampden Park	17 Oct		Rain. Stores being <del>loaded</del> hauled to Unit. Special Increment Officers S.O.S. to Reinforcement Unit.	J.S.D.
Hampden Park	18 Oct		Rain. Lieut. Darrach attended A & Q conference at H.Q. 5 Cdn Armd Div. Stores being prepared for shipment.	J.S.D.
Hampden Park	19 Oct		Cool and dark. Major Collins and Capt Campbell and 2 NCOs attached from 6 Cdn Div returned to 1 C.R.U. Preparations made for departure on Exercise TIMBERWOLF. Party in Officers Mess in evening.	J.S.D.
Hampden Park	20 Oct		Clear and fine. Preparations for Exercise TIMBERWOLF. Ordnance supplies nearly completed. All personnel vaccinated with Typhus vaccine.	J.S.D.
Hampden Park	21 Oct		Clear. 5 tons freight loaded on train at EASTBOURNE and baggage party of 5 Other Ranks left for embarkation point.	J.S.D.
Hampden Park	22 Oct		Barracks cleaned up and baggage loaded by 1500 hrs. Troops moved into EASTBOURNE in two relays by vehicles of RCASC. Left EASTBOURNE by special train at 2230 hrs.	J.S.D.
Hampden Park	23 Oct		Arrived LIVERPOOL at 0645 hrs and embarked on S.S. MONTEREY at 0815 hrs. 390 all ranks of this unit on board.	J.S.D.
Hampden Park	24Oct		Left LIVERPOOL at 0730 hrs. Duties allotted included 14 Officers and 50 Other Ranks <del>Arrived at the</del> J.S.D.	J.S.D.

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On Board S.S. Monterey	24 Oct		Arrived at the CLYDE at 1900 hrs.	QEB
On Board S.S. Monterey	25 Oct		All day in the CYLDE. P.T. and 2 lectures held.	QEB
On Board S.S. Monterey	26 Oct		Still in the CLYDE. Raining and very dull. P.T. and several lectures held. Limited accomadation for movies.	QEB
On Board S.S. Monterey	27 Oct		Dull and windy. Still in the CLYDE. Several lectures and P.T. held.	QEB
On Board S.S. Monterey	28 Oct		Wind and squalls. Left CLYDE at 0500 hrs. Duties, lectures and P.T. Held.	QEB
On Board S.S. Monterey	29 Oct		Windy and squalls. Number of men seasick. Same routine as on previous day.	QEB
On Board S.S. Monterey	30 Oct		Bright and calm, with a few rain squalls. Ordinary routine.	QEB

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On Board S.S. Monterey	1 Nov		Fair. Ordinary Routine. Mepacrine Tablets given to men on Mon, Tues., Thurs and Fridays.	Q.F.O.
On Board S.S. Monterey	2 Nov		Bright and calm. Ordinary Routine. A.A. Coy assumed partial A.A. Duties.	Q.F.O.
On Board S.S. Monterey	3 Nov	43	Bright and warm. Ordinary Routine.	Q.F.O.
On Board S.S. Monterey	4 Nov		Fair and warm. 1245hrs sighted land (Spanish Morrocco). Ordinary Routine. 1800 hrs passed through the straits of Gibraltar.	Q.F.O.
On Board S.S. Monterey	5 Nov		Fair and warm. Sailed along the Algerian Coast. Ordinary Routine.	Q.F.O.
On Board S.S. Monterey	6 Nov		Fair with showers. Ordinary Routine. Attacked about 1810 hrs. Took on survivors of S.S. Santa Elena.	Q.F.O.
On Board S.S. Monterey	7 Nov		Left scene of attack at 0200 hrs. Arrived in Phillipville at 0500 hrs. S.S. Santa Elena towed in and sank after arriving (1800 hrs).	Q.F.O.
On Board S.S. Monterey	8 Nov		Fair and warm. Still in Phillipville. Officers issued with advance pay books.	Q.F.O.
On Board S.S. Monterey	9 Nov		Clear and windy. Left Phillipville at 0330 hrs.	Q.F.O.
On Board S.S. Monterey	10 Nov		Arrived at Naples and docked at 0830 hrs. Cleaned ship and disembarked at 1500 hrs. Marched to Berks 3 Camp MR 249579, ITALY 1:50,000, Sheet 184 I, NAPOLI.	Q.F.O.
Afragola	11 Nov		Clear and warm. Getting settled in camp. Visit by Brigadier G. KITCHING, D.S.O., Commanding 11 Cdn Inf Bde and Major Jotcham Brigade Major at 1030 hrs. 1430 hrs proceeded to camp of Irish Regt of Canada and addressed by Brigadier G. KITCHING, D.S.O.	Q.F.O.
Afragola	12 Nov		Clear and warm. 1000 hrs, inspection and talk by Major-General C.G. Simonds, CBE, D.S.O., G.O.C. 5 Cdn Armd Div. Mortar Coy training guard for Afragola. Unit guard supplied by HQ GP. Capt. Tomes, Major N.H. Minshall and Lieut Horobin proceeded to Cheshire Regt at MONDRAGONNE to inspect some machine guns and vehicles.	Q.F.O.

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Afragola	13Nov		Clear and warm. Major W.W. Reid visited MONDRAGONNE with Lt-Col Rutherford of the Perth Regt. Lieut Moore and Platoon from Mortar Coy supplying guard for HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div.	J.E.D.
Afragola	14Nov	1000	Cloudy and cool. R.C. Church Parade. Party of 150Rs left for NAPLES to attend Remembrance Day Celebration.	
		1030	Protestant Church Parade.	
		1100	Lieut G.E. Datrach attended Adjutants conference at H.Q. 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Major P.B. Kennedy, Capt D.G. Bauld, Lieut C.D. Nickerson and Capt R.S. Blair visited MONDRAGONNE.	
		2030	Major P.B. Kennedy attended conference at H.Q. 5 Cdn Armd Div.	J.E.D.
Afragola	15 Nov		Rain.	
		0800	Major W.W. Reid attended conference at H.Q. 11 Cdn Inf Bde .	
		0900	Pay Parade for Unit.	
		1400	Visit by Briagdier G. KITCHING, D.S.O.. Lieut Horobin and drivers proceed to MONDRAGONNE to pick up vehicles. Returned at 2000 hrs.	J.E.D.
Afragola	16Nov		Rain. Kit inspection by all Coys.	J.E.D.
Afragola	17Nov		Rain	
		0830	M.M.G Coy and part of H.Q. Gp visited Pompei.	
		1330	A.A. Coy and part of HQ GP visited Pompei.	
		1600	Guard for town of Afragola supplied by Mortar Coy under Lieut L.C.A. Moore.	J.E.D.
Afragola	18Nov		Poured Rain. Advanced party in charge of Major Reid and consisting of Capt E. Tomes Capt A.J. Andrew and Capt K.M. Harrison and twenty-one other ranks. Preparations made to leave Berks 3 Camp.	J.E.D.
Afragola	19Nov		Rain in morning. Left Berks 3 camp at 0750 hrs. One half hour for dinner. Arrived Bivouac are MR 049109. Sheet 20, ITALY road map 1:200,000 at 1900 hrs.	J.E.D.

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Bivouac Area	20Nov	0800	Left bivouac area <del>xxxx</del> . Cloudy and dull. One half hour break for lunch. Arrived new quarters ALTAMURA, MR 1854, Sheet 20 ITALY Road Map 1:200,000.	J.F.O.
Altamura	21Nov	1030	Dull in morning, Poured rain at night with electrical storm. A.A. Cookhouse struck but no appreciable damage done. R.C. Church parade in the town of ALTAMURA. Some men had tents and equipment flooded. They moved into buildings for night. M.M.G. Coy supplied town guard in ALTAMURA.	J.F.O.
Altamura	22Nov		Dark and cloudy. Day spent in trying to get men's equipment dried. M.M.G Coy town guard relieved at 1600 hrs by guard from Perth Regt.	J.F.O.
Altamura	23Nov		Dull and cloudy. Training consisted of recap lectures on rifle Bren and TSMG preparatory to Ts.O.E.T. Major W.W. Reid and Major P.B. Kennedy attended TEWT for Commanding Officers and 2ics of 11 Cdn Inf Bde.	J.F.O.
Altamura	24Nov		Fairly clear. Training for TsO.E.T. continued. Four Officers from each Coy attended a TEWT under Major W.W. Reid and Major P.B. Kennedy.	J.F.O.
Altamura	25Nov		Fair and clear during day. Rain at night. Courts Martial of L/Cpl Hanson in morning and of Sgt Brown in afternoon. Brigadier G. KITCHING, D.S.O. visited Unit Headquarters in afternoon. Major W.W. Reid, Major P.B. Kennedy, Major N.H. Minshall, Capt. D.G. Bauld, Capt R.S. Blair and Lieut G.E. Darrach attended lecture at H.Q. 11 Cdn Inf Bde.	J.F.O.
Altamura	26Nov		Fair. Elementary training for TsO.E.T.	J.F.O.
Altamura	27Nov		Clear and bright in afternoon dark and dull in morning. Trg continued.	J.F.O.
Altamura	28Nov	1000 1030 1300	Clear and bright. R.C. Church Parade. Protestant Church Parade. 100 all ranks visited town of BARI.	J.F.O.

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Altamura	29Nov		Clear and bright. Mortar Coy on range. MMG Coy provided guard for town of Altamura Guard inspected by Brigadier G. KITCHING, D.S.O. Major Reid lectured at NCOs school on role of Support group.	J.F.D.
Altamura	30Nov		Clear and bright. A.A. Coy on range (small arms) Personnel of unit paid. One platoon MMG Coy on town guard at Altamura. Elementary trg carried on .	J.F.D.

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ALTAMURA, ITALY	1 Dec	0800 1130	Clear and bright. Major W.W. Reid and Capt. R.S. Blair left to visit 1 Cdn Div. Unit visited by Col. The Hon. J.L. Ralston, Canadian Minister of National Defence, Major General G.C. Simonds, CBE., D.S.O. accompanied by Brigadier G. Kitching? D.S.O. M.M.G. Coy on range (Small arms). G1098 equipment being hauled from Bari.	Q.S.O.
ALTAMURA, ITALY	2 Dec		Clear and bright. Elementary and special to the arm trg being carried on.	Q.S.O.
ALTAMURA, ITALY	3 Dec		Clear and bright. Trg continued. M.G. Coy on small arms range. Major W.W. Reid and Capt. R.S. Blair arrived back from CAMPABASSO,	Q.S.O.
ALTAMURA, ITALY	4 Dec		Clear and bright. Trg in morning. Groups of 140 men proceeding to ALTAMURA for moving pictures.	Q.S.O.
ALTAMURA ITALY	5 Dec		Clear and bright. R.C. Parade in morning. 200 ORS visited Taranto on conducted tour.	Q.S.O.
ALTAMURA ITALY	6 Dec		Clear and fine. Trg continued. M.M.G. Coy doing field firing. ALL Offrs and NCOs attended demonstration of a Coy attack by NCOs School.	Q.S.O.
ALTAMURA ITALY	7 Dec		Clear and bright. M.M.G. Coy continuing field firing. Defence pl using small arms range. Mortar Coy supplied Town Guard at ALTAMURA.	Q.S.O.

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ALTAMURA ITALY	3Dec		Cloudy. M.M.G. Coy continuing field firing. A.A. Coy doing field exercise in map using.	g s d
ALTAMURA ITALY	9Dec		Cloudy and cool. M.M.G. Coy doing field firing. Routine trg carried on by other coys.	g s d
ALTAMURA ITALY	10Dec		Cloudy and damp. Trg continued. Major W.W. Reid and Capt. J.A. Macdonald defending Officers in Courts Martial.	g s d
ALTAMURA ITALY	11Dec		Cloudy. Trg carried on in morning. Capt. J.A. MacDonald admitted to Hospital. Major P.B. Kennedy Defending Officer in Courts Martial. All Officers and NCOs attended a lecture by Major General G.G. Simmonds, C.B.E., D.S.O. in theatre at ALTAMURA.	g s d
ALTAMURA ITALY	12Dec		Clear. R.C. Church parade at 1000 hrs in ALTAMURA. Protestant Church Parade 1100 hrs in unit lines. Major W.W. Reid attended Commanding Officers Conference at HQ 5 Canadian Armoured Division.	g s d
ALTAMURA ITALY	13Dec		Cloudy. Major W.W. Reid and Major P.B. Kennedy Defending Officers in Courts Martial. Moving pictures three times a week in theatre at ALTAMURA. One Pl of M.M.G. Coy attached to Inf Bn for scheme. A.A. Coy providing personnel to act as enemy for Inf Bns of 11 Cdn Inf Bde in schemes.	g s d
ALTAMURA ITALY	14Dec		Cloudy. One Pl M.M.G. Coy attached to Capt Breton Highrs for scheme. A.A. Coy providing personnel to act as enemy for scheme. 46 ORs left for NAPLES to drive vehs back for 5 Cdn Arm'd Div.	g s d

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A TAMURA ITALY	15Dec		Clear and bright. One Platoon M.M.G. Coy attached to Irish Regt of Canada for scheme and A.A? Coy providing personnel for enemy forces. M.M.G. Coy supplying town guard at ALTAMURA. Movie in theatre at ALTAMURA attended by about 300 from this Unit.	R.S.O.
ALTAMURA ITALY	16Dec		Clear and bright. All Officers of unit attended TEWT preparatory to exercise by 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Trg carried on by CSM's of coys.	R.S.O.
ALTAMURA ITALY	17Dec		Dull and cool. Special to arm trg carried out in morning by coys. Afternoon spent in getting troops ready for exercise. Major W.W. Reid and coy Comdrs on recce, returning at 1630 hrs.	R.S.O.
ALTAMURA ITALY	18Dec		Mortar and A.A. Coys left camp area at ALTAMURA at 0600 hrs on Bde scheme. M.M.G. Coy in support of Inf Bns of 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Mortar and A.A. Coys comaped enemy in this scheme. Arrived at first defended locality at 0900 hrs. Mortar Coy at MR 7939 Sheet 188 (Italy). A.A. Coy at MR 8338 Sheet 188 (Italy). Men dug in. Enemy patrols from Perth and Irish Regts encountered.	R.S.O.
ALTAMURA ITALY	19Dec		Clear and bright. 0400 hrs Mortar Coy evacuated their position and took up seconded defended locality at MR 7537 Sheet 188 (Italy) according to plan. A.A. Coy held posn.	R.S.O.
ALTAMURA ITALY	20Dec		Clear and bright. 0700 hrs Perth's attacked and captured A.A. posn. A.A. Coy remained in same posn until after a demonstration by 17 Fd Regt of Defensive fire laid down West of this posn. Mortar Coy standing fast in same posn. A.A. Coy took up posn at MR 8038 Sheet 188 (Italy).	R.S.O.

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ALTAMURA ITALY	22Dec	1100 1500 1610 1810 1940	Cloudy and wet. on hill Enemy artillery barrage <del>isx</del> MR 7238 Sheet 188 (Italy). Mortar Coy attacked this hill successfully. Exercise ended. Mortar Coy arrived in ALTAMURA. A.A. Coy arrived in ALTAMURA.	B.S.D.
ALTAMURA ITALY	23Dec		Dull and cool. Men employed at getting weapons and equipment in shape. G1098 stores being unloaded and hauled from Bari. All personnel attended bath parade in Civilian Hospital in ALTAMURA.	B.S.D.
ALTAMURA ITALY	24Dec	1030	Clear and fine. Major P.B. Kennedy and Lieut. C.H. Horobin attending conference at Rear HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div. with reference to transport.	
ALTAMURA ITALY	25Dec	1100	Major W.W. Reid attending conference for Commanding Officers at 5 Cdn Armd Div, Main HQ	B.S.D.
		0900 1300 1700 1900	Clear and mild. Theatre party at ALTAMURA, unit addressed by Major General G.G. Simmonds, C.B.E, D.S.O. Xmas dinner served to men by Officers in Coy areas. Lieut. Campbell PRO took pictures of groups of men at dinner. Officers of the Unit attended a reception at HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Xmas dinner for Officers of the Unit held in Mortar Coy Mess.	B.S.D.
ALTAMURA ITALY	26Dec	1000 1030	Dull and wet. R.C. Church parade held in ALTAMURA. Major P.B. Kennedy attended a meeting of Trade Testing Board at Rear HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div.	B.S.D.

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ALTAMURA ITALY	25Dec	0900 1300 1700 1900	Clear and mild. Theatre party at ALTAMURA, unit addressed by Major General G.G. Simmonds, C.B.E, D.S.O. Xmas dinner served to men by Officers in Coy areas. Lieut. Campbell PRO took pictures of groups of men at dinner. Officers of the Unit attended a reception at HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Xmas dinner for Officers of the Unit held in Mortar Coy Mess.	gsk
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	26Dec	1045	Protestant Church Parade held in the Theatre inn ALTAMURA.	954
ALTAMURA ITALY	27Dec		Dull and cool. Trg carried on as usual. Major W.W. Reid and Coy Comdrs attended rehearsal for demonstration reference 5 Cdn Arm'd Div Study Group.	955
ALTAMURA ITALY	28Dec		Cold and windy. Mortar Coy firing 4.2" Mortar. Visit by Brigadier G. Kitching, D.S.O. while Mortar Coy firing. Trg carried on as usual. M.M.G. Coy supplying town guard at ALTAMURA.	956
ALTAMURA ITALY	29Dec		Dull and cool. Trg as usual. Major W.W. Reid and Coy Comdrs attended rehearsal for Study Group Demonstration at HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde.	957
ALTAMURA ITALY	30Dec		Dull and cold. Mortar Coy firing on range. Trg carried on as usual.	958
ALTAMURA ITALY	31Dec	1430	Dull and cool. Trg as usual. Major W.W. Reid acting as an umpire on a scheme for Perth Regt.	959

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