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WAR DIARY

OF

The Perth Regiment, C. A. O.

FROM 1st February, 1945 TO 28th February, 1945

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APPENDICES 1 TO 2, 4, 5

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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. (KR (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 AG 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 AG, 2nd Echelon. In Canada all copies as above are sent through the usual channels to NDHQ; in England to Canadian Military HQ.
 - (i) District Officers Commanding will arrange to forward War Diaries to National Defence Headquarters addressed Director Historical Section, GS (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, GS (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 MF M11 and rendered monthly in triplicate (Mohn Instr for CM 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. (FSR 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; *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 OR (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 OR. Attachment of units and individuals. Reinforcements. *Weekly Field Returns of Officers and OR* 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 (FSR 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.

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

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UNDER THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT

IV

UNIT OFFICE FILING SYSTEM
AND RECORDS

"Every office will arrange for the filing and custody of its own correspondence." (FSR 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 4-6-3 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.

V

2. *Date reference*

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

3. *Documents for Preservation*

The monthly review of correspondence (FSR 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.

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, FSR 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.

VI

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 CASF
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PRESERVE IMPORTANT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR POSTERITY

VII

LIST OF FILE TITLES

1. *Operations (GS) (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. (GS)*
 - 2-0. General.
 - 2-1. Guards and Petrols.
 - 2-2. Alarm Posts.
 - 2-3. Field Defences.
 - 2-4. Against air attacks.
 - 2-5. Against AFV.
 - 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. (GS) (or Technical).*
 - 4-0. General.
 - 4-1. Drill.
 - 4-2. PT.
 - 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 (AG).*
 - 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 (AG).*
 - 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. (QMG).*
 - 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. (QMG).*
 - 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 (MGO).*
 - 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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MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	1/2/45		<p>Brigade were laying on a competition within the Brigade Group which dealt with small arms training, gas training, anti tank gun drill and mortar drill. The Companies were busy preparing for the battalion competition to choose a team to represent the Unit. Headquarters Company qualified four men on the Rifle Team.</p> <p>Weather: fair and cold. Strength: 38 Officers, 764 Other Ranks.</p>	<i>MA</i>
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	2/2/45		<p>The Companies continued to prepare for the competitions and T's O E T were carried out. Gas Training competitions were carried out within the Unit lines. More personnel proceeded on 7 day and 48 hour Leaves to Urbino. The Officers held a Dance in their Mess, which the local girls, well escorted, attended.</p> <p>Lieutenant Colonel B. Somerville, Commanding Officer of the Cape Breton Highlanders, and Acting Brigade Commander in the absence of Brigadier I. S. Johnston, held an "O" Group at Brigade Headquarters at 2130 hours. The plan was for 11 Brigade to relieve the 3rd Brigade in a holding role. The Perth Regiment were to relieve the West Nova Scotia Regiment.</p> <p>Weather: cloudy and cold. Strength: 38 Officers, 764 Other Ranks.</p>	<i>MA</i>
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	3/2/45		<p>Lieutenant Colonel M. W. Andrew and the Company Commanders and the Intelligence Officer left to recce the forward area. When the party arrived at the West Nova Scotia Headquarters they found that The Royal Canadian Regiment were relieving the West Nova Scotias. Captain W. C. Hider, A Company, and Captain R. Chamberlain, B Company, had an accident while driving up but fortunately no one in the jeep was injured. Leave personnel returned from Rome leave. Major C. B. Arrell inspected the Companies in the morning. Lieutenants G. S. Davis and G. F. Levi left the Battalion for a change of employment.</p>	

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MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	4/2/45		<p>cont'd..... Weather: unsettled. Strength: 36 Officers, 771 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Voluntary Church Service was held. The Coys began preliminary preparations for a move. Major R. Cole (D S O), left the Bn to return to Canada for a leave and tour of duty. Weather: unsettled. Strength: 37 Officers, 779 Other Ranks.</p>	<p>SH</p> <p>SH</p>
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	5/2/45		<p>Companies carried on with training while the Unit Rifle Team practised firing. Rumours again persisted regarding a move South for training. H/Captain D. C. Smith (M C), and Lieutenant D. L. Thompson, the Intelligence Officer, visited Gradara Castle. The Castle had an interesting background and the Padre arranged for educational tours for the Companies. Captain P. F. Fisher was promoted to the Rank of Acting/Major, commanding D Company. Captain J. D. Cowie was taken on strength and went to B Company as Second in Command. Lieutenant A. Coyston, a former reinforcement Officer of the Battalion who had gone to The Special Service Force, was taken on strength and went to C Company. Weather: unsettled. Strength: 36 Officers, 736 Other Ranks.</p>	<p>SH</p>

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MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	6/2/45		<p>The Companies continued with their training, interrupted by a muster parade at 1530 hours. 8th Army Ordnance carried out a vehicle inspection on all the Unit vehicles today. There were no results of the inspection available.</p> <p>A Company visited Gradara Castle on an educational tour. Captain J. McKnight the Transport Officer, began drawing new vehicles. The Colonel held an "O" group at 1600 hours relating to a scheme involving a move South for special training. The plan was not convincing and there was still considerable speculation as to our ultimate fate.</p> <p>Weather: mild and clear. Strength: 38 Officers, 764 Other Ranks.</p>	<p>DB</p>
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	7/2/45		<p>D Company made the trip to Gradara Castle while the other Companies carried on limited training. Captain Ferraro, an Italian Liaison Officer at Brigade, organized a typical Italian dinner for the Officer's Mess.</p> <p>Weather: fair and cool. Strength: 38 Officers, 768 Other Ranks.</p>	<p>DB</p>
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	8/2/45		<p>The normal training was carried on by the Battalion with the exception of C Company, who took the tour to Gradara Castle.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer was a guest of the 8th Army Commander, with other Commanding Officers of the Division at a luncheon at Rimini.</p> <p>Lieutenant R. M. Storey was taken on strength and went to B Company.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 38 Officers, 775 Other Ranks.</p>	<p>DB</p>

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



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MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	9/2/45		<p>Captain P. J. F. Baker left with an advance recce party, supposedly for the new area. D Company made the trip to Gradara Castle. Personnel returned from 7 day leaves to Urbino.</p> <p>Weather: fair and mild. Strength: 38 Officers, 771 Other Ranks.</p>	
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	10/2/45		<p>Training was almost at a standstill as Companies continued to prepare for a move. The Colonel inspected the Companies with satisfactory results.</p> <p>Lieutenant R. M. Storey was transferred to Training Increment from our strength.</p> <p>Weather: rain, cloudy. Strength: 37 Officers, 779 Other Ranks.</p>	
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	11/2/45		<p>Another recce party left for an unknown destination, under Major P. F. Fisher. Protestant and R. C. Church Parades were held.</p> <p>All personnel carrying Thompson Sub Machine Guns turned in their weapons.</p> <p>Weather: unsettled. Strength: 37 Officers, 779 Other Ranks.</p>	
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	12/2/45		<p>Training had ceased to be carried on, as final preparations for a move were completed.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 37 Officers, 781 Other Ranks.</p>	

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MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	13/2/45		<p>The weather was more like Summer than Winter and a Softball Team from A Company beat a team from the Irish Regiment of Canada, down on the Beach.</p> <p>Preparations for the move had been completed but the time of the move had been postponed.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 37 Officers, 781 Other Ranks.</p>	<p><i>S</i></p>
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	14/2/45		<p>An Officer from the 11th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, gave a lecture to C Company personnel. Kit inspections were carried out. At 0700 hours Support Company Carriers left for Riccione, where they were loaded on trains for the trip. Major C. B. Arrell, Captain D. C. Smith (M C) and Captain J. Cowie visited San Marino.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 37 Officers, 785 Other Ranks.</p>	<p><i>S</i></p>
MR 986872 Cattolica Sheet 109 Pesaro 1/100,000	15/2/45		<p>The move was scheduled for the 16th of February, 1945. Companies completed their preparations for the move and 2 Despatch Riders were sent forward to recon the route to the first Staging Area. Captain J. McKnight tied in the Order of March with the Commanding Officer and Major Arrell was to lead the Convoy, which was to consist of our Battalion leading, followed by the 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade Company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, and Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 35 Officers, 785 Other Ranks.</p>	<p><i>S</i></p>

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


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Sheets 12, 16 Italy Road Map. 1/200,000	16/2/45		<p>Reveille was at 0500 hours with Breakfast at 0530 hours. The leading vehicle crossed the Start Point in Cattolica at 0730 hours. Travelling South on Route 16, then by Highway 76, MR S4951, to Highway 3, MR R9814, to Foligno, MR W5998, which was our first Staging Area. The Battalion covered 122 miles.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 35 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	
Foligno Sheet 16 Italy Rd Map 1/200,000	17/2/45		<p>Reveille was at 0500 hours and after breakfast the convoy moved off at 0700 hours. Travelling via Highway 75 to Highway 71 at MR W3805, to Highway 69 at MR R2833, Arrezzo, then to Pontassieve, MR Q9369, where the Battalion spent the night in a camp set up in the grounds of an old factory.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Strength: 35 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	
Pontassieve Sheet 13 Italy Rd Map 1/200,000	18/2/45		<p>Reveille was at 0400 hours and the column moved off at 0600 hours along Highway 67 to Florence, MR Q8070, then to MR Q0653, finally arriving at the concentration area at MR Q0561. There was some delay in getting the Battalion under canvas, as the camp was crowded. Orders were given for the removal of all distinguishing patches and flashes. Drivers spent the day cleaning and oiling their vehicles.</p> <p>Weather: unsettled in the morning but clearing towards evening. Strength: 35 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	

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MR Q0561 Sheet 13 Italy Rd Map 1/200,000	19/2/45		<p>Through the high standard of security that had been maintained throughout the entire move, our destination was still unknown to the majority of the men. The accomadations were increased and the Battalion concentrated in one area of the Camp. The dress for the next move was stressed and the Quartermaster Stores were almost cleaned out. There was an outdoor show every night for entertainment.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 37 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	<i>DN</i>
MR Q0561 Sheet 13 Italy Rd Map 1/200,000	20/2/45		<p>Camp routine consisted of; reveille at 0700 hours, breakfast at 0800 hours, then a Company Parade followed by reshuffling of accomadations. The Colonel gave a short lecture to all troops, informing them that we were on our way to join the 2nd Canadian Corps in the 1st Canadian Army. He stressed the need for discipline and security.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Strength: 37 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	<i>DN</i>
MR Q0561 Sheet 13 Italy Rd Map 1/200,000	21/2/45		<p>Company Parades and the daily reshuffling of canvas accomadations continued. At 1330 hours another large party representing every company embarked at Leghorn on board L. C. T's.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Strength: 37 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	<i>DN</i>

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MR Q0561 Italy Rd Map Sheet 13 1/200,000	22/2/45		<p>Tac Headquarters and the remainder of the Companies prepared for their move during the morning and moved off at 1230 hours. Travelling by T. C. V.s they embarked at Leghorn on a L. C. T. Accomadations on board ship were far better than expected. The Officers shared the ship's Officer's Quarters and the rations were excellent.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Strength: 37 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	D
Aboard Ship	23/2/45		<p>At 0630 hours, the Convoy, consisting of 6 L. C. T.s, left Leghorn and proceeded towards Marseilles. The first day of the trip was completed without incident.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Strength: 37 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	D
MR T4233 Europe Rd Map Marseilles Menton Sheet 84 1/200,000	24/2/45		<p>Convoy arrived at Marseilles at 1100 hours, and after a short wait while the vehicles were unloaded, the troops disembarked. After embussing in T. C. V.s they travelled to a huge camp 18 miles North of Marseilles at MR T4233, where they joined that part of the Battalion which had preceeded them on the trip.</p> <p>Italian currency was exchanged for French notes. There were several open air movies every night.</p> <p>Weather: fair and cold. Strength: 37 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	D

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WAR DIARY

M.F.M. 11
40/P & S/37 (3072)

OR

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Title pages will be prepared.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
MR 4233 Europe Rd Map Marseille- Menton Sheet 84 1/200,000	25/2/45		<p>The Medical Officer, Captain Page Stanton, held a medical inspection of the Unit at 0900 hours. There were Voluntary Church Parades at 1000 hours. Sports equipment was drawn from the Auxillary Services and the troops enjoyed themselves while we awaited the remainder of the Unit.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Strength: 37 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	<p>PH</p>
MR T4233 Europe Rd Map Marseille- Menton Sheet 84 1/200,000	26/2/45		<p>The organization of the Unit was by the parties they had travelled in, not by Companies. Weapon inspections were carried out by the different parties, followed by organized sports for the rest of the day.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Strength: 37 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	<p>PH</p>
MR T4233 Europe Rd Map Marseille- Menton Sheet 84 1/200,000	27/2/45		<p>The remainder of the Unit arrived today, plus all our vehicles. The troops played volley-ball and baseball. Late in the afternoon the Battalion was put on notice to move the next morning.</p> <p>Weather: fair in the morning but cloudy in the late afternoon. Strength: 37 Officers, 773 Other Ranks.</p>	<p>PH</p>
MR T4233 Europe Rd Map Marseille- Menton Sheet 84 1/200,000	28/2/45		<p>Reveille was at 0400 hours and after a light breakfast at 0430 Hours a roll call was held at 0515 hours. The Battalion formed up in Companies and moved off at 0615 hours. At 1700 hours the convoy, under Major C. B. Arrell, reached MR H9732, Sheet 77, Valence-Grenoble, where we concentrated for the first night after travelling 168 miles.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 37 Officers, 770 Other Ranks.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>M. W. Andrew</i> Lieutenant Colonel M. W. Andrew. Commanding Officer.</p>				

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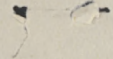
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials				
			The Perth Regiment, C. A. O.					
			List of Appendices for the Month of February, 1945.					
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			1. 3008's and 3009's.	X ✓ -- --				
			2. Part 1 Orders (86 to 91)	X ✓ -- --				
			3. Part 2 Orders.	X -- *				
			4. Message from Lieutenant General R. L. McCreery, G. O. C. 8th Army.	X ✓ X X				
			5. Operation Order "Flap/ Heather".	X ✓ X *				



Appendix 4

Appendix

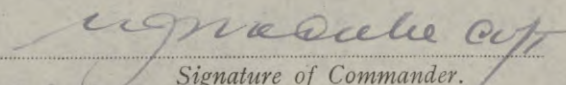
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For week ending **4 Feb 45**

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.
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN																		
Blacksmiths																		
Boot Repairers .. .	1																	
Bricklayers	1																	
Carpenters and Joiners	6																	
Carrier Personnel .. .																		
Concreters																		
Cooks	15																	
Chiropody Orderlies ..																		
Clerks	12																	
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																		
" " (Wheeled) ..																		
" " (M/Cyclists) ..																		
Driver Mechanics .. .	42																	
Driver Operators .. .	18														3		3	
Electricians																		
Equipment Repairers ..	1																	
Farriers																		
Fitters, M.V.	5																	
Masons	1																	
Mortar Personnel .. .																		
Motor Mechanics .. .	2																	
Painters and Decorators ..																		
Plumbers and Pipe Fitters ..																		
Push Cycle Repairers .. .																		
Saddlers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen T. & D. (other than Rly. and R.A.O.C.)	3																	
Tailors																		
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE.																		
REGIMENT ARMED "B" 1																		
NON-SPECIALISTS AND NON-TRADESMEN.																		
RIFLEMEN																		
Totals (to agree with Columns 4 and 5 of Part A.)															40		40	
															43		43	


 Signature of Commander.
(W J McCabe) Capt
 11 Cdn Inf Bde 5 Cdn Armd Div
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch **4 Feb 45**

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No.
(Repeat at Part D)

The Perth Regiment C A CMF Unit.

For week ending **11 Feb 45**

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	6		
Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	6	6		
Staff Serjeants				
Serjeants	39	38		
Corporals & L/Sgts	73	76		
Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	690	649		40
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
TOTALS	816	776	*	* 40

* 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.
1 Cpl, 1 L/Cpl, 2 Sgmn	RCCS "J" Tp 5	CAD Sigs	
1 Sgmn, 1 Pte	8 Cdn Aux Ser	Sec (YMCA)	
1 Sgt, 1 L/Cpl, 2 Ptex	No. 8 Coy, CDC		

The Perth Regiment C A UMF Week ending **11 Feb 45** 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).
		NIL		

For week ending **11 Feb 45**

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-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	Buglers and Trumpeters.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	C.O.M.S. or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.		Buglers and Trumpeters.
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN																		
Blacksmiths																		
Boot Repairers	1																	
Bricklayers	1																	
Carpenters and Joiners	6																	
Carrier Personnel																		
Concreters																		
Cooks	15																	
Chiropody Orderlies																		
Clerks	12																	
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																		
" " (Wheeled)																		
" " (M/Cyclists)																		
Driver Mechanics	42																	
Driver Operators	18														3		3	
Electricians																		
Equipment Repairers	1																	
Farriers																		
Fitters, M.V.	5																	
Masons	1																	
Mortar Personnel																		
Motor Mechanics	2																	
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Pipe Fitters																		
Push Cycle Repairers																		
Saddlers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen T. & D. (other than Rly. and R.A.O.C.)	3																	
Tailors																		
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE.																		
RCEME ARMR "B" 1																		
NON-SPECIALISTS AND NON-TRADESMEN.																		
RIFLEMEN																37		37
Totals (to agree with Columns 4 and 5 of Part A.)																40		40

W J McCabe Capt
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch **10 Feb 45**

(W J McCabe) Capt

11 Can Inf Bde 5 Cdn Armd Div
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Serial No. _____

Unit The Perth Regiment C.A.C.M.F.For Week Ending 4 Feb 45

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										
2	Major	A/Lt-Col	Andrew, M.W.	Perth Regt	24/10/44	Yes	(Co)			
3	Major		Arrell, C.B.	"	21/12/44	Yes	(A/2i/c)			
4	Major		Snelgrove, H.A.	"	25/2/44	Yes				
5	Major		Walker, F.S.	"	4/9/39	Yes	(QM)			
6	Major		White, T.H.	"	28/12/44	Yes				
7	Capt	A/Major	Cole, R.	"	13/1/45	Yes				
8	Capt		Baker, P.J.F.	"	26/9/41	Yes				
9	Capt		Binnington, A.	"	15/1/43	Yes				
10	Capt		Chamberlain, R.S. (MC)	"	2/10/44	Yes				
11	Lieut	A/Capt	Cook, D.A.	"	18/10/44	Yes				
12	Capt		Dent, J.M.	"	16/9/44	Yes				
13	Capt		Fisher, P.F.	"	27/9/44	Yes				
14	Lieut	A/Capt	Hider, W.C.	"	2/10/44	Yes				
15	Capt		McCabe, W.J.	RCAPC	15/1/41	Yes				
16	Capt		Statten, P.	RCAMC	4/11/44	Yes				
17	Capt		McKnight, J.F.	Perth Regt	3/12/44	Yes				
18	Capt		Swartz, C.H.	"	18/10/44	Yes	(Adjnt)			
19	Capt		Wainman, H.I.	"	1/4/41	Yes				
20	Lieut		Arner, A.M.	RCCS	5/1/45	Yes				
21	Lieut		Child, J.H.	Perth Regt	30/12/44	Yes				
22	Lieut		Cooper, T.	"	24/8/44	Yes				
23	Lieut		Cruse, C.H.	"	22/12/44	Yes				
24	Lieut		Davies, G.F.S.	"	6/9/44	Yes				
25	Lieut		Dooley, D.J.	"	30/12/44	Yes				
26	Lieut		Fleming, J.P.	"	8/12/44	Yes				
27	Lieut		Flemming, W.C.	"	8/12/44	Yes				
28	Lieut		Gallagher, G.A.	"	4/9/43	Yes				
29	Lieut		Getty, G.A.	"	2/6/44	Yes				
30	Lieut		Egener, F.G.	"	28/11/44	Yes				
31	Lieut		Hood, C.D.	"	2/10/44	Yes				
32	Lieut		Levie, G.F.	"	24/10/44	Yes				
33	Lieut		Lilburn, J.S.	"	22/12/44	Yes				
34	Lieut		Metcalf, F.F.	"	21/7/44	Yes				
35	Lieut		Robertson, A.W.B.	"	28/12/44	Yes				
36	Lieut		Stewart, C.E.	"	21/11/44	Yes				
37	Lieut		Stirling, J.P.	"	7/1/45	Yes				
38	Lieut		Thompson, D.L.	"	27/4/44	Yes				
	Lieut		Till, G.S.	"	22/12/44	Yes				

(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.
	H/Capt	Smith, D.C. (MC)	HQ 11 CIB	9/11/44	Padre (QCS)
	Supr	Stephens, G.R.	Aux Ser	13/9/44	YMCA

W J McCabe
(W J McCabe) Capt for (Signature of Commander.)

3 Feb 45 (Date of Despatch)

11 Can. Inf. Bde 5 Can. Arm. Div.
(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.

The Perth Regiment C A CMF

11 Feb 45

(Unit.) For Week Ending _____

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.
*					
*					
*					
*					
	1	1			
Lieut.-Colonels ..	5	5			
Majors ..	13	12			
Captains ..	19	20			
Lieutenants ..					
2nd Lieutenants ..					
Quartermasters ..					
District Officers ..					
TOTALS ..	38	38			

*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	Gowie J D	Perth R	5/2/45	TOS from 1st
Lieut	Coyston A R	Perth R	8/2/45	" " Incr
Lieut	Storey R M	Perth R	8/2/45	TOS from A-4 List

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.
A/Major	Cole R	4/2/45	30S to	A-8 list
Lieut	Davies G F S	3/2/45	30S to	A-9 List
Lieut	Levie G F	3/2/45	30S to	A-9 List

The Perth Regiment C A CMF

11 Feb 45

(UNIT) week-ending _____

A.F.W. 3008 (Revised)

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.

Serial No.

Unit The Perth Regiment C A CMFFor Week Ending 11 Feb 45

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	A/Lt Col	Andrew M W	Perth Regt	24/10/44	Yes	(CO)			
2	Major		Arrell C B	"	21/12/44	Yes	(A/21/c)			
3	Major		Snelgrove H A	"	25/2/44	Yes				
4	Major		Walker F S	"	4/9/39	Yes	(QM)			
5	Major		White T H	"	25/12/44	Yes				
6	Capt	A/Major	Fisher P F	"	27/9/44	Yes				
7	Capt		Baker P J F	"	20/9/41	Yes				
8	Capt		Binnington A	"	15/1/43	Yes				
9	Capt		Chamberlain R S (MC)	"	2/10/44	Yes				
10	Lieut	A/Capt	Cook D A	"	18/10/44	Yes				
11	Capt		Cowie J D	"	5/2/45	Yes				
12	Capt		Dent J M	"	16/9/44	Yes				
13	Lieut	A/Capt	Rider W C	"	2/10/44	Yes				
14	Capt		McCabe W J	RCAPC	15/1/41	Yes				
15	Capt		Statten P	RCAMC	4/11/44	Yes				
16	Capt		McKnight J F	Perth Regt	3/12/44	Yes				
17	Capt		Swartz G H	"	18/10/44	Yes	(Adjt)			
18	Capt		Wainman H I	"	1/4/41	Yes				
19	Lieut		Arner A M	RCCS	5/1/45	Yes				
20	Lieut		Child J H	Perth Regt	30/12/44	Yes				
21	Lieut		Cooper T	"	24/8/44	Yes				
22	Lieut		Coyston A R	"	5/2/45	Yes				
23	Lieut		Crace G H	"	28/12/44	Yes				
24	Lieut		HarisxDooley D J	"	30/12/44	Yes				
25	Lieut		Fleming J P	"	8/12/44	Yes				
26	Lieut		Fleming W C	"	8/12/44	Yes				
27	Lieut		Gallagher G A	"	4/9/43	Yes				
28	Lieut		Getty G A	"	2/6/44	Yes				
29	Lieut		Egener F G	"	28/11/44	Yes				
30	Lieut		Hood C D	"	2/10/44	Yes				
31	Lieut		HarisxLilburn J S	"	22/12/44	Yes				
32	Lieut		Metcalf F F	"	21/7/44	Yes				
33	Lieut		Robertson A W B	"	28/12/44	Yes				
34	Lieut		Stewart C E	"	21/11/44	Yes				
35	Lieut		Stirling J P	"	7/1/45	Yes				
36	Lieut		Storey R M	"	8/2/45	Yes				
37	Lieut		Thompson D L	"	27/4/44	Yes				
38	Lieut		Till G S	"	28/12/44	Yes				

(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.
	H/Capt	Smith D C (MC)	HQ 11 CIB	9/11/44	Padre (RCCS)
	Supr	Stephens G R	Aux Ser	13/9/44	YMCA
	Capt	Riskin S	No 8 Coy CDC	14/1/45	Dental Offr

W J McCabe Capt
(W J McCabe) Capt (Signature of Commander.)

10 Feb 45

(Date of Despatch)

11 Cdn Inf Bde 5 Cdn Armd Div

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

Appendix 2

REGIMENTAL PART 1 ORDERS

issued by

Lieut Col M W Andrew

Commanding The Perth Regiment

Canadian Army Overseas 2 Feb 45

Last Part 1 Order No 85 d/31 Jan 45

This Order No 86

SHEET 1

1. DUTIES

Bn Orderly Officer	2 Feb 45	Lieut C D Hood
Bn Orderly Officer	3 Feb 45	Lieut G S Till
Bn Orderly Officer	4 Feb 45	Lieut F F Metcalfe
Bn Orderly Officer	5 Feb 45	Lieut G S F Davis
Next forduty	6 Feb 45	Lieut G F Levie
Duty Coy	2 Feb 45	"Sp" Coy
Duty Coy	3 Feb 45	"A" Coy
Duty Coy	4 Feb 45	"B" Coy
Duty Coy	5 Feb 45	"C" Coy
Next for duty	6 Feb 45	"D" Coy

2. INTERNAL POSTINGS

B-133661	Pte Prince, W	posted from	"A" to "HQ" Coy
C-63466	Pte Belleville, W	"	"B" to "HQ" "
C-79080	Pte Buffan, L H	"	"B" to "HQ" "
A-50126	Pte Day, J E	"	"B" to "HQ" "

3. CHURCH PARADESRoman Catholic Service

Mass will be held at 0930 hrs 4 Feb 45. The Church is located on the main rd on top of the hill.

Protestant Church Service

Voluntary Service will be held in the Cinema at 1100 hrs Sunday 4 Feb 45. Coys will parade independently

4. FUEL SHORTAGE

There has been another reduction of Kerosene and Derv. Therefore strictest conservation of this fuel must be maintained at all times.

All ranks will ensure that necessary fires are kept to a minum.

5. DANGER ZONE

Area in square 9884 is being used by D.A.F. as bombing range. NO tps will enter this area.

6. SICK PARADES

Coys Morning Sick Parade will reach R.A.P. by 0745 hrs.

7. MILITARY HOTELS - RICCIONE

Transit Hotel Park Plaza closed 1000 hrs 26 Jan 45

Transit Hotel Fort Garry will operate as a transit hotel for offr of all ranks.

8. 48 HOUR LEAVE PAY

There will be no special pay for 48 hr leaves except for exceptional cases or just prior to regular pay parade dates. Special cases will be referred to Pmr.

CHS/k

(M W Andrew) Lieut Col
Comd Perth R

REGIMENTAL PART 1 ORDERS

issued by

Lieut Col M W Andrew

Commanding The Perth Regiment

Canadian Army Overseas

6 Feb 45

Last Part 1 Order No 86

SHEET 1

This Order No 87

d/2 Feb 45

1. DUTIES

Bn Orderly Officer	6 Feb 45	Lieut A R Coyston
Bn Orderly Officer	7 Feb 45	Lieut A W S Robertson
Bn Orderly Officer	8 Feb 45	Lieut C E Stewart
Bn Orderly Officer	9 Feb 45	Lieut C D Hood
Next for duty	10 Feb 45	Lieut C G Getty
Duty Coy	6 Feb 45	"D" Coy
Duty Coy	7 Feb 45	"Sp" Coy
Duty Coy	8 Feb 45	"A" Coy
Duty Coy	9 Feb 45	"B" Coy
Next for duty	10 Feb 45	"C" Coy

2. STERILIZATION OF WATER

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.

When units are drawing from other than supervised water pts est by RCE or RE, units water duty personnel will carry out filtration, chlorination and de-chlorination in the manner laid down.

Fwd tps who cannot be served by unit water personnel 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.

3. WATER CONTAMINATION OF POL CONTAINERS

Water contamination of POL containers during cold weather is not easily traced as the water becomes frozen and the ice is not removed during the process of washing containers at filling Pts, consequently water contamination of fuel appears when a thaw sets in.

Precautions to overcome this danger will be taken as follows:-

- (a) Bungs and caps, when the container is not in use, must always be repaired and firmly closed.
- (b) All barrels and smaller containers with bungs situated in a recessed head must be stacked on their sides.

4. Flowers to Canada and U K

The floral delivery service sponsored by the Knights of Columbus has now been extended to cover the UK as well as Canada. The same rates apply in the UK as for Canada.

It is pointed out that it is possible to send flowers to US from this theatre through Aux Ser channels

The final date to send flowers to UK or Canada for Easter is 10 Feb 45.

P T O

5. ROADS

Roads between 562416 and 547478 are closed definately due to flooding.

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REGIMENTAL PART 1 ORDERS

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Commanding the Perth Regiment

Canadian Army Overseas 9 Feb 45

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SHEET 1

This Order No 88

1. DUTIES

Bn Orderly Officer	9 Feb 45	Lieut C D Hood
Bn Orderly Officer	10 Feb 45	Lieut C J Crase
Bn Orderly Officer	11 Feb 45	Lieut J P Fleming
Bn Orderly Officer	12 Feb 45	Lieut J H Hughson
Next for Duty	13 Feb 45	Lieut J P Stirling
Duty Coy	9 Feb 45	"B" Coy
Duty Coy	10 Feb 45	"C" "
Duty Coy	11 Feb 45	"D" "
Duty Coy	12 Feb 45	"Sp" "
Next for Duty	13 Feb 45	"A" "

2. VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Due to the unfavourable report received by this Bn on the last periodic inspection held recently, the following policy will be carried out:-

- (a) When circumstances permit and when the Bn is static, ALL vehs will be grounded daily until 0930 hrs, except those detailed for special duty by the T O.
- (b) The six-day task system will be enforced and drivers will do daily maintenance before 0930 hrs. There is no excuse for drivers not maintaining their vehs even if on operational duties. Maintenance must be carried out daily under all but the most extreme circumstances.
- (c) Coy and Bn tpt NCO's will be kept off all duties and devote their whole time to tpt.
- (d) Coy and Bn tpt NCO's will be responsible for the supervision of all maintenance of vehs in their sub-unit.
- (e) Coy Comdrs will be responsible for the condition of their vehs. The machinery for supervision and maintenance is within each sub-unit. Coy Comdrs will see that it works efficiently.
- (f) Tpt Cpls will check all veh documentation daily to see that all necessary infm is entered in log books.
- (g) When the Bn is static all 60 cwts will be pooled under the T O thus allowing for rotation of the vehs for Bn duties and maintenance.
- (h) When the Bn is static vehs on loan from one sub-unit to another will return to the sub-unit from which they were borrowed.

This policy in no way allows for the non-fulfillment of rules regulations and policies as laid down by higher formations.

Monday 12 Feb 45, the Bn Task System, as laid down in MT Drivers Regulations, C A C, will be taken into effect and carried out as above.

P T O

3. V.D.

The number of V D cases has risen some four times in proportion to the number in previous weeks. It is a great discredit to the unit. This infm is not secret and comes to the attention of other units and fms. The good name of this unit is being smeared by men who have no pride in the Regiment or themselves.

V D will be abolished only by abstinence or taking the necessary precautions at the proper time. You have been told what to do; DO IT.

4. CARABINIERI - CREMONA DIV

A Carabinieri Unit in the Cremona Div performs similar duties to a Cdn Div Pro Coy. OR's wear white webbing and anklets and whilst emp on pt duty wear regulation Pro Traffic Control sleeves.

Cremona Gp Carabinieri pers are to be recognized as Pro. Any orders or directions given by them in relation to the control of traffic will be obeyed by all ranks.

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Appendix 'A'

CHURCH PARADES

PROTESTANT SERVICE

Voluntary Church Service at 1100 hrs Sunday 11 Jan 45 at the Cinema.

R. C. Parade

Mass will be held at 0930 hrs Sunday 11 Jan 45 in the Church at the top of the hill, Main Street.

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SHEET 1

This Order No 89

1. DUTIES

Bn Orderly Officer	13 Feb 45	Lieut J P Stirling
Bn Orderly Officer	14 Feb 45	Lieut J H Child
Bn Orderly Officer	15 Feb 45	Lieut T S Cooper
Bn Orderly Officer	16 Feb 45	Lieut D J Dooley
Next for Duty	17 Feb 45	Lieut F F Metcalfe
Duty Coy	13 Feb 45	"A" Coy
Duty Coy	14 Feb 45	"B" "
Duty Coy	15 Feb 45	"C" "
Duty Coy	16 Feb 45	"D" "
Next for Duty	17 Feb 45	"Sp" "

2. DISCIPLINE

On 3 Jan 45, B-16749 Gnr Leroy Oliver JOHNSON, RCA, was tried by General Court Martial on a charge under SEC 41 of the Army Act, when on Active Service, committing a civil offence, that is to say, murder, in that he in the field in Italy on 23 Dec 44, murdered B-53373 Gnr CARTER W W, RCA, a soldier of the Cdn Army Overseas; He was found NOT GUILTY of murder but Guilty of man-slaughter and was sentenced to suffer penal servitude for a term of 15 years. The findings and sentence were duly confirmed by MGA CMHQ on 29 Jan 45.

3. BLANKETS STRETCHERS AND SCISSORS SB

Source of Sup - RMCs and Padres

In the past, unit QMs have been responsible for supplying RMCs with blankets, stretchers and scissors sb, but in action Lt Fd Ambs have been supplying RMCs similarly.

To standardize this procedure in future, those three items will be provided by Lt Fd Ambs at all times for RMCs and not by unit QMs.

Likewise, all Padres will draw blankets, as necessary, from Lt Fd Ambs.

4. TRAILERS 10-CWT GS

Units holding Trailers 10-cwt, GS, should check to see that the adjustable bracket holding the towing and brake assembly is in a fwd posn when being towed. It has been necessary recently to repair this rear retaining bracket after the Trailer has been used with the bracket fixed in the reverse or rear posn.

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SHEET 1

This Order No 90

1. DUTIES

Bn Orderly Officer	15 Feb 45	Lieut T S Cooper
Bn Orderly Officer	16 Feb 45	Lieut D J Dooley
Bn Orderly Officer	17 Feb 45	Lieut F F Metcalfe
Bn Orderly Officer	18 Feb 45	Lieut C H Crase
Bn Orderly Officer	19 Feb 45	Lieut J P Fleming
Bn Orderly Officer	20 Feb 45	Lieut J H Hughson
Next for Duty	21 Feb 45	Lieut J P Stirling
Duty Coy	15 Feb 45	"C" Coy
Duty Coy	16 Feb 45	"D" Coy
Duty Coy	17 Feb 45	"Sp" Coy
Duty Coy	18 Feb 45	"A" Coy
Duty Coy	19 Feb 45	"B" Coy
Duty Coy	20 Feb 45	"C" Coy
Next for Duty	21 Feb 45	"D" Coy

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Last Part 1 Order No 90

SHEET 1

This Order No 91

1. DUTIES

Bn Orderly Officer	18 Feb 45	Lieut C H Crase
Bn Orderly Officer	19 Feb 45	Lieut J P Fleming
Bn Orderly Officer	20 Feb 45	Lieut Hughson
Bn Orderly Officer	21 Feb 45	Lieut J P Stirling
Bn Orderly Officer	22 Feb 45	Lieut A Coyston
Bn Orderly Officer	23 Feb 45	Lieut J S Lilburn
Next for Duty	24 Feb 45	Lieut A W B Robertson
Duty Coy	18 Feb 45	"C" Coy
Duty Coy	19 Feb 45	"D" Coy
Duty Coy	20 Feb 45	"Sp" Coy
Duty Coy	21 Feb 45	"A" Coy
Duty Coy	22 Feb 45	"B" Coy
Duty Coy	23 Feb 45	"C" Coy
Next for Duty	24 Feb 45	"D" Coy

2. CAMP STANDING ORDERS - MEDICAL

Unit R.A.P. is situated within the unit lines.

3. MINES

This area is still quite heavily mined and all ranks will be warned not to stray off the beaten paths, particularly into undergrowth.

4. AIR WARNING

Information has been received that the enemy may attack this area by air either by day or by night.

5. The camp siren will be sounded on receipt of a red warning. Signal will be intermittent blasts for 2 minutes. All clear will be a Continuous blast for 1 Minute.

On receipt of red warning all unit fire picquets will turn out.

During hours of darkness on receipt of red warning all lights and fires will immediately be extinguished. Veh light will be put out.

Coy Comdrs will ensure the tins or heaps of sand or earth are kept close to open fires and that the Fire Picquet can put out all fires on a Red Warning.

5. DAILY ROUTINE

Reveille	-	0700 hrs
Breakfast	-	0800 hrs
Sick Parade	-	0900 hrs
Dinner	-	1200 hrs
Supper	-	1630 hrs

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N O T I C E

Movie tonight at 1900 hrs - "The Adventures of Mark Twain"
Tea & Doughnuts for sale along road in front of Unit Lines.



Personal Message from the Army Commander

To All Ranks 1 Canadian Corps

Now that 1st Canadian Corps is leaving the Eighth Army, I want to thank you all for your splendid contribution to the successes of the Eighth Army in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

As a Corps you had, after a long period of training, your first battle experience with the Eighth Army. In the Sicilian battles and in those ensuing you showed a magnificent fighting spirit, skill, determination and endurance; and these qualities produced the successes they deserved. In the battles of the Sicilian campaign, in the landing in Italy and the advance to Campobasso, at the crossing of the Moro and the capture of Ortona, in the advance up the Liri Valley and the breaking of the Hitler Line, in the breaking of the Gothic Line and the capture of S. Fortunato, and finally in the capture of Ravenna and the advance to the Senio, in all of these you have maintained and enhanced the great reputation that Canadian arms established in the last war at Vimy Ridge and on other historic battlefields.

You leave at a time when we can look forward with confidence to an early and final victory over the Germans. To this your contribution has already been outstanding, and whatever the future may bring I am confident that your progress will be as distinguished as it has always been in the past while serving with the Eighth Army.

We shall miss you much.

All good luck.

R. L. McCreery

Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army.
17th February, 1945.

Lieut.-General,
G.O.C., Eighth Army.

Appendix 5

TOP SECRET

Copy No 1

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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

3 Feb 45

Operation - Flap/Heather

1. Herewith Mov Table for the m/n ops.
2. H hour is the time the leading bn crosses the SP and will be known by the codeword THISTLE, time to be issued later.
3. Mov to and from SP and Dis P will be under bn arrangements. Units will liase to ensure that the tail of the preceding serial is clear of the SP before they cross it.

S T Strathy
(S T Strathy) Maj
HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

Distribution

See Overleaf

Serial No.	UNIT	No of Vehs	Time past SP		Estimated time past Dis P		REMARKS:
			Head	Tail	Head	Tail	
1.	PERTH	75	H	H plus 25	H plus 330	H plus 355	incl 25 TCV
2.	HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (incl "J" Tp 5 Cdn Armd Div Sigs)	30	H plus 30	H plus 40	H plus 360	H plus 370	
3.	CBM	75	H plus 45	H plus 70	H plus 375	H plus 400	as for Serial 1
4.	IRC	75	H plus 75	H plus 100	H plus 405	H plus 430	as for Serial 1
5.	PLF	68	H plus 105	H plus 125	H plus 435	H plus 455	

NOTE:

1. Route - "SUN"
2. SP - Rd junc 984867
3. DisP - rd junc 497422
4. Speed - 15mi/h

5. Density: 15vtm
6. Halts - none
7. TC - 3 Cdn Pro Coy.

DISTRIBUTION	Copy No
UNIT	
PERTH	1-2
CBM	3-4
IRC	5-6
PLF	7
Comd	8
EN	9
DAA&MG	10
Camp Comdt	11
File	12
Spares	13-18
Int(War Diary)	19-21