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WEST N.S. REGT., C.A.S.F.

Guillemot 1/4/40 0800  
Barracks

Training as per schedule

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1200 Received Intelligence Commentary from 3 Cdn Inf Bde, which announced that German Forces had invaded Denmark and was attacking Norway. All Officers waited for the 1300 hrs. B.B.C. broadcast. For the first time since we came here, we feel that this news may herald the beginning of active military operations.

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Lt. H. F. Parker, on his recent snipers' course at S.A.S. Hythe, led the entire school by a wide margin in sniping and marksmanship.

on parade 718 all ranks  
sick 40 " "  
Total strength 789 " "

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Guillemont 2/4/40 0800 Training as per schedule  
Barracks 1/40

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Preparation for M.D. move on 3 Apr. Recs of first de-  
bussing point at Borden camp, and completion of all H.P.G.  
plans

On parade 722 all ranks

ser's 42 " "

Total strength 789 " "

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Guillemont 3/4/40  
Barracks.

0800 Everybody busy with last minute preparations for M. 2.  
move.

0830 Guides from I Sec. meet M. 2. from C.A.S.C. at corner  
by Bde. HQ to guide them to embussing points on  
Hawley Hill. The M. 2. are brought past W.V.S.P. garage  
for numbers to be painted on them.

0930 Troops marched out to proceed to embussing points.

0950 Barkers and M. 2. began to leave for hiding place on Minley  
Rd. These vehicles were not sent out in proper order  
consequently they had to be rearranged on MIDLEY RD, this  
resulting in considerable confusion. Vehicles began to  
move from their hiding places. Maj. Harris stood at X rd.  
MINLEY RD - LONDON RD and fitted the C.A.S.C. M. 2. into  
their places among the vehicles coming up MINLEY RD.  
Col. Cross S.P.

1445 Troops in debussing area. The debussing area was changed at  
the last minute on request of C.A.S.C. officers, and few of  
us knew of the change, thus much confusion in debussing  
and finding position.

1450 The C.O. goes for his orders from Bde.

Appendix I

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- Guantanamo 3/4/40  
Barracks
- 1545 Recce party goes forward in L.O. car. Recce party consisted of Adj. I.O., Bdr J.C. and Capt. Steadman, Major Harris acting 2/e left in charge of F group.
- 1830 After recce, the Ogr. came to R.V. at a post, received their orders and sent guides back to advanced debussing area to guide the up to bay areas in the Bn. defensive position south of the BASING STROKE CANAL near FLEET. The first bay marched into its position at 1830 hrs.
- 1915 Communication by Bn. sig established between Bn. H.Q. and 'A' and 'B' bay
- 5030 Bays warned to prepare to march home. A flurry was caused by the apparent disappearance of the lanterns to be carried at front and rear of each bay. The I.O. and R.S.M. drove back to Barracks to consult the Q.M. on the whereabouts of these lanterns. The Q.M. told us that the C.O.M.S. of each bay had them in bay trucks.
- 2240 Last bay marched into Barracks to the great relief of Col. Gregg, who had waited in the barracks street to check the bay in.

on parade 714 all ranks.  
 S.M. 34 " "  
 Total strength 787 " "

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Guillemont 4/4/40  
Barracks

- 0700 Reveille. The men had an extra hour to sleep this morning, after their exertions of yesterday. This morning is a holiday.
- 1400 Brig Price and the B.M. msg officers of 3 Inf Bde in an Officers Mess to discuss the lessons learned from yesterday's M.C. movement. The B.M.'s comments showed that the first debussing area chosen by Col. Gregg at Borden was much superior to the one used on the advice of the C.A.S.C. Officers. H.B.F.

on parade 720 all ranks.

Sick - 32 " "

Total strength 787 " "

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Guillemond Barracks 5/4/40

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0800 Training as per schedule.

0955 This morning "A" Coy put on a demonstration of the pl in attack. "A" pl "attacked" and occupied HAWLEY HILL. The rest of the Bn. witnessed the demonstration. The chief points learned from the exercise were: The need for more speed in recce and advance by assaulting sections. At 0956 the pl. scouts emerged from the woods and were fired on from HAWLEY HILL. Not until 1058 did the final rush with bayonets reach the enemy position.

1200 All Officers of 3 Inf Bde met in our Officers Mess to hear lectures by Col. Charrington and Col. William-Stewart. They discussed problems of defence of tanks obstacles. Points brought out by Col. Charrington:- 1. Enemy most likely to attack obstacle with Infantry, 2. Sequence of tanks in defensive position. (a) make obstacle tank proof (b) think about enemy def. 3. Always have posts along obstacle at night to stop enemy patrols. 4. M.G. & Artillery no longer draw work of defence; now it is tanks obstacle & Inf. Artillery & M.G. now only help def. 5. We have exaggerated tank danger. Points brought out by Col. William-Stewart:- 1. study how to keep from firing into other posts till other posts are gone. 2. Don't dig before the robust careful planning of your posts-position.

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3. Study methods of making reliefs in the dark, suggest leaving tripods set to guide reliving secs.  
1630 Lecture to W.N.S.R. Officers & C.S.Ms & P.S.Ms in Gym. stresses necessity of dispersion during movement.

Lt. Anvard & Lt. Smith went to "the trenches" with the "Van Doss"

2230 Five new Officers arrived from Canada, these are:  
Mjr. Ernst, A. Capt. Bryson, H.M. Capt. Wood, Capt. Bennett,  
Capt. Courtney.

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On parade 719 all ranks.

Secs 31 " "

Total strength 787 " "

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Guillemont 6/4/40 0800 Training as per schedule.  
Barracks

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1330 A party of nearly 100 of our Bn. went by M.T. to visit Windsor Castle. The party was under command of Major Davis. The trip was arranged by Mr.

Lt's Arnould & Smith returned from "trenches".

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on parade 717 all ranks

with — 33 " "

Total strength 786. " "

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Guatemala 7/4/40  
Barracks.

Church parade as per schedule.

on parade 687 all ranks  
pvt 34 " "  
Total strength 786 " "

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Barracks 140 1015

Training as per schedule.

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Lt. Col. Gregg called all officers into Pay Office to welcome the new officers and to announce the provisional ~~disposition~~ distribution of officers in the Bn. This provisional dist. is as follows:

Bn. H Co.  
Lt. Col. Gregg O.C.  
Mjr. Ernst 2/c  
Capt. Stehelin Adj.  
Lt. Jenkins S.O.  
Lt. Parker, absent O.

H. Q. Co.  
Capt. Holt O.C.  
Mjr. Beringer Q.M.  
Lt. Day Sigs  
" Spain Captives  
" Beck T.O.  
" Cochran Attached.

A. Co.  
Capt. Moore O.C.  
Lt. Miller 2/c  
" Amund.  
" Smeltzer Attached.

B Co.  
Mjr. Harris O.C.  
Capt. Clement 2/c  
Lt. Smith  
" Perry Attached.

C Co.  
Capt. Gummell O.C.  
Capt. Bryson 2/c  
Lt. Johnson.

D Co.  
Capt. Beutner O.C. N.O.G.  
" Steadman 2/c  
Lt. Brown.

On parade 721 all ranks.  
Sick 39 " "  
Total strength 786 " "

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Guatemala 9/4/40  
Barracks

0800 Training as per schedule

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1330 The b.O. & d.O. recess areas for the boys to use in tactical training.

1930 } Lt. Johnson and Lt. Jenkins went out to the trenches with  
2045 } the R 22 R. to observe the process of relief and occupation of trenches.

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2030 Rehearsals of embussing and debussing in the dark

on parade 725 all ranks.

Sick — 39 " "

Total strength — 789 " "

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Guillemont 10/14/40 0800 Training as per schedule  
Barracks 1/4/40 1945

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The Officers of the W.N.S.R. gave a birthday dinner to Lt. Col. Gregg. All Officers were present, (Pte. Jenkins & Johnston having been sent back from the trenches in a R22 truck for the occasion. The arrangements for the dinner were made by Capt. Coshin who only learned about the plan at 0900 hours. The toast to Col. Gregg was proposed by Capt. Coshin, and Lt. Col. Gregg replied with a short speech. The toast to the W.N.S.R. - "the future home of Canada's First Div" was proposed by Capt. Stebelin who gave a brief speech. This toast was replied to by Mjr Ernest, and new 2/10. The instrumental music was provided by the W.N.S.R. band. The C.O. greatly pleased all present by carrying his birthday cake around and cutting a piece for each officer, and when the dinner was over, he shook hands with every member of the Orchestra, all the waiters, cooks and stewards. After dinner the Officers returned to the mess lounge where the celebration was continued with songs, jokes and stories. The story receiving the greatest applause was told by Major Harris. It related an incident during the last war when he assisted a German daughter in France to bring about a liaison between her cow and a neighbor bull. Perhaps the most notable feature of the evening was the successful persuasion brought to bear on Mjr Harris and Mjr Ernest resulting in the purchase by these officers, of a bottle of whiskey. This success created such a precedent

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Gentlemen 10/14/40  
Baracks.

that other Nijes, Capt's, and even Lieuts. purchased whiskey for the celebration.

The b.o. retired about midnight but the celebration did not come to an end till hours later. This was the best evening we have had since coming to England. Not the least enjoyable feature of the evening was the absence of all R.22R. Officers from the mess - they being in the trenches or otherwise employed up to midnight, thus the W.N.S.R. had the mess to themselves for the first time.

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on parade -	730	all ranks.
sick -	42	" "
Total strength	789	" "

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Guillemont 11/4/40 0445  
Barrack. 0520

Resille.

Bn. marched to bay assembly area for an attack on a wooded hill to the west of HORNLEY FARM. Lt. Parker took his snipers and scouts and posted them in the woods on the objective to watch and report on the ~~direction~~ progress of the attack. The I.O. took his I sec. to a clump of woods directly in front of the objective. From this point of vantage, both "enemy" and "own" tps. could be watched. Incidentally some of the scouts and snipers observed the I sec. in this clump of woods. The bay advances, making use of cover with various degrees of skill. The bay especially, was exposed to "enemy" observation while moving up to their starting point. Much more training in the use of cover for concealment during an attack is needed.

0700 The attack was over and the objective consolidated by 0700 hours. After a brief lecture by the C.O. to the assembled Bn., we marched back to camp for breakfast.

1300 A program of organized sports was carried out during the afternoon.

1400 Orders were received from Bde for a Bn. exercise and M.T. movement by night to be followed by an "attack" at dawn. The Recce Gp. consisting of the C.O. Adj. and Scout Officer and one orderly room clerk (Sgt. Muhammad) proceeded to the vicinity of CAMBERLEY, where they met Brig. Price, Col. Beasley and our B.M.

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Guantanamo 11/4/40  
Barracks 1/40

- 1515 An O. Gp, consisting of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, I.O., Sig O, Coy. Commandis Pl. Commandis and their orderlies and guides proceeded to an R.V. where they met the Base C.O. who showed them the debussing area (the wrong one as we learned later from the C.O.) and the boundaries of the Bn, in the attack (wrong left boundary)
- 1630 The C.O. gave his orders to Coy Commandis who then gave their orders and gave their orders to their pl. commandis. Then everyone received the area of the exercise, the S.O. and Coy guides taking careful note of the routes to and within the Bn area.
- 1930 Supper for the Recs and O. Gps.
- 2150 C.O.'s conference with Coy Commandis, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adj, A.M. and I.O. present.
- 2100 Everybody had a very busy evening preparing for the night's exercise. Embussing ordered for 2330 hrs. Bn. H.Q. staff worked feverishly preparing operation orders for the M.T. movement and the attack. The men received a good meal before embussing.
- 2330 Embussing of troops in C.A.S.C. vehicles begun, and head of column began to move away from Barracks area. The 'A' echelon vehicles went out one gate and 'B' echelon out the other gate and were lined together in their proper places by Major Harris at the corner by Bde H.Q.

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Guantanamo 11/  
Barracks 1/4/40

2340 The head of the column was on road to FLEET when it was halted owing to delay in embussing troops in C.A.S.C. vehicles.  
2350 The column was ordered to advance and proceeded slowly, crossing the S.P. at exactly 0001 hrs 12 Apr. 40.

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on parade 731 all ranks.  
Sick — 38 " "  
Total strength 788 " "

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR		REMARKS + APPX
Guillemont Barracks.	12/4/40	0001 0310	<p>The M.2. Col. proceeded along route laid down in Bde Order. Details from the R.C.M.P. were at the corners to guide traffic, the only halt occurred coming away from Wokingham at the blindest corner in the whole route, there was no man from the R.C.M.P. to direct traffic. Fortunately the I.O. and T.O. in the leading car was following the progress of the column by a marked map. They noted that the corner had been missed and halting the column to call in the D.P.s. and direct them to take the next turn left, thus bringing the column back on the correct route with only a short delay. The ration trucks and a few "A" eschelon vehicles, led by the Bde T.O. got lost and didn't reach their objectives till 0500 hrs.</p>	
		0310	<p>Debussing. As each C.O.S.B. vehicle was unloaded, it moved away then the boys marched <sup>into</sup> their assembly areas, each</p>	
		0332	<p>boy accompanied by its own "A" eschelon vehicles.</p>	
		0430	<p>boys in assembly position and Bn H.Q. set up. The last moments details of preparation for the attack occupied the rest of the time till 0500. At 0555 the I sec. established an O.P. overlooking the line of Adv. and its objectives.</p>	H.O.P.
		0615	<p>ZERO</p>	
		0630	<p>Rain began to fall</p>	
		0820	<p>The path was "called" because of the rain and the slowness of the advance, the leading boys never reached their first objectives</p>	

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Guillemont  
Barracks 12/21/40

0900 Breakfast was served by the Q.M. and his staff. After breakfast, the Coy. marched to barracks, the last Coy. arriving at 1100 hrs.

1300 Day holiday.

2000 The Sqds of W.N.S.R. and R. 22 R. held their usual bi-monthly dance in mess hall, a number of Officers from both Regts were present.

On parade 736 all ranks.

with — 35 " "

Total strength 788 " "

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Guillemont  
Barracks. 13/4/40

0800 Training as per schedule

1000 Capt. Ogulnik returns to us as our M.O.

1045 All training cancelled for the day to allow Officers and W.O.s to attend meeting in our Officers Mess for the discussion of lessons learned during Exercise of 11-14 Apr. Major Faulkes reviewed the purpose and plan of the exercise giving the narrative which led up to the morning attacks on the 12<sup>th</sup> Brig. P.O.s made the following comments: 1. M.O. Mess, Embussing and debussing discipline excellent. Lights on vehicles too bright. 2. Pace of march from debussing to assembly points too fast. Trucks and Carriol should march to assembly area without lights. 3. One Coy overstret its mark at assembly area - need sentry posted. 4. Need sentries to prevent men straying in front of starting line. 5. Security - sentries should always be posted to prevent surprise. 6. Too free use of flood-lights. 7. Strict discipline re smoking. Attack 1. Chief need was for information sent back, 2. Be specific in information sent about position. 3. Most verbal messages sent were completely unintelligible. 4. Some loss of direction I of left on left flank of Bn. 5. A Coy in trenches too crowded. 6. B Coy moved up too close to S.L. 7. Sec. comdr on fire control & fire discipline was bad. 8. Lack of pl. comdr making plan when held up. 9. Lack of runners. 10. Inclination to stop at every enemy rifle shot should get ahead

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Barracks.

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as far as possible, 11. Secs: in pto. tendency to deploy with less  
ppts necessary. 12. Move across starting line was good 13. Control  
in assembly was good. 14. S.B. did not know where R.A.P. was.  
15. men need to know bugle calls.

Mjr Faulkes 1. avoid jack rabbit cutback keep men going  
till held up by fire. 2. Movement with fire instead of "jabs with  
movement" 3. Infiltration should be stressed 4. Initiative in junior  
leaders needed. 5. Messages not good. 6. Negative information  
as important as positive info. 7. Coy comms should have  
member who can write messages 8. Flashlights should  
not be made use of only by Officer & P.S. Nos. 9. Cover flash  
light with blue paper. 10. Big improvement in embussing  
and debussing 11. Suggest NO whistle or sig for embussing  
and debussing. 12. Twenty-two minutes for debussing and  
getting to A.S.C. trucks clear. 13. Local protection important  
e.g. against parachute troops. 14. Fire order must be used.

Discussion of questions.

1300 A party of nearly 100 men paraded for a trip to Oxford to  
visit the University and other points of interest in the  
city. This trip was planned & directed by Mr. Van Dahlen  
and Mjr Harris. The same as the trip last Saturday.

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Barracks

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The I.O. was detailed to guide the convoy of M.T. This party was delayed in starting owing to the discovery that two W.N.S.R. trucks were not in running condition, a Bde truck chanced to appear on the scene & was 'commandeered' by Mjr Berringer and Mjr Ernst. We finally started about 1330 hrs. and reached Oxford at 1545 hrs. We were divided into three separate parties and each party was guided on a sight seeing tour of Oxford University. During our tour of the University, our group encountered a party of A.T.S. who were also seeing the University. There was a brief and decisive ~~action~~ <sup>action</sup> on the lawn, the hero of the skirmish being Lt. Johnston (~~captain~~). Then we went to the Town Hall where tea was served to the men. The Officers, with the exception of Mjr Harris, Mjr Ernst and Mjr Berringer visited the home of Col. Gubdewit where they were given tea and a view of the Colonel's magnificent collection of medals won by personnel of his old Regt. N.B. 9

2000 The party left OXFORD before dark leaving one car load of Officers to attend the dance in the Town Hall. VI

→ The capture of this Bde truck had an interesting sequel; Bde ordered the W.N.S.R. to supply a truck for their use; this W.N.S.R. truck was struck by a carrier while being used by Bde. Consequently, neither Bde nor the W.N.S.R. were in a position to put up a bid about the use of their respective trucks. N.B. 9

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Guillemont  
Barracks

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Church Parade as per schedule.

On parade	730	all ranks
Sick	34	" "
Total strength	788	" "

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Gullonant 17/4/40 0800 Training as per schedule  
Barracks 1/40 Pay day.

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Some of the personnel of H. G. Coy proceeded to Long Siberia range, Bidley, for some additional rifle and Bren shooting. Two sniper rifles (P14) arrived, Lt. Parker is delighted with them. N.B.G.

On parade 733 all ranks.  
Sick — 34 " "  
Total strength 788 " "

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Guillemont 16/4/14 0800 Training as per schedule  
Barracks 140  
1450 Light snow falling  
1855 Heavy rain, hail and snow.  
Lt. Parker begins to train his snipers on the house  
Siberia Range Bisley.  
0730 More details go to Range for additional shooting practice W.O.G.

On parade 730 all ranks  
Sick 32 " "  
Total strength 788 " "

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Barracks 1/40

- 0730 Now details taken to Long Siberia range for additional shooting practice, rifs and Bren gun.
- 1500 The Officers attended a meeting of 1 Com. Coy Dio. Officers in Garrison Theatre, and were addressed by Gen. Drowsides, 1st promises that we should soon receive our full equipment. He believes the critical phase of the War is at hand.
- 2230 Considerable stir in camp as reports reach us that 2nd Bde men were called out of movies, theatres etc, to report to Barracks, We suspect that some change in our routine is afoot, when we learned that our 3" mortars are called in by Bde, we wonder what is up.

N.B.F.

On parade 736 all ranks.  
 Sick — 28 " "  
 Total strength 788 " "

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- Guillemont Barracks 18/4/40
- 0730 Mess details go to the range.
  - 0800 Training as per schedule.
  - 1000 Lt. Parker had to turn in surplus rifles in to 3 Bde, for issue to 2 Bde.
  - 1200 Col. Leach of the Med. Artz, addressed the Officers of 3 Bde in our Officers Mess. His topic was the organization and the employment of the Artz.
  - 1600 C.O.'s conference in lecture hut. Next weeks program discussed.
  - 1745 The Officers of W.N.S.P. gave a cocktail party to Lt. Brown and presented him with a table set. Lt. Brown is the first matrimonial casualty among the Officers since coming to England.
  - 2000 Reports reach us that 3 Bde has moved away and are believed to be heading for Norway.

On parade - 740 all ranks.  
Sick ——— 27 " "  
Total strength 788 " "

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Guillemond 19/4/40  
Barracks.

0800 Training as per schedule

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Lt. Parker supervised the zeroing of rifles for the Bn. He used some of his snipers as marksmen. The Coy carried out a simple scheme in the training area back of the Barracks. The scheme was to give practice in controlled dispersion and fire orders.

1100 Lt. Brown was married to Miss Helen Isabel Findlay, late of the W.A.A.F. in the Farnborough Parish Church, Lt. Col. Burlock performed the ceremony. Guests at the wedding were: The brides mother, Mrs. Gregg, Major Davis, Capt. Stehelin, Capt. Cashen, Major Burgoyne, Capt. Elliott & Sgt. Colbran. The best man: Capt. Steafman. Bridesmaids: Jean Brown of the W.A.A.F.

H.O.F.

1315 Inspection by the C.O. and refining as per schedule.

On parade — 743 all ranks.  
from ——— 25 " "  
Total strength — 788 " "

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Guillemont 20/4 0815 Inspections by C.O.  
 Barracks 1/40 1045 Conference of officers and W.O.s in gym. Subject: The occupation  
 of trenches. The I Sec. spent the afternoon re-examining the  
 routes to HANBROOK RANGE and ALBERENOT and PIRISRIGHT  
 TRENCHES  
 1200 All leave for this week and cancelled by Bde order.  
 1315 A large party proceeded on a visit to WINCHESTER  
 1345 Voluntary sports parade

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On parade 742 all ranks  
 Sick - - 24 " "  
 Total strength 787 " "

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Guillemont 21/4/40  
Barracks

Church Parade as per ~~schedule~~ order.  
The S.O. and Scout Officer accompanied the Bde S.O.  
to H.Q. 1 Land Div. where Capt Mathew, G.S.O., told us his  
views on the best way for officers to make their own  
security arrangements, ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~importance~~ in this respect  
some heads will fall. This statement was very helpful  
to us. Then Capt. Mathew and Capt. Armstrong told  
us about the Div. school for snipers which is to start  
on 29 Apr. 40. We were told that S.O.s must become  
trained snipers but that the ideal arrangement is  
to have a separate Scout Officer to take charge of  
sniping and scouting. The W.N.S.R. now had this  
arrangement though it is not yet officially sanctioned.  
"B" and "D" Coys occupied the practice trenches tonight.  
Advance parties reached P.V. at 1730 hrs. At 1940 hrs and  
1945 hrs, "B" and "D" coys started their march to the trenches.  
Reliefs were completed at 2250 hrs (B coy) and 2211 hrs (D coy).  
By midnight Bn. H.Q. was organized, with communications and  
defenses set up. The Sigs. had to return to Barracks, and the I.  
Sec. took their places at the telephones.

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Guilleminot Barracks.

22/4/40

0815

Parade

B & D boys stayed in the trenches till relieved by the Scots Guards at 2300 hrs. The battle was interrupted by an armistice which lasted from 0900 hrs till 1700 hrs. During this armistice the troops rested till noon, then after dinner they worked at improving and clearing the trenches. Hostilities opened with renewed vigor at 1700 hrs. The most notable incidents during the day were, first, the capture of a "B" boy officer by a patrol from "D" boy at 0345 hrs and second, the unofficial battle in "No Man's Land" at 2000 hrs which took place in a dense cloud of smoke emanating from "D" boy trenches. At 2300 hrs the boys disembarked and returned to Barracks without incident except for a short delay in starting the transport of "D" boy after the men were <sup>loaded on</sup> ~~loaded~~ <sup>HANGMOOR</sup> RANGES to practice.

0815

Two pls of "A" boy proceeded to <sup>HANGMOOR</sup> RANGES to practice fire and movement.

H.P.J.

on parade 733 all ranks  
 sick — 25 " "  
 Total strength 786 " "

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Guillemont Barracks 23  
Apr 40

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The first big event of this day was the inspection of our Bn by the Hon. Norman McLeod Rogers, Canada's minister of national defense. After the inspection, Lt. Col. Gregg dictated a brief speech to be broadcast over the B.B.C.. His speech was as follows:- "Just at this moment the Hon. Norman Rogers, Canadian minister of national defense, has completed an inspection of the ~~unit~~ West Nova Scotia Regt. He was pleased to say that he was greatly pleased with their appearance. On my own part, I wish to say to the mothers and fathers in Nova Scotia that your boys did put on a great show today. They are all feeling cheerful and they will give an excellent account of themselves whatever they may be called upon to do. I know that I am expressing the feeling of all ranks in my Regt. in sending to all of you in Nova Scotia our best wishes".

1315 All officers, W.O.s. and N.C.O.s proceeded by M.T. to Hangmoor Range to witness a field firing demonstration put on by two pls of "A" Coy.

1930 A dinner in honor of the Hon. Norman Rogers was given by the officers of the W.N.S.R. The C.O. of the R 222 R and several senior officers from 1 Div. and 2 Div were guests.

2138 Lt. Col. Gregg proposed a toast to Canada and Norman Rogers.

2141 In a nine-minute speech, Rogers first thanked Gen. McNaughton for permitting him to see the W.N.S.R. Then he drew a picture of the harmonious blending of races in Nova Scotia. He said "we are but a link in a chain of history - linking those before and those

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Barracks 741  
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who will someday take our places." Referring to the C.O. of the R 220 R.,  
he mentioned having attended a dinner <sup>in London</sup> with that unit "where the spirits  
of Wolfe and Montcalm were present". He said that "many things we  
fight for today are the same as in 1914-18". "That spark of freedom  
symbolized by the name 'Canada'". "we were built on freedom  
and can only survive in freedom." "we must strive for a world  
in which we may be free from fear. we cannot build anything ~~or~~ permanent  
on fear or hatred - only on confidence". He declared that 1 Can Inf Div  
has "established an unchallenged place in the affections of the English  
people". "This is the proudest day of my life". He finished by  
congratulating Col. Gregg and his officers and Gen. McNaughton on their  
works in the W.N.S.R. and 1 Div.

On parade - 738  
Linn - 26  
Total strength - 764

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Guilleminot 24  
Barracks 7/11  
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1600

Speech by Brig. J. A. H. Gammell, 4 Corps, B.E.F. at Garrison Theatre.  
Brig. Gammell described the work and life of a British Bde in the  
line in France. He commented on the excellent performance of  
M.T. during the severe winter weather.

H.B.G.

On parade — 739 all ranks  
Sick — — 25 " "  
Total strength 786 " "

A. V.

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WAR DIARY  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	EVENTS
Guillemont Barracks.	25 AM 40	0930	"B" Coy proceeded from camp to take up a defensive position near HAWLEY HILL. "A" Coy marched out to "attack" "B" Coy, but were delayed in starting so much that the attack was a washout.
		1315	From the Bn parade ground the Bn marched to the sports field where the final Coy. competitions were held. "H.Q." Coy won the competition. Brig. Price visited the sports. The spectacle of the afternoon was the 100 yd dash <del>to</del> run by our C.O. and several officers. Lt. Perry won this race.
		1430	The officers proceeded to Laffan's Plains, where a demonstration of bridging was put on by the R.E. The eventful happening of the day was when an officer and a sgt. attempted to demonstrate the crossing of the <del>canal</del> bridge on motor cycles. They were fished out of the Canal, not because the bridge was unsafe, but because the M.C.s took too much room!
		1615	Lecture by the I.O. on German tactics in the Attack. All W.O.s, and N.C.O.s attended.
			<p>On parade — 736 all ranks</p> <p>Sick — 27 " "</p> <p>Total strength — 786 " "</p>

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April 25



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Guillemont 26  
Barracks Apr 1730  
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"A" and "C" coys took over the trenches from the Scots guards at 2200. Advance parties reached their R.V. at 1730 hrs. The coys marched from barracks to the trenches. The only casualty occurred at midnight, when P.S.M. Schaffner, "C" Coy, was injured by a blank fired by one of his own men. He was returning to his own trench and failed to give the password on being challenged by the sentry. The wadding of the shell lodged in his chest. He was immediately taken to hospital.

N.B.G.

On parade - 736 all ranks  
Sick - 29 " "  
Total strength 765 " "

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Guillemeau 27  
Barracks. Apr 40

1000 Lt. H. F. Parker and Lt. H. P. Jenkins and several other ranks proceeded to Aldershot to attend a snipers' school at Maida Barracks. This school is being run for 1 Cdn Inf Div, and the instructors are all from 1 Div. Lt. H. F. Parker is instructor in shooting and sniping, but the I.O. declared that Parker would never make a sniper of him.

1700 In the Aldershot and Pirbright trenches the daily armistice ended at 1700 hrs, when a very light signalled the beginning of the mighty battle. At 2200 hrs the real battle took place when the boys were ordered to shoot "all the fireworks". It was an ideal night for an attack as the air was heavy and smoke hung heavily for a long time over no man's land.

1315 For the second time a party went from the Bn on a tour of Windsor Castle. After photographing the deer in the Park, the party went to the Castle, where guides escorted them across to St. George's Memorial Church, where they heard the great pipe organ. Then the party saw the grounds and outside of the state apartments, finally climbing the Round Tower of William I.

W. B. J.

On parade	—	732	all ranks
Sick	—	30	" "
Total strength	—	764	" "

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INTELLIGENCE

Guillemont  
Barracks.

28  
April  
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0945 March parades.

"A" and "C" Coy's were given the day off in order to rest after their hard fighting in the trenches.

H.B.F.

On parade	-	732	all ranks
Sick	-	27	" "
Total strength		759	

April

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DISTANCE SUMMARY

Guillemont 29 0815  
Barracks. P.M.  
H.C.

The final results of the Regimental sports were posted this morning, showing "A" Coy as 1st, "B" Coy as 2nd, "C" Coy as 3rd, "H.G." Coy as 4th. We are now ready to enter the Bde competitions.

0830 W.O.s and Pl. Comdrs paraded to Hawley Pond to attend a demonstration on bridge building under the instruction of an R.E. Sgt.

2230 "A" Coy, under cover of darkness, built a <sup>Kayce</sup> bridge 85 ft. long, then took the Coy across in 19 min. As each pl crossed the bridge, they took up positions to protect the ones crossing.

On Parade - 724 all ranks  
Sick - 30 " "  
Total strength - 754 " "

0800 The I. Sect. of this Bn. suffered a severe loss when Sgt. Colbron was transferred to Bde Hq.

H.C.G.

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H.C.G.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

PLACE	DATE	HOURS	REMARKS	APPES
Guillemont Barracks.	30 April 40	0815	<p>Training of the whole Bn consisted of arm and gas drill. Respirators were checked <del>and</del> for size and damage, and the men went through the gas chambers.</p> <p>ON Parade — 717 All ranks.          Sick — — 30 " "          Total, <del>at</del> strength 783 " "</p>	<p>H.P.J.</p> <p>Appx V</p>