

# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Woldingham Surry	1 Dec	40	To-day being Sunday, Church Parades as usual with the Band in attendance, at St. Paul's Church, Woldingham. We supplied the Divisional Guard to-day. A/Sgt. McBain A.J. left for three weeks to take a Junior Leader's Course. Cpl. Webb D.E. went to the Canadian Provost Depot to take a two weeks course.	Appx III Appx II CSH
	2 Dec	40	Training to-day consisted of Bath Parades and a complete check-up of all equipment, arms, vehicles, etc. All the Officers of the Unit except the Orderly Officer attended a lecture at the Drill Hall, Caterham, on the German Army, by Brigadier J.B.Price. E/Sgt. Bryne J.M. left for a three weeks course on Infantry Platoon Weapons. The troops enjoyed a Picture Show at the Y.M.C.A. to-night.	Appx II CSH
	3 Dec	40	We had a visit from Maj.-Gen. F.R.Pearkes, G.O.C. 1 Can. Div. He arrived at 0755 hrs. and spent the morning visiting the Companies. After having lunch with us he inspected the Unit Transport, leaving at 1540 hrs. Before leaving he told the C.O. that he was very pleased with our showing. The Medical Officer to-day ordered Lt.-Col. M.F.Gregg to bed. Although the C.O. has not been feeling very well for the last two or three days he would not give in until after the G.O.C. had held his inspection. We supplied the Brigade Guard to-day. A Social was held to-night at the Y.M.C.A. for the troops. Everybody had a very enjoyable time.	Appx II CSH
	4 Dec	40	To-day was pretty well taken up with Bath Parades. The Coy. Comdrs. attended a lecture at Weybridge, "The War in the Air", by Air Marshall, Sir Phillip Joubert. A number of our Officers and other Ranks attended a dance at the North Downs Golf Club, put on by the R.C.A.S.C. There was also a Concert Party for the troops at the Y.M.C.A. to-night.	Appx II CSH
	5 Dec	40	Training to-day as usual. A meeting of the Coy. Educational Officers was held at Bn. H.Q. to-day to report on the progress made up to date on the Educational Survey.	

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Woldingham Surry	5 Dec	40	Lieut. C.B.Higgins represented the Unit at a Sports Meeting held in the Purley Hockey rink to discuss the possibilities of forming a Divisional Hockey League in the 1 Cdn. Div. for the coming winter. One hundred and fifty Officers and other ranks attended a picture to-night, at Woldingham Park Hospital, Upper Woldingham.	Appx II CSA
	6 Dec	40	Draining to-day consisted of a twenty-mile route march. The Unit supplied the Brigade Guard to-day. "C" Coy. held a Dance to-night at the North Downs Golf Club, Woldingham.  Posted Strength- Officers 33 - Other Ranks 744	Appx II CSA
	7 Dec	40	The Medical Officer attended a lecture to-day at 1 Cdn. Div. Med. Soc. Pioneer Platoon returned from Pixholm where they were working under the Corps Engineers. They were commended highly on their work. Most of the young Officers of the Unit enjoyed a Ground Hockey Match this afternoon with the young people of Woldingham, on the Woldingham Cricket Pitch. Several of the Officers attended a very enjoyable dance to-night at the home of Miss Dianna Courtney of Woldingham.	Appx II CSA
	8 Dec	40	Church Parades as usual to-day with the Band in attendance, at St. Paul's Church, Woldingham. Major J.B.Berringer, the Quartermaster attended a meeting to-day at Adv. Div. H.Q. A Meeting of the Officer's Mess was held to-night and a new Committee appointed, consisting of Major L.P.Harris-President, Major H.M.Bryson-Vice President, Lieut. C.B.Higgins-Sect., and Lieut. E.L.Fortune-Member. All Guards were warned to be on the alert to-night for two men driving a stolen car. They are believed to be enemy agents.	Appx II CSA
	9 Dec	40	Every busy to-day on Muster Parades. We started to haul our winter coal to-day. We had a visit to-day from an Engineer Officer, who had a look around our billets and took notes on our many requirements. Major A.A.Ernst held a meeting of all Officers at Bn.H.Q. to-night and reminded us all that we could put a little more effort in our work.	Appx II CSA

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Woldingham Surry	10 Dec	40	<p>Training to-day consisted of Muster Parade and a thirteen-mile Route March. Major A.A. Ernst who has taken command of the Battalion while Lt-Col. M.F. Gregg is sick, attended a conference at Brigade to-day to discuss the points arising out of the G.O.C.'s Inspection.</p> <p>Lieut. J.B. Higgins attended a lecture on Seamanship at Adv. H.Q., 1 Cdn. Div.</p> <p>We placed second in the 3 Cdn. Inf. Bde. Vehicle Inspection Competition to-day, the Royal 22 Regiment beating us out by a couple of points. We have vowed that we will win it next time or die in the attempt.</p>	<p>Appx VII</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>CSH</p>
	11 Dec	40	<p>Training to-day as usual.</p> <p>There was an Inspection of our Water Vehicles to-day.</p> <p>To-day we supplied the Brigade Guard.</p> <p>A number of the Officers of the Unit attended a lecture on "Our War on the Ocean", at Whitley Hall, Weybridge, by Rt-Hon. A.V. Alexander P.C., M.P.</p>	<p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx III</p> <p>CSH</p>
	12 Dec	40	<p>A two day Brigade Exercise "Midex" started to-day. Most of the day was spent in taking a recon. of the area we are going to occupy during the exercise.</p> <p>Sgt. Garber E.H., Cpl. Corbin H.M., Pte. Hiltz C.H., and Pte. Grace C.A., started attending a Typing and Shorthand School at Croyden, today.</p> <p>One hundred Officers and Other Ranks attended a Picture at the Hospital, Upper Warringham, to-night.</p> <p>There was also a Picture at the Y.M.C.A. for the troops to-night.</p>	<p>Appx I</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx III</p> <p>CSH</p>
	13 Dec	40	<p>The Unit <sup>Officers</sup> took part in the Brigade Exercise "Midex" to-day. The only one to return home sporting Scars of Battle was the G.O.C.'s Station Wagon. Luster the G.O.C.'s Driver got in an argument with another car over the road and the Station Wagon was left with a little the worse for wear.</p> <p>The Other Ranks went on a twenty-mile Route March to-day.</p> <p>Capt. M.G. Clennett was chosen to attend the "Boar's Head" Ceremony, at Queen's College, Oxford.</p> <p>Capt. A.D. Butts our Padre and Educational Officer, attended a meeting of Educational Officers at Adv. H.Q., 1 Cdn. Div.</p>	<p>Appx I</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx IV</p> <p>CSH</p>
			<p>Posted Strength - Officers 32 - Other Ranks 740</p>	

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Warlingham Surrey	14 Dec	40	Training to-day as usual, along with Bay Parades. Major A.A. Ernst visited all Companies to-day on a Tour of Inspection. A Concert was held for the troops at the Y.M.C.A. to-night.	Appx III CSH.
	15 Dec	40	To-day being Sunday Church Parades went held as usual with the Band in attendance, at St. Paul's Church, Woldingham. Cpl. Webb D.E. returned from the Canadian Provost Depot to-day, where he has been on a course for the last two weeks. Courses in Carpenter Work, Plumbing, and Plastering, have been started to-day in the Polytechnic School at Sroyden. A number of our other ranks attended.	Appx III CSH.
	16 Dec	40	Training to-day as usual. Major H.M. Brown to-day acted as guide to the 2 Cdn. Inf. Bde. during their Exercise "Midex". Brigadier C.E. Price held a meeting of all Officers who took part in the 3 Cdn. Inf. Bde. Exercise "Midex", to discuss points arising out of the Exercise. All our Officers attended. We supplied the Brigade Guard to-day. A picture was shown at the Y.M.C.A. to-night for the troops.	Appx II CSH. Appx II Appx II CSH.
	17 Dec	40	Training to-day was pretty well taken up by Bath Parades. One hundred Officers and Other Ranks attended a Dance at the Hospital, Upper Warlingham to-night. A Card and Checker Social was also held at the Y.M.C.A. to-night for the troops.	Appx III CSH.
	18 Dec	40	Training to-day as usual. From now on the Respirator is to be worn for fifteen minutes daily. We supplied the Brigade Guard to-day. A Checker and Ping Pong Tournament was held at the Y.M.C.A. to-night for the troops.	Appx II Appx III CSH.
	19 Dec	40	The Unit took part in a T.E.W.T. in the Wycherross-Danehill area to-day. A Hockey Practise was held to-day at Purley Ice Rink. Although the boys were a little unsteady on their skates, they showed lots of promise for the coming Divisional League. The Canadian Legion put on a Concert Party at the Y.M.C.A. to-night. A picture was also put on for the troops at the Hospital at Upper Warlingham to-night.	Appx I CSH.



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Woldingham Surrey	20 Dec	40	<p>The Unit took part in the second stage of the Brigade T.E.W.T. in the Wychcross-Danehill area to-day.</p> <p>Lieut. R.H.Beck, the Unit Transport Officer attended a meeting held by Brigadier Carr, D.A.G.O. at Adv. H.Q., 1 Cdn. Div. on the Maintenance of Unit Transport.</p> <p>Pte. C.J.Chiasson of this Unit, who was killed in a car accident a couple of days ago was buried to-day at Brookwood, Surrey. "D" Coy. supplied the Firing Party.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Posted Strength - Officers 31 - Other Ranks - 740</p>	<p>Appx I</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx IV CRH.</p>
	21 Dec	40	<p>Training to-day as usual.</p> <p>We supplied the Divisional Guard to-day. The Guard was commented on by the G.O.C. as being the best Guard of the year.</p> <p>The Unit also supplied the Brigade Guard to-day.</p> <p>As the Christmas Mail Rush is under way we are supplying a Mail Party from to-day till Christmas. Lieut. E.L.Fortune is in charge of this Party.</p> <p>We have been notified by the Records Office, Can. Military H.Q. that we have never gone through Orders as being transferred from Canada to England. Officially we are still in Canada.</p>	<p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx VII CRH.</p>
	22 Dec	40	<p>To-day being Sunday, Church Parades as usual at St. Paul's Church, Woldingham.</p> <p>Our Regimental Band played at the Divisional Guard Mount this morning. The ceremony was recorded to be re-broadcast in Canada.</p>	<p>Appx II CRH</p>
	23 Dec	40	<p>The Battalion marched to Selsdon Park and were Inspected by Major A.A.Ernst. This was a rehearsal for the coming visit of The Hon. J.L.Ralston, Minister of National Defense.</p> <p>The Unit supplied the Brigade Guard to-day.</p> <p>A voluntary Church Parade was held at St. Paul's Church, Wolding, where a Special Christmas Service was rendered.</p> <p>A total of eight bombs fell and exploded in our area about 0400 hrs. this morning. There was no damage done.</p> <p>A meeting of the Officer's mess was held at Bn.H.Q. where a set of By-laws, and Rules and Regulations were presented to the meeting for acceptance by the newly formed Committee.</p> <p>A Picture was shown to the troops at the Y.M.C.A. to-night.</p> <p>A Special Christmas Pay Parade was held to-day, each man receiving ten-shillings.</p>	<p>Appx VII</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>Appx III</p> <p>Appx II</p> <p>CRH</p>

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Woldingham Surrey	24 Dec	40	Everybody busy to-day getting ready for our first Christmas in England. We supplied the Brigade Guard to-day. We received Hearty Christmas Greetings from Brigadier C.B.Price, 3 Cdn. Inf. Bde. A Concert Party was put on at the Y.M.C.A. to-night by some of the talent in our Unit.	Appx II Appx III CSH
	25 Dec	40	To-day is our first Christmas in England. Voluntary Church Services were held in St. Paul's Church, Woldingham. A marvellous Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all the Other Ranks. During dinner the C.O. and all the Officers of the Unit visited all the Companies in turn and wished all the Other Ranks a Very Merry Christmas. The Officers then returned to Battalion H.Q. Mess where a lovely Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all. We all felt sorry that Lt.-Col. M.F.Gregg was unable to be present. After the dinner we all went to Bramshot Hospital to wish Col.Gregg a Very Merry Christmas. Everybody was very pleased to hear that the Canadian Active Service Force has become as of 0001 hrs. to-day, The Canadian Corps. One hundred Officers and Other Ranks attended a dance to-night at the Hospital at Upper Warlingham.	Appx VII Appx VII Appx II CSH
	26 Dec	40	Everybody busy to-day putting the finishing touches on equipment, etc. for the Inspection to-morrow by the Hon. J.L.Ralston, Minister of National Defense for Canada. Major A.A.Ernst attended a dinner to-night given by Brigadier C.B.Price and Staff of the 3 Cdn. Inf. Bde. A Picture was held at the Y.M.C.A. to-night for the troops. There was also a picture at the Hospital at Upper Warlingham for the troops to-night.	Appx VII CSH
	27 Dec	40	A Dinner was given by the Unit at Selsdon Park to-day in honor of the Hon. J.L.Ralston. It was a typical Nova Scotia Dinner. Lt.Gen. A.G.L.McNaughton, G.O.C. The Canadian Corps, Maj.-Gen. H.J.Crerar, Chief of General Staff, Maj.-Gen. G.R.Pearkes, G.O.C. 1 Cdn. Div., Brig. C.B.Price, O.C. 3 Cdn. Inf. Bde., were present at the dinner. After dinner Col.Ralston gave us a very enjoyable speech. The W.N.S.R. then withdrew and fell in with the Battalion which had marched over under the R.S.M. and formed up outside the Selsdon Park Hotel. We were then inspected by Col. Ralston, who was very pleased with the Unit. Afterwards in a personnel letter to Major Ernst, Brig. Price said the "Present was a joy" and the "March Past a knock-out".	Appx VII Appx I CSH

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Woldingham Surrey	28 Dec	40	Training to-day as usual. A meeting of the Coy. Educational Officers was held at Bn. H.Q. to-day. It was decided to complete the Educational Survey in the next two days and send all the information on to Brigade.	Appx II CSH
	29 Dec	40	To-day being Sunday Church Parades were held as usual at St. Paul's Church, Woldingham. The G.O.C. attended the Service.	Appx III CSH
	30 Dec	40	A Route March of ten males was held this morning. This afternoon was taken up by Bath Parades, and Pay Parades. Lieut. G.B. Higgins left for Dorking to-day to attend a two-week Intelligence Course.	Appx II Appx VII CSH
	31 Dec	40	Training to-day as usual, along with Pay Parades. Lieut. I.H. MacIntosh and C.Q.M.S. Whynott left to-day to attend a three-week Junior Leader Course. The troops were paraded to the Capitol Theatre, Caterham to-day to see a picture, "Name, Rank, and Number". One hundred Officers and Other Ranks attended a dance to-night at the Hospital, Upper Warlingham.	Appx II Appx II CSH

*I know the Lt Col  
Cuda W.N.S.R.*

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