

WAR DIARY

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August

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Biggin Hill	1			
	1	0800	Coy's carry on as per syllabus and new Carrier personnel undergoing rigid training	Appx VII
			Adj. Capt. Millard, proceeded to London on military business, returning in the afternoon.	
		1200	Brig. Ganong visited this Hq and conferred with Lt.-Col. Ernst.	
			STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 35 Other Ranks 741	Appx V CSA
	2	0800	General routine, Coy's busy wiring.	
		1000	Lt.-Col. Ernst and Maj. Hebb were members of a general Courts Martial held in Church Hall, MERSTHAM.	
		1500	Bath parades all Coy's	
		2000	The weekly dance was held in the hall at Keston. A large number attended and a good time was had by all, including several officers who were accompanied by the C O	Appx VII CSA
	3	0830	R.C's held Church services in the YMCA tent.	
		1000	C of E parades were held on the Cricket Pitch.	Appx III CSA
		1100	Snipers Smith, Camaeron and Lowden proceeded to Borden on a Snipers course.	
			2" mortar personnel participated in range practice at the range in WOLDINGHAM.	CSA
	4	0800	"A" "B" "C" and "D" Coy's start intensive 3" mortar training.	
		1800	Maj.-Gen. Price together with Lt.-Col. Foulkes, Lt.-Col. Laing and Maj. Forayce all of 3 Cdn Div visited this Hq.	CSA
5	0900	Adj. Capt. Millard proceeded to London and successfully defended two of our lads who were in the "toils" over the week-end.		
	1530	Brig. Ganong visited this Hq and conferred with Lt.-Col. Ernst.		
		one Pl from "A" Coy proceeded to Woldingham range to hunt for unexploded mortar bombs and were successful in locating them.		
	1730	Lt.-Col. Ernst, Capt. Millard and Capt. Letourneau attended a gathering of Allied Officers at the Overseas League in London as guests of Sir Justin Lucas. Among the distinguished gathering were: Lady Willington, Dutch Foreign Minister, The Rt. Hon. Arthur Greenwood and Cyprian Beaumont, M.P. This, we are informed, was a very colorful affair.		
	1900	Seaforth of C. visited this Regiment and a game of Soft Ball was indulged in, also Volley Ball and Tennis. The visitors won the Soft Ball go with a score 7-2, while Tennis, and Volley Ball were won by this Regt.	Appx III CSA	

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Biggin Hill	6	0800	Coy's busy, general routine and wiring.	Appx VII C/S/A
		1600	C O and Adj. proceeded to Brigade and attended conference re general organization.	
		1900	C O left on "7 days"	
		1930	Movies at the YMCA	
	7	0830	General routine. This has been an unusually quiet day. Tps persuing daily tasks etc.	C/S/A
		1930	Concert party at the YMCA	
	8	0830	Coy's busy wiring and trench digging.	Appx III Appx V C/S/A
		1330	Sports at the Cricket Pitch. Soft ball, Volley Ball and Horse-shoes.	
		2000	Dance at Keston Hall.	
			STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 34 Other Ranks 743	
	9	0800	Training has been suspended for the time being in order that slit trenches be dug in Coy areas.	C/S/A
		1500	The Brig visited this HQ and conferred with the C O	
		1930	Bingo tonight at the YMCA	
	10	0830	R.C.'s held Church parade to the YMCA where services were held,	C/S/A Appx III C/S/A
		1000	C of E and O D's paraded to the Cricket Pitch where services were held.	
		2000	Sing Song at the YMCA	
	11	0830	Coy's busy digging slit trenches.	C/S/A
			Capt. Smith, Lieut. Beaton and Lieut. Johnson proceeded to Croydon where they attended an Officers driving and maintainance course. This is also a vehicle holiday.	
		1400	50% of Bn HQ attended a S A training class. Balance of personnel will attend tomorrow. These classes will continue throughout the month.	
		1500	Major Bryson, 2 i/c, attended a conference at Bde. re forthcoming Exercise "Roft"	
		1900	Coy cmndrs conference by 2 i/c re Exercise to begin Wednesday next. Movies at the YMCA.	
	12	0800	Personnel of Bn preparing for Exercise which will take place tomorrow.	C/S/A
		1330	Maj. Bryson 2 i/c and Coy cmndrs attend a conference at Bde re Exercise "ROFT" tomorrow.	
		1930	C O's conference re Exercise ROFT	
1930		Bingo at the YMCA		

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Biggin Hill	13	0800	Bn ordered to stand to. Personnel busy getting Barrack Room stores together in preparation for Exercise ROFT.	<p>Appx I MSA</p> <p>MSA</p> <p>Appx V MSA</p>	
		1700	Bn crosses starting point at main gate in the following order: "C" BN HQ "H" Coy, A D and B Coy's. Bn marched 13 miles to embussing Pt.		
		2100	Bn arrived at embussing Pt and waited 5½ hrs for tcv's who were to transport tps to concentration area.		
	14	0220	Tps embuss and proceed to concentration area near DUNFOLD		
		0510	Tps reach concentration area, DUNFOLD.		
		0530	Bn HQ set up in BURNINGFOLD HALL.		
		0600	Tps turn in for rest which was well earned.		
		1530	Weather report received which indicates bad weather, rain etc.		
		1830	C O's conference re move to new area.		
		2025	Bn passes S P on march to new concentration area.		
	15	0600	2330		Bn passes Bde S P. It is now raining quite heavily and very dark.
			0950		After a march of 26 miles in the rain, the Bn reached MINSTED and fell out by the side of the road and slept in the rain and wet. During this march there were many casualties caused by blistered feet. After these casualties were attended to by the RAP who were in the rear of the convoy, they were "pitchforked" off the truck and got along as best they could for the balance of the march. Those who were able, partook of their "haversack" breakfast.
			1030		Brig. Ganong arrived and warned the Bn to be ready to move at any time after 1030 hrs. The R22eR and Carlt & York had gone forward while the West N.S.R. was to be held in reserve.
			1230		Bn standing to in reserve.
			1415		C O calls conference of Coy cmndrs.
1530			Bn HQ A B C and D Coy's move out to support the right flank of Bde.		
2200			C O held conference with Coy cmndrs to discuss new orders which have just arrived from Bde by L O. The West N.S.R. is to push through Carlt & York and take up position 5 miles ahead in WILDHAM WOOD in preparation of assault on the enemy who are holding LAMBDOWN HILL about one mile S E of WILDHAM WOOD. C O issues orders for Unit to proceed to WILDHAM WOOD and take up position for the night.		
			Bn arrives at WILDHAM WOOD in heavy rain after a small skirmish with the R M R who were in position immediately NORTH of WILDHAM WOOD. Bn took up position, had a hot supper and bedded down for the night.		
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Biggin Hill	16	0200	Our I O, Lieut. Higgins proceeded to Bde to learn of any information re attack today.		
		0300	I O returned to Bn HQ with orders for C O and traces.		
		0800	Tps get breakfast and prepare for attack on LAMBSDOWN HILL. C O issues orders to attack and take LAMBSDOWN HILL on a 2 Coy front and exploit forward to the road WEST DEAN, MID LAVANT.		
		1000	Leading Coy's B and D cross the start line and go into action followed closely by A and C Coy's who are acting in support of B and D Coy's in first phase.		
		1115	LAMBSDOWN HILL captured and supporting Coy's A and C, push through to exploit as far as road WEST DEAN, MID LAVANT.		
		1200	Exercise "ROFT" concluded.		
		1300	Major General Pearkes and Hon. Angus L. MacDonald, Minister of Naval Affairs for the Dominion visited the Unit. Officers were introduced to "Angus L" by Major Bryson. "Angus L" talked with the Officers for some time about affairs here and at home.		
		1400	Unit starts for embussing Ft at CHARLTON. Through the good graces of Maj.-Gen. Pearkes, the West N.S.R. busses embussed the tps at SINGLETON, which saved quite an unnecessary march.		
		1700	Tps embussed and started for home.		
		2200	Tps arrived home wet, weary, and worn out but still happy.		
			17	No Church parades were held today owing to the lateness in return of Regiment last night from Exercise ROFT. Range practice was also cancelled on account of this.	
			1000	Bath parades continue until 2000 hrs L/Cpl Shaw, Pte Affleck and Pte Foster proceeded to Borden on a Snipers Course.	
			18	0800 Coy's busy digging slit trenches and wiring. Pay parades.	
			1400	C O, I O, and Coy cmndrs RV at Bn HQ and proceed to Bde for Brigadiers comments for and against Exercise ROFT.	
			1915	Concert Party at the YMCA.	
			19	0800 Coys busy wiring and trench digging. 1400 Sports at the Cricket Pitch this afternoon. 1600 Certain personnel took part in a Medical Exercise "Cascara" for the purpose of training the medical personnel of the Units in the handling of casualties in action. From Bn HQ those attending were: M O Adj., 8 stretcher bearers and five of the medical staff.	

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Biggin Hill	20	0800	Personnel of Coy's busy wiring and digging slit trenches.	<p>Appx III CKM</p> <p>Appx III CKM</p> <p>Appx V CKM</p> <p>Appx VIII CKM</p> <p>CKM</p>
		0900	Lieut. Higgins and Snipers Section proceeded to HANGLORE RANGE for rifle practice returning at 1930 hrs.	
		1400	S A training for employed personnel.	
		1700	Personnel who participated in Exercise "Casara" returned. This scheme was an outstanding success.	
		1930	Concert Party at the YMCA. The "T.W.E.R.F.S." from Bromley put on a splendid show.	
	21	0800	Coy's busy wiring.	
		1400	S A training continues for the employed personnel of the Unit.	
	22	1930	Concert Party from London put on a show at the YMCA. This was an exceptionally good show and was managed by Sunny Millar of radio fame.	
		0800	Coy's carry on according to syllabus. Wiring, and more wiring. Nothing of import to report for the balance of the day. STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 34 Other Ranks 743	
		0830	A number of the personnel from the various Coy's including Bn HQ RV'd at the main gate and proceeded by bus to Aldershot where they witnessed the Cdn Forces Track and Field Championships. These Sports were under the patronage of Lt.-gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, G O C Canadian Corps, Maj.-Gen. The Hon. P.J. Montague, Senior Officer C.M.H.Q. and Air Commodore L.F. Stevenson, A.O.C. Royal Canadian Air Force.	
	23	1410	Sports get under way. 1 Cdn Div on a whole were the winners taking 45 points while L/Cpl "Tommie" Falls of this Unit won the Shot-put. Premier W.L. McKenzie King and Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner were also present.	
		2115	Major Hebb returned from Farnboro where he has been attending a course in air photography.	
24	0830	R C'S attended Church parade in the YMCA hut.		
	1000	C of E and O D's paraded to the Cricket Pitch for Divine Service.		

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Biggin Hill	25	0800	Coy's continue wiring.	<p><i>Appx III</i> <i>CRM</i></p> <p><i>CRM</i></p> <p><i>Appx III</i> <i>CRM</i></p> <p><i>Appx III</i> <i>CRM</i></p> <p><i>Appx V</i> <i>CRM</i></p>
		1400	S A training continues with employed personnel of this Unit.	
		1500	Brigadier Ganong visited this Unit and conferred with Lieut-Col. Ernst.	
		1930	Movies at the Y.M.C.A.	
	26	0800	Coy's busy wiring. Major Bryson proceeded to Odiham airport where he will participate in a short course re A.I.L.O.	
		1330	Bn formed up at main gate and proceeded by TCV's to the Guards Depot, Caterham, where the entire Brigade was inspected by Rt.Hon.W.L.McKenzie King, Canada's Prime Minister. The Guard of Honour was composed of personnel of the R22eR. With the Prime Minister were, Lt.-gen.McNaughton and Maj.-Gen.Pearkes. The Prime Minister spoke for about fifteen minutes in which he delivered a message from "the folks back home" to the boys over here, at the conclusion of which, three "rousing" Nova Scotian cheers were tendered the Prime Minister. Bn returning to Biggin Hill at 1830 hrs.	
		1930	Movies at the Y.M.C.A.	
	27	0500	The Sniping section in charge of Cpl Francis proceeded to SHORT SIBERIA RANGE for rifle practice. Lieut.Higgins left for same range at 0800 hrs.	
		1000	Capt. Millard proceeded on recce for a rifle range in the vicinity of GODSTONE	
		1400	Lt.-Col.Ernst proceeded to Div and attended conference.	
		1930	S.A. training continues for employed personnel. Movies at the Y.M.C.A.	
	28	0800	Coy's engaged in wiring and general duties	
1600		Brigadier Ganong visited this HQ and conferred with Lt.-Col.Ernst.		
1930		Bingo at the Y.M.C.A.		
29	0800	Coy's engaged in wiring and general duties etc.		
	1330	Pay parades start with Bn HQ.		
	1400	Bde.Major and Bde I.O. visited this HQ and conferred with C.O.		
	1500	Bath parades starting with Bn HQ. STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 35 Other Ranks 739		

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Biggin Hill	30	0230	First casualties arrived at R.A.P. in the exercise of handling bombed casualties.		
		0800	Coy's continue wiring.		
			The last casualty arrived at R.A.P. bringing the total to 36 which had been 'cleared' through the R.A.P. in the performance of this exercise.		
		0900	Capt. Millard proceeded to LONDON on military business.		
			Lieut. Higgins made a recce in the vicinity of WESTERHAM regarding a rifle range for the purpose of zeroing rifles in the coming week.		
		1600	Pay parades continue with A. B. and D. Coy's.		
		1930	West N.S.R. Orchestra proceeded to LONDON where they played at the Overseas League.		
			Dance at Keston Hall sponsored by the Y.M.C.A.		
		31	0800		Cpl Francis proceeded on P.T. course.
	0900		Usual Church parades on the Cricket Pitch.		
1000	Lieut. Higgins accompanied by four members of the section proceeded to WESTERHAM to prepare targets for rifle zeroing during the coming week.				
1200	Pte. Purdy and Pte Wall proceeded on Snipers Course at WHITLEY.				

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