

## WAR DIARY

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JULY 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
GRECI	1	0830	Another hot day dawned bright and clear. The Bn proceeded on tanks to a nearby range where they were permitted to fire the 6 Pounders and M.G's. The mid-day meal was taken along and eaten on the banks of the nearby river, after which the men enjoyed a dip in the cool water.	R.E.C.
		1430	Bn. moved by transport to camp area GIOIA arriving at 1900 hrs. A small party of Signal reinforcements arrived and several old friends were welcomed back.	
	2		Weather fine and warm. Trg as per syllabus. Capt C.E. Bent former Bde T O arrived to take over command of Hq Coy, replacing Capt Bruce Cochrane who was posted to Div HQ. Capt D.I. Rice, I O took over temporary command of "A" Coy. Voluntary church parades were held in Hq Coy area and a considerable number attended. The service was conducted by a visiting Padre from 9th Fd Amb.	R.E.C.
		3	0630	BN Parade was held in the cool of the morning. Major F.E. Hiltz proceeded on several days leave, in his absence Major McMillan acting 2 IC. In the evening a film "TORNADO" was shown.
	1700		A party left on seven days leave to 8th Army Rest Camp at SALERNO. Capt S. Miller 9th Fd Amb arrived to replace Capt: H.I. Mendelson, Unit M O, who has proceeded on leave. Weather fine and warm.	
	4	0630	Weather fine and warm. BN Parade in full Battle Order.	R.E.C.
		1000	Lt Gen E L M Burns visited the Bn and in company with Lt Col R S E Waterman, C O, spent a short time with each sub unit.	
	5	0630	Weather fine and warm. Bn parade.	R.E.C.
		1400	Muster parade. "E" Coy proceeded to Lake MATESE MR 3311 for two days trg.	
		1930	Lt Col R S E Waterman, Capt A Dyer, and Capt Miller, M-O attended a dinner at RCHA Hq. In the evening a film "Background For Danger" was show.	

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	6	0830	Capt Hersey proceeded on a recce in preparation for an exercise to be carried out in the near future.	
		1000	Lt Col M P Bogart, DSO paid a casual visit to this Hq.	
		1500	65 OR Reinforcements arrived and were duly allotted to Coy's. Weather warm but cool in the evening and a film "Princess O'Rourke" was shown.	RS
	7	0800	Weather fine and warm. Lt Col R S E Waterman and Coy Comdr's proceeded to Hq 2 CIB to attend a discussion on points brought up by exercise "VULCAN" now being carried out. They will be spectators of these manoeuvres.	RS
	8	0800	The morning was spent up to 1100 hrs by Lt Col R S E Waterman in addresses concerning future operations. Trg to be carried out in conjunction with tanks in preparation for our next action. Remainder of day trg as per syllabus. All Bn parades now held at 0630 hrs have been postponed until further notice.	
		0830	Capt D I Rice and one N C O from each Coy proceeded on a recce to an area which will be occupied by this unit during coming exercise.	
		1000	From 1000 to 2000 hrs an exhibition of War Paintings is taking place at PIEDEMONTE D'ALIFE. All Coys are making arrangements for as many men as possible to see this. Unit T O will provide transport.	RS
	9	0500	After an early breakfast Bn moved by Tpt at 0830 hrs as per Movement Order.	App. 1
		1100	Arrived at Bn Area.	RS
		1845	Bn "O" Group. Light showers during the day.	
	10	0900	Weather fine and warm. Offrs and NCOs proceeded to area in which exercise is to take place, for the purpose of studying the ground and acquainting themselves with the plan, i.e. Starting Line, Axis of advance and objective etc.	RS





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	16	0900	A warm and sunny Sabbath morning. RC and CofE Church parades were held in the Bn Area, after which the C of E observed Holy Communion which was well attended.	Rt.
	17	0500	Breakfast. Bn moved by TPT as per movement order, arriving at 1 Cdn Div Rest Camp at 1530 hrs. Beautiful weather and the water was delightful. An excellent brand of plums and watermelons could be easily procured and were greatly appreciated. In the evening tea and dough-nuts were served by the Canadian Army Canteen and a film "Johnny Come Lately" was shown. The camp was nicely situated and the holiday air outstanding.	App 1 Rt.
	18		Weather hot and calm. A glassy sea proves very inviting and most of the boys had a refreshing swim before breakfast. In the evening a very good film "Theodora Goes Wild" was shown. Major A.W. Rogers was injured in a jeep accident, and his departure from the Rest is greatly regretted. A/Maj Rhodes proceeded to 1 CBRD to take temporary command of the West N S R Coy.	Rt.
	19	0800	The Bn moved by Tpt to the former camp area. The past two days have provided a real break and the holiday greatly enjoyed.	
		1500	Lt Col R S E Waterman attended a conference at Bde.	
		1700	Lt Col R S E Waterman addressed all Offrs and discussed the possibility of going into action in the near future; and gave them some idea of what to expect.	Rt.
	20		Weather fine and warm. Lt Col R S E Waterman commenced to crack <sup>the</sup> whip in approved fashion and really strenuous trg has begun.	Rt.  RS

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	21	0845	Weather fine and warm. Lieut R E Campbell and other officers attended a short vehicle Maintenance course at 3 Cdn Inf Bde work shop. Trg as per syllabus	<i>R.E.</i> App 3
	22	0830	Trg as per syllabus . The Bn formed up complete on the Bn Parade square, their smart turnout testifying to the efficient manner in which the C Os wishes were carried out.	App 3
		0900	Brig J P E Bernatches, OBE, DSO arrived and to the strain of the 48th High'rs pipe band inspected the Bn. He was visibly impressed and in his short talk expressed great satisfaction as to the very evident high standard maintained by the Regiment. Remainder of the day Support and "B" Coys took part in exercise "CARAVAN" as per trg syllabus. In the evening a film, "Gentleman Jim" was shown.	<i>R.E.</i>
	23	0900	Weather fine and warm. A party proceeded to a stage show sponsored by the Carlt York Regt and held at the Theatre in PIEDEMONTE. It was a huge success and several good numbers were provided by local talent .	
		1200	The C O attended Bde Conference; upon his return at 1400 hrs he addressed all officers of the Bn . There was no Church Parade held to-day. In the morning a party proceeded to ROME to attend a Confirmation Service .	<i>R.E.</i>
	24	1530	Weather fine and warm with showers in the evening. Trg as per syllabus. "A" Coy carried out exercise "CARAVAN" while "C" Coy were spectators. Confirmation of C of E personnel took place at All Saints Church in ROME when 25 men from our Regt were confirmed by the Bishop Of Lichfield. Confirmation was followed by Holy Communion conducted by Major J I McKinney when all newly confirmed members made their first Communion. In the evening a film "Tarzan Triumphs" was shown.	App 3 <i>R.E.</i> <i>R.S.</i>

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	25		Weather very warm but a light breeze in the late evening made the day more pleasant. Trg as per syllabus. The C O addressed all officers and senior N C Os of the Bn on points that arose from exercise "CARAVAN". In the evening a film "Uninvited Guest" was shown	App 3 Rt.
	26		Weather fine and hot. Trg as per syllabus. Movement order for move from present area to area SPOLETO A9759 29/30 July 44, was issued to-day. Bn busily preparing in accordance with order.	App App
		1850	In a fast game this evening the West N S R Soft Ball Team soundly whipped visiting team from the 9th Fd Amb. Score 16 to 7.	Rt.
	27	0830	Weather fine and warm. Trg as per syllabus. "A" and "D" Coys took part in exercise "Redeemer". In the evening a film "Reveille With Beverly" was shown.	App 3 Rt.
	28	1830	Weather fine and warm. In the morning Trg as per syllabus. The afternoon was spent by all ranks checking equipment and packing for to-morrows move to new area. Soft Ball and boxing bouts were held this evening.	Rt.
NEAR ROME	29	0420	Bn moved as per Movement Order to Staging area 9597 (sheet 150 ROME) Arriving at 1200 hrs it remained for the night. In the evening a film "Gentleman Jim" starring, Errol Flynn, was shown. Weather fine and warm.	Rt.
FOLIGNO	30	0500	Weather continues to be fine and warm. Bn arrived at starting point and continued through ROME to assembly area 9281, near FOLIGNO (sheet 131-iv, 1:50000)	
		1545	Bn "O" Group held. Bn on 24 hours notice as of 1200 hrs to-day. Bn in position by 1300 hrs	Rt. Rt.

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	31	2015	<p>Bn on 12 hour notice as from 1200 hrs to-day. Weather fine and warm but a shower in the evening soon made the ground very muddy and unpleasant and almost cancelled the showing of a film "Life Boat" .</p> <p>Bn "C" Group held.</p>	<p><i>the</i></p> <p><i>note.</i></p> <p><i>Katerman</i> <i>lcol.</i></p>