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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
CAMP BORDEN	1940 JULY 1		<p>TRAINING: COMPANIES AND REINFORCEMENTS AS PER SYLLABUS. (WEEK OF JULY 1 - 6, 1940 INCLUSIVE)</p> <p>LT-COLONEL CAMPBELL, DISTRICT ORDNANCE OFFICER FROM TORONTO PAID A PERSONAL CALL ON THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND DISCUSSED EQUIPMENT ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING MOVE OVERSEAS. MUCH RED TAPE WAS CIRCUVENTED BY THIS CALL AND INDENTS PLACED IMMEDIATELY FOR ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT WANTED TO COMPLETE.</p> <p>THE COMMANDING OFFICER WAS INFORMED THAT THE ESSEX SCOTTISH REGIMENT CASF FORMS A PART OF "2" FORCE. (SEE APPENDIX 2)</p> <p>2. TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS.</p> <p>THE WORK OF REHABILITATION OF THE BATTALION ORDERLY ROOM RECORDS LOST OR DESTROYED IN TUESDAYS TORNADO GOES ON APACE. S/SERGT. S. CUTHBERT WAS BROUGHT BACK FROM THE REGIMENTAL DEPOT IN WINDSOR AND ASSIST IN THE WORK AND IS PROVIDING INVALUABLE AID. LOSSES INCLUDED TWELVE COURTS OF INQUIRY AND DEFICIENCIES ETC. ON DESERTION CASES, ANOTHER COURT RE THE ALLEGED LOSS OF 28 BAYONETS AND STILL ANOTHER INQUIRY INTO THE LOSS OF A SINGLE BAYONET. MANY OF THE SOLDIER'S DOCUMENTS ALSO HAD TO BE DONE OVER IN THE CASE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED 12.</p> <p>3. TRAINING AS SYLLABUS.</p> <p>4. TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS.</p> <p>SEVEN AND ONE HALF TONS OF STORES ARRIVED FROM ORDNANCE, TORONTO, VIA TRANSPORT DIRECT TO OUR Q. W. STORES. SUMMER BATTLE DRESS WAS ISSUED IMMEDIATELY AND SUMMER DRILL OUTFITS TURNED IN BY OTHER RANKS.</p> <p>BRIGADIER C. B. TOPP FLEW IN FROM OTTAWA, ARRIVING JUST AFTER AFTERNOON PARADES HAD COMMENCED. HE WAS THE GUEST OF THE ACTING ADJUTANT AND THE BRIGADE I. O. FOR LUNCH AND DESCRIBED A MOST INTERESTING FLIGHT VIEWED FROM THE FORWARD GUNNER'S COMPARTMENT OF A LARGE BOMBER. AFTER LUNCH HE CONFERRED WITH LT-COLONEL PEARSON AND MAJOR ROY, BRIGADE-MAJOR ON ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED MOVE. SUBSEQUENTLY HE FLEW BACK TO OTTAWA FOR FURTHER STAFF CONFERENCES WITH GENERAL ODUM.</p> <p>5. TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS.</p> <p>ANOTHER EIGHTEEN HOUR SESSION OF ORDERLY ROOM WORK AND THE STORM DAMAGE IS FINALLY MADE GOOD. S/SGT. CUTHBERT'S WORK HAS BEEN OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE IN GETTING OUT OF WHAT A WEEK AGO LOOKED LIKE A HOPELESS POSITION. AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT WAS THROWN ON THE PLANNING OF ACCOMODATION WHEN AN ENGINEER OFFICER APPEARED WITH THE REQUEST TO MOVE OUR WHOLE ENCAMPMENT OFF ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN ORDER TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY CONSTRUCTION OF WINTER QUARTERS. IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION CREATED BY OUR WARNING ORDER OF JUNE 21ST THIS WOULD REQUIRE A DOUBLE MOVE ON THE PART OF ALL RANKS. THIS WAS IMPRESSED ON THE R. C. E. BY THE G. O. AND AGREEMENT WAS ARRIVED AT TO DEFER FOR A FEW DAYS.</p> <p>WEEKEND LEAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRECEDENT ALLREADY ESTABLISHED WAS GRANTED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND THE LEAVE PARADE OF 245 ALL RANKS ENTRAINED AT 1800 HOURS FOR WINDSOR AND OTHER POINTS. SEE APPENDIX 2A</p> <p>6. TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. THIS INCLUDED A SHORT ROUTE MARCH OF ABOUT FIVE MILES TOWARDS ANGUS IN BATTLE ORDER. ANTI-GAS TRAINING WAS CARRIED OUT ON THIS PARADE.</p>	<p>APPENDIX 1</p> <p>APPENDIX 2</p> <p>APPENDIX 2A</p>

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CAMP BORDEN	1940 JULY 7		THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PARADE FELL IN AT 0830 HOURS AND MARCHED TO THE R. C. CHAPEL FOR MASS. THE PROTESTANT PARTY FELL IN AT 0905 HOURS AND MARCHED TO THE PARADE GROUNDS OF THE C.A.F.V.T.C. FOR SERVICE. IN THE AFTERNOON VISITORS ARRIVED IN CAMP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USUAL SUNDAY PRACTICE. TEA WAS SERVED IN THE OFFICERS' MESS FOR VISITORS, OFFICERS' WIVES AND FRIENDS.	for APPENDIX 3
		8	TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. (WEEK OF JULY 8TH-12TH INC.) TO-DAY THE CAMP ENGINEER COMMENCED OPERATIONS ON ESSEX SCOTTISH AREA FOR WINTER QUARTERS. THE OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS LINES WERE MOVED OUT ONTO THE PARADE GROUND AREA.	for
		9	TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS INTERFERE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT WITH TRAINING ON OUR OWN AREA BUT THE BEST IS MADE OF THE SITUATION. THE ANTI-TANK PLATOON IS TRANSFERRED TO BRIDGEMOUTH WITH MR. MCGREGOR, AND MR. STEVENSON NAMED TO COMMAND THE 4TH ANTI-TANK COMPANY.	for
		10	TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. THE COMMANDING OFFICER RECEIVED CERTAIN PRELIMINARY INFORMATION REGARDING OUR MOVE OVERSEAS. ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE AND HOSPITALIZED PERSONNEL ARE TRANSFERRED TO REGIMENTAL DEPOT IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A NOMINAL ROLL OF ACTUAL CAMP STRENGTH.	for
		11	TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS.	for
		12	TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. THE REGIMENT WAS HONOURED ON PARADE BY THE PRESENCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER COMMANDING, BRIGADIER R. D. ALEXANDER, D.S.O., WHO PRESENTED THE UNIT WITH THE TROPHIES AND AWARDS WON IN THE RECENT ATHLETIC TRIALS FOR THE CAMP BORDEN AREA. IN WINNING THE SILVER CUP FOR TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS OUR TEAMS WERE AWARDED A TOTAL OF 22 POINTS AGAINST THE RUNNER-UP'S 13. INDIVIDUAL MEDALS IN THIS CONNECTION WERE PRESENTED TO THOSE COMPETITORS PLACING 1ST AND 2ND. OUR STANDINGS WERE AS FOLLOWS: 220 YARD DASH, 3RD; 1 MILE, 3RD; 220 YARD 4-MAN RELAY, 1ST; TOSSEING CABER, 2ND; HIGH JUMP, 1ST & 2ND; HOP STEP & JUMP, 1ST; RUNNING BROAD JUMP, 1ST; STANDING BROAD JUMP, 2ND; SHOT PUT, 2ND. A SILVER PLATTER WAS PRESENTED FOR THE SOFT BALL CHAMPIONSHIP AND 15 PLAYERS WITH INDIVIDUAL MEDALS. IN BOXING THE 147 LB. CLASS AND THE CATCHWEIGHT CLASS WON INDIVIDUAL MEDALS. AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS THE BRIGADIER MADE A VERY COMPLIMENTARY ADDRESS AND WISHED THE UNIT EVERY SUCCESS ON ITS COMING EFFORTS ON ACTIVE SERVICE. THE COMMANDING OFFICER THEN CALLED FOR THREE CHEERS FOR THE D.O.C. PREFACING HIS REQUEST WITH THE STATEMENT THAT THE REGIMENT COMING FROM ANOTHER MILITARY DISTRICT HAD BEEN MOST COURTEOUSLY AND GENEROUSLY TREATED BY THE STAFF OF M.O. No. 2. THE CHEERS WERE DELIVERED IN THE HEARTIEST MANNER. (COPIES OF MOVEMENT ORDERS (SECRET) WERE RECEIVED AT 1100 HOURS)	for APPENDIX 4
		13	IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRE EXPRESSED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER, THE REGIMENT WAS REVIEWED BY BRIGADIER C. V. TOPP, DSO, MC, ATTENDED BY MAJOR A. R. ROY, BRIGADE-MAJOR. THE UNIT ACQUITTED ITSELF EXTREMELY WELL ESPECIALLY ON THE MARCH PAST WHICH TOOK PLACE ON GROUND FAR FROM LEVEL, DUE TO THE WIDESPREAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. THE BRIGADIER ADDRESSED THE UNIT AFTERWARDS AND HAVING EXPRESSED HIS FULL SATISFACTION WITH OUR TRAINING DURING HIS SHORT TENURE OF COMMAND THUS FAR, GAVE VOICE TO THE HOPE THAT THE BRIGADE WOULD SOON BE FUNCTIONING AS A UNIT OVERSEAS WHERE HE WOULD EVENTUALLY REJOIN US.	for

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CAMP BORDEN,	JULY 13		<p>CONTINUED</p> <p>THE COMMANDING OFFICER CALLED FOR THREE CHEERS FOR THE BRIGADIER WHICH WERE LUSTILY GIVEN..</p> <p>THE C. O. AND MR. MACINTYRE LEFT AT 1800 HOURS FOR HALIFAX.</p> <p>THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY WAS SPENT IN STRIKING CANVAS, TURNING IN STORES, AND CARTING STORES ALREADY PACKED TO THE BAGGAGE CARS OF OUR TWO TRAINS, ALREADY SPOTTED.</p>	<p>Appendix 5</p> <p>rw</p>
	14		<p>REVEILLE IS EARLY THIS MORNING, 0545 HOURS TO WORK ON STRIKING THE REMAINDER OF THE CAMP GOES ON Apace.</p> <p>MUSTER PARADE WAS HELD AT 1100 HOURS. ABSENTEES WITHOUT LEAVE WERE MARKED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPOT. THEIR PAPERS WERE IMMEDIATELY COMPLETED AND DESPATCHED TO INDSOR.</p> <p>VISITORS BEGAN ARRIVING AT THE USUAL TIME AND ALL SEEMED BENT ON STAYIN TO TO SEE THE UNIT OFF.</p> <p>MUSTER FOR THE HALF THE BATTALION FOR THE FIRST TRAIN WAS HELD AT 1830 HOURS AND FOR THE 2ND HALF AT 1900 HOURS. ALL PERSONNEL WERE ACCOUNTED FOR. THE ACTING C. O. WAS COMPLIMENTED BY THE STAFF ON THE HANDLING OF THE MOVEMENT AND THE CONDITION OF DOCUMENTS ETC. BOTH TRAINS PULLED OUT ON TIME AND IN GOOD ORDER AND THE MOVEMENT OVERSEAS WAS UNDER WAY (SEE DISTRICT AND REGIMENTAL MOVEMENT ORDERS)---</p> <p>ENROUTE TO TORONTO A STOWAWAY WAS FOUND AND TURNED OVER TO CIVIL POLICE AT NORTH TORONTO STATION. THERE WAS A LARGE TURNOUT OF PEOPLE AT THIS STATION AS WE WERE THE FIFTH TROOP TRAIN THROUGH THAT DAY.</p>	<p>Appendix 5</p> <p>rw</p>
	15		<p>THE JOURNEY PROCEEDED NORMALLY, WITH LARGE CROBDS AT RAY STATIONS. AT QUEBEC ALL PERSONNEL DETRAINED FOR A SHORT ROUTE MARCH. A WIRE IN ADVANCE HAD BROUGHT US A LOCAL OFFICER WHO ACTED AS GUIDE. THE EXERCISE WAS VERY WELCOME AS WE HAD BEEN ON BOARD FOR 26 HOURS. RAIN IN QUEBEC DID NOT AT ALL DAMPEN THE SPIRIT OF THE UNIT. (RAILWAY INTINERARY ATTACHED)</p>	<p>Appendix 5A</p> <p>rw</p>
	16		<p>A BRIGHT DAY AND AT 0830 HOURS WE ARRIVE IN MONCTON WHERE ANOTHER SHORT MARCH IS HELD. NO NEED FOR A GUIDE HERE AS THE CITY IS LAID OUT QUITE SYMETRICALLY. NORMAL TRAVEL BRINGS US BY 1700 HOURS INTO HALIFAX WHERE WE ARE MET BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND THE EMBARKATION STAFF OFFICER. EMBARKATION PROCEEDED NORMALLY AND WITHIN AN HOUR ALL DETAILS OF THE FIRST TRAIN WERE ABOARD. THE SECOND TRAIN ARRIVED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AND BY 2000 HOURS THE UNIT WAS ENTIRELY EMBARKED.</p> <p>AN ORDERLY ROOM WAS SET UP IN THE SHIP'S LIBRARY WHERE THE UNIT TOOK OVER THE TASK OF PROVIDING DUTIES. THE STAFF WERE: LT-COL. A. S. PEARSON, C. O. TROOPS, LIEUT. J. A. WILLIS SHIP'S ADJUTANT, AND LIEUT. H. J. KENNEDY, SHIP'S QUARTERMASTER. IT WAS NECESSARY TO WORK INTO THE SMALL HOURS OF THE MORNING GETTING WORK DETAILS ORGANIZED FOR REVEILLE.</p> <p>ONE OTHER UNIT WAS ON BOARD, A REINFORCEMENT DRAFT FOR THE HASTINGS & PRINCE EDWARD REGIMENT.</p>	<p>Appendix 5B</p> <p>rw</p>
	17		<p>FATIGUE DETAILS WERE MADE UP AT THE ADJUTANT'S PARADE AT 0545 HOURS AND DELIVERED TO THE SHIPS STAFF AS REQUESTED BY 0630 HOURS. SHIPS STANDING ORDERS WERE PREPARED.</p> <p>OTHER UNITS WERE EMBARKED, NAMELY: THE 8TH FIELD AMBULANCE, 13TH FIELD AMBULANCE COMPANY, R.C.E., 5TH FIELD HYGIENE SECTION, & FIELD SECURITY POLICE.</p> <p>TRAINING SYLLABUS DRAWN UP BY MAJOR ROTHERSILL AND JASPERSON. (SEE APPENDIX 5B)</p>	<p>Appendix 5B</p> <p>rw</p>
	18		<p>THE SHIP GETS FULLY ORGANIZED WITH WORK AND TRAINING PROCEEDING NORMALLY. THE FIRST ABANDON SHIP PRACTICE WAS HELD AND LIFE BOATS ASSIGNED.</p>	<p>Appendix 5B</p> <p>rw</p>

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	1940			
	JULY.			
	19		EVIDENTLY OUR CONVOY IS STILL INCOMPLETE AND AS THE NECESSITY FOR MORE STRENUOUS EXERCISE IS BECOMING APPARENT A ROUTE MARCH OF ABOUT SIX MILES IS ARRANGED.	<i>JS</i>
	20		A SIMILAR ROUTE MARCH IS HAD AGAIN, TODAY. FOR THE EVENING A MOTION PICTURE PROJECTOR WAS OBTAINED THROUGH THE AULILIARY SERVICE. DURING THE SHOWING OF THE PICTURES, SOME DIVERSION WAS CAUSED BY ONE PRIVATE J. B. SMITH FALLING OVERBOARD WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SIT ON THE RAILING. FORTUNATELY HE FELL CLEAR AND AFTER A LIFE BELT WAS THROWN HE WAS RECOVERED BY ONE THE SHIPS BOATS.	<i>JS</i>
	21		FIRST SUNDAY ABOARD AND STILL IN PORT. CHURC PARADES WERE HELD AND THE BALANCE OF THE DAY LEFT FREE. NO SHORE LEAVES, HOW- EVER CAN BE GIVEN. DURING THE EVENING A VARIETY CONCERT WAS PROVIDED BY THE AULILIARY SERVICES. (FINAL SHIP INSPECTION)	<i>JS</i>
	22		ANOTHER DAY IN PORT WITH TRAINING GOING ON FOR THOSE NOT ON FAGIGUE DUTIES. WE WERE HONOURED BY A VISIT FROM THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, THE HON. J. L. RALSTON, WHO MET THE OFFICERS AND NUMBERS OF OTHER RANKS.	<i>JS</i>
	23		FINAL DAY IN PORT. SAILING SET FOR 1800 HOURS. AT THIS TIME THE TUGS STARTED WORK ON THE VARIOUS TRANSPORTS AND WE MOVED OUT INTO THE BASIN. OUR OWN SHIP (E53) WAS LAST AND CAST OFF AT 1900 HOURS. OUR CHIEF ESCORT THE BATTLESHIP REVENGE, MOVED OUT FIRST. SEVEN LARGE TRANSPORTS MADE AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT. THE WINDOWS AND BALCONIES OF THE NOVA SCOTIAN HOTEL WERE CROWDED WITH PEOPLE WAVING FAREWELLS. OUR OWN PIPE BAND PLAYED ON THE AFTER DECK AND WAS RECORDED BY A TECHNICIAN FROM THE B. B. C. WORKING ON THE ROOF OF THE PIER SHED.	<i>JS</i>
	24		THE FIRST DAY AT SEA WAS CALM AND BRIGHT. TRAINING WAS COMMENCED AS LAID DOWN IN THE SYLLABUS. THE CONVOY WAS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT WITH THE REVENGE ON THE LEAD AND A DESTROYER FAR OUT ON EACH FLANK; THE CRUISER, EMERALD, BROUGHT UP THE REAR. MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA AND THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE ATTACHED.	<i>JS</i>
	25		TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. SECOND DAY AT SEA ALSO CALM AND BRIGHT. WE ARE INDEED FORTUNATE WITH THE WEATHER THUS FAR. . AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT PRACTICE WARNING WAS SOUNDED AND PERSONNEL RESPONDED FAIRLY WELL.	<i>JS</i>
	26		TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. BOXING AND WRESTLING BOUTS TOOK PLACE ON THE AFTER DECK IN THE EVENING.	<i>JS</i>
	27		TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS. AN IMPROMPTU CONCERT ON THE AFTER DECK.	<i>JS</i>
	28		SUNDAY. R. C. & PROTESTANT CHURCH PARADES WERE HELD ON THE FORWARD AND AFTER DECKS RESPECTIVELY. DURING THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING BOXING AND WRESTLING BOUTS, A BLENDFOLD BOUT AND A BATTLE ROYAL WERE STAGED ON THE AFTER DECK.	<i>JS</i>
	29		WITH THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER WEEK, TRAINING AS PER SYLLABUS WAS COMMENCED. THE SEA IS BECOMING SOMEWHAT CHOPPY AND PROVIDES A CHANGE FROM THE QUIET OF THE PAST WEEK.	<i>JS</i>

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	30		<p>TODAY OUR FIRST REALLY ROUGH SEAS WERE ENCOUNTERED. SPRAY WAS BREAKING AS HIGH AS THE BRIDGE AND PERSONNEL OTHER THAN A.A. CREWS WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE BOAT DECK.</p> <p>AT 1545 HOURS OUR CONVOY WAS JOINED BY EIGHT DESTROYERS WHICH MADE A MOST THRILLING SIGHT AS THEY PITCHED AND TOSSED IN THE ROUGH SEAS.</p> <p>VERY LITTLE TRAINING COULD BE CARRIED ON IN THE AFTERNOON AS QUITE A NUMBER WERE MORE OR LESS INCAPACITATED.</p>	
	31		<p>THE SEA CALMED DOWN AGAIN DURING THE NIGHT. THE DAY DAWNED VERY BRIGHT. AT 0815 HOURS TWO SUNDERLAND FLYING BOATS CAME OVER TO HAVE A LOOK AT US. WE STILL HAVE NO DEFINITE INFORMATION AS TO OUR DESTINATION BUT IT IS ASSUMED THE FIRTH OF CLYDE.</p> <p>REGIMENTAL PART I DAILY ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1940,</p> <p>REGIMENTAL PART II DAILY ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1940,</p> <p>STRENGTH AS OF 31ST JULY 1940: 34 OFFICERS AND 890 OTHER RANKS (INCLUDING ATTACHED)</p>	<p>APPENDIX 7</p> <p>APPENDIX 8</p>