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OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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A.F.C. 2118.
1 Mil.-8-39 (1708)
H.Q. 1772-45-18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
TORONTO.			<p><u>PRE-MOBILIZATION.</u></p> <p>3rd.Sept. Great Britain declared war against Germany. 10th Sept. Canada declares war against Germany. All ranks eagerly awaited the call to mobilize. The composition of the 1st. and 2nd. Divisions was announced from Ottawa. The officers were given to understand that it was intended the Q.O.R., together with the G.G.F.G. of Ottawa and the G.G. of Montreal, were to form a brigade to be sent to B.C. The change of attitude by Japan caused the abandonment of this idea. Disappointed but undaunted the Regiment settled down to a winter's work. All uniforms were turned in. The officers alone paraded in uniform. On Sept.30th the annual classification shoot was held at Long Branch. A Regimental School, under Capt.W.T.Barnard, was started for partial qualification to the rank of Lieutenant and Sergeant. Some twenty officers and forty-five Other Ranks attended three nights a week until March. During the winter and spring a great many men transferred to mobilized units of the C.A.S.F. By efficient organization and intensified recruiting however, the Regiment maintained its strength. The direction given by the O.C., Lt-Col.J.M.Macdonell, M.B.E.,V.D., and the adjutant, Major E.R.Purvis,D.S.O., deserves the highest praise.</p>	W.T.B.
TORONTO.	5th June, 1940.		<p>By authority T.S.20-3 dated 5th June, 1940, the Q.O.R.of Canada was mobilized as The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, C.A.S.F. The last parade of the Q.O.R., N.P.A.M., was held this evening: 450 all ranks on parade. Lt.-Col. Macdonell took the parade. On account of medical unfitness he was unable to command the C.A.S.F. Regiment. In an informal manner, at Mess, this was explained to the officers, and Major H.C.MacKendrick,E.D., Q.O.R. of C., for the past nine months G.S.O.2 at H.Q.,M.D.#2, was introduced as the new C.O. The slate of officers for the C.A.S.F. unit was announced.</p>	W.T.B.
TORONTO.	6th June.		<p>Preliminary organization and the medical boarding of officers and orderly room personnel.</p>	W.T.B.
TORONTO.	7th June.		<p>Medical boarding of N.P.A.M. commenced with 'A' Company. Progress slow as extra typewriters did not arrive until late in the afternoon, and some twenty clerks and orderlies had to document themselves before starting in on general documentation.</p>	W.T.B.
TORONTO.	8th June.		<p>First Regimental Orders, C.A.S.F., issued.</p>	Appendix WTB A1 and A2.

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TORONTO.	9th June.		Sunday. No orders issued. Orderly Room open for general routine.	WTB
"	10th June.		Italy declared war on Great Britain and France. Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of National Defense, killed in R.C.A.F. aeroplane crash at Newtonville. By midnight Canada at war with Italy. Telegram sent to the Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Mary. First issue made by Q.M. of battle dress: due to shortage at Ordnance of khaki caps (F.S.) the men were issued with the green F.S. caps, the property of the Regiment. The latter has been the authorized head dress for eighty years. All officers commence firing six rounds (revolver) daily.	Appendix B. WTB
"	11th June.		Training schedules drawn for the balance of the week. Most of N.P.A.M. personnel now through Medical Board.	Appendix C-1 and C-2 WTB WTB
"	12th June.		Recruiting thrown open: response good.	WTB
"	13th June.		Dry canteen opened under general supervision of Lieut. W.A. Robertson. No capital outlay.	WTB
"	14th June.		Two trucks donated for the use of the Regiment by The Robert Simpson CO. Ltd. Painted a service khaki and immediately put into service trade-testing. Drivers I.C.	WTB
"	15th June.		X-Ray results slow. The personnel of Christie St. Hospital refuse to work on Saturday afternoon. First pay day for all ranks taken on strength up to D.O.5.	WTB
"	16th June.		Sunday: no untoward incident reported after first pay day. C.O.'s speech to the troops evidently bore effect. Word received from D.A.A.G. to finish recruiting by the end of the week. Report received that W.O.3's are to be abolished. No D.O.'s issued.	WTB

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TORONTO	17th June.		Extra typists secured to assist in documentation. Q.M. outfitting soma fifty to sixty men daily. Troops appear very smart in their green caps and are endeavouring to live up to the tradition of the Regiment. Nine N.C.O's report back to unit after six months service with #1&2 C.I.(R)T.C.: a valuable addition to our strength. All officers to fire six rounds (revolver) daily with left hand during the following week. Syllabus of training for week.	W.T.B Appendix C-3 and C-4
"	18th June.		A typical sample of the recruiting situation is shown in to-day's analysis: Total strength as of Part 2 Orders.....456 Recruits documented to-day.....164 X-Rayed to-day.....86 Awaiting Medical Board.....165 Medically boarded to-day..... 85 X-Rayed but no results obtainable.....150 Waiting for X-ray..... 29 Interviewing of recruits is being done by Major W.L.Bryan and Major V.A.Gianelli. Lieut A.V.Malone generally supervises documentation and 2/Lieut.W.E.Fess handles the trucks going to Christie St. Hospital where the X-rays are taken. Reply received from Private Secretary, Her Majesty Queen Mary, to our telegram of the 10th.	W.T.B Appendix B-1
"	19th June.		Mr.W.C.Harris offered to pay the expenses at The Toronto Men's Hostel of homeless recruits until they could be paid.	W.T.B
"	20th June.		Liquor permit arrived. All officers may now legally have a drink in the Mess. A special detail under 2/Lieut.R.D.Medland brought in some nine hundred rifles and swords of ancient vintage from King, Ont. The weapons were stored in the Armouries. Recruiting practically stopped as we are nearly at War Establishment-934 Other Ranks.	W.T.B
"	21st June.		A few specialists only taken on strength. The bugle band is beginning to round out. Route march held in the down town district with some six hundred men on parade. Training stopped at noon for the week-end.	W.T.B

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Place	Date	Hour		
TORONTO.	22nd June.		Documentation staff working to catch up with recruiting rush of last week. Training carried on of fully documented personnel on North Campus, University of Toronto. Training stopped at noon for week-end.	WTB
"	23rd June.		Orderly Room staff endeavouring to catch up with Attesting Officers so Part 2 Orders issued to-day, Sunday. Syllabus of Training for coming week.	WTB Appendix C-D.
"	24th June.		Sixty-five Other Ranks taken on strength. This will be the last large strength increase. To-day's parade state-901 Other Ranks. Foul weather-all indoor training. Officers' revolver marksmanship shows marked improvement. Meeting of C.A.S.F. and N.P.A.M. Officers at 2000 hours to deal with the disposition of Regimental Funds in accordance with Mobilization Instructions. Final documentation slowed up as no M.F.M.5's. available. In addition Paymaster is unable to obtain stationery. France signs armistice with Germany and Italy.	WTB
"	25th June.		Trade testing of drivers I.C. commenced. Otis Group Intelligence Tests to be administered to all ranks. Material supplied and advice given by Dr. Line, Dept. of Psychology, University of Toronto. The tests will be used to provide a select group from which to select N.C.O. material. Company route marches begun.	WTB
"	26th June		Word received during morning that Regiment is to proceed to Camp Borden on Monday, 1st July. Web equipment drawn, checked, made ready for issue, and immediately ordered back to Ordnance. Preparations went ahead for advance party, etc. At night word received that Regiment was to proceed to Borden on Saturday, 29th June. Great difficulty owing to fact that men have nothing issued. Large sandbags suggested as kit bags. Major E.O. King struck off strength to 2 District Depot. - to be Q.M. of German prisoner internment camp. Old great coats and large sand bags in lieu of kit bags issued.	WTB
"	27th June		Pay parade for Advance Party. Movement Orders No. 41 & 42 received.	WTB Appendix D in original only

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TORONTO.	27th	June	(cont'd) from previous page. Available equipment issued to Advance Party. Company commanders and others commence clearing rooms occupied since 1901 when the armouries were built It was understood that the reserve officers would be permitted to use the Officers' Mess, the Sergeants' Mess, the Orderley Room, and the Tailor Shop, as long as possible	WTP
"	28th	June	Advance party formed at .0815 hrs. Left armouries at .0900 hrs.-arrived Union Station .0830 hrs. arrived at Camp Borden.1245 hrs. Weather very inclement; rain, and strong wind which blew down some tents in the lines of other units. Day spent in drawing stores and making camp for advance party. In Toronto remainder of unit was occupied in packing and shipping stores and equipment. Inspection of rooms vacated was made by D.S. & T. officer disclosing 14 broken or cracked windows. Unit was complimented on condition in which quarters were being left. Paymaster completed paying the main party during the course of the day, for month of June. Documentation of dependent allowance claim proceeding gradually. Co-operation by officers & men in producing marriage certificates and children's birth certificates has facilitated in making prompt payment of allowances for D.A. by Ottawa possible. Sufficient forms MFM #16G not yet available from D.P.M.	See Appendix A2 WIB
TORONTO & CAMP BORDEN.	29th	June	Regiment formed up at .0830 hrs. Great coats and equipment were carried in sand bags slung from shoulder by means of heavy cord. Left armouries .0910 hrs. arrived Union Station .0930 hrs. Entrainment was orderly and expeditious, with no untoward incidents. One broken train window was discovered to have been broken by railway staff. Regiment occupied 15 cars. Actual entraining took 7 minutes. Left Union Station .0958 hrs. arrived Camp Borden .1235 hrs. Detraining was orderly and head of column moved off in less than four minutes from time train stopped, as mentioned in Globe and Mail, Toronto, 1st July/40. Advance party had spent morning laying out lines and pitching tents. All guy ropes had been pegged instead of usual four, so that regiment had only to tell off men to tents, then march them to cook-houses. Blankets, groundsheets, paliasses and bolsters were issued as far as they would go. There were some shortages, particularly in ground sheets. Men showed excellent spirit. During afternoon parade O.C. deservedly complimented Advance Party and the Quartermaster, Lt. A.G. Cherrier, Majors Bryan and Hudson, reported to R.M.C. for refresher Course.	WIB

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Camp Borden	30th	June	<p>Organization of camp was continued. Heavy scattered showers were a hindrance. Excerpts from Camp Borden Standing Orders dealing with danger areas and places out of bounds, fire alarm, safety precautions, etcetra, were read out on parade by Company commanders. Cooking staff continued to supply excellent meals under difficulties. Men were advised of R.C. Mass parade. Voluntary Protestant Church service in afternoon was cut short by rain. One man, Rfmn. Comrie, sent to School of Cookery, Camp Borden. Weather continues cold and squally.</p> <p><i>H.C. MacLennan</i> Major Commanding The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada (CASF)</p>	W.T.B.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS
BY
Major H.C. MacKendrick E.D.
Commanding The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada C.A.S.F.

SHEETS

PART 1 ORDER

SHEET NO. 1

NO. 2

Toronto, Ontario
10 June 1940

SUBJECT	REMARKS	DATE
LAST PART 1 ORDER ISSUE.....8 June 1940		

POSTING

The undermentioned officers will do duty as follows until further orders-

2 i/c	Major W.L. Bryan
Adjutant	Captain W.T. Barnard
I. O.	Lieut. T.E. Sisson
O.C. H.Q. Coy.	Captain R.B.G. Macdonell
No. 1 Pl.	Lieut. A.V. Malone
No. 4 Pl.	Lieut. S.C. Heyes
Anti-Tank Pl.	Lieut. E.P.T. Green
T. O.	Lieut. W.E. Bawden
Qrmr.	Lieut. A.G. Cherrier
Paymr.	Major W.R. Yaylor E.D.
O.C. A Coy.	Captain J.E.C. Pangman
2 i/c	Lieut. D.J. LeQuesne
	Lieut. I.R.F. Wilson
O.C. B Coy.	Major J.G. Spragge
2 i/c	Captain J.M. Milne
	Lieut. H.R. Downie
O.C. C Coy.	Major V.A. Gianelli
2 i/c	Captain F.L.J. Grout
	Lieut. E.A. Dunlop
O.C. D Coy.	Major R.M. Hudson
2 i/c	Captain G.F.C. Pangman
	Lieut. W.A. Robertson
First Reinforce- ment Officers	2/Lt. W.E. Fess
	2/Lt. R.D. Medland
	2/Lt. J.L. Dampier
	2/Lt. J.I. Mills

OFFICERS' LECTURES

All officers will assemble in the ante-room for a lecture period from 1630 hrs to 1800 hrs on Tuesday and Wednesday June 11 and 12, Lectures will be given between the above hours on Mondays and Wednesdays until further orders, after 12 June.

OFFICERS' DRESS

Effective 11 June, all officers will wear service dress (serge) until further orders.

REVOLVER SHOOTING

All officers will fire at least six rounds .22 revolver daily commencing 11 June. Details will be issued separately.



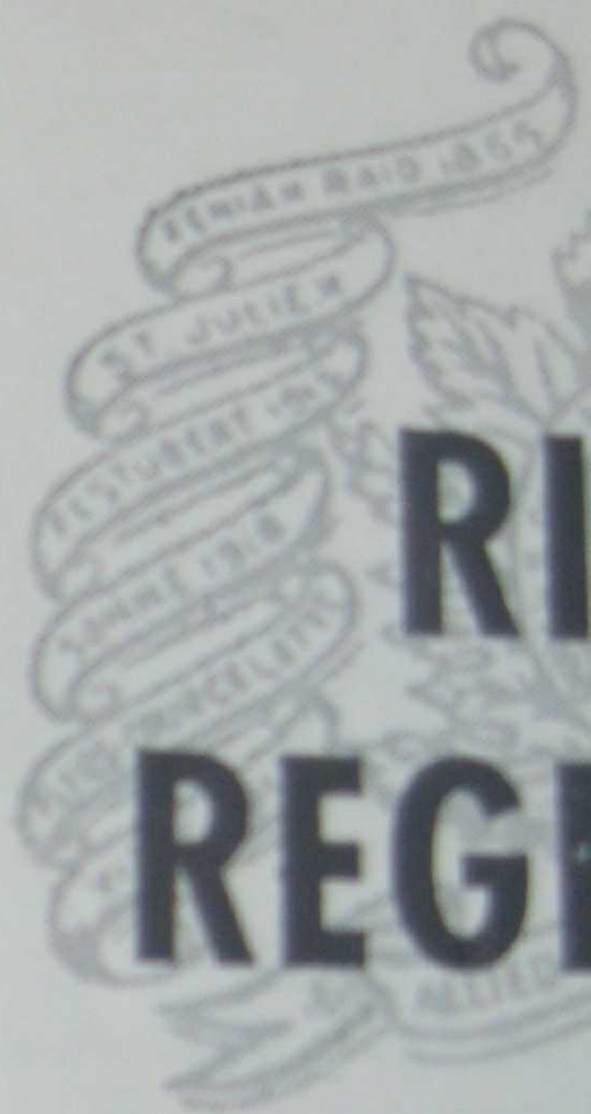
Sergeant Tate tacks up notice at Toronto Armouries as regiment recruits to war strength.

THESE photos record the transition of a crack Canadian regiment from part-time militia duty to full-time mobilization for service with the C.A.S.F. The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada were called up in June under command of Major-General MacKendrick, E.D. to get ready for overseas service.

For the Q.O.R. it was the beginning of a new chapter in its history. The regiment's history goes back to 1860 and covers some of the most boisterous and colorful in the history of the Dominion. The Fenian raids, the Riel Rebellion, the South African War and a dozen battlefields are part of its history for this Toronto regiment.

As its name implies, the Q.O.R.

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T.S.-20-3

Headquarters, Military District No. 2,
159 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

6th June, 1940.

Officer Commanding,
Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, N.P.A.M.,
Toronto, Ontario.

753 Queen's Own Rifles of C., C.A.S.F.

1. MOBILIZATION INSTRUCTIONS By authority of National Defence Headquarters Secret Telegram Org. 277, the marginally named Unit will be mobilized forthwith. The method to be adopted is as outlined hereunder.

- (a) Serial No. 753 will be formed as follows: X
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, NPAM
- (b) The Officer Commanding will be Major H.M. MacKendrick, E.D., Q.O.R. of Canada.
- (c) Slate of remaining officers will be submitted by the Commanding Officer to District Headquarters, M.D. No. 2 for approval, forthwith.
- (d) Personnel will be of the medical categories outlined in para. 32(a) of "Recruiting Memorandum No. 1".

2. The WAR ESTABLISHMENT of an Infantry (Rifle) Battalion shown in Table W(A) which accompanies H.Q.S. 3498 F.D. 82 dated 17th March (attached) will be used with the following modifications:

- (a) No Warrant Officers, class III will be appointed; this will form the subject of a separate communication.
- (b) Index 6 - an Infantry Bn. The establishment is 28 Officers and 934 Other Ranks, which includes the additional 133 Other Ranks enumerated in HQS. 5199-S F.D. 21 dated 23rd March, 1940.

REGIMENTAL NUMBERS The following is the allotment of Regimental Numbers:
From B.-63500 To B.-66499 (inclusive)

4. RECRUITING ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Unit Recruiting Area is as follows:
The above motor unit under the Military District No. 2

(b) Recruiting Offices will be established as under:
Present quarters occupied by the Queen's Own Rifles of C., in University Ave. Armouries, Toronto.

EXAMINING MEDICAL BOARDS

(a) The following is the composition of the medical boards allotted:

President	Lt.-Col. F.S. Park
Member	Lt.-Col. S.L. Spicer
Member	Capt. J.M. Spence
President	Major W.T. McLean
Member	Major J.H. Nesbitt
Member	Major G.C. Currie
President	Major J.R. Ross
Member	Capt. J.W. Brennan
Member	Capt. J.W. Graham
President	Capt. A.R. Wilkins
Member	Lieut. C.O.G. Williams
Member	Lieut. P.E. Ireland

(b) The Medical Boards are located at the University Avenue Armouries, Toronto.

6. MEDICAL OFFICER The following medical officer is detailed to provide Medical attention to the Unit during the mobilization period.

Major J.H. Nesbitt

7. ACCOMMODATION

(a) The following is the allotment of administrative accommodation:

the present quarters occupied by the Queen's Own Rifles of C. in University Ave. Armouries, Toronto.

(b) Barrack Accommodation - to be notified later.

(c) Personnel arranging their own accommodation will receive allowances in lieu as follows:

Officers	\$1.20 per diem
Other Ranks	.35 per diem

8. SUBSISTENCE Personnel providing their own subsistence will receive allowance in lieu as follows:

All Ranks	.50 per diem
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9. WAR EQUIPMENT This will be forwarded in due course. Arrangements will be made by the Officer Commanding with the District Ordnance Officer in this respect.

10. TRANSPORT The following is the administrative transport authorized for the use of the Unit.

At Toronto	2 motor cars
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The above motor vehicles are authorized for the use of the Unit under the provisions of Article 100(5)(a) P. & A. Regulations, Canadian Militia, 1939. Arrangements for additional transportation, when required, will be made by the D.S. & T.O., M.D. No. 2 on request by the Officer Commanding.

11. Copy of the Financial Regulations and Instructions for the C.A.S.F. will be forwarded.

12. FORMS, STATIONERY Requirements of forms and stationery are being despatched from this Headquarters immediately.

(C.R. Gallow)
Captain

for D.A.A.G., M.D. No. 2.

Copies To:

D.O.C., M.D.2
Col. S.A. Lee
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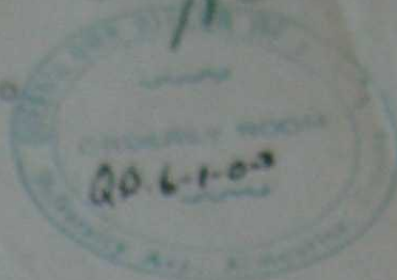
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25 Jun 40



Officer Commanding,
The Buffs Depot,
Canterbury, Kent
England.

Dear Sir:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I
am able to inform you that at long last The Queen's
Own Rifles of Canada have been mobilized for overseas
duty in the Canadian Active Service Force.

The Regiment was very disappointed last
September to learn that they were not to be mobilized
for overseas duty and only after a long period of waiting
was it discovered that those in authority had selected
us for a very important duty, the necessity for which
disappeared due to an International situation which arose
in late August and early September. This duty would have
taken the Regiment away from Toronto in the opposite
direction to which this letter will travel.

Canada's war effort was originally limited
to the provision of two Divisions and we were, for the
reasons sketched above, not included in these two Divisions.

You can imagine the heart-burns^{ings} of all ranks
of the Regiment when they discovered that no Active Service
employment was in prospect, and that the only thing for us
to do was to continue our weekly training. On top of this,
it was considered necessary to ^{take from} ~~deprive~~ us of our uniforms
and most of our training equipment. I think you will agree

that the carrying on of training in civilian clothes
some six hundred or seven hundred strong in spite of
the *adverse* conditions mentioned above was
table
very credible.

Our Government decided to increase Canada's
contribution to four Divisions and on the 3rd of June
we received official mobilizing *ation* orders.

Within a week of the actual commencement of
recruiting we were up to war strength and are now
carrying out individual preliminary training at local
headquarters, the men being on subsistence allowance and
living at home. We expect to move into camp very shortly.

We are anxious that all *components* ~~units~~ of our allied
*R*egiments should know of our position and with this end
in view this letter has been written. Copies will be
enclosed for distribution at your discretion.

On behalf of the Canadian Active Service Force
Battalion of The Queen's Own Rifles, I wish to express
to ~~all units of our allied~~ *R*egiments, our delight at the
prospect of taking our *place* ~~stand~~ with them in the battle line.
on active service with them.

Major,
Commanding Q.O.R. of C, C.A.S.F.