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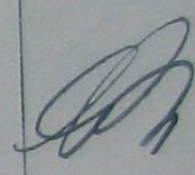
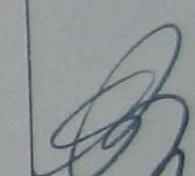
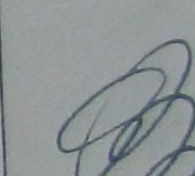
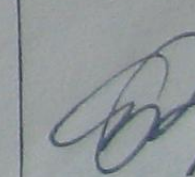
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Nfld. Airport	1 Nov		Telegram received regarding movement of one Company Victoria Rifles to St. John's. Showers in officers' quarters in operation for first time. Squadron Leader Carscallen R.C.A.F., O.C. AIRPORT Detachment transferred to HALIFAX. Training still hampered by lack of facilities to repair worn boots. Mens' feet get wet in slush in a very short time.	Wh
Botwood Det.	1 Nov.		Schooner STEWART LAWSON, cargo of timber, arrived at PAPER DOCK at 1331 hrs.	
Nfld. AIRPORT	2 Nov.		Officers' Mess ante room opened 1200 hrs. for first time. Fire place built by Pioneer Pl. First meal evening dinner served in mess. Officers will no longer eat at AIRPORT Administration Bldg.	Bh
Botwood Det.	2 Nov		American patrol bomber (U.S.N.) landed at air base to refuel, 1044 hrs. 1535 hrs.- Hudson bomber (R.C.A.F.) reported over-head. 2133 hrs.- "POINT MAY" reported party aboard steamer 1.5 miles off SANDY POINT. 2137 hrs.- L/T communication with H.Q. having broken down CANNING MOUNTAIN fired three signal cartridges on seeing the above steamer, thus giving a "general alarm". Duty Coy. assembled ready to move by 2142 hrs. Dock platoon in positions by 2144 hrs. 2225 hrs. -"POINT MAY" gave steamer the "all clear". 2250 hrs. steamer anchored off ORE DOCK. 2300 hrs. -"all clear" given duty Coy.	
Nfld. Airport	3 Nov		Divine Service 0930 hrs. Communion 1030 hrs. in Recreation Hut. One runway partially clear of snow for landing planes. Telegraph communication with ST. JOHN'S still only possible by round about route. Lines to EAST down for eighth day. Change made from second hour of NEWFOUNDLAND daylight saving time to standard time. Fourth transatlantic Lockheed Hudson arrived from Montreal. Three more expected 4 Nov. weather permitting.	Bh
Botwood Det.	3 Nov.		0755 hrs. Intelligence Section reported two <del>xxxx</del> seamen missing from crew of S.S. HEL, and held up her clearance. 0845 hrs.- Steamer, identified as S.S. EVERELDA, tied up at ORE DOCK. Latvian, in ballast, to load ore concentrates. 1730 hrs.- S.S. HEL, cleared by Intelligence section, for GALVESTON, TEXAS.	



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Nfld. Airport	4 Nov.		With snow storms threatening, large fatigues cleaned up ground around hutments and improved ground drainage ditches. Shortage of coal and firewood experienced. Moderate epidemic of colds of a fairly mild type. Impossible to keep mens' feet dry and hutments are not sufficiently heated.	
Botwood Det.	4 Nov.		1830 hrs. - S.S. CLYDE arrives at GOVERNMENT WHARF.	
Nfld. Airport	5 Nov.		R.C. service held by Rev. Fr. W.T. Cullen employed as part time R.C. Chaplain. Digby arrived from HALIFAX and HUDSON from MONTREAL.	
Botwood Det.	5 Nov.		Training in accordance with syllabus.	
Nfld. Airport	6 Nov.		Road building commenced around hutments with gravel surfacing and ditches. Digby returned to HALIFAX. Raider believed to be Admiral Von Scheer reported 400-800 miles from here persuing convoy. Three R.C.A.F. Digby bombers flew out on recce for it, without sighting. Roads built by unit around hutments to main AIRPORT roads. Drainage also built. Three day program involving 100 men.	
Botwood Det.	6 Nov.		0725 hrs. - S.S. EVERELDA, having been cleared by Intelligence section, loaded with ore concentrates. 0945 hrs. - AIRPORT advised report from merchant steamer stating she was being chased by a German warship approx. 350 miles off ST. JOHN'S. 1000 hrs. steps taken to insure ammunition, ration and transport situation ready to meet any emergency.	
Nfld. Airport.	7 Nov.		Lieut. M.K. Gordon R.C.A.M.C. M.O. Serial 753 at AIRPORT to board Other Ranks. No further news of raider - Only direct information received being from Naval Officer in charge ST. JOHN'S. Another Hudson came in from MONTREAL. One which came in from MONTREAL on 5th still held up due to generator trouble. Transatlantic flyers given priviledges of mess. Road building continued though hampered by wet weather.	
Botwood Det.	7 Nov.		Training in accordance with syllabus.	



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Nfld. Airport	8 Nov.		Weather permitted outdoor training again for first time in several days. Major portion of road building program completed.	On
Botwood Det.	8 Nov.		AIRPORT telephone worked intermittently only. This condition continued till AIRPORT signal officer repaired line 12 Nov.	On
Nfld. Airport	9 Nov.		Works program continued.	On
Botwood Det.	9 Nov.		Training in accordance with syllabus.	On
Nfld. Airport	10 Nov.		Divine Service in Recreation Hut at 0930 hrs. Seven Hudson Bombers took off for England at 1900 hrs. This is the first time planes have been delivered by air.	On
Botwood Det.	10 Nov.		Lieut.-col. MacKendrick arrived from NORRIS ARM 1600 hrs. left for GRAND FALLS 1800 hrs.	On
Nfld. Airport	11 Nov.		Memorial service and two minute silence at 1100 hrs. Pipes supplying camp with water, froze during night. New pipes and insulated, laid under supervision of Lieut. S.M. Lett Works Officer who is acting as Engineer Officer. Word received that all seven Hudson bombers arrived safely in England. Unit advised that it will return to Canada after being relieved here.	On
Botwood Det.	11 Nov.		1100 hrs. - Detachment paraded to war memorial, to pay tribute to the fallen of the War 1914-18	On
Nfld. Airport	12 Nov.		1200 hrs. - Patrol bomber U.S.N. landed to refuel. Fire broke out in Number 7 AIRPORT post completely gutting it and its stores. First try out of new fire fighting equipment by fire picquet. Work almost finished re insulating water pipes from AIRPORT Administration Bldg. to hutments.	On
Botwood Det.	12 Nov.		0452 hrs. S.S. CLYDE docked at GOVERNMENT WHARF. 0750 hrs. S.S. CLYDE left.	On
Nfld. Airport	13 Nov.		Two Hudson Bombers arrived from MONTREAL as part of second Transatlantic flight. Due to warning letter re sabotage received by Montreal Office of C.P.R. Transatlantic Flying Service AIRPORT guard at hangar increased. Work of covering water pipes completed.	On
Botwood Det.	13 Nov.		2200 hrs. S.S. LAGOS cleared with a cargo of paper for NEW ORLEANS.	On

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Nfld. Airport	14 Nov.		Continuing wet and cold weather and lack of heating facilities has resulted in moderate epidemic of colds and influenza. Several hundred pairs of boots need repair, most men having only one pair that can be used.	OB
Botwood Det.	14 Nov.		0744 hrs. "POINT MAY" reported she is boarding S.S. NORTHTON cargo of coal and cement. 1227 hrs. - Schooner "EASTER LILY" cargo of timber, docked at PAPER WHARF.	
Nfld. Airport	15 Nov.		With R.C.E. officer on sick leave and with Pioneer Officer in R.A.P. Lieut. J.N. Gordon was appointed Works Officer. Additional stoves arrived for heating. Showers still half a mile distant due to lack of water supply. Drains being completed. Two inch mortar arrived.	OB
Botwood Det.	15 Nov.		1333 hrs. - Aeroplane recognized as a "DIGBY" sighted.	
Nfld. Airport	16 Nov.		81 Other Ranks transferred to No.2 District Depot Q.O.R. Wing. Due to thick fog R.C.A.F. plane tried for two hours before finally having to go towards MONTREAL. Plane not heard from again after dropping its bombs 3 miles EAST of camp. Officers finally were able to move to own quarters. Directline connection made to Administration Bldg. hooking up with BOTWOOD DETACHMENT. R.A.F. Group Captain Pearce, guest of mess at dinner.	OB
Botwood Det.	16 Nov.		1600 hrs. POINT MAY" reports boarding S.S. WILLIAM HANSEN. 1640 hrs. S.S. WILLIAM HANSEN docks at PAPER WHARF, in ballast, checked by Intelligence section. Norwegian vessel.	
Nfld. Airport	17 Nov.		Still no report on missing plane though believed down in New Brunswick. Divine service at 0930 hrs under padre. Also Communion at same time according to Anglican rite by Rev. Mr. Bishop.	OB
Botwood Det.	17 Nov.		1430 hrs.- American patrol bomber landed to refuel at air base, taking off at 1510 hrs.	
Nfld. Airport	18 Nov.		As power lines too small to conduct sufficient power to camp area from Power House, the signal Pl. under Lieut. A.V. Malone constructed a three line system using number 4 wire. Power is now sufficient for first time for light pumps and all other purposes. Training syllabus Preparations being made to hand over to incoming unit Serial 1042. R.C.A.F. Bomber reported down 40 miles from Quebec City and one officer found. No other details known.	Appendix B OB

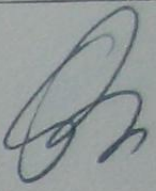
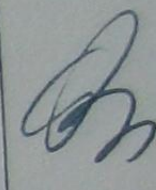
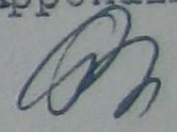



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Botwood Det.	18 Nov.		"POINT MAY" reported party boarding S.S. RAMO. S.S. RAMO from Quebec, docked at ORE DOCK. Norwegian vessel, in ballast. "POINT MAY" reported boarding S.S. FALSTERBO. 1430 hrs. a special parade was held for all ranks in full marching order including Packs & Kit bags completely packed.	
Nfld. Airport	19 Nov.		Fourth Hudson Bomber arrived from Montreal. Training Company stressing close order drill. Specialist training also emphasized. A large portion of Q.M. Stores already packed on board freight car.	
Botwood Det.	19 Nov.		S.S. FALSTERBO finally docked at ORE DOCK. Swedish vessel, in ballast. S.S. RAMO, loaded with concentrates, clears for GALVESTON, TEXAS. 1410 hrs. - Patrol vessel "MARVITTA" 105 ft. overall, arrived to take over the duties of the "POINT MAY."	
Nfld. Airport	20 Nov.		Summary of Meteorological conditions for Oct at NEWFOUNDLAND AIRPORT received from P. McTaggart-Cowan, Officer-in-charge Total Hudsons awaiting flight to England now seven. Farewell mess to A.C.O. C.O. R.C.A.F., O i/c Meteorological Division, Sqd. Ld. Powell of C.P.R. Transatlantic Flights, Group Capt. Pearce R.A.F. and Major A.S. Dawes M.C. of firm constructing R.C.A.F. hangars.	Appendix C. 
Botwood Det.	20 Nov.		1245 hrs. S.S. WM. HANSEN cleared with cargo of paper for CHARLESTON, N.C. S.S. HAVMOY docked at ORE DOCK, cargo of sulphur. HAVMOY'S third arrival in BOTWOOD.	
Nfld. Airport	21 Nov.		Demonstration given of 3" Mortar by Mortar Pl. under Lieut. H.E. Dalton. Q.M. left for BOTWOOD in connection with hand over to Serial 1042 the relieving unit.	
Botwood Det.	21 Nov.		2325 hrs. Owing to very poor radio contact, "MARVITTA" comes in. Repaired overnight.	
Nfld. Airport	22 Nov.		Advance Party consisting of Capt. Murray Milne and two Other Ranks left by train for SUSSEX, N.B. Unfirmed radio account that four of five missing R.C.A.F. flyers located near EAST LAKE, QUE. Eighty percent of ablution facilities for men installed. R.C.A.F. plane left for HALIFAX and Transatlantic Hudson left for MONTREAL. Lieut. S.M. Lett nominated for ski course at OTTAWA. Weather permitting eight Hudsons will fly tonight for England.	



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Botwood Det.	22 Nov.		S.S. CLYDE docks at GOVERNMENT WHARF with cargo of paper. 2245 hrs.- Advance party of the Royal Rifles of Canada (C.A.S.F.) Serial 1042 arrived at Bishop's Falls - 40 officers and 46 O/Rs. and brought to BOTWOOD, also 1 R.C.O.C. officer and 1 Other Rank.	Bh
Nfld. Airport	23 Nov.		Advance party Serial 1042 relieving unit arrived, three officers and 44 O.Rs. going to BOTWOOD, one officer and 2 O.Rs. to AIRPORT. Capt. E.E. Dennison in charge. R.C.O.C. officer arrived BOTWOOD in connection with taking over. First leave to ST. JOHN'S under auspices NFLD G.W.V.A. arranged 32 Other Ranks going from AIRPORT. Transatlantic flyers held up by weather. Storm warnings broadcast on all NEWFOUNDLAND coasts. C.O. and Adjutant left for BOTWOOD regarding embarking of first section Serial 753 and arrival of first section 1042.	Bh
Botwood Det.	23 Nov.		C.O. Serial 753 and Major Barnard arrived at BOTWOOD.	
Nfld. Airport	24 Nov.		Divine service at 0930 hrs. in Recreation Hut. Officer of Advance Party Serial 1042 shown over AIRPORT posts and Outposts. Squadron Leader Norton M.C. DFC R.C.A.F. guest at lunch and spoke about clearance of runways in winter. Lieut. S.M. Lett leaving 25 Nov. "On Command" ski course, Ottawa. Second flight of 7 Hudson Bombers due to leave for ENGLAND 2100 hrs. delayed as engines couldn't start in intense cold. C.O. and Adjutant remained in BOTWOOD. S.S. NEW NORTHLAND carrying first section Serial 1042 arrived BOTWOOD.	Bh
Botwood Det.	24 Nov.		0100 hrs. Fire alarm sounded. Changing rooms and part of fence around football field on fire. A number of our men helped to break down fence on both sides of fire area to prevent fire spreading. 0130 hrs. Fire under control. 0140 hrs. "All Clear" sounded. 1825 hrs. "MARVITTA" reported Troopship S.S. NEW NORTHLAND passing by with proper signal lights showing. 2100 hrs. S.S. NEW NORTHLAND anchors in stream off ORE DOCK. Reported to be docking at ORE DOCK at 0600 hrs. tomorrow.	
Nfld. Airport	25 Nov.		Temperature 5 below zero. Sir Wilfred Wood, Nfld. Commissioner of Public Utilities arrived from ST. JOHN'S. First section Serial 753 embarked at BOTWOOD 0600 hrs. but due to blizzard S.S. NEW NORTHLAND Remained at dock all day.	Bh

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7.			Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
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Newfoundland Airport	26	Nov	S.S. NEW NORTHLAND storm bound at dock at BOTWOOD till 1000 hrs. O.C. and Adjutant Serial 753 returned to AIRPORT by BUDA car through severe blizzard. Brigadier P. Earnshaw Commanding "W" Force advised he was delayed in ST.JOHN'S due to arrival Hon. Colin Gibson Canadian Minister of National Revenue. Blizzard held Transatlantic planes here. Roads blocked for several hours. Mail held up by Base Post Office.	A.H.
Botwood Det.	26	Nov	BOTWOOD Detachment less one Pl. from "D" Coy. on board S.S. NEW NORTHLAND held at Dock BOTWOOD due to severe blizzard until 1000 hrs. Storm warnings on all NEWFOUNDLAND coasts. Serial 1042 Det which relieved Serial 753 and one Pl. "D" Coy. Serial 753 quarantined for measles. No. 16 Pl. Serial 753 route march and close order drill.	
Nfld. Airport	27	Nov	R.C.A.F. worked all night and day with new tractors, plows, rollers and rotary blowers getting runways in shape. Fatigue from Serial 753 aided R.C.A.F. during day. Blizzard abated and one Hudson bomber arrived from MONTREAL. R.C.A.F. Digby arrived from HALIFAX with Hon. Col. Colin Gibson, Canadian Minister of National Revenue accompanied by Capt. Dyde and Mr. Davis of his staff. R.C.A.F. Court of Inquiry also on board. Lieut.-col. W. A. Jones, D.A.D.M.S. "W" Force arrived on tour of inspection. Hon. Colin Gibson, Capt. Dyde and Mr. Davis guests of Mess and later saw seven Hudson bombers leave for ENGLAND. Due to lateness of train Hon. Colin Gibson and his staff were put up in Officers' quarters. Colonel Jones to remain till Friday. Lieut. W. E. Bawden, Q.M. Serial 753, Lieut. A. Woodside Serial 1042 and Lieut. T.H. Haddon R.C.O.C. continued checking of stores preparatory to handing over. Lieut. S.C. Heyes, on command to carrier course, CAMP BORDEN, 2 Dec.	B.H.
Botwood Det.	27	Nov.	Lieut.-col Home Serial 1042 left by train for AIRPORT. Close order drill and route march for 16 Pl. Serial 753.	
Nfld. Airport	28	Nov.	Word received that all 7 Transatlantic planes arrived in ENGLAND making trip in 9 hrs. 13 mins. Hon. Colin Gibson and staff left by train for ST.JOHN'S. Lieut.-col. Jones left by freight train for BOTWOOD. O.C. serial 753 and 1042 made tour of inspection of posts.	B.H.

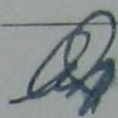
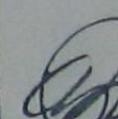



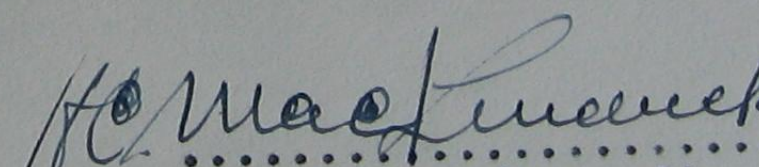
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Botwood Det.	28 Nov.		Quarantine except for ten men lifted by D.A. D.M.S.	   Appendix D
Nfld. Airport	29 Nov.		Training close order drill and route march. Three Hudson bombers arrived from Montreal for 3rd. Transatlantic flight. O.C. Serial 753 and O.C. Serial 1042 completed tour of AIRPORT. Adjutant left for ST. JOHN'S to complete rail arrangements on move. Advice received from 8th Bde. re 6 months, 2 weeks leave and furlough. Movement order Serial 753 Q.M. Serial 753, R.C.O.C. officer and officer Serial 1042 completed hand over of stores. Blizzard continued, train seven hours late. Ground very slippery and many men fell on route marches in high wind.	
Botwood Det.	29 Nov.		Training close order drill and route march.	
Nfld. Airport	30 Nov.		All advance preparations for handing over to serial 1042 completed. Conference with Resident Newfoundland Ranger requesting civil action to stamp out bootlegging and petty thieving. Official mail and telegrams received here for Commanding "W" Force ST. JOHN'S. Arrangements made for special train 4 Dec for 2nd flight serial 1042 and serial 753. Arrangements also made to return serial 753 at Lewisporte.	
Botwood Det.	30 Nov.		Route march. Favourable comment by O.C. Det. serial 1042 after hut inspection.	

 ..... Lieut.-col.  
Commanding Serial 753.

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