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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Mandora Barracks England Aldershot	1-8	0800	O.C., Adjt., and Q.M., returned from a visit to Lt.-col. Arthur Scott formerly Q.O.R. now 2 i.c. Canadian Red Cross in England.	<i>Alta</i>
		0900	Training started principally route marches for conditioning and small arms review. Difficulty in route marches was complete absence of maps of area.	
			P.A.D. regulations strictly enforced Lieut. R. Harris P.A.D. Officer. Cpl. Henderson unit fire warden. Squads instructed in dealing with incendiaries. Part I & II D.O.	App 1 & 2
	2-8	0900	H.Q. 8 C.I.B. and 3 Cdn. Div. getting set up. Bn. issued with khaki FS caps for first time. Green FS for walking out only. Respirators and steel helmets to be carried when out of unit lines.	
		1800	Instructions received that 5 day disembarkation leave in 3 flights starting 7 Aug. to be granted. Men to take ration cards with them on leave. Warrants for fare railroad transportation granted once every six months. Half fare for officers on production of identification card and for men showing pass at other times. 48 hr. leave on furlough, monthly. 10% only of officers to be away at one time. One 7 day "Privilege" leave every 3 months. Officers Mess as a body joined Officer's Club Aldershot.	<i>Alta</i>
	3-8	0915	Bn. church parade to St. Georges Garrison Church. Hon. Maj. G.E.J. Stuart Senior Chaplain 3 Cdn. Div. and former Bn. chaplain and Hon. Capt. J.C. Clough Bn. chaplain took service. Maj.-Gen. Price G.O.C. in 3 Cdn. Div. read lesson. After service Bn. marched past Gen. Price who complimented O.C. on showing of Bn.	
		1500	Maj. W.M. Hovey (PLDG) 4th Recce Regt. Lieut. O'Rielly R.C.R. former officers this Bn. called with Acting Brig. W. Southam I.C.I.B.	<i>Alta</i>
	4-8	0900	First mail arrival received from Canada. First Ordnance maps of district received. Maps of Aldershot and Unit Area drawn by I section. Training principally route marches, close order drill, and T.O.E.T. reviews.	
	5-8	1200	C.O. and Adjt. commanded to attend a luncheon by Queen Mary Colonel in Chief of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Saturday 9 Aug. A regimental brooch will be presented by the C.O. to Her Majesty. Photographs taken of all officers individually for official identification cards which have to be signed by 8 C I B and checked by 3 Cdn. Div. Adjt. and Orderly Staff worked till 0400 hrs on passes, nominal rolls in triplicate, ration cards, railway warrants, tickets for first flight going on disembarkation leave and/or furlough.	<i>Alta</i>
	6-8	0800	Large number of eggs purchased with 2½d per day allowance from NAAFI were bad. Extremely close supervision of messing and rations necessary. Lieut. A.J. Greathed appointed Unit Messing Officer. Question of responsibility for Blackout of NAAFI brought up for clarification. PAD scheme.	

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Mandora Barracks Aldershot	7-8	0650	First of 7 trains taking first flight on Disembarkation Leave paraded to one of three stations. Arrangements went smoothly except that in a few cases duplication of place names in England and Scotland and lack of information as to distances from Aldershot. Unit cooks receiving training from Army School of Cooking in scientific use of rations.
	8-8	0830	Training as before principally route marches and S.A.T. Sports on Coy basis. Due to fine weather very few in RAP or on sick parade. Instructions Bn. officers i/c Advance Parties
	9-8	0800	3 Cdn. Div. Strength Return App 1 II orders 8-8-41. Lt.-col. H.C. MacKendrick O.C. Q.O.R. of C. and Major W.T. Barnard Adj. left for Badminton Park for a luncheon at the command of Her Majesty Queen Mary Colonel in Chief of the regiment. Her Majesty graciously accepted a pin in the form of the regimental crest and a photograph of the officer's mess fireplace in Toronto on behalf of the Officers of the first Bn. Her Majesty expressed her wish to visit the Bn. at Aldershot and was pleased at the O.C.s suggestion of providing part of the guard at Badminton Park. In addition to Her Majesty, the O.C. and Adj. the following were present; The Duchess of Beaufort, Lady Constance Milnes-Geskill Major the Hon. John Coke Equerry to her Majesty.
	10-8	0915 1745	Bn. church parade to St. Michaels Garrison Church Hon. Capt. J.C. Clough QOR Chaplain. R.C. Church parade to St. Georges Garrison Church Non. Capt. R.M. Hickey NSR chaplain. Tickets ration cards passes issued to 2nd. flight Landing Leave Period 11-15 Aug. The appointments in the 1st. Bn. Q.O.R. are as follows subject to formation of Holding Unit which will call for at least two and probably four officers. Bn. H.Q. O.C. Lt.-col. MacKendrick E.D., 2 ic Major J.G. Spragge, Adj. Major W.T. Barnard T.O. Lieut. A.I. Matheson, PMR Major W.R. Taylor E.D., Chaplain Hon. Capt. J.C. Clough C.C.S., M.O. Capt. R.D. MacLaren, Aux. Ser. Officer Mr. Ferris (SA), R.S.M. (Wol) B63500 G.R. Alexander. "H.Q." O.C. Capt. D.J. Lequesne Signals Lieut. A.V. Maloney, Mortar Lieut. R.C. Clarkson, Carriers Lieut. S.C. Heyes, Pioneers Lieut. S.M. Lett, Transport Lieut. H.E. Dalton, Q.M. Capt. W.E. Bawden, Unit Messing Officer Lieut. A.J. Greathed, Supernumary Lieut. E.P.T. Green. R.Q.M.S. B63501 Wice G.A. "A coy" O.C. Maj. J.E.C. Pangman 2 ic Capt. H.R. Downie, Lieut. J.I. Mills, Lieut. J.N. Gordon, Lieut. I.R.F. Wilson, Lieut. C.N. Bradshaw. "B" Coy O.C. Maj. R.M. Hudson, 2 ic Capt. J.M. Milne, Lieut. R.D. Medland, Lieut. R.W. Sawyer, Lieut. T.E. Parkinson, Lieut. N.R. Pilcher. "C" Coy O.C. Major V.A. Gianelli, 2 ic Capt. F.L.J. Grout, Lieut. W.E. Fess, Lieut. E.A. Dunlop, Lieut. R.A. Harris, Lieut. J.H.K. Booth, "D" Coy O.C. Capt. G.F.C. Pangman, 2 ic Capt. W.A. Robertson, Lieuts. D.A. Keith, J.L. Dampier, J.G. Alley, W.D. Stewart.

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Mandora Barracks Aldershot England.	10-8	1745	Total Strength 42 Officers 874 Other Ranks. Provide instructions for Army Day 27-8-41
	11-8	0615	First of seven leave trains leaving second flight Disembarkation Leave left. First flight returned.
	12-8	0830	Training continued in accordance with syllabus. Maj. J.G. Spragge A/O.C. Bn.
	13-8	0830	Training in accordance with syllabus for Security and orders for sentries stressed see Daily Part 1 Orders No. 176 13-8-41.
	14-8-41	0830	Capt. Lequesne Acting Adj. Lists for Holding Coy appointments pending final approval by 3 Cdn. Div.
	15-8	0615	3rd. flight left on leave. 2nd. flight saving those who went to Scotland returned. PAD Coy Area responsibilities.
	16-8	0830	Training continued. Remainder 2nd. flight returned. Capt. D.J. Lequesne Acting Adj.
	17-8	0930	Church parade St. Georges Church Hon. Capt. J.C. Clough chaplain. Weather since units arrival has been very broken, warm during the day with showers cool at night. There have been no raids in country beyond odd bombings by single planes in scattered parts of Eng.
	18-8	0830	2nd. Cdn. Div. has moved into Aldershot Area Training in accordance with syllabus. Lieut. R.A. Harris P.A.D. Officer left on 2 weeks PAD course to Carlisle. Lieut. R.D. Medland appointed Security Officer.
	19-8	0900	3rd. Flight returned from leave. Maj. W.T. Barnard appointed O.C. H.Q. Coy, Capt. D.J. Lequesne confirmed as Adj.
	20-8	0830	Training now on collective bases with return of 3rd. flight. Adj. started 3 day cipher course.
		1100	Bn. visited by Lieut.-Gen. A.G. MacNaughton G.O.C. in C. Canadian Corps. accompanied by G.O.C. 3rd. Cdn. Div. First issue of Q.O.R. of C. Part II Orders issued by Canadian Section
		1330	G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon Order No. 1 15 Aug. '41. Capt. W.A. Robertson and I.O. left for 3 day camouflage course at Turnbridge Wells with Home Guard.
	21-8	0830	Training on collective bases in accordance with syllabus. Very little sickness in camp No Venereal Disease and while there are a great many coughs there are a few cases in bed.
	22-8	0830	Training continued on collective and individual basis. First mail from Canada posted subsequent to our departure, other than Airmail, received. Some cigarettes arrived for Troops but cigarettes which were purchased in Sussex N.B. through canteen and which were to have been placed on same ship with Unit have not been received.

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Mandora Barracks Aldershot England	23-8	0830 hrs.	Training continued.	[Initials]
	23-8	1400 hrs.	Canadian Corps. Sports Day. 3rd. Cdn. Div. did not take part. Lt.-Gen. A.G. MacNaughton and Prime Minister W.L.M. King attended. Bn. did not attend as a unit but several officers and O.Rs. were spectators.	
	24-8	0900 hrs.	Church parade to St. Georges Garrison church Hon. Capt. J.C. Clough Chaplain. Brig. J.P.U. Archambault attended and took march past of Unit and detachments of N.S.R. (N.B.) and 3rd. Div. Signals afterwards.	[Initials]
	24-8	0915 hrs.	R.C. Church parade St. Michaels Church Hon. Capt. Hickey Chaplain N.S.R.	
	25-8	0800 hrs.	Parade hours advanced. C.O. and 17 other officers appointed umpires for "Tiger" exercise. First conference 1000 hrs. Officers as follows. Lt.-col. H.C. MacKendrick, Major W.T. Barnard, Major J.R.C. Pangman, Major R.M. Hudson, Capt. F.L.J. Grout, Capt. G.F.C. Pangman, Capt. H.R. Downie, Capt. W.A. Robertson. Lieut. W.R. Pilcher, Lieut. E.A. Dunlop, Lieut. J.I. Mills, Lieut. J.W. Gordon, Lieut. R.D. Medland, Lieut. R.W. Sawyer, Lieut. O.A. Nickson, Lieut. J.F.K. Booth, Lieut. D.A. Keith, Lieut. E.P.T. Green, Scheme 30 Aug. to 2nd. Sept.	[Initials]
	26-8	0800	Coy collective training in training areas. Carriers received by Mortar Pl. Enlarged maps of all training areas made by I Sect. Issue made of binoculars. Lieut. S.M. Lett Pioneer Officer as Assistant T.O. to Lieut. H.E. Dalton. Lieut. O.A. Nickson A/A Officer acting as Mortar Officer to Lieut. R.C. Clarkson. Lieut. E.P.T. Green acting as Assistant Carrier Officer to Lieut. S.C. Heyes. Mortar Pl. increased to 45 ORs with 7 Carriers. Carrier Pl. increased to 60 ORs, 14 Carriers, 4 sections of 3 each, 1 for Pl and 1 for C.O.	
	26-8	1700	Lecture on camouflage by Capt. W.A. Robertson to officers.	[Initials]
	26-8	2000	M.T. holiday every Monday. Movies shown by Mr. Ferris Aux. Services Officer. Camp Security Standing Orders issued. Training Syllabus - Aug. Further Part II Orders Bn. H.Q. Personnel	
	27-8	0800	Training on collective and individual basis. Duty Coy now on daily instead of weekly basis to avoid interference with collective training.	[Initials]
	27-8	1330	T.E.W.T. on Bn. basis, Bn. in attack Area 4 Recreational for training for O.Rs.	
		1400	I.O. and 1 Sgt. started 3 day Cypher Course at 3 Cdn. Div. Hon. Capt. J.C. Clough chaplain appointed Bn, Sports Officer.	

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	27-8 1941	1400	Coy Sports Officers <u>H.Q.</u> Lieut. E.P.T. Green, <u>A</u> Lieut. I.R.F. Wilson, <u>B</u> Lieut. R.D. Medland, <u>C</u> Lieut. W.E. Fess, <u>D</u> Lieut. J.G. Alley.	<i>Al</i>
	28-8	0800	Coy schemes all day and at night. Attack consolidation digging and wiring of defensive area, night patrols, routine in defence positions.	<i>Al</i>
			Clippings from Toronto Daily Star 1 Aug. 1941 re landing in England of 3 Cdn. Div. and The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.	<i>Al</i>
		2030	Maj.-Gen Price G.O.C. 3 Cdn. Div. and Brig. Archambault Comdr. 8 C.I.B. attended H.Q. Coy night scheme.	<i>Al</i>
	29-8	0800	All day consolidation schemes by A, C, D Coys and H.Q. platoons.	<i>Al</i>
		2030	Night schemes by above coys.	<i>Al</i>
	30-8	0800	Training in accordance with syllabus.	<i>Al</i>
			Forty-sixth Birthday of O.C. Lt.-col. H.C. MacKendrick.	<i>Al</i>
		1145	Bn. Parade.	<i>Al</i>
			Meeting of T.Os. at Bde.	<i>Al</i>
	31-8	0830	Bn. Parade, rehearsal for review by Colonel-in-Chief H.M. Queen Mary, tentatively set for 10 Sept. 1941.	<i>Al</i>
		0930	Bn. Church Parade, St. Georges Church, Hon. Capt. J.C. Clough Chaplain.	
			R.C. Church Parade, St. Michaels Garrison Church, His Eminence Cardinal Hinsley.	
			Lieut. W.D. Stewart left on Junior Leaders Course.	

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