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1st Bn. Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

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MOONHILL 738414 GRAVENHURST 704417	1Aug	0700	Reveille. Overcast, intermittent rain. Voluntary Church Parade.	Gmt
	2Aug	0600	Reveille. Cool, cloudy. "D" Coy to be reformed, O.C. Capt. E. A. Dunlop, 2 i/c Capt. R.W. Sawyer, Lieuts J.W. Keenan, R.W. Barker, J.M. Kiely. N.C.O's allotted from other coys.	Gmt
		1430	Sp Coy T.E.W.T. at Bde. Sandtable Dieppe.	
		1900	Ball game Q.O.R. 5, 3 A/Tk 3. A close hard-fought game.	
MOONHILL 738414	3Aug	0600	Reveille. Fair, warm. Training as per syllabus, emphasis on L.C.A., scramble net, and assault course work.	Gmt
		1900	First lecture in Sgts. refresher course given by Maj. S.M. Lett	Appx. 5
Moonhill 738414	4Aug	0600	Reveille. Fair, warm. A Coy on ranges all day, continued with night attack using assault boats, in camp at 0230 hrs.	Gmt
		1600	Exercise for officers prepared by Major S.M. Lett	Appx. 6
		1830	N.C.O's of Bn.H.Q., B Coy, and H.Q. Coy on Dieppe T.E.W.T. at Bde.	
Moonhill 738414	5Aug	0600	Reveille. Cool, cloudy, local showers. 69 men joined unit to bring "D" Coy up to strength.	Gmt
			C.S.M. and two instructors Hythe wing started two day weapon training refresher course for N.C.O's.	
		1830	N.C.O's of A and C Coys on Dieppe T.E.W.T. at Bde. Capt. Gordon and Sgt. Stoll on their first visit to the regiment since their return from Africa. Col. J.G. Spragge confined to bed with a leg injury sustained on the scramble net.	
MOONHILL 738414	6Aug	0600	Reveille. Cool, cloudy.	Gmt
		0800	First parade for newly formed "D" Coy. There's a leavening of experienced men and N.C.O's throughout the coy and it is hoped they may be brought up to standard rapidly.	
		1000	46 O.Rs. taken to Hampton Court by Cpl Simpson on an Educational Trip.	

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		2300	"C" Coy night scheme with assault boats.	<i>Ymp</i>
MOONHILL 738414	7Aug	0600	Reveille - cloudy, cool.	
BURGESS HILL		1500	12 Fd Regt and Q.O.R. played an exhibition baseball game. Major Sutherland, C.D.C., explained the game to the spectators over the public address system, and gave a running commentary of the play.	
		2200	Word received from B.M. that Q.O.R. is to move to Denne Park, Horsham in the coming week.	
MOONHILL 738414	8Aug	0700	Reveille - clear, cool.	<i>Ymp</i>
HORSHAM		0930	Voluntary Church Parade. Movies on combined Ops, Security and Waterproofing of Vehicles in Odeon Theatre, Horsham - several offrs and N.C.O's attending.	
MOONHILL 738414	9Aug	0600	Reveille, fair, warm.	Appendix 7
		1000	"Report of Move" to Denne Park. This comes as a complete surprise as unit fully expected to remain in Moonhill until move to Scotland.	<i>Ymp</i> Appendix 8
		1400	"Warning Order".	
		1800	Movie in NAAFI "Silver Fleet".	
MOONHILL 738414	10Aug	0600	Reveille, cloudy, showers. Cleaning up and preparing for move.	<i>Ymp</i>
MOONHILL 738414	11Aug	0530	Reveille - weather dull.	<i>Ymp</i>
DENNE PARK		0830	M.T. convoy leave for Denne Park, marching tps left at 0930 hrs.	
		1440	Marching tps arrived in Denne Park. It is an improvement on our last camp, although we still have a shortage of water.	

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DENNE PARK 607483	12Aug	0600	Reveille, Fair, cool. Straightening up camp area and settling in. Scramble nets erected and ropes strung in trees so that there may be no break in training.	Ymp
		0715	"D" Coy and personnel from other coys who failed to qualify with rifle left for two days shooting at Ash Range, Capt. Dunlop in command.	
DENNE PARK 607483	13Aug	0600	Reveille - cool, cloudy.	Ymp
		0800	"Padres Hour" for Sp Coy. R.C. Padre also in attendance. Training as per syllabus.	
DENNE PARK 607483	14Aug	0600	No water in camp all day. Some unauthorized person meddled with main valve. Reveille - clear, warm. Clocks back one hour at 0300 hrs.	Ymp
		1900	Training as per syllabus. Saturday is a full day.	
		2000	All is calm, all is quiet. Dance in Officers Mess.	
DENNE PARK 607483	15Aug	0700	Reveille, fair, warm.	Ymp
		1100	Lt.-Col. J.G. Spragge read a letter from Lt.-Col. J.C. Preston 15th D.L.I., B.N.A.F. in commendation of Sgt. E. Stoll to his officers on the lawn at Denne Park	
DENNE PARK 607483	16Aug	0600	Reveille. Fair, warm.	Ymp
		1900	Training as per syllabus. Emphasis on route marches, physical training and night training. Maj. S.M. Lett gave the offrs of the bn a garbled and involved op order such as might be given by a slightly shell-shocked C.O., which they are to un-garble and present in a coherent form. There seemed to be a general agreement that a shell-shocked C.O. should not indulge in operation orders.	

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DENNE PARK 607483	17 Aug	0600	Reveille. Fair, warm.
		0830	March to Odeon Theatre, Horsham to see Combined Ops training films
		1200	Adm. Instructions #1 Afloat X
		2000	Picture in camp theatre "Katina"
		2015	"B" Coy night training. Firing by night and identification of sound by night. Back in camp 0100 hrs.
DENNE PARK 607483	18 Aug	0600	Reveille. Fair, warm. Training as per syllabus.
		2015	Sp. Coy's experiment with a water-proofed carrier was only a partial success. The carrier sank but there were no casualties. However, Capt. Dalton believes he has the solution and in the next experiment an out-board motor will be attached to the carrier.
DENNE PARK 607483	19 Aug	0600	"A" and "B" Coys night patrols. In camp 0200 hrs.
		0800	Reveille. Fair, warm. Training as per syllabus.
DENNE PARK 607483	19 Aug	1900	A/Tk pl firing at Beachy Head, returned to camp 1800 hrs.
		2000	Mess dinner followed by discussion of Operation Orders by Maj. S.M. Lett
DENNE PARK 607483	20 Aug		Dance for O.R. in recreation hut, a roaring success due to excellent organization by the K. of C. staff under Supervisor T. Monahan.
		0600	New respirators issued. They are designed to fit on the waist belt and are much lighter and more compact than the old.
		0800	Kit bags marked with unit serial number, and a stamp designating the company.
		1600	Amendment No. 1 to Appx. "A" to Adm. Instr. "1 Afloat X"
		1900	15 Offrs and N.C.O's left for Arty firing practise at Alfriston Range
			Sp. Coy. left on route march. They do not have an opportunity to march during the day because of specialist duties.

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IST BN. THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
DENNE PARK 607483 POND 632546	21Aug	0600 0900 1330 2100	Reveille. Overcast, cool. This is the first break in a week of warm days. R.S.M.'s parade. Bn. and Coy drill. B.H.Q. and H.Q. Coy with attached personnel swimming in battle order with Mae Wests. /to Sgts. They Lecture on use of compass at night. Left on a compass march at 2213 hrs. In at 0015 hrs. Night patrols and counter patrols until 0500 hrs. A quiet night for the sgts.	<i>AmP</i>
DENNE PARK 607483	22Aug	0700	Reveille. Broken sky, cool. Voluntary church service. Intensive training for six days makes Sunday very much a day of rest. Very little activity in Sgts. Mess.	<i>AmP</i>
DENNE PARK 607483	23Aug	0600 1330 1900	Reveille. Fair warm. Training as per syllabus. The tempo is quickening and there are daily runs in battle order. Training film 'Locating the Enemy'. H.Q. Coy route marchinn marching order.	<i>AmP</i>
DENNE PARK 607483	24Aug	0600 1330 1800	Reveille. Fair, warm. C Coy swimming in battle order. This is under the direction of Capt. Clough and has been very successful. Moving pictures in K. of C. hut 'The Crystal Ball'.	<i>AmP</i>
DENNE PARK 607483	25Aug	0600 1500 1800 1900	Reveille. Fair, mild. Interior economy. Lectures on German Army by Capt Medland. Lecture Capt. K.K. Lalkaka, Royal Wiltshire Regt. "Fighting Men of India". Bingo in K. of C. Hut. Mess Dinner followed by lectures on diagramatic sketches by Maj S.M. Lett.	<i>AmP</i>
DENNE PARK 607483	26Aug	0600 1330 2030	Reveille. Rain. Mortar Pl on long carry, 6 miles, each man carrying 6 bombs. O.R. dance in Recreation Hut. A large attendance and a huge success.	<i>AmP</i>

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DENNE PARK 607483	27Aug	0600 2130	Reveille. Fair, warm. Training as usual in the morning. Sports afternoon. A Coy battle inoculation under the direction of Maj. C. Dalton. The men walked through lines of tracer with strategically placed charges of ammonal spicing their path. By night this is extremely impressive.
DENNEPARK 607483	28Aug	0600 0830 1330	Reveille. Overcast cool. Interior economy. Capt. E. Dalton lectured to N.C.O's on diagramatic orders. B Coy swimming in battle order. Two well-merited promotions appeared in orders. Capt. E. Dunlop to be Major and Lieut. T.A. Staunton to be Captain. They were duly celebrated.
DENNE PARK 607483	29Aug	0700 1015	Reveille. Cloudy cool. Church service in K. of C. Hut followed by communion service. There were three distinguished visitors for the day, - Major V.A. Gianelli, Capt. W.R. (Foxey) Taylor and Capt. I.A. Matheson, all members of the regiment who have gone to other formations.
DENNE PARK 607483	30Aug	0600	Reveille. Overcast, cool. Administration Instruction #2 "Afloat X" Training as persyllabus.
DENNE PARK		1600 2130	All vehicles turned over to T.O. Officers down to and including Coy Cmdrs at Bde. Brig. Blackader discussed the final Bde Op Order produced for Exercise "Dipper" B, D, Sp Coys "Battle Inoculation" under Maj. C. Dalton.

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The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

Aldershot 26 Aug. 1941

Headquarters
3 Cdn. Div.

Visit of H.M. Queen Mary

for this unit,

The following is submitted as a program

- 1.15 - Luncheon
- 1.30 - Bn. under W O's and N C O's leaves for parade ground.
- 2.00 - Officers leave for parade ground.
- 2.15 - H.M. leaves for inspection, enroute driving slowly past cooks and essential duty men who will be drawn up along route.
- 2.30 - H.M. arrives and receives royal salute. Inspects the regiment followed by march past and presentation of officers.

It is submitted, that if H.M. will consent the officers might be presented before luncheon. The program could then be as follows.

- 1.15 - Presentation of officers.
- 1.30 - Luncheon
- 2.15 - Officers leave for parade.
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- 2.40 - H.M. arrives at parade ground and receives royal salute.
- 2.45 - March past begins
- 3.05 - March past finishes.
- 3.10 - Possibly H.M. will say a word to her Regiment on the public address system.
- 3.15 - Royal salute as H.M. leaves.

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BADMINTON
Gloucestershire.

23 August, 1941

Dear General,

I have had a letter from Major-General P.J. Montague, who suggested that I should communicate direct with you regarding Her Majesty Queen Mary's visit to Aldershot.

Queen Mary suggests Wednesday, September 10th., as the most convenient date. Her Majesty would arrive at the Barracks at 1.15 p.m. for lunch. The inspection to commence at 2.15 or 2.30 p.m., allowing about three-quarters-of-an-hour for the inspection, march past, presentation of Officers, etc. Her Majesty would depart at approximately 3.30 p.m.

Queen Mary would be accompanied by a Lady-in-Waiting and myself, with an escort of 2 ~~Despatch~~ Despatch Riders, until an escort from The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada meets the Royal Car.

I trust that these preliminary arrangements will meet with your approval. If there is anything I can do to assist, please do not hesitate to communicate with me either by telephone (Badminton 21), or by letter.

On receipt of the proposed programme for the visit, I will immediately submit it to Her Majesty.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN COKE
Equerry to H.M. Queen Mary

Major-General C.B. Price
O.C. 3rd Canadian Division,
Canadian Military Headquarters,
Cockspur Street,
Whitehall Square,
LONDON S.W.1.

A retiring room will be arranged for H.M. in the officers quarters.

If the weather is fine it is proposed to have the band play during luncheon.

If motor cycles are received in time to enable riders to become familiar with them, a m c escort of one officer and four other ranks will meet H.M outside Aldershot on whatever route she selects.

(H.C. MacKendrick Lt.-col.)
Comd The Q.O.R. of C.

Subject: Visit of H.M. Queen Mary.

A.A./A.A.G./2/9.

G.S.M.,
Aldershot Area.

You will attend at the R.E. Parade Ground Gibraltar Barracks (opposite St. George's Church) tomorrow Wednesday 10th September 1941 at 1500 hours and will take over from Sgt. F. Tate of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, Queen Mary's personal standard which will then be taken by you to Government House so that it may be broken and flown during Queen Mary's visit tomorrow.

You will be prepared to give a receipt for the standard to Sgt. Tate who is to have a receipt made out ready for your signature.

E. O. L.

Lieut. Colonel,
Assistant Adjutant General,
Aldershot Area.

Aldershot.
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Copies to:- O.C.,
Queen's Own Rifles of Canada (2)
Reference conversation to-day - A.A.G.
and C.O. at Orderly Room, Mandora Barracks.



Department of National Defence

H.Q., 8 Cdn. Inf. Bde.

ALDERSHOT 29 Aug. 1941

O.C.,
Q.O.R. of C.,
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Visit of Her Majesty Queen Mary
to Q.O.R. of C.

Herewith self-explanatory correspondence re. the m/n.

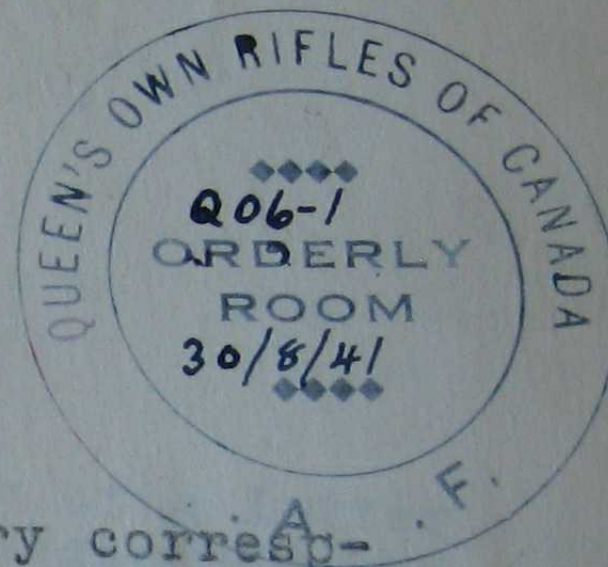
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Staff Capt., 8 Cdn. Inf. Bde.

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H.Q. 1772-101-23

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 2-5-3



(Sgt.) John Coke
Equerry to H.M. Queen Mary.

Major-General C.B. ...



Department of National Defence

HQ. 3 Cdn. Div., 27 August, 1941.

8 Cdn Inf Bde.

VISIT OF H.M. QUEEN MARY
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

Herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter received from the Equerry to H.M. Queen Mary regarding the marginally noted, together with a copy of the reply forwarded by this Headquarters.

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Charles Laing
(H.V.D. Laing) Lt.-Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G., 3 Cdn. Div.

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Very sincerely,

(C.B. Price) Major-General,
G.O.C., 3 Cdn. Div.

Major, The Honourable John Coke,
Enquiry to H.M. Queen Mary,
Buckingham Palace,
Buckingham Palace, Gloucestershire.

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Headquarters, 3rd Canadian Division,
27th August, 1941.

Dear Major Coke:

Thank you for your letter dated August 23 in connection with Her Majesty Queen Mary's visit to Aldershot.

Wednesday, September 10th will be quite satisfactory to The Unit and I am enclosing their suggested programme for Her Majesty's approval.

You will note that the programme calls for the presentation of the Officers of the Unit to Her Majesty prior to lunch rather than during the inspection. If Her Majesty approves of this I think that it would be preferable to present the Officers in the Mess rather than on parade. You will also note that all ranks of the Regiment would very greatly appreciate a few words from Her Majesty following her inspection.

The Unit has not yet been issued with motorcycles and it may be impossible to have their Despatch Riders trained in time to meet the Royal Car, in which case we will supply Divisional Provost Personnel for this purpose.

I understand that Her Majesty has her own Standard. If this is so would it be possible to let us have two Standards in advance so that one might fly over the Mess and the other be broken over the parade ground as she arrives.

Will you please advise me as to the route by which Her Majesty will reach Aldershot.

There is no need to tell you how very keenly the Regiment will look forward to Her Majesty's visit; I can assure you that it is a splendid Battalion and I am sure that Her Majesty will be pleased with it.

Very sincerely,

(C.B. Price) Major-General,
G.O.C., 3 Cdn. Div.

Major, The Honourable John Coke,
Equerry to H.M. Queen Mary,
Badminton House,
Badminton, Gloucestershire.

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The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

Aldershot. 194

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No.

Dear General,

Just a line to let you know the route Her Majesty
will take to Aldershot, Sept. 10th

via. Newbury
Basingstoke,
Odiham
Aldershot.

I sent a D.R. to Aldershot yesterday with the Royal Standard
for the parade ground, also to arrange a place close by where
your escort would pick up the Royal Car.

Please let me know if I can give you anymore infor-
mation or help in anyway.

John Coke

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Major, The Honourable John Coke,
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Badminton, Gloucestershire.



CANADA

Department of National Defence

Headquarters, 3rd Canadian Division
2 Sep 1941

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
NO. 3 CD/5-3

8-5-3

Dear Major Coke:

Thank you for your letter dated August 29th which reached me this morning.

With regard to the points brought up in your letter, the Standard has already been received and two motorcycle orderlies came yesterday and agreed upon the route with the Officer Commanding as per attached tracing. The C.O. quite understands about Her Majesty's desire not to speak in public.

There will be no other ladies present as the officers have not got their families with them in England.

As soon as the seating arrangements have been made you will be advised as to who will sit on either side of Her Majesty at lunch; she, no doubt, will sit on the right of the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. H.C. McKendrick.

Very sincerely,

C.B. Pui

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C
Maj. the Hon. John Coke
Equerry to H.M. Queen Mary
Badminton, Gloucestershire.

Dear Major Coke:

Many thanks for the letter regarding distinction in dress. I entirely agree that Queen Mary should go no further with the matter. If however an opportunity should occur perhaps Her Majesty could mention to our Corps Comd. her interest in our dress distinctions.

I suggest this course of action because I know that Queen Elizabeth mentioned such a distinction of dress pertaining to one of our Highland units, which resulted in their being able to retain it unofficially.

In this connection I have been "advised" that I should invite to luncheon with Her Majesty, our Brigade Commander Brig. Archambault, Maj. Gen. Price commanding 3 Cdn. Div. and the Corps Commander Lieut.-Gen. MacNaughton. This I am loath to do since I feel that this should be a Regimental show and that with all the Brass Hats our own officers would be rather in the background. However I cannot well disregard the "advice", much as I would like so to do.

Any remarks you would like to make will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

(H.C. MacKendrick) Lt.-col.
Comd. The Q.O.R. of C. (AF)

Dear General,

Thank you so much for your letter.

Her Majesty approved of the presentation of officers before Lunch. Her Majesty does not wish to address Her Regiment. She never will speak in public and trusts you will quite understand. I will send our Standard in advance to be flown on Parade as Her Majesty arrives, we have only one available, and she thinks the parade ground the most suitable place.

I will let you know the route by which Her Majesty will come as soon as it has been decided on. Except for points mentioned the rest of the program as in effect stands.

One small matter before leaving, after the Royal Salute, Her Majesty would like to retire to the Officers Quarters in the retiring room. Later if it is not giving you too much trouble would you kindly let me know who would be sitting on either side of Her Majesty at Lunch, and whether any Ladies would be present. She brings a Lady-in-waiting, Lady Cynthia Colville, as well as myself.

With many apologies for giving you so much trouble,

John Coke.

COPY.

BADMINTON
Gloucestershire.

23 August, 1941

Dear General,

I have had a letter from Major-General P.J. Montague, who suggested that I should communicate direct with you regarding Her Majesty Queen Mary's visit to Aldershot.

Queen Mary suggests Wednesday, September 10th., as the most convenient date. Her Majesty would arrive at the Barracks at 1.15 p.m. for lunch. The inspection to commence at 2.15 or 2.30 p.m., allowing about three-quarters-of-an-hour for the inspection, march past, presentation of Officers, etc. Her Majesty would depart at approximately 3.30 p.m.

Queen Mary would be accompanied by a Lady-in-Waiting and myself, with an escort of 2 ~~Despatch~~ Riders, until an escort from The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada meets the Royal Car.

I trust that these preliminary arrangements will meet with your approval. If there is anything I can do to assist, please do not hesitate to communicate with me either by telephone (Badminton 21), or by letter.

On receipt of the proposed programme for the visit, I will immediately submit it to Her Majesty.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN COKE
Equerry to H.M. Queen Mary

Major-General C.B. Price
G.O.C. 3rd Canadian Division,
Canadian Military Headquarters,
2, Cockspur Street,
Trafalgar Square,
LONDON S.W.1.

BADMINTON,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

12th September, 1941.

Dear Colonel MacKendrick,

When I arrived here yesterday Queen Mary told me all about her delightful visit to the Regiment at Aldershot on Wednesday and how excellent all the arrangements had been. I think that Major Coke had already written to you before he left here; but I can assure you that Her Majesty thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

Queen Mary wishes me to say that, when the photographs of the group are ready, it will be a pleasure to her to sign copies for you and for your Second in Command and, if you would like them, one or two extra copies for your Headquarters in Canada. So, if you will send the photographs on here, Major Coke or I will submit them to Her Majesty for signature.

I am afraid that I do not know the name of your Second in Command, so will you very kindly let me have it when you write?

I came over to Aldershot with my family and saw the excellent march past, and I am only so sorry that I did not get a chance of making myself known to you afterwards; but unfortunately I had to come away early, so was unable after all to avail myself of your very kind invitation to come on to your Mess. However I shall look forward to seeing you over at my house to lunch one Sunday a little later on, if you can get away.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. St. John.

Private Secretary to H.M. Queen Mary.

Lt.-Colonel H. C. MacKendrick,
The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

Commons same as in Competition No 2

Instructions regarding preparation of War Diaries (which will be kept from first day of mobilization, creation or embodiment), are contained in F.S. Regs. Vol. 1.

WAR DIARY

OR

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to O. i/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.

Title pages will be prepared.

(Erase heading not required)

1st Bn. The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
DENNE PARK 607483	31Aug	0600 1900	<p>Reveille. Overcast, damp. Training as per syllabus. Lt.-Col. J.G. Spragge spoke to each company about the training they will undergo in Scotland. Lecture to offrs by Lieut. D. Philp - R/T procedure.</p> <p><i>J.G. Spragge Lt.-Col.</i> (J.G. SPRAGGE) Lt.-Col. Comd. 1st Bn. Q.O.R. of C.</p>	<i>Amul</i>

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BATTALION ORDERS
BY
MAJOR S.M. LETT
T/COHD 1ST BN. THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF C.

SHEET ONE

PART I ORDERS

21 August, 1943.
No. 81

LAST PART I ORDER ISSUED 19 Aug 43
"A"

1. POSTINGS

Capt. J.I. Mills T.O.S. from 4 C.I.R.U. w.e.f. 21 Aug 43
and posted to "C" Coy.

2. ATTACHMENTS

"B"

The u/m personnel are attached from coys shown to H.Q.
Coy for f.a.p.

<u>From "A" Coy</u>	- B64305 Rfn. Lindsay, C.H.
	B63510 Rfn. Goldenthal, S.
<u>From "B" Coy</u>	- B64466 Rfn. Pomroy, A.A.
	B42675 Rfn. Clayton, F.C.
	B110148 Rfn. Maxey, W.R.
<u>From "C" Coy</u>	- B64294 Rfn. Sherman, E.N.
	- B38063 Rfn. Fisher, F.C.
<u>From "S" Coy</u>	- B38706 Rfn. Woods, J.A.
	- B63967 Rfn. Draper, F.H.J.
	B63846 Rfn. Salisbury, J.H.

3. DIVINE SERVICE

Sun. 22 Aug '43 (Voluntary)

Protestant - 0800 hrs. - Holy Communion - Theatre Hut
0930 hrs. - Morning Prayer - Theatre Hut

R.C. Service - 1100 hrs. Mass - N.A.A.F.I.

4. DRESS - M.T. DRIVERS

Effective this date all M.T. drivers except staff cars, /of
5 cwts., station wagons and 15 cwts. H.U. will always wear
steel helmets. A strict check will be enforced. Penalty
will be loss of privilege leave to N.C.O. in charge of
transport and to officer signing the work ticket, and strict
divisional action will be taken against the driver.
(Authy 8 CIB MS Q-182 d/20 Aug 43)

5. RATION STRENGTH 20 Aug 43 - 38 Officers, 758 Other Ranks.

R.L. Bickford Lt
(R.L. BICKFORD) LT.
Adj. 1st Bn. Q.O.R. of C.

NOTICE

A Beer Barrel was taken from the N.A.A.F.I. on the night of the dance. If
this is not returned at once it will cost the Men's Fund £2-0-0 and there
will be no more beer at dances.

BATTALION ORDERS
BY
LIEUT-COL. J.C. STEPHENSON
CORP. 1ST BN. THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF C.

SHEET ONE

PART I ORDERS

24 August, 1943.
No. 62

LAST PART I ORDER ISSUED 21 Aug 43

"A"

1. ATTACHMENTS

Capt. J.N. Gordon att. f.a.p. from 4 C.I.R.U. w.e.f. 21 Aug 43 and posted to B.H.Q.

Lieut. R. Fleming attached f.a.p. to "D" Coy.
Lieut. W.D. Stewart Attached f.a.p. to "A" Coy.

"B"

2. DUTY COYS

Duties to last three days, commencing 1 00 hrs day previous.

B Coy	23 - 25 Aug.	Sp Coy	26 - 28 Aug
C Coy	29 - 31 Aug.	A Coy	1 - 3 Sep
B Coy	4 - 6 Sep.		

3. RATION STRENGTH

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
21 Aug '43	40	719
22 Aug '43	38	724
23 Aug '43	42	727
24 Aug '43	42	730

4. GOOD CONDUCT BADGE

D81532 Rfn. Showers, J.J. awarded One Good Conduct Badge.

5. A.P.R.

The u/m N.C.Os. revert to their permanent grade of Rfn. at their own request w.e.f. dates shown:

B63537 C.Q.M.S. Graham, B.C. w.e.f. 9 Aug 43
B79124 A/Cpl. Read, G.S. w.e.f. 18 Aug '43.
B64726 A/Cpl. Hodge, S.J. w.e.f. 20 Aug '43.

6. DRESS - M.T. DRIVERS

It is apparent that Pt I D.O. No 61 of 21 Aug 43 is not understood. Drivers of ALL vehicles other than staff cars, 5 cwts., station wagons, or 15 cwts. H.U. will wear steel helmets AND skeleton web. Drivers of 8 cwts., 15 cwts Van or 15 cwts G.S., 30 cwts., and 60 cwts., and carriers are included. No officer will sign the work ticket of a driver who is NOT dressed according to this order. The penalty being loss of privilege leave both to the officer and to the N.C.O. I/c Transport.

(R.L. BICKFORD) Lt.
Adj. 1st Bn Q.O.R. of C.

NOTICES

AUXILIARY SERVICES:

Show at 1900 hrs. Weds 24 Aug '43
Bingo at 1830 hrs WEDNES 26 Aug '43
Dance at 2000hrs Thurs 27 Aug '43
Show at 1800 & 2015 hrs. Fri.

19 16
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SECRET

App 13

13 Cdn Fd Regt and "D" Coy 8 Sp Gp, C.H. of O will carry out firing practise at ALFRISTON RANGES 21 Aug 43.

Three Coy Comdrs or 2 i/c, 11 Senior NCOs, 2 Sigs 2 drivers from Q O R of C will attend.

Coy Comdrs will select targets and call fire, NCOs will be at given positions or command posts 22 Bty.

Party from 1 Q O R of C will rv with Lt.-col. Zeigler O.C. 13 Fd Regt and Maj Baird O C 22 Bty at track junc MR 902249, 1900 hrs Fri 20 Aug 43, to be "put in the picture"

The following officers and NCOs will attend:

Capt E P T Green 3 NCO s from Sp Coy
Capt H E DALTON 2 NCOs from each of
Capt J.R.H. Morgan A, B, C, D, Coys
him B. Dunkilman

Sigs Officer will detail two sgmn each with 18 Set RV Bn HQ 1700 hrs 20 Aug 43

Move will be by MT, T O will supply one 15 cwt for kits and rations and one 30 cwt for personnel.

DRESS - Denim and Battle Order

KIT - Officers- Bed Rolls, Other Ranks - Blanket rolls of three blankets.

RATIONS - Haversack lunch for Friday evening. Fresh rations for three meals Sat 21 Aug, to be turned over to 22 Bty for preparation. 54 Rations to be picked up at Ration Stores 1600 hrs 20 Aug 43.

1630 hrs
18 Aug 43

R. L. Bickford
(R. L. BICKFORD)
Lt.-1st En. The Q.O.R. of C (AF) Adj. Lt.

DISTRIBUTION

C.O., Adj., QM, TO, IO, Sigs Offr, RSM, SP. A. B. C. D Coys

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App 2.0

FROM: Gas Officer

RESPIRATORS A/G LIGHT

1. The unit has been equipped with m/n respirators and ALL ranks should be instructed in it's characteristics and care.
2. The respirator, light, affords complete protection against war gasses.
3. As the container fitted to the left side of the face-piece interfered with the use of a rifle by personnel accustomed to fire from the Left shoulder all such personnel will retain the respirator G S for the time being.
4. Two cork plugs joined by a tape are provided with each respirator in order to prevent entry of water to the container when there is risk of respirator being immersed. When the respirator is carried the plugs will be in position on the container. When not in use, the plugs will be carried in the haversack, and secured by passing the tape joining them under the flap of the pocket provided for the ant-dim, or under the loop provided to house the haversack sling.
5. The haversack must NOT be scrubbed with soap and water or treated with khaki equipment cleaner as both have a deterious effect on the special finish of the cloth. Mud on the haversack will be removed with a dry cloth or brush.
6. Discs identity will be secured with a length of cord about the container mount on the face piece.
7. Number, Rank and name and CDN will be printed in indelible pencil on the INSIDE of the haversack flap.
8. The container will NOT be removed from it's mount on the facepiece unless under the supervision of the Unit Gas Officer.

SIGNED

J.F. LAKE

1700 hrs
21 Aug 43

UNIT GAS OFFICER
1st Bn. Queen's Own Rifles
of Canada

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TO: HQ, SP, A, B, C, D, Coys CO, QM, TO, RSM, MO,
PMR, IC, BOR, ADJT,
FROM: 2 1/c

CONTENTS OF KIT

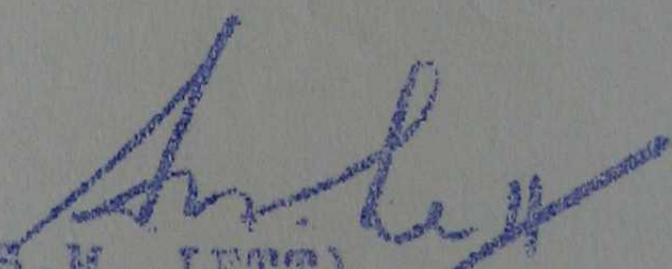
1. Attached herewith is packing of kit as carried out by HQ Coy.
2. This meets with the approval of the Commanding Officer and has been reviewed by all Coy Sgt-Majors.
3. For your information the following facts have been ascertained:

WEIGHTS

Pack & Contents	-	20 lbs
Kit Bag and Contents	-	22 lbs
Web, Steel Helmet, Entrenching Tool, Rifle (NO ammo) Water Bottle (NOT filled)	-	36 lbs
Weight of man tested wearing uniform and boots	-	156 lbs
Weight of man wearing complete equip less Kit Bag	-	212 lbs
Weight of man with complete equip and Kit Bag	-	234 lbs

4. Attention is drawn to all Coy Comdrs that there are still men wearing steel helmets with Nets Camouflage ONLY and NO burlap under the helmet. THIS WILL BE RECTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.
5. The large pack will be marked on the back (side against man) with number, rank and name and Coy symbol. Stencils should be available from QM as soon as marking of Kit Bags is completed. It is directed that this matter meet with the immediate attention of all 2 1/c's of Coys.

1530 hrs
25 Aug 43


(S.M. LETT) Major
2 1/c 1st Bn. Q.O.R. of C

CONTENTS OF HAVERSACK

Mess Tins
Emergency Rations
Knife, fork and spoon
Cardigan
1 pr. Boot Laces
1 pr. Socks
Heldall, Complete
Towel and Soap
Gas Cape, showing under flap.

CONTENTS OF PACK

Greatcoat
Cap Comforter
Brush Boot with Dubbin
Brush Polishing
FS Cap, Khaki
Housewife
1 pr. Socks
Shirt (Angola)
Drawers, Cellular
Vests, Summer
Veil Camouflage
Blanket rolled in ground sheet (folded double
and then folded to width of pack) around the
pack under the flap.

CONTENTS OF KIT BAG

1 Blouse Serge
1 Blouse Denim
1 pr. Trousers Serge
1 pr. Trousers Denim
1 pr. Boots
1 pr. Camp Shoes
1 pr. Socks
2 prs. Shorts Gym
2 Vests Gym.
1 Towel
F.S. Green
Brush, Button
Brush, Cloth
Mug, Drinking.

DRESS

FULL MARCHING ORDER

Skeleton Web.
Knife in back pocket
Water Bottle on right side
Bayonet on left side
Respirator on belt at back
Haversack on left side
Pack on Back
Entrenching Tool on back supported by: strap
supporting right side of haversack and left
side of water bottle.