

WAR DIARY

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1st Bn The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Hursley Camp 855458	1 Oct	0600	Reveille. Mild, intermittent showers. Organization and settling in. The quarters, huts, Nisson and otherwise, are fairly comfortable but over-crowded. B Coy, part of B.H.Q. and H.Q. Coy left on 48 hr pass.	
		2045	Moving picture in K of C hut "Rio Rita"	<i>Don't</i>
Hursley Camp 855458	2 Oct	0600	Reveille, Fair, warm.	
		0700	Egg for breakfast.	
		0800	All personnel in camp on route march. No parade in the afternoon, camp deserted.	<i>Don't</i>
Hursley Camp 855458	3 Oct	0630	Reveille. Fair, mild.	
		1030	Church parade. Remainder of day free and a general exodus from camp. General Instruction - Exercise "PIRATE"	<i>Don't</i> Appx 5
Hursley Camp 855458	4 Oct	0600	Reveille. Fair and mild, becoming overcast and quite cool later in the day. Interior economy. All vehicles being cleaned and prepared for waterproofing. "C" Coy left on 48 hr pass.	
		2030	Moving picture in N.A.A.F.I. "Slightly Dangerous". Return of non-battleworthy personnel	<i>Don't</i> Appx 6
Hursley Camp 855458	5 Oct	0600	Reveille. Overcast, cool. Vehicles are being waterproofed. All possible instruction for exercise "PIRATE" is being passed on to the men, everyone has been told definitely that it is a scheme, and still the rumours flow. France seems to be leading choice of our destination. It seems inevitable that there will be a great depression of spirit when the scheme ends and we are still in England. "D" Coy left on 48 hr leave.	<i>Don't</i>

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Hursley Camp 855458	6 Oct	0600	Reveille. Fair, cool. Waterproofing of vehicles continues. Cleaning and packing in preparation for expected move.	DNL Appx 7 Appx 8 Appx 9
		2000	Advance Party move to Concentration Area. M.T. movement to Concentration Area. Marching tps movement to concentration Area.	
Hursley Camp 855458	7 Oct	0600	Reveille. Clear, mild. Residue Party "PIRATE" Non-battleworthy personnel left for Re-Allocation Centre.	Appx 10 DNL
		1130	A draft of 23 men arrived with three officers new to this regiment, Lieut. I.S. Waldie, Lieut. P. Rea and Lieut. G.T. Robertson.	
		1300	Advance party of 31 all ranks left for new area, Barton Stacy.	
Hursley Camp 855458	8 Oct	0600	Reveille. Clear, mild. Final packing and preparation for move.	DNL
		1030	Haversack lunch in camp. Marching tps left at 1110 hrs, arrived in new area 1530 hrs. This is an exceptionally fine camp. Even the cooks are pleased.	
Barton Stacey 878619	9 Oct	0600	Reveille. Fair, warm.	DNL
		0930	The Brigadier lectured to the Sgts and officers on training and future schemes, particularly "PIRATE".	
		1600	A draft of 29 men arrived from R.U.	
		1830	A show in NAAFI. "International lady"	

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Barton Stacey 878619	10 Oct	0700	Reveille. Mild, overcast.	Appx 11 <i>J.D.H.</i>
		0930	Brigade Drumhead Service. Brig Blackadar read the lesson and took the salute on the march past after the service.	
		1500	"A" Coy defeated "C" Coy in a softball game. It was an exciting, hard fought game, and "A" Coy came on to win in the 9th by one run. There was a large vociferous crowd, all with a personal interest in the game.	
Barton Stacey 878619	11 Oct	0600	Reveille. Mild, thick ground mist.	<i>J.D.H.</i>
		0900	Bn parade (we have a parade square). A heavy mist obscured things somewhat, not quite one company could be seen. The first parade in which we have been both literally and figuratively in a fog.	
		1100	A "Movement Control" lecture to officers and N.C.O's. The sausage machine begins to make sense.	
Barton Stacey 878619	12 Oct	0600	Reveille. Fair, mild.	<i>J.D.H.</i>
			Training as per syllabus.	
		1400	Bn parade. Brig Blackadar took salute on march past. There is a show, moving picture or ENSA, every night and they are well attended.	
Barton Stacey 878619	13 Oct	0600	Reveille. Cloudy, cool.	<i>J.D.H.</i> Appx 12
			Training in the morning, sports afternoon.	
		2130	Baseball results: Sp Coy 7, A Coy 6, C Coy 13, B Coy 8. Dance in offrs mess. Supervisor Monahan redeemed himself, producing an amazing number of girls. There was a surplus. Admin Instructions #2 "PIRATE"	
		1900	SHOW and ...	

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Barton Stacey 878619	14 Oct	0600	Reveille. Fair, cool.	Appx 13 DML Appx 14 Appx 15
		0830	Movement order #4 "PIRATE" issued	
			Much of balance of day spent in loading and weighing of trucks for scheme "PIRATE"	
		0930	Int Section turned out 100% and defeated Signal Pl in baseball - score - 26 - 10	
			Sp Coy also played sports during morning.	
		1000	Rather an unfortunate accident occurred in which one Rfn Dyer a newcomer to our bn was run over by a carrier. Condition quite serious.	Appx 14 Appx 15
		1330	Dispersal order #1 for exercise "PIRATE"	
			Trace of Traffic and Assembly area for exercise "PIRATE"	
Barton Stacey 878619	15 Oct	0500	Reveille clear & cool.	DML
		0630	Movement of bn confirmed by 8 CIB, MCLO office	
		0900	Bn move to Hursley Camp, 855458 by TCV and own MT arriving at 1030 hrs.	
		1100	Word received that scheme "PIRATE" had been postponed for twenty-four hrs. It was probably due to this postponement that so much difficulty arose in feeding. Meals are none to good and there was quite a bit of confusion in trying to get the various units fed.	
		1330	Blankets drawn and day spent in sports and rest.	
		1945	Bingo game and show held by K of C.	DML
Hursley Camp 855458	16 Oct	0630	Reveille - cloudy and cool	
		0730	Breakfast - congestion at cookhouses continues	
		1000	Compulsory church parade for units available which included Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and the 14th Fd Regiment, RCA. Although a Saturday this parade was held partly because Sunday would be occupied and partly to complete the simulation of what would happen if scheme "PIRATE" were an actual operation. Nevertheless as can be imagined most of the "Church-goers" did not appreciate having a church service on a Saturday.	
		1100	Exercise "PIRATE" again postponed - approx 15 hrs.	
		1400	A very good baseball game between Q O R & C H of O - watched by a large and noisy crowd. Q O R were the victors by 13 to 3.	DML
		1900	Show and bingo game again sponsored by K of C	

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks, references to Appendices and initials

Place	Date	Hour		
Hursley Camp 855458	17 Oct	0400	Reveille - rain	
			It is found that about 60% of the bn are suffering from diarrhoea which is blamed by all and sundry on generous portions of prunes had for tea the previous day.	
		0800	Bn divided into various boat parties and transported to the Marshalling-sub area camps, Bassett & Hiltonbury MR 871428 & 855366. Most of day spent in resting, cleaning up and drawing twenty-four hour & emergency rations - also Mae Wests. These camps are to be particularly complimented on their meals and organization.	
			Nothing we have seen yet compares with it.	
		1730	March from Marshalling sub-area to Transit Area in Southampton proper - quartered in an Ordnance warehouse while waiting for order to load on boats. Men are served tea & biscuits by M.C.	J.M.L.
		2015	Leave Transit Area by route march in pouring rain & proceed to docks. After some delay the bn is finally loaded on five LCIs which is a new type of boat to most of us.	
		2200	Compo packs issued to various holds. Some amusement is caused when vomit bags are issued. Blankets issued but in short supply. However the boats (each had about 105 men aboard) are so crowded no one suffered much from the cold.	
		2345	Tea served out by the crew and eventually everyone settled down for what sleep could be had.	
Southampton Water 8729	18 Oct	1630	Transport rendezvous at Transit area	
		2200	Transport proceed to docks and are loaded on various LCTs.	
		0500	Flotilla sets sail and proceeds with balance of convoy down Southampton Water. Men on board start to stir and dig into compo packs for rations. Tea served by RN.	
		1100	Convoy gets into rough water and some of the men begin to feel the effects of sea-sickness.	J.M.L.
		1430	Due to exceptionally rough seas it is necessary for complete convoy to turn around and start back to Southampton. This means heading directly into the waves and it is necessary for all men on LCIs to crowd below deck. The hatches are closed and 95% of men become sick.	
		1930	Boats finally dock again but men are kept aboard while waiting for TCVs.	
		2045	Men are taken ashore and loaded in TCVs for transport to Hursley Camp. Only after	

on our assault landing next month we were ironed
prepared due to the fact that we will visit Studland Bay
week on a two day field firing scheme. As can be expected this

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Hursley Camp 855458	18 Oct		a few minutes on solid land spirits rise and the men feel much better.
	(Cont'd) 2215		Arrive at Hursley Camp, are allotted to huts and draw blankets.
	19 Oct	0300	LCTs dock again at Southampton
		0800	Reveille - still dull and cloudy- morning spent in cleaning up.
		1000	LCTs are unloaded and trucks proceed to Hursley Camp
Hursley Camp 855458		1300	Bn moves back into regular camp huts & balance of day is spent in getting organized, drawing blankets etc.
		1800	Show in mess hall by K of C "Something to Shout About".
	20 Oct	0630	Reveille - sun shows some signs of pay a short visit
		0900	After morning parades most of bn spends time in getting weapons and equipment cleaned up. Many rumours are out about speculated move to Bournemouth.
Hursley Camp 855458		1330	Much excitement is caused by an announcement that the entire bn will proceed on much wanted seven day leave. Bn is to be divided in four groups and will proceed on leave on consecutive Mondays, first detachment to leave Mon Oct 25. Rumours of move dies a natural death when this news comes out.
	21 Oct	0600	Reveille - rain again - camp is beginning to look like the old days in Sussex, NB with mud everywhere.
		0900	Morning spent in interior economy with some coys on short march.
		1330	Pay parade for most of bn.
Hursley Camp 855458		1500	Lecture to Sp Coy by CO on scheme "PIRATE".
		1800	Show in mess hall by K of C "Yank at Eton".
	22 Oct	0600	Reveille - more rain & more mud.
		0900	All vehicles in process of being de-waterproofed.
Hursley Camp 855458		1000	Camp taken over formally by RQMS
		1330	Lecture to Coys by CO on scheme "PIRATE". Apparently several things went hay wire with the 7 Bde on this scheme but it is felt that several difficulties were ironed out and much learned by the various commanders. On our assault landing next month we should be a little more prepared due to the fact that we will visit Studland Bay next week on a two day field firing scheme. As can be expected this

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	22 Oct (Con'd)	1900	proposal is met with mixed feelings by the men. Bingo games in NAAFI by K of C - cigarettes and chocolate bars as prizes.	
Hursley Camp 855458	23 Oct	0600	Reveille - Raining as per usual Afternoon free but very few out of camp.	JDL
Hursley Camp 855458	24 Oct	0700 1030	Reveille - Fair and warm Compulsory Church parade. Camp deserted as it is a nice bright day.	JDL
Hursley Camp 855458	25 Oct	0700 1200	Reveille - Fair and mild. Due to Bde holiday the men took the opportunity to go into town. Cosequently camp deserted "C" coy and 25% of HQ proceeded on privilege leave Excellent film shown by K of C "Cargo of Innocents"	JDL
Hursley Camp 855458	26 Oct	0600 1000 1330 1800	Reveille - Fair and warm. Advance party left for new area Report of move Movement order to new area	JDL Appx 16 Appx 17
Hursley Camp 855458	27 Oct	0430 0530 0700 0915 1045 1130 1400 1800 2100	Reveille - This is the day of our move and spirits are very high Breakfast. The last one we will have in this camp (we hope) Haversack lunches issued out. Marching troops moved off Entrained at Winchester Transport moved off. Troops detrained and had a short march to King's Park where lunches were eaten. K of C Johnny on the spot with tea which was much appreciated by all. Troops arrived at billets (a former luxury hotel) and are well pleased with the set up. The general opinion is that there will be plenty of "spit and polish" However it is a treat to get out of the mud. Camp standing orders Training areas available	JDL Appx 1 Appx
Bournemouth 541120				

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Bournemouth 541120	28 Oct	0600	Reveille - clear & warm.	<i>J.D.M.L.</i>
		0800	Coys parade - camp standing orders read to all.	
		1330	Sports - Pioneer platoon made good use of the excellent swimming pool available.	
		1400	Drawing and filling of palliases	
Bournemouth 541120	29 Oct	0600	Reveille - Clear & mild.	<i>J.D.M.L.</i>
		0830	Coy parades & inspection before moving off on field firing exercise.	
		0900	Coys embark on T.C.V.'s - skeleton rear party left.	
		1000	Transport move off	
Rempstone Hall 423028	30 Oct	1100	T.C.V.'s arrive at destination - Rempstone Hall MR 423028 (billets)	<i>J.D.M.L.</i>
		1145	Transport arrive at destination - Rempstone Hall 423028	
		1245	Lunch - haversack lunches with hot tea.	
			"D" coy forgot lunches - hot meal substituted	
		1330	Coy parades for field firing - A, B, D, Sp.	
		1230	Draft of 25 men in from R.U.	
		1800	Hot meal prepared by coy cooks.	
Rempstone Hall 423028	30 Oct	2000	Due to lack of lights in billets all personnel retired to bed early.	<i>J.D.M.L.</i>
		0600	Reveille - cloudy & cool (Rear party)	
		0630	Reveille - cloudy & cool	
		0730	Breakfast	
		0830	Coys move off to field firing area.	
		1030	Rfn Hoculik, a newcomer to the regiment, hit in the shoulder by .303. M.O. says he will be O.K.	
		1200	Lunch taken to coys on the range	
Bournemouth 541120	31 Oct	1800	Supper	<i>J.D.M.L.</i>
		0630	Reveille - cool with hint of rain in the air	
		0600	Rempstone Hall 423028 Reveille - cool with hint of rain in the air	
		0700	Breakfast	
		0900	Coys embus for return to billets. Rest of the day free.	
		1100	Correspondence on the Visit of H.M. Queen Mary: Historical notice on Regimental rifle shooting competition	Appx 20 Appx 21

G.O. Dalton Maj.
T/Commanding officer

5. ROUTINE

While the Unit is in HURSTLEY Camp Routine will be as follows effective 21 Oct 43.

	1st Shift	2nd Shift
<u>Daily</u> - Reveille	0600	0630
Sig Parade	0630	0645
Breakfast	0700	0730
Parade	0800	0830
Dinner	1215	1245
Tea	1700	1730
Tattoo	2215	2215
Lights Out	2230	2230
<u>Sunday</u> Reveille	0630	0700
Breakfast	0730	0800
Dinner	1230	1300
Tea	1630	1630
Tattoo	2215	2215
Lights Out	2230	2230

Shifts will change at 0600 hrs on Mondays.

1st shift until 0600 hrs Mon 25 Oct. Bn H.Q., B.Q., C, D Coys,
Residue Party
2nd Shift Sp, A, E Coys.

6. DUTY COY

Tour of Duty will be for 48 hrs. Duties change at 1800
hrs day previous.

20-21 Oct - D Coy	22-23 Oct - Sp Coy
24-25 Oct - A Coy	26-27 Oct - B Coy
28-29 Oct - C Coy	30-31 Oct - D Coy

7. DRESS

All ranks are reminded of the importance of being properly
dressed when walking out.
F.S. green cap, best serge B.D., tunic with buttons done up
and hooks fastened, web belt blanded, brass polished,
first field dressing, trousers pressed, clean anklets and
boots well blackened. Low black shoes without anklets may
be worn.

Before proceeding on pass all men must be checked by C.S.M.
C.O.S or pl Sgt for dress.

8. STRENGTH INCREASE

B114707 Rfn DeBlais, A. T.O.S. from 4 C.I.R.U. w.e.f. 13 Oct 43
and posted to "A" Coy.

B63595 A/C.S.M. Stoll, E.R. T.O.S. from 4 C.I.R.U. w.e.f. 15 Oct
43 and posted to "C" Coy.

B64260 Rfn. Cook, H.

B66107 Rfn. Ar 327, D.R.) T.O.S. Q.O.R. of C. on apprehension
and posted to "S" Coy.

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BATTALION ORDERS
BY
LT-COL J G SPRAGGE
COMD 1ST BN QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA

SHEET ONE

PART I ORDER

No 106
22 Oct 43

LAST PART I ORDER ISSUED 21 Oct 43

"A"

1. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry as detailed herein will assemble at the call of the president to inquire into and make a report upon the loss and cost of replacement of a sten machine carbine on charge to B64605 Rfn Owens, A H; evidence to be taken on oath. Proceedings in duplicate to be submitted to Adjt by 1800 hrs 24 Oct 43

President: Capt R D Medland

Members: Lt I S Waldie
Lt J C Arber.

2. RATION STRENGTH

"B"

21 Oct 43 - 39 Officers, 761 Other Ranks
22 Oct 43 - 39 Officers, 761 Other Ranks

3. POSTINGS

B63540 CQMS Gale, S H from M Coy to HQ Coy
B64228 Rfn Cook O M from A Coy to Sp Coy
B63824 Rfn Hancock S D from D Coy to Sp Coy

4. DIVINE SERVICE - R.C.

Sun 24 Oct 43 - Mass 1030 hrs Cinema of B NAAFI

5. REGIMENTAL TAILOR'S RATES

The following rates become effective immediately and will be strictly adhered to:

Pressing (blouse & trousers) 8d
" Greatcoat 1/6
Sewing on Regimental insignia, rank badges etc (exclusive of cost of insignia) shoulder titles, all chevrons, div patches, "Canados", crowns, stars, etc - 3d pr.
Shortening or lengthening blouses - 8d
Altering waist (trousers or blouse) - 8d
Altering neck of blouse - 8d
Altering sleeves - 8d.
Shortening greatcoats - 1/-
Shortening sleeves of greatcoat 8d.
Buttons - 3d each.
Working button holes 3d each.
Mending tears 3d up.

This notice will be posted in the tailor shop at all times.
Any complaints will be reported to the Q.M.

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BATTALION ORDERS
BY
LT-COL J G SPRADGE
GOLD 1ST BN QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA

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PART I ORDER

No 107
23 Oct 43

LAST PART I ORDER ISSUED 22 Oct 43

1. DUTY OFFICER

Tour of duty to commence 1700 hrs day previous:

24 Oct - Lt B Dunkelman	25 Oct - Lt D D Owen
26 Oct - Lt G Wishart	27 Oct - Lt J D McLean
28 Oct - Lt W G Herbert	29 Oct - Lt G T Robertson
30 Oct - Lt F L J Martin	1 Nov - Lt I S Walde

2. DUTY COY

24-25 Oct - "A" Coy	26-27 Oct - "B" Coy
28-29 Oct - "D" Coy	30-31 Oct - Sp Coy
1-2 Nov - "B" Coy	3-4 Nov - "C" Coy

3.

DIVINE SERVICE - 24 Oct 43

PROTESTANT - Holy Communion 0800 hrs. - Cpls. NAAFI

MORNING PRAYER (Parade) - Mess Hall 2-B
1030 hrs - Bn HQ, HQ, A, B Coys
1110 hrs - Sp, C, D Coys

Duty coy will be responsible for removal of forms and piling in one end of mess hall before the service and for replacing after the service.

R.C. SERVICE - Compulsory.

4. A.P. & R. - wof 22 Oct 43

TO BE A/SGT

B64172 L/Sgt MacAskill, C.D.
B64305 L/Sgt Tarzwell, G

B64091 L/Sgt Gaines, F.R. - wof 24 Sep 43
B63792 L/Sgt Mair, A

TO BE A/CPL

B64714 L/Cpl Atkinson, A D
B64011 L/Cpl Leszczynski, S B

B64128 L/Cpl Fletcher, D J
B63676 L/Cpl Salmon, H P

To be A/CPL

B64497 Rfn Baillie, W T
B64660 Rfn Brasier, H J
B66010 Rfn Campbell, R
B64471 Rfn Coulter, A D
B63690 Rfn Craig, L J
B64505 Rfn Feldman, L

C65157 Rfn Giglio, P F
B56049 Pte Edwards, E T
B42513 Rfn Jackson, A
B63739 Rfn Killingbeck, E A
B66124 Rfn Iran, C J
B64021 Rfn Wright, C H

5. BLACKOUT

Begins 1830 hrs
Ends 0700 hrs

ADDITIONAL "A" - DRESS

Officers flat peaked caps commonly known as forage caps will NOT be worn except by officers of rank of Lt-Col and up in serge and by officers of rank of Brigadier and up at any time.

(P L BICKFORD) Lt
Adjt 1st Bn QOR of C.

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The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

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MOVEMENT ORDER

SECRET

26 Oct 43

INTENTION

1 Q O R of C will move to winter quarters at BOSCOMBE
MR 541120 27 Oct 43.

METHOD

Move will be in three phases

- A. Advance party
- B. Main body (i) Marching troops
(ii) M.T.
- C. Rear party

A. - Ref separate order d/25 Oct 43

B. I Marching troops will proceed by route march to
WINCHESTER - by train WINCHESTER to BOSCOMBE,
then by route march to destination.

Order of March - BnHQ, HQ Coy, A, B, D Coys.

Route - N gate, Y rd 902491, Y rd 907503, Stn 916499

S.P. - North gate, HURSLEY PARK

Time cross S.P. - 0700 hrs.

O.C. train - Major R M Hudson

Entrain - 0915 hrs

Detrain - 1045 hrs

Order - Column of threes, 50 yds between pls, 100 yds
between coys

Dress - Serge B.D., FSMO, respirators on belt, flap
to right, water bottle - right side.

II M.T. - Order - Sp, HQ, BnHQ, A, B, C, D Coys.

Route - SP - ROMSEY - CADNAM - RINGWOOD - BDE DIS P -
X rds 528118 - east to area.

SP X rds U833400

Head cross SP 1131

Head cross DP 1343

Tail cross SP 1144

Tail cross DP 1356

Speed - 30 m i 2 h

30 v t m, even spacing

Halts - none

Traffic control - by Sp coy

Tarpaulins will cover all loads.

Dress - skeleton web, steel helmets, for ALL personnel

Two ration vehicles will move independently of convoy

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BATTALION ORDERS
BY
LT-COL J G STRAGGE
COMMANDING 1ST BN THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA
SECRET ONE
PART I ORDERS
No 114
9 Nov 43
LAST PART I ORDER ISSUED 4 NOV 43

1. POSTINGS

The u/m are P.O.S. from 4 C.I.R.U. (Spec Inc) ver 3 Nov 43 and posted as shown:

- Capt T A Staunton - Sp Coy
- Lt J P Harris - C Coy
- Lt J L Pond - A Coy

2. DUTY OFFICERS

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| 1800 hrs | 9 Nov - Lt B C Biggs | 10 Nov - Lt T E Hetherington |
| | 11 Nov - Lt D D Owen | 12 Nov - Lt P Rea |
| | 13 Nov - Lt J A R Gregoire | 14 Nov - Lt L G Lazure |
| | 15 Nov - Lt R W Barker | 16 Nov - Lt J W Keenan |
| | 17 Nov - Lt G I Robertson | |

3. ROUTINE - MEAL PARADES

Sittings for meal parades 9 Nov - 15 Nov inclusive are as follows:

- 1st Shift - BHC, HQ Coy, A Coy
- 2nd Shift - Sp, C Coys.

4. RATION STRENGTH

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
5 Nov 43	29	629
6 Nov 43	29	628
7 Nov 43	27	495
8 Nov 43	25	489
9 Nov 43	23	480

5. LEATHER JERKINS

All ranks will be warned immediately that Leather Jerkins will NOT be worn when walking out.

These Jerkins were issued for a special purpose and will only be worn when detailed for this purpose.

6. ENEMY ACTIVITY IN 3 CDN DIV AREA

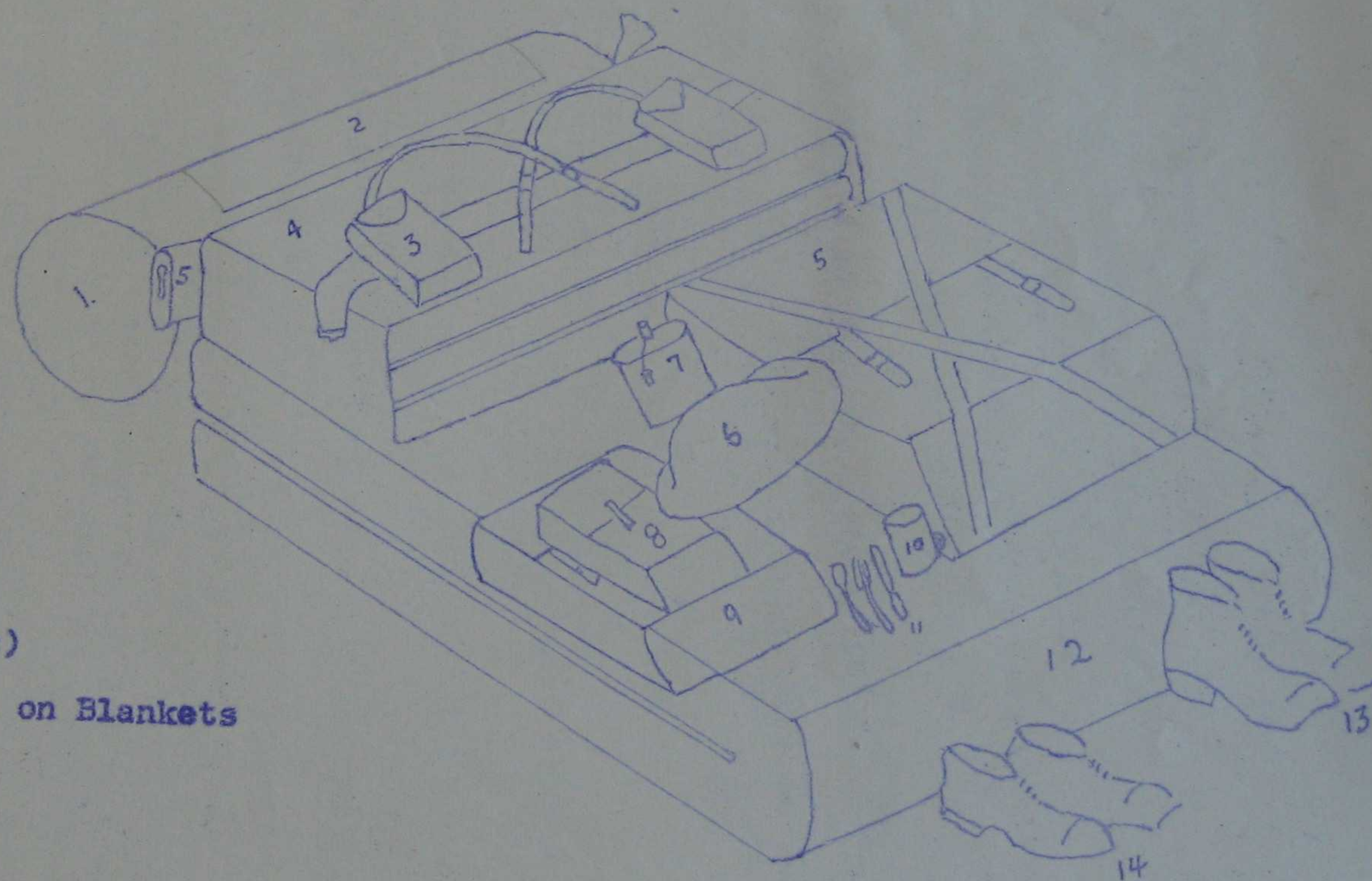
- When an incident of enemy activity occurs in this Div Area such as
- (a) Parachutists
 - (b) Seabourne Raids
 - (c) Long Range Shelling
 - (d) Bombing or Aerial Machine Gunning
 - (e) German Devices or Equipment.

This must be reported at once to your Company Office who will immediately pass this information on to Unit "I" sec.

LEGEND

- 1 Kitbag
 - 2 Towel opened flat on kitbag
 - 3 Webbing
 - 4 Blankets folded as shown
 - 5 Large Pack
 - 6 Steel Helmet
 - 7 Waterbottle (cork out)
 - 8 Respirator
 - 9 Haversack
 - 10 Mug upside down
 - 11 Knife, fork and spoon
 - 12 Pallaise folded
 - 13 Boots
 - 14 Shoes
 - 15 Rifle (laid edge between kitbag and blankets)
- Uniforms when NOT hung up will be neatly folded on Blankets

LAYOUT OF KIT



11. PETROL, OIL AND LUBRICANTS

- (b) Vehicle tanks and spare petrol tins will be filled before leaving present area. In addition each vehicle will carry two 4-gallon non-returnable tins which will be drawn from normal petrol points by Transport Officer on 23 November '43.
- (c) All vehicles will top up in Transit Area from petrol tankers which will be supplied for the purpose.

12. BLANKETS

- (a) The G1098 Blanket will NOT be carried.
- (b) Troops will be supplied with one blanket aboard ships and craft. This blanket will be left aboard when troops disembark.
- (c) 7 Beach Group will issue from the Ordnance Beach Detachment two blankets per man at 1800 hrs D day.
- (d) These blankets will be collected from units by 7 Beach Group before dispersal, under arrangements to be notified.

13. DRESS

- (a) Serge Battle Dress and Battle Order for all ranks.
- (b) Leather jerkins will be worn.
- (c) Gas capes carried folded under flap of haversack.
- (d) Camouflage nets on steel helmets.
- (e) Respirators will be carried shoulder high and care will be taken to ensure that corks are firmly inserted so that respirators will be watertight.
- (f) Water Bottles will be filled.
- (g) One extra pair of socks will be carried in the haversack.
- (h) Large packs containing one extra pair of boots, greatcoat and groundsheet will be carried in coy vehicles.

14. REAR PARTY

- (a) The handling of residues as Mobilization Rear Parties will NOT be practiced.
- (b) Capt A V alone will be officer in charge of unit rear party and R64344 CSM H-ss, R will be rear party warrant officer. Each coy will include one responsible NCO in its rear party.
- (c) Companies will submit complete rear party rolls to reach rear party officer by 1800 hrs 25 Nov '43, giving disposition of all personnel on rear party including men AM.
- (d) All coy vehicles will be concentrated in Sp Coy vehicle park. T.O. will detail NCO to be in charge of residual transport and will ensure that sufficient drivers are included in rear party for normal admin requirements.
- (e) Surplus and excess kits will be packed and turned in to coy stores.
- (f) Billets will be inhabited by coy rear parties who will be responsible for their protection.
- (g) After breakfast 26 Nov '43 two kitchens only will be operated until return of the unit - officers mess kitchen and Lyndon Hall Hydro Kitchen.
- (h) Telephone switchboard will be manned at all times.
- (i) RSM will detail two provost for rear party.
- (j) MO will leave two first aid men on unit rear party. Cases requiring attention will be referred to 22 Cdn Fd Amb, Boscombe Bay Hotel, BOSCOMBE, telephone BOSCOMBE 2780 X 11.

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EXERCISE "VIDI"

GOR of C - Administration Order No 1

22 Nov 43

1. GENERAL

- (a) Exercise "VIDI" is to practice 8 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group at assault scales in conjunction with Force GJ2 in assaulting a heavily defended beach and to practice 7 Beach Group in their functions during a combined operation.
- (b) The exercise will be followed as soon as possible by Exercise "PUSH" which is to practice 9 Canadian Infantry Brigade in landing as reserve force of an assault division.
- (c) 8 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group will remain on the brigade objective until 9 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group passes through. During the time 8 Canadian Infantry Brigade remains in the beach-head, maintenance will be from the Beach Maintenance Area (7 Beach Group).

2. CONCENTRATION AND MARSHALLING

- (a) Present unit location will serve as concentration area and assembly & marshalling Sub-Areas. Craft parties will be called forward from present area to Transit Areas or hards on orders from Movement Control, Southern Com. and, passed through Bn HQ.
- (b) TCV's will be provided to move marching personnel from present location to transit Areas or Hards.

3. TRANSIT AREAS AND EMBARKATION

- (a) Orders for Movement from Transit Areas to hards will be given by Movement Control, South Coast Ports.
- (b) Serials 9-16, 26-37, and 136-139 on Landing Table embark PORTLAND starting 1230 hrs D-1.
Serial 25 embark POOLE 1530 hrs D-1.
All other serials embark STOKES BAY starting 0720 hrs D-1.

4. DISPERSAL - Separate instructions will be issued.

5. DOCUMENTATION

- (a) Unit serial number for the Exercise will be "6". Other important numbers are

HQ 8 CIB	- 1
R de Chand	- 7
N Shore R	- 8
16 Cdn Fd Coy RCE	11
22 Cdn Fd Amb	14
14 Cdn Fd Regt SP	21

- (b) All documentation will be in accordance with "Standing Instructions for the Movement of Units and Drafts Overseas".
Unless otherwise noted on the landing table OC tps on each craft will be the senior GOR officer or NCO present. He will be responsible for proper execution of documentation for the craft.
- (c) AP's 3028, 3060, and 5169 will be supplied by Bn HQ on demand.