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1st Bn The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

(AF)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Bournemouth 541120		0900 1130 1400	Reveille All coys spend the morning repairing the ravages of the weather of scheme Vidi. A Coy have pay parade & half of them prepare to go on leave. Pay parades during the afternoon. The C.O. speaks to each coy on the scheme. Apparently the General & other high officials are very pleased with the result. Much to the Bn's amazement Thursday & Friday are to be without training parades as a reward for action during scheme. This has been laid on by the G.O.C. 3 Cdn Inf Div Band arrive to play for the Bn dance tomorrow night.	Kn
Bournemouth 541120		0900 1300 1900 2000	Reveille - late because of holiday - weather wet and dull. Coys have morning parade and then spend morning around billets. B Coy have bath parade. Weather having taken a definite turn for the best, most of the lads disappear into town for the afternaon. Outies & Range Allotment for December - But dance in the reading room - a huge success from all angles - lots of girls and good music.	Appx 5
Bournemouth 541120	1	100 H 300 A 630 F	Wo day holiday still continues - weather cool but clear. Coy sport parade - B Coy through gas chamber. Q Coy through gas chamber. Nother free afternoon for the men. This giving time off for work well done seems to e a very good idea and should have a very good effect on future schemes. Ormal change of guard complete with the 3 Cdn Inf Div band - caused quite a sensation mongst the civilian population.	
Bournemouth 541120		pa	eveille - dull but without rain. ompanies on normal trg - men who were not through gas chamber yesterday on special arades this morning. All 2" Mortar teams go firing. Sternoon free.	1

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Bournemouth 541120		0700	Reveille - weather cool but quite clear. Bn Protestant Church parade at St John's Church, Christchurch Road. A combined Bn Protestant Church parade at St John's Church, Christchurch Road. A combined Bn Protestant Church parade at St John's Church, Christchurch Road. A combined Bn Protestant Church parade at St John's Church, Christchurch Road. A combined Service with the North Shore Regt, 22 Cdn Field Ambulance & 16 Fd Coy, R.C.E. The service was taken by the senior chaplain of the 3rd Cdn Div. Major Ray McCleary, service was taken by the senior chaplain to the 8 Cdn Inf Bde.	Km
Bournemouth 541120	6 Dec	0600	This is the first time he has spoken to the Country of the R.C. church parade at Corpus Christie Church. Reveille - dull but no rain Sp Coy, D Coy and part of BHQ embuss in TCVs and proceed firing at Romsey Ranges. MR 778417	Appx 6
Bournemouth 541120	7 Dec	0745	Reveille - weather quite dull. B and A and HQ Coys embus in TCVs to Romsey Ranges - MR 778417 balance of bn on normal trg. A/Tk plt. firing at Sandbanks MR 4707 Note re exercise Rapid	Appx 7
Bournemouth 541120	8 Dec	7220	Reveille - dull and raining B Coy proceed by route march to area 7 for two day stay to carry on coy training. Screed re action to be taken on fire or special air raid alarm	Appx 8
Bournemouth 541120	9 Dec	0800 1000 1230 1400	Reveille - cool and wet again. C Coy prepare to proceed to area 7 Conference at Bde HQ of umpires in connection with Bde competition scheme "Rapid". C Coy start off by route march to area 7 Conference of I.O. and Pioneer Officers at Bde HQ on scheme "Rapid". Lt. K. MacLeod and Lieut. Hazzard return to the regiment. Mens'dance in reading room with refreshments served in the mess hall voted a huge success by all.	R

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Bournemouth 541120	15 De	0600	Reveille - Fair and cool. "C" Coy representing Q O R on exercise Rapid for Bde championship embussed at unit lines. Normal Parades.	Km.
		1300	"D" Coy preparing for inspection by Col The Honorable Ralston. Lunch at Officer's Mess Anti-tank platoon on shoot at the Sandbanks, but due to adverse weather conditions targets were obscured and firing was called off.	Appx 12
Bournemouth 541120	16 Dec	0600 0830 1930 2000	Reveille - Fair and cool. Coy Parades. Training as per syllabus. Lt G D Rayner an old B Coy Sgt returns to the unit Dance in Reading Room which was a huge success. The 3rd Div Orchestra was in attendance and were exceptionally good. Refreshments were provided by the K of C.	Kin
Bournemouth 541120	17 Dec		Reveille - Fair and mild Training as per syllabus.	Km.
Bournemouth 541120	18 Dec	0600 0830 1930	Reveille - Fair and mild. Coy training as per syllabus. Boxing contest at R.A.F. Station Hurn between 8 Cdn Inf and the R.A.F. in which the the Canadian lads showed up very well	Appx 13
Bournemouth 541120	19 Dec	0700	Reveille Coys form up and parade to St Johns Church led by the Bugle Band in full strength The change that has taken place in the band in the last two weeks is a great credit to its organizers - Capt Parkinson & Cpl Wilson. The church service was the Christmas service and was combined with the other units of the 8th Cdn Inf Bde.	Km
		1100	Amendment to P.A.D. scheme	Appx 15

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Bournemouth 541120	20 De	c 0630 0900	Reveille Coy parades - weather bright and fairly warm. Course for coy snipers under Lt Fleming gets under way. B Coy receive their first needle for Typhus.	Km
Bournemouth 541120	21 De	c 0630 0900 1100	Reveille - cool and fair Coys parade for first typhus injection and also for pay parade. Warning order for scheme "Sniff"	Appx 16
Bournemouth 541120	22 De	c 0630 1030 1430	Bn parade forms up on Knole Road and marched through Bournemouth with the Bugle Band.	Appx 17
Bournemouth 541120	23 De	e 0630 0900 1800		Km.
Bournemouth 541120	24 Dec	0630	Reveille - cool and clear. Coys have normal parades but as it is the day before Christmas, not much work is done. R.C'S parade to Corpus Christie Church for mass.	Km.

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	0700		
	0800	Reveille - Christmas breakfast complete with egg. The morning of course free to all except essential duties. Christmas dinner as per menu. All Sgts & Officers present - beer served, to the men by the various CSMs. Balance of day free.	Appx 18
26 Dec (0700		Km.
1	0800	D & B coys load on TCVs for transport to Southampton to do street fighting. Balance of Bn on normal trg. Parades, but due to the festivities of the Christmas season not an awful lot is accomplished. Letter of thanks for the children's party. From all sources come words of appreciation for the good time shown to the youngsters List of trg areas in Bournemouth district	Appx 19 Appx 20
0	100	Coys parade for second typhus injection - also muster parades. Bn representatives embus and move off to Southampton for schome uspiceu	K
9 Dec 0	630	Reveille Coys on pay parades otherwise normal routing	Km.
2	Dec o	0800 7 Dec 0630 0900 1900 1900 1900 1100 1800 9 Dec 0630 0900	Balance of day free. Reveille - dull but warm. Day again free except for essential duties. Reveille - dull but warm. Day again free except for transport to Southampton to do street fighting. Balance of Bn on normal trg. Parades, but due to the festivities of the Christ- mas season not an awful lot is accomplished. Letter of thanks for the children's party. From all sources come words of appreciation for the good time shown to the youngsters List of trg areas in Bournemouth district O Group for coy representations on scheme Sniff - held in "I" office. Reveille - dull Coys parade for second typhus injection - also muster parades. Bn representatives embus and move off to Southampton for scheme "Sniff" Sgts Mess meeting to discuss plans for New Years party.

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			This was a communications exercise. Signals personnel and a skeleton staff, 4 Coy Comds, CO, IO, and signal offr representing the bn. Bde and Div staffs also in skeleton form. The 8 Cdn Inf Bde personnel spent the night on "SS Isle of Thanet" and were disembarked on the morning of the 29th in LCA on the Isle of Wight MR 945165, where the exercise was conducted, the action taking place theoretically on Bracklesham Bay MR 245158. The exercise was a qualified success. There were some hitches too many sets on one band, interference, much of it due to congestion - but a great deal was learned, and most of the faults can be overcome. Security has noticeably improved, as has procedure. The exercise commenced at 1030 hrs, H hr, and finished at 1430 hrs, and all personnel on the way home by 1700 hrs. There is little to be said now about the result of this experiment but when the collation and dissemination of information has been thoroughly analysed it is expected that "changes will be made" and that the exercise will have been "a good thing"	
Bournemouth 541120	30 De	173	O Reveille O Coy parades as per syllabus O Sgts formal mess with the padre Capt Clough and Mr Monohan as guests. O Another successful dance held in the reading room, Linden Hall Hydro.	K
Bournemouth 541120	31 De	0900	Reveille Normal parades during the morning. Capt Weir, the former Q.M. takes over as Adjt. Lt Bickford returning to "A" Coy. Capt R I O Stewart takes over the duties of Q.M. Syllabus for second snipers course. Invitations as sent to the local children for the Christmas party held on the 23rd of December ENSA concert held in the reading room and although a good concert, it was rather a poor turnout but this was to be expected, it being New Years Eve. After the show the concert party moved up the the Sgts Mess where a party was in full swing. Hilarious celebrations to bring in 1944 in the time honoured way.	Appx 22 Appx 23
			Papers dealing with exercise Ardno IV - held in Scotland 22 Sep 1943 (J G SPRACIE) Lt-col Comd Vst Bn The Q O R of C	Appx 24

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PART I ORDERS

No 137 30 Dec 43

ORDERS ISSUED 28 Dec 43

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STRENGTH INCREASE

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GOOD CONDUCT BADGE

The u/m, being eligible, is awarded one good conduct badge.

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MEAL HOURS

Guards will eat between the u/m times but MUST est on one of the organized meal parades.

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0730	hrs	0.9	0830	hrs
1130	bra	697	2300	
1700	hrs	Q(3	7800	

DUTY COYS Starting 1800 hrs day previous:

Mon 3	Jan	44	ea	"A" Goy
Tue 4	Jan	19	ar	"A" Coy
Wed 5	Jan		day	"B" Cov
Thu 6 Fri 7	Jan	11	40	"B" Cov
Sat 8	Jan	25	400	"C" Coy
Sun 9	Jan	ē	40	"C" Coy "Sp" Coy
Mon 1	O Jan	25		"Sa" Coy

POSTINGS B134327 Rin Murdoch J from "A" Coy to "Sp" Coy.

ATTACHMENTS

The following will be attached f.a.p. to "I" Sec w.a.f. 29 Dec 43.

B135597 R B32911 R B112366 R	fn Newman fn Lindena In Wagar J	SNE	from	"D"	Coy
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(except leave) MUST report first to Pmr and then to QM and MO hefore rejoining coys.

DRESS Black belts will NOT be worn by men other than members of the bugle band. Penalty for unauthorized wearing of black belts will be 7 days CB and 7 days pay.

11. INNOCULATIONS

All personnel after taking their second and third typhus injections will receive 24 hrs light duty during which time they will be CB. The Phoenix Club will be considered within bounds. during this time and the canteen will be open if arrangements are made with Aux Serv Offr.

> (R L BICKFORD) Adjt 1st Br The Q O R of C

CHURCH ARMY HOSTEL

M/n operates at 16 - 18 Tower Road BOSCOMBE, near BOSCOMBE Station. Bed and breakfast 2s 6d or separate cubicles 1s 6d per night. Canteen, reading, writing and recreation rooms. Accommodation is also provided for women of the services.

TO ALL RANKS, CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS.

Tomorrow, with the despest and most heartfelt regret, I leave the Command of First Canadian Army, and in consequence, this is the last occasion when I have the privilege of address-

I do so, to thank you for the support you have given, in overflowing measure, in building the First Canadian Army into the complete, well-balanced, effective, battleworthy organization it

I do so, to thank you for the confidence and for the cheerfulness with which you have accepted all tasks as they arose; for the energy and the determination you have given to their discharge; and for the patience and discipline with which you have borne the many changes and disappointments of the last four hard years.

I thank you for the service you have given to Camada and to the great CAUSE for which we took to arms and for the gallentry on the field of battle wherever it has come

You, in the Army, here in the United Kingdom, in Italy and elsewhere, and you, who stand ready and in apport, -- you ere now well trained, well organized, well equippeds your leeders, in cll grades are proved; your staffs are skilled and devoted to the service of the troops salbhares outsheve confidence you will succeed

ons I pray there will come an early and triumphant and to this your dish sad and that soon you may return once more to Canada, May Divine Providerse less you one and wil.

(4.G. | McNaughton)

ROUTINE New Year's Day Routine will be as for a Sunday. DRIESS In accordance with Bn Standing Orders, brown shoes or boots will Nor be wern on duty or off. This applies to ALL ranks. Offences C.A.O.B.O. 4083 - UNAUTHORIZED CAPRIAGE OF DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE. Cases have occurred in which offrs and other ranks travelling to and from the United Kingdom have carried military documents and private correspondence in contravention of existing regulations. Owing to the fact that forced landings, accidents, or loss by enemy action of sea or air transports cannot be avoided, rigid compliance with regulations is essential. Military documents and private correspondence are safeguarded during official transmission, and adequate precoutions are taken to assure that they do Nor Inil, into the hends of the enemy. But the indiscriminate corrying of documents and correspondence by lucividuals endangers Security. attention of all offrs and other ranks is drawn to Overseas RO 1039, para 6, which reads as follows:-"It is forbidden to make use of the Civil Postal Service outside of the United Kingdom, or therein, when the Army Postal Service is available or to Granguit Gorgapondence by the hand of an offr, Soldier or civillan, proceeding outside the United Kingdom or a theatre of operation, except by a recognized military messenger service." Disciplinary action will be taken if further breaches of these regulations are reported. (Published as MBI) BRILLE CASULITES B64347 Rfn Laraway L C S.O.S. to 4 C.I.R.U. on admission to #2 Con Coneral Hospital w.e.f. 25 Dec 43.

B63909 Rfn Belson C J S.O.B. to Con Planning Staff H.e.f. 29 Dec 43.

B64060 Rfn Bell W G S.O.S. to W.E.T.D. W.e.f. 27 Dec 43.

B110505 Pte Mann P W K S.O.S. to I N.E.T.D. W.e.f. 27 Dec 43.

B74627 Sgt Boyd R J S.O.S. to C.I.R.U. 863950 L/Sgt English W S.O.S. to 4 C.I.R.U. 863950 L/Sgt Suddes T S.O.S. to 4 C.I.R.U. B94508 Pte McKenzie H S.O.S. to 3 A I B Wksp. Results of inter- Company Football batch 30 Dec 43: "Д" .Соу 3 - "С" Тоу

BATTALION OF DURS LAJOR S M LETT T/COMD IST BN THE QUEEN'S OWN HIFLES OF CAHADA (D) 35 SHEET ONE PART I ORDERS No 138 31 Dec 43 LAST PART I ORDERS ISSUED 30 Dec 43 "A" Offrs POSTINGS Lt A E King from "A" Coy to "C" Coy.
Lt J T Wallace from "B" Coy to "D" Coy.
Lt R L Bickford from "Bn HQ" to "A" Coy. t Rfts.) APPOINTMENTS Capt W J Welr cease to be QN w.e.f. 31 Dec 43. Capt R I O Stewart to be QM w.e.f. 1 Jan 44. Lt R L Bickford ceases to be adjt w.e.f. 31 Dec 43. Capt W J Weir to be adjt w.e.f. 1 Jan 44. ATTACHMENTS Capt R I O Stewart ceases to be attached to HQ 3 Cdn Inf Div W.e.f. 29 Dec 43. Lt D K Hazzard is attached f.a.p. to HQ 3 Cdn Inf Div w.e.f. 28 Dec 43. STRENGTH DECREASE Capt A W Dunbar S.O.S. to 4 C.I.R.U. W.e.f. 28 Dec 43. It. H G W Bean S.O.S. to 4 C.I.R.U. W.e.f. 27 Dec 43. Lt. L G Lazure S.O.S. from QOR (Spec Inc) w.e.f. 2 Jan 44. Lt. JAR Gregoire S.O.S. from Qon (Spec Inc) w.e.f. 2 Jan 44. "B" O'Rs STRENGTH INCREASE The u/m is T.O.S. from 1 C.S.R.U. W.e.f. 31 Dec 43 and posted 186515 Rin Embres, DR The n/m are T.O.S. from 4.C.T.R.U. w.e.f. 31 Dec 43 and posted 838055 Rfn Neilson S B142971 Rfn Thompson H G The w/m are T.O.S. from QOR (Spec Inc) w.e.f. 31 Dec 43. B113706 Rfn Purchase C E B65617 Rin Irvina A W APARS B63867 L/Cpl Barrowclough E G reverts to rank of Pte w.e.f. B58049 L/Cpl Edwards, E T reverts to rank of Pte w.e.f. 30 Dec 43. B65617 Cpl Irvine A reverts to the rank of Rfn at his own request W.e.f. 24 Dec 43. ADDITIONAL STRENGTH INCRUASE D122769 Pte Mayrand J A (Fitter "B") is TOS from R de Chaud W.e.f. 30 Dec 43 and posted to "Sp" Coy.

TO: ADNT FROM "D" COY

TRAINING SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 25 DEC. '43

Monday - 20 Dec. '43

Duty Coy.

Tuesday - 21 Dec. 43

- A.M.

parade & inspection Move to area of Canfield Heath Pl. exercises in patrolling & reporting

Hot lunch required

P.M.

Coy exercise - control in action & replenishing

ammo & supplies.

mednesday 22 Dec. 143 A.M.

Parade & inspection semaphore signalling

Lecture - Mr. Raymond Cook - Subject " Trade & employment after the war."

P.M.

Recreational trg - organized sports.

Children party.

Thursday 23 Dec. '43 A.M.

Minelaying & detecting (Area north of Canford

Heath) - all day

Hot lunch

TRIDAY 24 Dec. 143 A.M.

Parade & inspection

Interior Economy - paint Coy & unit markings

on kit bags, packs, etc.

P.T. - Road run

P.M.

M.H.D.

ABCA lecture

Take over Bn. duties 1600 hrs.

Saturday 25 Dec. 143

Christmas Day - Duty Coy

(R.D. Medland) capt. for O.C. PA" COV

To: HQ, Sp, A, B, C, D Coys, CO, ADjt, IO, MO, RSM From: Adjt

21 Dec 43

Bn parade will be held 1100 hrs Thur 23 Dec 43.
Markers report RSM corner Knole Rd & Christchurch
Rd 1040 hrs. Coys march on to markers, Knole Rd,
1050 hrs. Order - from corner, BHQ & HQ Coy,
Sp Coy, A Coy, Band, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy.

Dress - Walking out order, web belts, FS Green, Offrs wear black gloves, O'R's No gloves, No FS khaki Will appear on parade.

(R L BICKFORD) Adjt 1st En The Q O R of C