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1 M.O. - 3-29 (1708)  
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JUNE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
WELLINGBORO	1.		The C.O. attended a meeting at Bde Hq, at 0930 hrs, where he was advised that 2 Sec 1 Pd Coy, Lt. Spencer and A/B Bty, 1 Cdn Fd. Coy, less two tps, Major Griffin and F Tp 51 Bty, A.Tk. Reg were to be attached until further orders. Also received orders for defense of Syc Well Aerodrome which was to be a Unit responsibility. One platoon and 3 L.M.G. carriers to be on hand at all times. This was put into effect immediately.	Appendix I Hqs orders issued after return from H. area. Appendix II Appendix IV Appendix III
	2		The C.O., I.O., and T.O. went in the C.O.s station wagon, to the east coast, where they reconnoitred the Wash for defense positions. At 1200 hrs the Bn went on one hour's notice to move for a period of 24 hours. It was decided that large gatherings were dangerous so no church parade was held. Major Southam in Command, went with Coy Commanders for a final recon of the aerodrome position.	
	3		The Bn was standing by one hour's notice to move until 1200 hrs. In the afternoon the troops settled down and were allowed out on pass in the WELLINGBORO area until 2230 hrs.	
	4		The C.O. held a conference with sub-unit Commanders in the morning to discuss a proposed move by M.T. Major Southam and Major Ganong proceeded to the east coast for a recon where they were detained by local authorities as suspicious characters until 1900 hrs when they were released and allowed to return.	
	5		At 2400 hrs a practice Stand-to message was sent out followed by instructions to comply with Movement Order previously issued. By 0130 hrs the column passed the Starting Point and moved at about 10 m.p.h. to Dispersal Point, at the same place as the Starting Point. On reaching the Dispersal Point it was found that A/B Bty had not received the stand-to order until 0100 hrs but it had caught up with the column. It was also found that the 4 Pd. Amb. which had decided to send a detail along was not at the rear of the column and could not be found. The Bn returned to billets at about 0300 hrs. Men were allowed to rest during the day, after the strenuous efforts of the night before. The Bn was put on one hour's notice to move from 1800 hrs.	
	6		The codeword "Brutus, at about 1000 hrs", was received at 0430 hrs. A stand-to message was sent out to the coys. Five 8 out and one water truck were delivered from 2 Sqn Inf Bde. At 0830 hrs an order to move to ALDERSHOT was received. The Bn lined up to pass the Starting Point at 1000 hrs. In error C coy and a section of carriers went through to brigade starting point instead of Bn S.P., which created some confusion with the R & P.S., who were moving ahead.	JG

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WELLINGBORO	6	Cont.	<p>A portion of the R.C.R. column cut into our column at the Starting Point and tried to pass our column all through the route. During the route, A/B Bty, and the carriers complained of the excessive speed maintained by the head of the column. The C.O. accordingly decided to let the details ahead of his car proceed at the pace set by the R. &amp; P.E. and slowed down to 10 m.p.h., being the speed ordered. The column arrived at Corunna Barracks at 1530 hrs, where it soon settled into ordinary routine. The Bn had been ordered to move in a special tactical order, which seemed to be impractical, as it did not provide for sufficient senior officers at the head of the column.</p> <p>At 0230 hrs an air-raid warning was sounded followed by the all clear at 0330 hrs. Due to the disturbance the night before, breakfast was later, and the day was spent in checking equipment after the WELLINGBORO trip.</p> <p>The C.O. held a conference of Coy Commanders at 0900 hrs, when impending move was discussed, and he announced the proposed visit of H.M. There was another meeting of Coy Commanders at 1100 hrs for further discussion. At 1200 hrs the C.O. was advised that 70 officers and ladies were expected for tea, and that H.M. the Queen would be present. At 1620 hrs the Bn paraded to line the streets from Corunna House door on Barossa Rd, to and along Hope Grant's Rd, to Queen's Ave. Dress- battle dress, blue puttees, balmorals, respirators slung- Officers belt and revolvers. The officers returned to Mess at 1650 hrs. T.M.s and suite arrived for tea at Mess at 1710 hrs. At 1730 T.M.s walked through lines and certain officers were presented. A guard from C coy was stationed at entrance to Mess and on T.M.'s arrival, the Pipe Band played The King, and a Royal Standard was broken out. During the review, the Pipe Band was stationed at foot of Barossa Rd and it played throughout the Royal progress. On reaching the end of the line, the C.O. called for 3 cheers, before their Majesties crossed Queen's Ave, to inspect the R &amp; P.E.R. At 1800 hrs the C.O. called at a conference at Div. H.Q. where he received orders for an M.T. move at 0800 hrs 9 June 40.</p> <p>Reveille 0700 hrs, breakfast 0800 hrs. A church parade was held at 1100 hrs. The chaplain held a drumhead service on the grass north of the parade ground. The Bn was allowed out on pass from 1200 hrs to 2200 hrs, but had to report back for roll calls at 1530 hrs and 1900 hrs. All the unit transport, under command of Lieut. Mackenzie left the barracks at 0800 hrs to proceed to EXETER that night and to PALMOUTH the next night. The party consisted of Lieuts. Mackenzie and Wright, and 97 other ranks.</p>	<p>App II</p> <p>App III</p> <p>ESJ</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ALDERSHOT	10		The ten carriers, under command of Sgt. Wignore, and ten drivers, including Sgt. Warwood left barracks at 0800 hrs for entrainment to PALMOUTH. The train leaving at 1540 hrs. P.M. from 0800 hrs to 0830 hrs, 0900 to 0945 hrs inspection of arms, 1000 to 1100 hrs a route march battle order, 1115 to 1200 hrs A.A. Training, Officers and sgts to demonstration of Thompson sub-machine gun in the Stanhope Theatre. 1400 to 1500 hrs route march full pack, 1500 to 1550 hrs bayonet training, 1600 to 1645 hrs barrack cleaning period.	<i>app III</i>
	11		Nineteen new men were taken from the Holding Unit. Men were held for issue of clothing in the morning. In the afternoon the new men were taken to Caesar's Camp where they fired rifle and L.M.G. with satisfactory results. The remainder of the Bn went for a route march with full packs. Movement Order was received during the afternoon. Men were allowed into ALDERSHOT from 1800 hrs to 2200 hrs.	
	12		Men were all paid 10 shillings each during the morning and were allowed into ALDERSHOT until 1730 hrs. Tea 1600 hrs. At 2200 hrs. "A" Coy with Major King and Lieut. Wallace and H.Q. coy with Capt. Armstrong and Lieut. Catto fellin and marched to the Government Siding for entrainment. The remainder of the Bn fell in at 2230 hrs and marched to Government Siding. During the day five new men were taken on strength from Base Depot. The Bn marched out full strength with the exception of two officers. Of the four extra officers brought to England with the Bn, and the one extra officer who arrived in May, vacancies were created by the following appointments: Capt. Mackie - Staff Captain Lieut. Seagram - A.D.C. 1 Cdn Div Lieut. Parker - A.A. Protection Shipping Lieut. MacPherson - 1 Cdn Inf A.Tk Lieut. Roway - Liaison Officer  Lieuts. Brown, Bennett, Corbett - Instructors 1 Cdn Inf Base Depot.	<i>app III 9</i>
	13		Lieut. Brown was left in charge of rear party for Corunna Barracks, which was composed of personnel from Base Depot. Lieut. Bennett was admitted to Northampton Hospital with an injured knee received in a motor accident, but due for release in a week.  The first train with baggage, arrived at MILLBAY DOCK, where the troops disembarked. The second train stopped at MILLBAY STATION and the men were lead away to be fed. The officers went to the dock, where they were fed. Embarkation on the El Mansour, a French boat with regular run between MARSEILLES and ALGIERS commenced at about 0930 hrs.	<i>app III</i>



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JULY

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Troopship El Mansour	13		<p>Brigadier Smith was O.C. boat, with Major Foster senior staff officer. Lord and Lady Astor came to see the troops off and Admiral Sir Charles Nassith, V.C. came on board as a guest of Major Hendric and took Brigadier Smith, the O.C., and Major Hendric to Admiralty House for lunch. The band of the Royal Marines played continually at the dock until the ship pulled out into the harbor at 1430 hrs. There were more than 1600 men on board, consisting of 1 Sea Inf Bde staff, A.Tk. Coy, the R.C.R. and 48th Highrs., along with 4th Fd, Ambulance. The 48th Highrs. were allotted cabin space for 8 officers and the men slept on the deck. There was very little latrine accommodation with the result that all latrines were crowded at all times and were 2 and 3' deep in water. The ship's staff did little to help. Hot water obtained for the troops and they fed on haversack or iron rations. There was life-boat accommodation for about 350 men of which 250 spaces were reserved for the crew. The convey was composed of one other ship (name unknown) and three destroyers from FLEMLUTE, sailing at 1930 hours.</p>	
	14		<p>The El Mansour docked at BRESLE at 0600 hrs. The men had already been fed breakfast, shortly after docking the troops disembarked, regardless of unit, and were led to the ramparts above the dock. Thus the 48 Highrs and the R.C.R. were the first Canadian Battns to arrive in FRANCE. On completion of the disembarkation the 48th Highrs assembled at an area on the ramparts under the trees where they rested until 1045 hours. Lieut. Wallace and McLaren were detained at the docks to direct traffic and did not proceed further than with the battalion. At 1045 hrs the battn moved to the lounge station where they entrained. The train left at 1145 hrs from BRESLE, Col. Haldenby being appointed O.C. train, also on the train were the Bde staff and A.Tk. Coy. The train proceeded slowly through LAVAL, BRESLE, etc. The O.C. was advised by the R.T.O. at BRESLE that there would be stops for feeding and watering the men, but no organized stops were made. The train stopped for long periods along the route, particularly at BRESLE, where the men were able to induce the inhabitants to purchase wine for them. The men soon ran out of water having in many cases filled their bottles with vin blanc. Hard rations were the only food obtainable. The men were in high spirits and difficult to control. Many trains filled with refugees passed, and in fact refugees were everywhere. At 2000 hrs the O.C. called a meeting of Coy Commanders when he gave his orders for the holding of BABLE. He advised that the enemy were in BABLE and beyond and that an armored division could be expected at any time and that certain divisional troops with some artillery were already at BABLE. He stated that no definite instructions as to the taking up of a position had been ordered, but there seemed to be two alternatives.</p>	<p>app X app XI  app XII</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
TROOPTRAIN SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE	14	Cont.	<p>(1) If the Brigade was to be billeted in SABLE, then the 48 Highrs. would be responsible for the position north of the river and be allotted certain areas to companies bounded by roads.</p> <p>(2) If the battalion were not to be in SABLE, then the battalion would take up position in the woods to the north, with the rivers on the right flank and in the rear.</p> <p>At 0300 hrs the train arrived at SABLE where the C.O. and the Adjutant got out to meet the R.T.O.. The R.T.O. told the C.O. that he had orders for the train to return to BRESTE. The Brigadier was advised immediately. The R.T.O. then stated that the War Council had been meeting all the previous day, that he knew no more and that he wanted to get away as soon as he could himself, he then left. The question of the R.T.O. being a fifth columnist was considered, but after consultation with the French railway staff it was decided to discard the idea. The railway staff indicated through an interpreter that the French were going to capitulate. It was accordingly decided to return to BRESTE at once. A second A.A. gun was mounted on a flat car at the rear of the train. P.S.M. Laurie was brought to the engine to drive it, in the event of the failure of the engineer. Capt. Darling rode in the cab and was supplied with money and a bottle of wine to bribe the engineer with. Two men with Tommy guns rode in the coal car to look after the recalcitrant engineer or any person trying to stop the train. Three men helped to stoke the engine. The train could not move until after the engineer had eaten breakfast. It left SABLE at 0500 hrs. After the train had left, the C.O. gave orders:</p> <p>(1) that at LAVAL Coy Commanders were to get out and ride with the men.</p> <p>(2) that the men were to be advised of the situation so far as was known, to be dressed, and ready to fight.</p> <p>(3) that in the event of air attack the train would go on as far as possible.</p> <p>(4) that in the event of attack by armored units the men would detain and fight them off if possible, so as to move the train again, or if that failed to move by platoons to St. HANDES or MASABIE and hope for a boat. On receipt of this news the men became excited at the thoughts of a fight and started throwing away parts of their heavy equipment. A Coy smashed a lot of windows to prevent splintering by bombs. At LAVAL a private of Movement Control was able to confirm the orders to return to BRESTE, and another flat car was put on the rear and two more A.A. guns mounted. At RENNES it was considered that the danger zone for mechanized columns was passed and the officers moved back to their car. The Adjutant found a R.T.O. who confirmed the order to return to BRESTE and suggested the B.E.F. were evacuating. On leaving RENNES it was noticed that the train was going by a different route, that the by</p>	<p>Ha</p> <p>88</p>

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TROOPTRAIN IN FRANCE	15	Cont.	<p>which it came. At DOL Major Hendrie sent back word from the cab that the engineer had orders to proceed to ST.MALO. An English-speaking R.T.O. came aboard saying he had no orders but he promised to have the train switched for BRESTE via a second class line. Soon after leaving DOL it became apparent that this had not been accomplished and the train soon pulled into ST.MALO. The R.T.O. at ST.MALO, after checking, was able to advise the Brigadier and the U.O that the orders for two trains had been switched at RENNES and that we should have gone to BRESTE. He offered, however, to find a boat. The train was out in two and A.A. guns mounted on both sides. No sooner had this been done than the R.T.O. advised there was a ship available and the battalion marched to the dock. The battalion, with other personnel from the train, including Brigade staff and the A.Tk. Coy were marched onto the H.M.T. Biarritz at 1750 hrs. There were remnants of several units of the B.M.F. on board. At the request of Major E.W. Wood, R.E., O.C. of the ship, 6 A.A. L.M.G from A Coy were mounted on the deck and five picquets of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men from B, C, &amp; D coys were posted on each deck. It was hoped that the ship would sail in the evening, but due to the arrival of further units totalling 500 men the sailing was delayed w for the morning tide. Finally there were about 2000 troops on board in space for 800 and the life-saving capacity, including life-belts was hopelessly inadequate, but the men were given a good meal. The weather was fine and latrine, etc., facilities were good and everyone seemed fairly contented with their lot and confident in the crew.</p>	APP XIII
	16		<p>The Biarritz sailed at 0400 hrs approx with fine weather and a calm channel. There was no accompanying convoy. A destroyer appeared at 0800 hrs and asked "What ship?" and turned about. At about 1100 hrs a British flying boat circled several times and signalled and returned. At about 1300 hrs we passed the ISLE OF WIGHT on the port side and landed at SOUTHAMPTON at 1630 hrs. The 48th Highrs being the largest unit marched off the boat first and was entrained for FARNBOROUGH. Brigade staff, A, B, C and Batt H.Q. going in the first train and D &amp; Hq Coys, 1 Cdn Inf Bde A.Tk. Coy under command of Major Hendrie in the second train. The first train pulled into FARNBOROUGH main station at about 1900 hrs where the R.T.O. had just been advised of our arrival and as yet had not received orders as to our quarters. The Brigadier called Div H.Q. on the phone and was advised that Corunna was available, <del>by</del> which time the second train had arrived, in the meantime the 48th buses has arrived. The battalion arrived at Corunna Barracks at about 2030 hrs, where they were given a light meal and baths for as many as possible and were allowed out on pass until 2400.</p>	



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June

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ALDIERSHOT	17		Reveille at 0730 hrs and breakfast 0830 hrs, P.T. 0930 hrs. From 1000 hrs until noon the coys checked equipment losses at a kit inspection. At 1400 hrs the C.O. spoke to the men in the Stanhope Theatre on the general situation and the lessons learned by the trip. At 1500 hrs he spoke to the N.C.O.'s on discipline while the men cleaned their firearms. Men were allowed out on pass from 1800 hrs to 2230 hrs.	
	18		Lieut. Wallace reported at 0100 hrs and Lt. McLaren from FRANCE at 0700 hrs. P.T. 0800 hrs At 0900 hrs A, B, C, & D coys went on a route march until 1100 hrs and HQ coy was inspected by the M.O. and pay parade was commenced. The rest of the day was used for pay parade and M.O. parade, platoon drill and bayonet training. Men were allowed out on pass from 1630 hrs until 2230 hrs. Lt. Wright reported with 13 O.Re from FRANCE at 0930 hrs. He reported having met his carriers and party of eleven men at PALMOUTH and taking four carriers with him to FRANCE. The other carriers were left at PALMOUTH awaiting boat space. On arrival at BRESTE his four carriers were dispatched with Brigade transport while he waited for the remainder of his carriers, reporting to the C.O. as the battalion went through. On Sunday night he received orders to embark for ENGLAND with his remaining 13 men which he did. On arriving at PALMOUTH he found his six carriers embarked and ready to go. He had them disembarked and loaded for FARNBOROUGH station and proceeded with the 13 men to FARNBOROUGH station by passenger train.	app III
	19		Lieut. Mackenzie reported with all transport personnel with exception of four men left at BRESTE, said four men turned up a couple of days later. Lieut. Mackenzie's report attached (Appendix I)	Appendix XI
	20		Coys carried on with training during the day.	
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	23		Heavy rain all day. The Batta paraded to church at 0915 hrs when the regimental Chaplain took the service. Due to rain batta wore steel helmets and gas capes. Personnel allowed out on pass until 2230 hrs.	

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AIDERSHOT	24		Coys carried on with training during the day. At 1130 hrs P.A.D. message 'red' received with the white at 1140 hrs.	
	25		P.A.D. message received at 0130 hrs with siren at 0135 hrs. Message white (all clear) at 0336 hrs. Coys carried on with training during the day. P.A.D. message 'Red' and sirens at 2330 hrs.	
	26		All clear received at 0350 hrs. Coys carried on with training during the morning. Regt'l sports during the afternoon. A Field Day was organised with personnel races from private to Coy Commander. Three-legged race, bicycle race, etc. Later a team from the R.C.A. played a picked 48 Highrs team in softball.	
	27		Batta marched to FRESHAM GREAT POND at 0900 hrs, where they swam and had lunch, and were later picked up by transport and returned to barracks at 1620 hrs. Seven percent of personnel allowed on three day privilege leave with free warrant. Lieut. Warren sent to NEWNHAM CONSERVATORY on reconnaissance for a bivouac position.	
	28		At 0027 hrs P.A.D. message 'Yellow' came through and at 0237 hrs message 'white', or all clear. Under new order few personnel disturbed during the night. The new system of duties went into effect in accordance with Part I orders dated 27 June 40. C.C. and Lieut. Warren went to NEWNHAM to reconnoitre Bivouac area. Further 7 percent allowed on privilege leave.	
	29		Coy carried on with training during the day and men allowed out on pass to AIDERSHOT. Further 6 percent allowed on privilege leave.	O/P XVT
	30		Batta parade to St. Andrew's Church at 0915 hrs. All ranks allowed out on pass to AIDERSHOT for the rest of the day, but had to report in between 1600 hrs and 1700 hrs. Capt. Whyte and Capt. Crawford-Brown ordered to report at TUNBRIDGE WELLS until further orders.	EWHASWBY 219