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M.F.M. 11

A.F.C. 2118
I.M.D. - 4-29 (1708)
H.Q. 1172-45-12

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ALDERSHOT	1		The Bde Signal Exercise scheduled for today was called off as Bde H.Q. could not get the necessary signallers from 1 Cdn Div. The period of Platoon Drill in the morning was used for practice for the review on Saturday. Organised sports were carried out during the afternoon.	
		2	Coys used the morning in preparation for the Bde scheme. Lunch at 1130 hrs. Fall in went 1230 hrs and at 1330 hrs the Bn was formed up and ready to cross the starting line in accordance with Bde Order. The whole column was held up at the starting point. The Batta was fed at 1700 hrs. on arrival at THURSBY area. Brigadier's "O" group at 1730 hrs at LION'S MOUTH. Batta "O" group at 1815 hrs at jog in road, and battn H.Q. opened at Will Reid's place at 1930 hrs. Batta took up positions in accordance with Bde Orders. No time for issue of Unit Orders. Great difficulty was experienced in making contact with other coys, after positions were taken up. Guides for food, etc., were either late or lost during the night.	
		3	Bde Major inspected positions with C.O. at 0500 hrs. The Bn withdrew in accordance with Bde Orders. A & B coys embussed at 0800 hrs and were carried back to barracks. C & D coys embussed at 1000 hrs and were carried back to barracks. Only Unit transport was available. All ranks were allowed to rest until dinner at 1230 hrs. At 1500 hrs a stiff rehearsal was held for the review the next morning. Capt Armstrong by misunderstanding xxx led the whole Bn off parade just as it was about to do for the last time the most difficult manoeuvre of the parade, no one noticed this mistake until at least two coys were off parade, so they were allowed to go.	
		4	The Bn fell in by coys for the review by H.R.H. Princess Alice and Earl of Athlone. The dress was belt, bayonet, Glengaries, blue puttees, respirators along. The colors were carried by Lieut. Warren and Lieut. McLaren, were on parade for the first time since leaving Toronto. The Royal party arrived at 1023 hours when the review commenced. Accompanying the Royal party were the Hon Herman Rogers, Hon Vincent and Mrs. Massey, Major-Gen. and Mrs. McNaughton, Major-Gen. and Mrs. Greer, Brigadier and Mrs. Armand Smith. For the first time the Battle Flag of the Dominion was flown at the saluting base. The Bn was formed up in line of review, it was marched past by Platoons and advanced in review order, after which the C.O. called for three cheers for the Earl of Athlone. The weather was cloudy and cool. In the afternoon the Officers entertained at tea on the lawn, among the guests, being Major-General McNaughton and Mrs. McNaughton, and Brigadier and Mrs. Armand Smith. At 1920 hrs.	

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1 M.L. - 8-29 (1708)
H.Q. 1772-45-18

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ALDERSHOT	4	Cont-	verbal instructions were received from the B.M. for the despatch of two men to report to the A.A.M.L.O. London. L/Cpl. Wilton and Pte. Thompson left Aldershot at 2130 hrs. for this purpose.	<i>Rpp. I</i>
	5		The Bn. paraded to church as usual in the morning. Owing to Privilege Leave there was no week-end leave granted, consequently more than usual turned out on parade. Weather fine and warm all day.	
	6		At 0600 hrs an advance party of Lieut Catto and 20 Other Ranks left for Warminster Camp in accordance with movement order. Coys arrived on with training syllabus all day, Major Southern left for Engineering demonstration at Harrogate. Lieut Bennett staged a demonstration of the right and wrong on sentry duty.	
	7		The Bn marched to TWEBELDOWN and CROOKHAM for a route march during the morning. In the afternoon Coy Commanders period was utilized for checking equipment for camp. The officers entertained Sir George Cory and others at dinner at night.	
	8		'A' coy left 0745 hrs to do Assault Bridging with collapsible boats. They later reported at HAWLEY HILL for practice demonstration of attack with tanks. Other coys did Assault Bridging in morning and all coys fired A.A. Hospipe firing in the afternoon. Two men per Bren Gun firing at 1530 hrs.	
	9		The Bn left barracks at 0800 hrs in accordance with Ede order, for HAWLEY HILL to watch a demonstration. 'A' coy supported by 10 men from each of B,C,D, coys and Carrier Platoon proceeded independently by transport to put on the demonstration. After the demonstration the men were fed near ELY HOTEL. The demonstration was interrupted by a heath fire, started by a thunderflash, necessitating participants and observers being impressed to control it. After lunch, the Bn. marched home to barracks, arriving about 1600 hrs. Warning order for move to DEER issued.	
	10		The Code Word JULIUS was received from B.M. at 1110 hrs. This involved drawing ammunition in accordance with J.C. Plan.	<i>Rpp. 711</i>
	11		The Bn left by train for WARMINSTER, in accordance with Div and Ede orders, on arrival the first train was met by a band of 57th Heavy Div, who played the Maple Leaf at the station,	<i>ESJ</i>

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1 M.L. - 4-29 (1788)
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ALDERSHOT	11	Cont.	and the Regimental March on entering the camp. The Bandmaster turned out to be the husband of Sgt. Bill May's daughter. Troops were all confined to camp. The camp was pitched by the advance party, so after lunch the men had nothing to do but settle into camp life. The camp was sited in accordance with sketch. A.A. guns were mounted with ball ammunition during daylight hours, no tracer ammunition was available.	
	12		During the morning the Regimental Chaplain conducted a drumhead service in the camp for the Bn. and 1 Cdn Inf A.Tk. Coy which was attended by Brigadier Smith and his staff. In the afternoon, the battn under command of Major Southern marched to the training area, a distance of about 4 1/2 miles over very steep hills. The C.O. attended Brigadier Smith's "O" group and met Coy Commanders on their arrival and took them on a recon. By sundown coys were in position and had started to dig into position. Protective patrols were out during the night.	
	13		After a full night's work the men slept a good deal of the day, after stand-to, but worked sporadically on trenches and wiring. The amount of wiring and digging accomplished during the night did not warrant working the men all day. At night patrols were sent out for the purpose of obtaining information and the rest of the coys carried on with digging and wiring. During the day the T.O. returned to Aldershot and drew a large number of trucks to take the place of ordinary B Echelon in accordance with J.C. plan.	
	14		Right after breakfast which was served in the area, the coys were carried by M.T. back to camp in two moves for a rest during the day. Troops spent the day in camp resting and at 1800 hrs paraded to return to the training area, where they took up positions by 2000 hrs.. there was considerable quantity of buses kept coming in driven by civilian drivers for use under J.C. Plan.	
	15		Rain started about mid-night and continued all day to the discomfort of the troops who showed considerable dexterity in erecting shelters for themselves with sheet metal and other stores stolen or otherwise obtained from R.E. Dump. The rain ceased about sundown when a cold, clear night ensued. All coys sent out patrols and several prisoners were taken on both sides.	
	16		A quiet day was spent in the area, considerable digging was carried on by the men, who, after experience in the rain, were anxious to get well dug in. More fighting patrols were sent out by the coys and one recon patrol under command of Lieut. Bennett to gain information for raid ordered for next night.	

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1 M.I.-4-29 (1748)
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ALDERSHOT	17		<p>A quiet day was spent in the area. At about 2400 hrs. Pte. Hayes drove his truck with two other men as passengers to the H.T. Park for the express purpose of obtaining water, on the way, while travelling without lights, he ran into an impressed car driven by Pte. W.F.Thow returning from ALDERSHOT. Pte. Thow was fatally injured and was taken to WARMINSTER CAMP, where he died about 0030 hrs. The men in the truck were only slightly injured.</p> <p>At about 2245 hrs. B coy raided a section of enemy lines for the purpose of taking prisoners to see if the enemy had been relieved and to report on the condition of the A.Tk ditch. Movement had been seen in the early evening that clearly indicated a relief. On reaching the enemy line it was found that the H. & P.E.Reg. had been relieved, but the R.C.R. had been held out by the umpires in order to stop any hand to hand fighting. This annoyed the men very much.</p>	
	18		<p>An air-raid warning was received by the rear party at Corunna Bks at 2345 hrs. The all Clear went about 0018 hrs. After breakfast the Battn moved to camp in the J.C. busses and rested until noon. After dinner the men were allowed to go into WARMINSTER, until 1600 hrs. The tea parade was at 1700 hrs and the battn left camp at 1800 hrs. to return to the training area by bus. At 1900 hrs. the Brigadier's O Group assembled at Battn H.Q. and orders were given for a dawn attack with tanks for next morning.</p>	
	19		<p>At 1100 hrs. a conference was held at Battn H.Q. to discuss the dawn attack and for co-ordination between all arms. This was attended by Officers of the 57th Heavy Training Batn, Major Henshaw, R.C.E., and an officer from the R.M.R. During the night the starting line and the approach lines were taped. The tanks assembled near the Battn H.Q. area at 2200 hrs.</p>	
	20		<p>At 0300 hrs. the battn started to assemble for the attack at dawn. At 0400 hrs the attack commenced. On reaching the enemy wire the tanks proceeded to run over it lengthwise, and some of them got hopelessly entangled. The carriers went straight across the wire and were able to extricate themselves in a very few minutes. The tanks and Bren Gun Carriers were able to cross the A.Tk. ditch at the crossing blown up by the R.C.E., but with some difficulty. Both the tank crossings were blocked when cavalry carriers tried to cross and were stuck. The attack went off with clock like precision as far as the infantry were concerned, but the H. & P.E.Reg. went wrong in taking up the wire and mines. The showing of the tanks was rather disappointing. After the attack was over all tactical considerations were called off and the troops returned to the coy areas for breakfast. After the breakfast, the troops spent the morning in cleaning up coy area, and then assembled at B.H.Q. area, where they embarked for the move to ALDERSHOT. The battn moved in impressed vehicles and busses to ALDERSHOT, each</p>	

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ALDERSHOT	20	Cont.	vehicle on War Establishment being represented by an impressed vehicle, under the J.O. Plan. The battn arrived at barracks at 1700 hrs. and fed at 1800 hrs.	
	21		Reveille was postponed until 0600 hrs. and breakfast was at 0700 hrs. first parade at 0900 hrs., to allow the men a much needed rest. The morning was occupied by cleaning of kit and kit inspection. At 1330 hrs the battn was paraded for inspection of equipment. Noticeable contravention of Bde orders by all ranks in wearing of gas capes in incorrect manner. A, B, C, and D coys held much needed bathing parade at Command Swimming Baths. Sir Harry Lauder watched Retreat played by the band and dined with the officers. Later at 1800 hrs the men were given free tickets to the show at the Garrison Theatre.	
	22		Coys carried on with lectures and training in A.G., P.A.D., and S.A.T. during the morning. The Bn paraded for sports in the afternoon. At 1442 hrs Lieut. Corbett and 143 O.Ranks arrived at Farnborough Stn and were sent to the Government Siding for detraining. They were met by the band and played up from the station to the Bn Parade Ground by the pipe band. They were addressed by the C.O. At 1730 hrs. a further 39 Other Ranks arrived at Farnborough North and were sent to the Government Siding. They were met by the pipe band and conveyed in Unit busses to barracks. Reinforcements were billeted throughout barracks wherever room could be found. All were dressed in battle dress, balmeral, leggings and new web, but with no pouches. During the day the Bn was issued with new A.G. capes and pockets for respirators to carry eyeshields and A.G. ointment. At 1600 hrs. B.coy took over A.A.defence of area from R.A.S.C. At 2130 hrs. A coy stood by in accordance with 1 CD/2-1 d/11 May 40.	App IV
	23		At 0830 hrs a memorial service was held at St.Michael's Church for Pte. W.F. Thow, whose body was sent to Aberdeen the night before. At 0830 hrs. the Bn paraded and were marched to Aldershot Athletic Field for Bde Sports. At 0920 hrs. Capt. Mackie phoned and left the message to cancel any further leave, and at 0945 hrs. Brigadier Smith called a meeting and the reg. to stand by for a move at 1200 hrs. At 0930 hrs. Major Southam was called to have all officers on leave in London stand by. At 1130 hrs. Brigadier Smith advised it was all right to feed the men at 1200 & 1230 hrs. At 1200 hrs. advised Capt. Archibald ready to move except for 3 x 30 cwt. required to move the Q.M. Stores. At 1300 hrs. the C.O. attended a Brigade Conference and on return a Coy Commanders meeting was held, and advised that the Bn would move to France by train and boat, no time set. At 1350 hrs an order came that no bicycles or motorcycles would be taken. At 1440 hrs. Bde Major requested C.O. to attend a Bde conference and ordered all D.R. to report to Major Lister at 1 Can Div. H.Q.	LDG

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ALDERSHOT	23	Cont.	At 1830 hrs. C.O. called Coy Commanders meeting. Lieut. Warren reported from Capt. Darlington with a copy of J.C. Plan. At 2045 hrs Lieut. Hovey gave the C.O. times for loading and entraining. At 2200 hrs Lieut. Hovey advised that there would be no room on the train for kit bags and packs, and that they would have to be carried. At 2300 hrs. received word that R.C.R. loading was completed and 48 Highrs' loading party then paraded to Government Siding to find that the H.S.P.E. loading party had arrived before them and that there was no room at the station to let them on.	
ALDERSHOT	24		At 0045 hrs Coys and B.H.Q. paraded and were embussed for trip to station where they entrained. C Coy loading party had to detrain and be replaced by a party from H.Q. Coy. Remainder of Bn paraded under Major Southam at 0145 hrs for entrainment at 0205 hrs. First train arrived at Dover at 0600 hrs and second train at 0700 hrs. Troops detrained and were given a cup of tea at the station and marched on Mons Queen. Owing to a mistaken opinion that move would be mechanized move in England under J.C. plan, the loading of the ship took considerable time as baggage was loose. Troops were issued with iron rations at 1200 hrs, which they ate. Loading continued all day as trucks arrived with ammunition, far in excess of Establishment, but which was later taken away. Other troops on board were of 1 Cdn Div Advance H.Q., Employment Platoon of the R.C.R. and staff, 1 Cdn A.Tr. Coy Reg H.Q., and 2 tys and a detail of R.A.S.C. At 1745 hrs the C.O. was appointed O.C. ship and called a meeting of the Coy Commanders to arrange boat stations, etc. At 1900 hrs C.O. received orders to disembark and proceed to Aldershot. Entrainment commenced at once, but was held up by confusion between the Brigadier and the R.T.O. Entrainment Order was a written order and the only order issued, also the only order that went wrong. Ten men for loading and 2 A.A. were detailed from each company for a rear party. First train with all Bn less except for details from H.Q. Coy ^{at} 2030 hrs. Second train left at 2100 hrs. Unloading party stayed on board for the night when the boat pulled away from the quay to let a hospital ship in to unload. One enemy plane was seen and A.A. men had a shot at it but with no effect.	
ALDERSHOT	25		First train arrived at 0100 hrs. at Government Siding, second train arrived at 0200 hrs. ^{By} There was no transport so all men had to march to barracks. A meal was ^{prepared} for the men, by Aldershot Command. Reville 0800 hrs, breakfast 0830 and 0900 hrs. The morning was utilized for organisation and troops were allowed into ALDERSHOT town during the afternoon. Carriers arrived back from Southampton with where they had been loaded on board a ship ready to move. At 1600 hrs. the T.O. reported from SOUTHAMPTON, with 30 x 15 cwt trucks, advising	

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ALDERSHOT	25	Cont.	that he had been issued with full war establishment of trucks but everything but 15 cwts had been taken away. C.O. attended Bde meeting at 1700 hrs and called Coy Commanders at 2000 hrs. Rear party from Dover reported at 1600 hrs and baggage train arrived one half hour later and unloading reported complete at 2200 hrs. B. Coy stood to at blackout time in accordance with Bde order.	
	26		At 0400 hrs. the C.O. called to Bde H.Q. for a conference where he was advised of a new move. C.O. called Coy Commanders meeting at 0530 hrs. to advise them of the new move. Battrn awakened and advised to pack for move by train with baggage on M.T. The allotment of the new recruits to coys to bring the battn up to full strength in accordance with war establishment was carried out to replace men on leave. Movement Order received from Aldershot Command, and 1 Cdn Div Order received verbally to take the 1 Cdn Inf A.Trk. Coy on strength as they were to be disbanded. At 1200 hrs a verbal order was received from Capt. Mackie that the move was off. After some consideration it was decided not to unload the trucks until further orders. At 1800 hrs written confirmation of the cancellation order was received. At 1845 hrs it was decided to let men into ALDERSHOT until 2030 hrs. At 1900 hrs Brigadier Smith called in the C.O. and ordered the cancelling of the order re disbanding the A.Trk. Coy. 1 Cdn Div instruction dated 24 May 40, to recall all men on leave was complied with by sending telegrams.	
	27		In view of the affairs the Bn did not unload the trucks but remained ready to move. The whole day was utilized to check equipment and personnel. At 1500 hrs orders were received to unload 5 R.A.S.C. vehicles and return them. At 1700 hrs C.O. attended a meeting at Bde where he was advised that a move had been ordered but he had not been advised as we were ready to move, and as it turned out that the move was cancelled in any case. The guard was increased and a barricade erected at the Officers' Mess and trucks driven into all openings along the lines.	
	28		No orders given to unload all day. The Bn was paid commencing with A coy at 1030 hrs. The recruits were mustered and paid at 1530 hrs. Lieut. Mackenzie and Sgt Langford with 40 drivers and 10 A.S. men reported to SOUTHAMPTON, with 5 guns, to pick up transport, leaving by train from the Government Siding at 1030 hrs. The C.O. attended a meeting at Bde where he was told that Div had issued an order that kit bags would be carried on a scale of two men per bag. This was tried and found to be not very feasible. C Coy stood to at dusk in accordance with Bde Order. Lieut. Bennett detailed as billeting officer.	209