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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~ CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	1 JUN		<p>Company training continues.</p> <p>Many personnel have made application for annual leave (14 days plus travelling time) and are being sent as soon as it is possible to have someone take their place.</p> <p>Weather - Cloudy and cool.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	2 JUN		<p>Soldiers on draft returned from leave. Several who have not returned and who are in danger of missing the draft were given grace until 0800 hours tomorrow by Capt. Isenor. Trains are being met by unit vehicles and all those late in returning from draft are being held in protective custody until morning.</p> <p>No weekend passes were issued as there is a compulsory church parade being held for the draft and other personnel tomorrow.</p> <p>Weather - Sunny and warm.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	3 JUN		<p>Church parade was held in the morning for Roman Catholic and Protestant soldiers.</p> <p>Eight soldiers returned from leave during the night and were held in the unit guardroom until morning. They are being rushed through the processing for draft.</p> <p>1 PPCLI Bugle Band was present to play the draft out of camp.</p> <p>The draft composed of men from all three battalions entrained at Camp Railhead and left on the first leg of their journey to the far east.</p> <p>Weather - Sunny and Warm with the occasional shower.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	4 JUN		<p>Today, designated as the King's birthday, is being observed as a holiday by all ranks.</p> <p>Lt. Col. H F Wood, commanding officer, returned from leave today.</p> <p>Weather - Sunny and warm.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	5 JUN		<p>Training was resumed by "A" Company.</p> <p>Preparations are being made for the commencement of a new NCO course to start on 14 JUN 51</p> <p>27 prospective NCO are being sent up from Calgary to take this course.</p> <p>Weather - Cloudy and cooler.</p>	

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WAINWRIGHT ALTA	6 JUN		<p>Training progressed normally.</p> <p>It might be noted here that there is a lack of morale in the NCO course. Major George, in command of the course, attributes it to word from brigade that no NCO's will be sent on draft to Korea by this battalion. It is felt that if NCO's were brought out of the line and sent here to train the new troops and those who qualify on the course here were to be sent overseas, morale would be much higher.</p> <p>Weather - Sunny and warm.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	7 JUN		<p>Battalion carried on normal duties.</p> <p>Weather - Sunny and Warm.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	8 JUN		<p>Regular training carried out.</p> <p>It is to be noted here that many of the personnel on annual leave are sending wires requesting extensions on their leaves for every conceivable reason. Most, undoubtedly unjustified are being turned down, while those that might have a reasonable basis are being investigated before leave is granted.</p> <p>Weather - Sunny and warm.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	9 JUN		<p>Training carried out in morning.</p> <p>In the afternoon most personnel proceeded on leave to Wainwright and the surrounding area. The roads in this part of the country are poor and not widely travelled and as most of the towns around here are not on a direct railway line the men have difficulty in getting anywhere on weekends. When they do get there they find that the towns are almost the same as Wainwright and that they may as well have stayed in camp. When the leave centre in Edmonton finally gets organized the weekend situation should greatly improve.</p> <p>27 potential NCO's arrived from Calgary and were bedded down with "A" Company.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	10 JUN		<p>Lines were quiet with no undue activity reported.</p> <p>Weather - Cloudy and much cooler.</p>	

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WAINWRIGHT ALTA	11 JUN		The tenting area for this unit is being set up. The draft of potential NCO's is hard at work getting the area ready for our move scheduled for 15 JUN. Maj C E C MacNeill proceeded on 14 days annual leave. Weather - Sunny and Warm.	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	12 JUN		Work is continuing on tenting area. The NCO's school in "A" Company, after many and varied interputions is finally in its last week. Preparations are being made for the final exams. Summer dress came into effect with Bush Clothing and web belts being worn by all ranks. Weather - Sunny and Warm.	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	13 JUN		40 men arrived as an advance party from Calgary to assist in the erection of tents. Training in "A" Company went on normally. Weather - Sunny and warm.	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	14 JUN		The unit worked until dark on the tent lines and work is proceeding well within schedule. There will be 16 allotted to each tent in double tier beds. Kitchen and messing arrangements will be ample and comfortable. Weather - Sunny and very warm.	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	15 JUN		Move was made in the evening from hut lines to tent lines by battalion. Final exams are being held by "A" Company for the NCO school Weather - Sunny and Warm.	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	16 JUN		Passing out parade was held by NCO school. They were inspected and congratulated by Brig McGill. The new NCO school in "A" Company is well under way. A draft of approximately 475 all ranks arrived from Calgary and were settled into tents. The men appeared to find Wainwright a vast improvement over Sarcee where they were crowded and feeding was poor. Weather - Sunny and warm.	



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WAINWRIGHT 17 JUN ALTA			<p>Our new troops were settled into their tent lines and began to roam through camp and the town of Wainwright. It doesn't take long to make a recce of either place.</p> <p>The new camp jack is now flying in front of Battalion Headquarters. It is in the regimental colors with the crest in gold and the figure 3 on the fly. It is one more link in the business of re-creating a unit.</p> <p>Weather - Cooler and cloudy with intermittant showers in the afternoon.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT 18 JUN ALTA			<p>Clothing parades, inter-company postings and documentation took most of the day for the new arrivals from Calgary.</p> <p>Training instruction No 2 was issued by Col. Wood.</p> <p>First guard mount was held in the evening. It is a part of the ceremony of a unit which has been neglected in its formal aspect in the past. Now it is to become part of the unit's daily ceremony.</p> <p>In the evening approximately 100 men from the 3R22eR assisted by a few men from other units tried to release one of their comrades from Wainwright jail and in doing so caused considerable damage to the town hall.</p> <p>Weather - Sky full of broken clouds. Generally sunny and fairly warm.</p>	Appen
WAINWRIGHT 19 JUN ALTA		0800	<p>Training has started for the new group. They are being trained by NCO's newly graduated from the course just ended in "A" Company. At present "A" company is in the midst of another course.</p>	
		1200	<p>"B" Company is duty company for this week.</p> <p>CO held a Battalion parade in which he cautioned troops against participating in any riots of the sort which took place in Wainwright last night.</p>	
		1430	<p>Group commander held and "O" Group in which methods of preventing recurrence on the incident in Wainwright were discussed. The unit organized a town patrol of 1 Officer, 2 WO's and 16 NCO's to look after Patricia interests in Wainwright.</p> <p>It was very quiet in town tonight with more Provost and town patrol on the streets than men.</p> <p>Col. Wood is president of the court of inquiry on the matter.</p> <p>Weather - Cloudy and cool.</p>	

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WAINWRIGHT ALTA	20 JUN		<p>The court of Inquiry into the disturbance in Wainwright continued throughout the day. Evidence was taken by members of the board. An "O" Group was held by the Brigadier in the afternoon on the disgraceful conduct of several RCR's in Wainwright last night. As a result soldiers going to Wainwright at any time need a pass.</p> <p>Weather - Sunny but cool.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	21 JUN		<p>The taking of evidence in the court of inquiry continued throughout the day. It might be noted here that the PPCLI are still high in the esteem of the people of Wainwright. It seems that wherever the Patricia go they are the best liked of any troops. It was evident in Fort Lewis and also here. Rifle companies are getting well into their training.</p> <p>Weather - It was rather a cool day for the first day of summer. The sun shone but cool winds kept the temperature down.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	22 JUN		<p>31, all ranks, were selected to do to Calgary to represent the 3 PPCLI at the annual trooping of the colors by 1 PPCLI. They left at noon by bus. Col. Wood and Mrs. Wood proceeded to Calgary by bus.</p> <p>Weather - Sunny and Warm.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	23 JUN		<p>A cold wet day dampened the spirit of the training troops. No weekend passes were issued for Edmonton on account of zoot-suit and army riots there. Most plan on spending their weekend here.</p> <p>Weather - Cold with continuous rain.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	24 JUN		<p>Lines were quite with no undue activity reported. During the past weekend the men have taken it on themselves to start recreational boxing in after duty hours. The men of the unit seem quite contented with life in the tents. Workmen are installing electric power as quickly as possible. Food is generally better and there are no complaints in that direction.</p> <p>Weather - Warm and sunny day. As clothes dried quickly huge washes were done by some of the chaps.</p>	



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WAINWRIGHT ALTA	25 JUN		<p>Lt. Col. Stone is in camp having arrived here last night. He plans to be here a week to talk and lecture to unit in Wainwright on the practical aspects of fighting in Korea and training for it.</p> <p>Our reporesentitives returned from the trooping of the colors in Calgary. The trooping, although it was held in a continual downpour was a great success. The troops were very steady on the march. Visitors to the cerimony were well looked after.</p> <p>Weather - Cloudy and very cold.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	26 JUN		<p>The census of the battalion is being taken by Lts Stirling and Anderson. In all 636 men answered the 21 questions asked. A few of the interesting points about the unit brought out in the census were - the age group is generally under 20, Roman Catholocism predominates, few of the men had left their home province before joining the army and most were single.</p> <p>Weather - Continued very cold with some rain.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	27 JUN		<p>The Group Commander Brig Megill held an "O" group on the problems of finding men for the August draft.</p> <p>Sports day was cancelled due to the inclement weather. However the dance in the evening was a great success and although there was a slight shortage of girls everyone seemes to enjoy themselves. The RCAF orchestra from Edmonton played excellent music throughout the evening and it is hoped many more dances are to follow.</p> <p>Weather - Cloudy and continued cold.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	28 JUN		<p>Work on the Men's Csnteen is continuing. Power lines are in for the lighting system and workmen are laying heavier lines for electrical equipment. When completed the canteen will have a hot dog and hamburger grill, ice cream freezer and a 6 place coffee maker. This was the equipment bought in the United States for the canteen.</p> <p>Mr. Howard has joined the unit once more after acting on the rear party in Calgary.</p> <p>20 new recruits straight from the depots were received by the unit today.</p> <p>Weather - Cloudy and cold.</p>	

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WAINWRIGHT ALTA	29 JUN		<p>Mr. Braithwaite was sent to Edmonton today to establish control of the leave centre for troops there on the weekend. He will also purchase glasses and other equipment for the canteen and unit barber. He will also investigate the possibility of renting a building in Edmonton for a PPCLI leave centre.</p> <p>Cold weather during the past week has made living in tents and training quite unpleasant. Weather - Slightly warmer.</p>	
WAINWRIGHT ALTA	30 JUN		<p>Pte McEacheron H B, "A" Company storeman, was shot through the chest and killed at approximately 2215 hrs today. Pte Sabattis S B was placed under arrest and turned over to the RCMP as a material witness.</p> <p>Long weekends are being spent by many troops in leave centres in Calgary and Edmonton. Free unit transportation was provided for troops going to Edmonton and troop leaving for Calgary were given transport as far as Hardisty where they will catch a special train for Calgary. Weather Sunny and Warmer.</p>	

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Appx No 2 Part II Orders Nos 33 to 44 d/28<sup>30</sup> Jun 51

Appx No 3 Training Syllabus

Appx No 4 Training Instruction No 2