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WAR DIARY

3rd BATTALION PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY







INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Fort Lewis Wash USA	1 Apr 1951	1300	Major MacNeill and Capt. Kerfoot proceeded to Yakima Wash., and Lewiston Idaho to sit on a Court Martial as President and Waiting Member respectively. Weather - Warm and sunny	
	2 Apr	0800	Battalion parade held and an inspection by Lt. Col. Wood in preparation for Brigadier McGill's visit on 3 Apr 51. Col. Wood spoke to the senior and Junior NCO's schools at the commencement of their training. Weather - continued warm and sunny	 Appendix 5 ppe
	3 Apr	0800	Brigadier McGill, Commander of 25 C.I.B. (R.G.) inspected the Battalion and spoke to the men. He told them to be prepared to bring their training to a high standard so that on reaching Wainwright they could bring the reinforcements to a high standard in a comparatively short time. Weather - Bright sun and warm breezes continue.	
	4 Apr	0800	Company training carried out. The first Battalion sports afternoon was held with volley ball and baseball being played. Weather - Warm and sunny	
	5 Apr	0800	Company training carried out. It has been noticed in the past few days that soldiers from the various corps and units who have been attached to our strength as supernumeraries have made applications to be transferred to our unit. Weather - Warm, clear and sunny.	
	5 Apr		Coy training carried out. The afternoon was spent in photographing the Battalion. The photos were taken by the CAFIB for "I" cards. Weather - Warm and sunny.	

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Fort Lewis Wash USA	7 Apr	0730	Battalion parade held. Lt. Col. Wood inspected the men. The companies marched past in column with Col. Wood taking the salute. Weather - Sunny and Warm	
	8 Apr		A YMCA group from Victoria B.C. gave two concerts for the troops. One at 1500 hrs and the other at 1900 hrs. The performances were well received by the men. The members of the group were entertained at dinner by Col. Wood and the Battalion officers. Weather - Cloudy and cooler.	Appendix 6 
	9 Apr	0900	Lt. Col. Wood and Capt. Isenor attended a lecture by Wing Commander Hollies, RCAF, from the Judge Advocates Branch on the overall effect of the change from the present system of Military Discipline to the new Canada Defence Act. Weather - Sunny with moderate winds.	
	10 Apr		Lt. Col. Wood and Capt. Isenor attended a second lecture by Wing Commander Hollies on the Canada Defence Act. In the afternoon Battalion Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior NCO's attended a lecture by Wing Commander Hollies. Weather - Sunny and Warm	
	11 Apr	1630	Company Training Carried out. The afternoon was spent as a "Sports Afternoon" with all companies playing baseball. The Battalion Officer Volley Ball Team played the R22eR Officers Team. They won by a score of two games to one. Weather - Warm and sunny with light winds.	
	12 Apr	0845	Battalion parade held in rehearsal for the Governor General's visit. Col. Wood complimented the soldiers on their fine showing. Col. Wood issued the order for the wearing of temporary dress for warm weather until summer dress regulations have been issued by Brigade Replacement Group. Weather - Warmest day of the year with bright sun all day.	

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Fort Lewis Wash USA	13Apr 1951		Company training carried out. Weather - Warm and Sunny	
	14Apr		Battalion parade held. Work continued all day as weekend passes will not start until Sunday 15 Apr 51 and 1200 hrs on account of the Governor General's visit. Weather - Sunny and warm.	
	15Apr	0845 0915 1000	Battalion parade formed up. Battalion lined the route for Governor General Alexander. The Governor General spoke to the 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade briefly, wishing them Godspeed on their mission. The 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade marched past in sixes. The 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade Replacement Group composed of the remaining third battalions formed a composite group and marched past in sixes. During the march-past of the 25 CIB Mr. Armstrong, Bandmaster of the 1st Battalion RCR forgot that the Patricia's were not present and started to play their Regimental March for the R22e Regiment. Realizing his mistake he quickly changed into the R22e March. On completion of the parade all members of the CA(SF) were given a pass until 0600 hrs Tuesday morning.	
		1300	Lt. Col Wood attended a luncheon at McChord air-base given by the RCAF in honor of Viscount Alexander.	
		1630	The married officers of the 25 CIB and 25 CIBRG who have their wives here were entertained at a luncheon in the Main Fort Lewis Officer's Club by the American officers. Weather - Warm and Sunny.	
	16Apr		Battalion lines were quiet as all the men were on leave. Weather - Warm and Sunny	
	17Apr	0800 0930	Company Training. Brigadier held an "O" Group. Details of the move to Wainright were given and the plan was passed to all CO's. Brigadier McGill said that he has asked for more NCO's for the Battalion to come from the 1st Battalions in Canada. It is expected that with the increasing fatigue commitments the NCO's Schools may be closed but since we have nearly a month in Wainright before the troops will be arriving that the NCO's schools will be completed in this time.	

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FORT LEWIS WASH USA	17Apr	1130	Col Wood held an "O" Group and passed information on to all concerned. Weather - Strong winds and cool throughout the day.	
	18 Apr		Lieut. Read, Lieut. Howard left for Calgary today. They are to join Captain Harbord-Harbord, who is proceeding there by car and assist in the administration of training new troops. The Jr. NCO's School is now almost completely on fatigues. It is hoped that the Sr. NCO's School will be able to continue uninterrupted. Weather - Sunny and Warm.	
	19Apr		Lt. Col Wood and Maj MacNeill went to Seattle and watched the loading of the first 25 CIB ship. They bade farewell to the OC of the 2R22eR and Brigade Headquarters. While in Seattle they went to a restaurant supply house and spent \$300 of the Battalion Welfare Money on equipment for a snack bar in the Men's Canteen at Wainright. In the evening several members of the 25 CIB HQ who are flying to Korea dined in the Officer's Mess. Weather - Cloudy and Cool.	
	20Apr		Brigadier Rockingham said good-bye at the Officer's Mess last night. Brigadier McGill paid a visit a few minutes after Brigadier Rockingham. The two NCO Schools closed today due to the imminence of our move for Canada. All the 1098 Stores will have to be prepared for the move. The entire resources of the Replacement Group are devoted to fatigues now that the 25 CIB has left for overseas. PPCLI soldiers are supplied for such Brigade duties as Gate Sentries, Vehicle Guards, Brigade Telephone Exchange and as drivers for Brigade vehicles. At the same time we must keep up with our own fatigues within the unit. This situation will persist until we reach Wainright Camp. Weather - Temperate with moderate winds.	
	21Apr		The sailing of the Patricia Company of the 25 CRG from Seattle at 1030 hrs today was witnessed by Col Wood and Major MacNeill who said good-bye to Lt Col Corbould, Maj Lefevre and other ex-3PPCLI Officers. Weather - Partially cloudy with moderate temperatures.	

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FORT LEWIS WASH USA	22Apr		Lines were quiet except for various fatigue parties. Weather - Couldy and coll in the morning. Warmer with sun in the afternoon.	
	23Apr		After a quiet weekend full battalion strength was once more turned on fatigues. This condition will continue all week with the 3 PPCLI still handling Brigade fatigues as well as their own. Weather - Sunny and warm.	
	24Apr		All Companies engaged in fatigues. Weather - Cloudy but warm	
	25Apr		All Companies remained on Brigade and Unit Fatigues. Weather - Warm and Sunny.	
	26Apr	0800 1515	All Companies on fatigues as usual. Order received from Brigade to move from 3 PPCLI lines to new lines perviously occupied. by 54th Transport Coy RCASC before their move with 25 CIB. Work in the BOR halted as records etc were packed in preparation for the move. In the evening an American soldier shot and killed his wife here in North Fort Lewis. Although he was armed four CA(SF) Officers captured the man and disarmed him. Among those officers was Lt. E. R. Knight of 3 PPCLI "A" Coy. Warning order was issued by Major MacNeill for move of 3 PPCLI Main Party from Fort Lewis Washington to Wainright Camp Alberta on 7 May 51. Weather - Cloudy and cooler.	 Appendix 7 PRC Appendix 8 PRC
	27Apr	0730	Move to other lines commenced. By evening the whole of the 3 PPCLI were settled in their new lines. The move was accomplished with the minumum of disruption to the functioning of the Battalion. This move gave the Battakion a chance to see how much space is going to be needed for the return to Canada as well as a chance to get rid of alot of surplus equipment. Movement Order No 1 was issued by Major MacNeill for the Advance Party leaving for Canada on 30 April 51. Capt A V Robbins, Lieut J D Hamilton and 10 Other Ranks will be making the move. An unoccupied hut at the end of the PPCLI lines was totally burned this evening but none was hurt. Weather - Cloudy with rain.	 Appendix 9 PRC

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FORT LEWIS WASH USA	28Apr		All Companies engaged in fatigues. All the 1098 stores have been packed and loaded on box cars at the railhead. Other packing is nearly complete. Daylight saving time came into effect at 0230 this morning. Weather - Cloudy and cool.	
	29Apr		Lines all quiet except for various fatigue parties. Weather - A.M. was cool. Warmed up slightly in the P.M.	
	30Apr	0900	The Battalion with the exception of the rear party received its last pay in American money. All accounts were straightened out as much as possible. Lt Col Wood left Fort Lewis today proceeding to Calgary Alta by car where he will inspect the new draft. From there he will proceed on leave. Major C E-C MacNeill assumed command of the battalion in the absence of Col Wood. Weather - Warm and Sunny. It might be mentioned here that this past month has been a welcome relief from the rainy weather experienced earlier in our stay here. The Weather Bureau here reports that this has been the driest April in 70 years.	
<div>James H. MacNeill Lt Col OFFICER COMMANDING, 3PPCLI CA(SF)</div>				

LIST OF APPENDICES FOR MONTH OF APRIL

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No	SUBJECT	ORIG	DUP
1	Part 1 Orders	Compl	Compl
2 ✓	Part 11 Orders 2070264/23 APR Compl	Compl	Compl
3 ✓	Training Syllabi	Compl	Compl
4 ✓	Unit Strength Returns per week	4	4
5 ✓	Opening Address -Lt Col Wood-	1	1
6 ✓	Y.M.C.A. Group	1	1
7	Newspaper Article	1	0
8 ✓	Warning Order	1	1
9 ✓	Movement Order	1	1
10	Letter of Thanks	1	0