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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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**M.F.M. 11**  
A.F.C. 2118  
600M-7 5421  
H.Q. 17. 1068

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
<b>3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry</b>			<b>October 1951</b>	
Camp Borden	1 Oct	0900	<p>At a training and organization conference held in the CO's office, the Commanding Officer announced that a regimental barber shop would be set up in the unit lines. He also gave constructive criticism on fire pails, the condition of the men's barracks, washrooms and the kit layout.</p> <p>The CO instructed the company commanders to devise tests to prove men trained soldiers. Squad instructors were told to feel free to move a man ahead if he proved capable of standing the advanced training. By the same token, men who did not prove capable were to be sent back. All non-effectives are to be disposed of by Command HQ.</p> <p>Maj D O Kearns was appointed 2i/c during the absence of Maj CEC MacNeil.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	2 Oct		<p>The Commanding Officer was formally notified that he is to be 2i/c of Camp Borden personnel visiting Toronto for the Princess Elizabeth welcome.</p> <p>Col. Wattsford, OC Armoured Corps School will be the train Commanding Officer.</p> <p>Weather: hot and hazy</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	3 Oct	0900 1400	<p>The CO attended an Administrative "O" Group held by the Commander, Camp Borden.</p> <p>The CO travelled to HQ, Central Command, to learn the details of the Royal visit and of the unit's participation in the ceremonies. He returned to camp late the same day.</p> <p>The newly-formed unit drums led a parade of school children, fair judges and veterans at the Cookstown Fair. The band later played Retreat at the fair. It was recorded together with an interview with Sgt Prest LM, by radio station CKBB of Barrie for rebroadcast at 1300 hrs 4 Oct 51. The band now numbers 16 members, consisting of three drummers, one base drummer, eleven buglers and Sgt Prest as drum major.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	4 Oct	1430	<p>The CO called an "O" Group to go into the details of the unit's participation in the Royal visit. One thousand and fifty men are to leave for Toronto by train at 0615 hrs 13 Oct 51. The Third Battalion will supply 215 men and 10 officers to accompany the Camp Borden group. Two companies, under Maj G Harris and HG Munro, will be formed. Maj DOR Kearns is to be overall commander of the Patricia detachment.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>

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Camp Borden	5 Oct		Members of the unit proceeded on a 72 hour monthly pass combined with the Thanksgiving holiday. All activity was suspended for the four days. The weather was extremely hot. high 80	[Initials]
Camp Borden	6 Oct		The day was cold and cloudy.	
Camp Borden	7 Oct		Weather: cool with rain.	
Camp Borden	8 Oct		Thanksgiving Day. The day passed quietly on Sunday routine. Weather: Rain.	
Camp Borden	9 Oct	1000	Brig JAC Pangman DSO arrived to pay his first official visit to the Battalion. The Commander of 25 Cdn Inf Bde Replacement Group inspected the quarters and offices allotted to the unit. He made a tour of the camp accompanied by the Camp Commander and later dined with the Patricia officers at the RCEME mess. The Brigadier plans to remain with the unit till Fri 12 Sep. Seven Officer Cadets, graduates of Phase 2 OCS, arrived to undergo 12 weeks assessment in regimental training (phase 3).	[Initials] [Initials]
Camp Borden	10 Oct	0945	The battalion began rehearsing in earnest for the Royal visit exercises. A strenuous effort is being made by the QM staff to equip all ranks with proper battle dress. WO II Ludtke, HQ, managed to obtain two truckloads of battle dress and equipment from the HQ, RCASC School. Brig. Pangman spent the day touring the Royal Canadian School of Infantry. The Commanding Officer addressed all corporals and lance corporals of the unit reminding them of their duties as NCO's.	[Initials] [Initials]
Camp Borden	11 Oct		Training for the royal parade in Toronto continued. Practically every trained soldier and many new men with barely any training were placed on the parade. Many of the trained men doing specialist work had had no parade square work for months and the experience was rather exhausting for them. The men were divided into two companies, basically B and C Coys with men from HQ and Support Coys and BHQ added, to form three platoons per company. The men were sized and then arranged into permanent positions in ranks of four. The men were	[Initials]

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Camp Borden	11 Oct	cont 1500	<p>The men were inspected and all irregularities of dress were corrected. They also paraded to the 'Q' stores for deficiencies of kit.</p> <p>The 2i/c and the IO attended a co-ordinating conference at the RCASC School to assist in the planning of the blueprint for the royal parade.</p> <p>Brigadier Pangman spent the day watching training on the ranges, in the area and on the parade square.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	12 Oct	1130 1500 1530	<p>The honour guard for the Royal couple paraded to the RCS of I parade square where they were joined by the other units participating in the Toronto parade. Col Wattsford inspected the entire parade of over a thousand men. Then, led by the PPCLI drums, the body marched in fours around the block and lined Cambrai Road as a full rehearsal for Saturday's parade. The Colonel drove past representing the royal couple and took the salute. The unit was then marched back to the PPCLI lines and spent the remainder of the morning and part of the afternoon on the parade square.</p> <p>The CO and IO attended a co-ordinating conference at the RCAC School.</p> <p>The 2i/c held a final co-ordinating conference in his office for officers of the unit.</p> <p>The Battalion fell in for a final inspection. The band was dressed in green berets, white web belts and white puttee tapes.</p> <p>The day was clear and warm.</p> <p>Brigadier Pangman left the unit for Petawawa. He intends to visit the unit once per month during the winter.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	13 Oct	0345 0520 0930	<p><b>Reveille</b></p> <p>The Battalion fell in on the parade square after a brief breakfast. The two companies marched to the station and boarded the first four cars of the special troop train.</p> <p>After a 2½ hour train ride the troops arrived at Union Station where they speedily detrained and marched out of the station. Without a break, the parade, led by the PPCLI drums and comprising, besides the two PPCLI companies, a RCASC Tpt Coy, a Provost Detachment, a large body from 37 Fd Amb RCAMC, and troops from the RCAC School and RCS of I.</p> <p>From the station the parade marched along Front St to University Ave and then north to the Ontario Parliament Building, around it on West Crescent and finally took up positions on Avenue Road south from Bloor St to Hart House on the grounds of the University of Toronto. The 3 PPCLI detachment first took up positions in front of the Royal Ontario Museum, but later moved to the road circling the inner campus of the university.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>

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Camp Borden	13 Oct	cont 1200     1500	<p>The Princess and the Duke of Edinburgh passed by to circle the university campus and passed by again after a few minutes to enter Hart House. After a brief stay, the royal party walked the short distance to the Ontario Parliament Building. Nearby Patricia's were moved on the double at this point to reinforce RCASC troops and stopped a breakthrough of the pushing crowd.</p> <p>The Camp Borden group ate boxed lunches and lounged for several hours on the North Campus of the University, while the Princess was making a tour of the city.</p> <p>The parade reformed and marched south to line University Ave from the Sick Children's Hospital to the University Ave Armouries. The Patricia's took up positions in front of the armouries and lined the entrance to the door. The Princess's car drove into the armouries where the royal couple inspected troops of the 48th Highlanders and had tea with the officers. Coming out, they again passed in front of the troops and then turned south. The unit did a marvelous job in holding back the surging crowd. Again a group of Patricia's was called upon to stem a break-through in the Service Corps line.</p> <p>The troops were marched back to the station where men proceeding on weekend passes were broken off and the remainder returned to camp.</p> <p>The weather for the day was perfect; completely cloudless and not too hot.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Handwritten initials]</p>
Camp Borden	14 Oct		<p>The men who did not stay in Toronto for the weekend spent a very quiet Sunday recuperating from the exhausting previous day.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Handwritten initials]</p>
Camp Borden	15 Oct		<p>Officers and men who had attended the murder trial of Pte Sabattis returned to the unit.</p> <p>Capt Connell JR returned to the unit from HQ, 25 CIBRO and Lt AE Anderson returned from leave. Lt Anderson took over the Intelligence Office replacing Lt JW Taylor who moved into the Records Office as A/Adjt.</p> <p>A number of officers and men began courses at the RCS of I. Capt CS Shawcross, Capt AV Robbins and Capt ER Isenor are attending the Captain to Major Qualifying Course and Lts A Donald and GK Nicholson the Lt to Capt course. E/Lt RW Acheson is taking a flame thrower course and seven sergeants and one corporal are attending the school's Sr NCO's course.</p> <p>Weather; Sunny</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Handwritten initials]</p>

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Camp Borden	16Oct	1600	<p>The Unit took over another building in the RCAC lines to house 'C' Coy. The unit will commence lectures for the officers to aid them in professional advancement studies.</p> <p>The CO's O Group was attended by seven officers and the RSM. The A/CO announced that the unit would provide an honour guard for the visit to Camp Borden of Lt Gen Charles Foulkes. Capt ED McPhail, CD was appointed guard commander and Lt JW Taylor the 2i/c. The guard will consist of the two officers and fifty men, to be made up of one platoon from a rifle company and one from Sp Coy.</p> <p>It was found necessary to exert more central control on intercompany postings as it was found that enough thought wasn't being given to the placement of men.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	17Oct		<p>The CO left for Ottawa to visit D Pers to straighten out personnel problems in the unit.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	18Oct		<p>The CO was informed in Ottawa that Captain and Major vacancies in the unit could not be filled until the present-running qualifying courses at the RCS of I have been completed. This will not be till near the end of the year.</p> <p>Capt TA Ball returned to the unit from leave. He will continue as Quartermaster.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	19Oct		<p>The fifty-man guard of honour continued practicing on the parade square. Weather: Cloudy and cool.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	20Oct		<p>Sp Coy proceeded on a long weekend. The weather, since the Unit's arrival at Camp Borden, has in general been extremely pleasant. Except for the odd rainy or cold day, Camp Borden is experiencing an exceptionally fine autumn.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	21Oct		<p>The day passed quietly on Sunday routine.      Weather: Extremely pleasant</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>
Camp Borden	22Oct		<p>The Guard of Honour for Lt Gen Charles Foulkes met the General at Malton Airport on his arrival to visit Camp Borden. The guard was congratulated for its showing by Col RC Clark, Comd, Camp Borden. The two officers wore swords of the regiment and the guard used chrom-plated bayonets.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>

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Camp Borden	22Oct cont	1800	<p>The CO held an O Group at which he mainly discussed training within the unit. The IO was instructed to draw up a training memorandum. A Jr NCO's course will start 29 Oct 51. All men covering trade vacancies are to be trade tested as soon as possible. The high number of AWL's from the unit was discussed and the CO directed that he would be given a personal account, in each future case, by the platoon commander.</p> <p>The unit expects to lose approximately fifty NCO's on the completion of 18 months special force service.</p> <p>A Board of officers was appointed to strip BHO files.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Handwritten initials]</p>
Camp Borden	23Oct		<p>The unit was notified it would provide a Guard of Honour for the visit of the Minister of National Defense to Camp Borden.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Handwritten initials]</p>
Camp Borden	24Oct		<p>Some training was interrupted as men were assigned to the guard of honour and rehearsals were commenced.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Handwritten initials]</p>
Camp Borden	25Oct		<p>The CO Directed that the first two periods of each Wednesday morning be devoted to ceremonial drill.</p> <p>Lt AE Anderson and 2/Lt GA Holmes travelled to Toronto to purchase equipment for the unit's hockey and basketball teams now being formed. It was found that the outfitting of the two teams would involve considerable time and expense.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Handwritten initials]</p>
Camp Borden	26Oct		<p>The CO was told by the Garrison Engineers that work on the unit QM Stores would be speeded up and they gave an approximate date when the unit officer's and sergeant's messes would be ready for occupancy.</p> <p>Sp and C Coys are now billeted in the RCAC lines and are required to supply three men nightly to assist on fire piquet.</p> <p>The unit cannot send any more officers and NCO's on courses until others return. There are now 27 non-effective personnel awaiting discharge in the unit.</p> <p>Weather: Cloudy</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Handwritten initials]</p>
Camp Borden	27Oct		<p>A number of Members of Parliament visited Camp Borden and the CO attended a dinner in their honour. As the Minister of National Defense did not accompany the party the Guard of Honour was cancelled and approximately seven hours of training was gained.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">[Handwritten initials]</p>

Camp Borden 27 Oct  
Ont 51

Hollowe'en masquerade parties were held in both the officer's and sergeant's messes. Authority was granted from HQ, Central Command to classify the Unit's NCO's School, which is to begin Mon 29 Oct, as a command school. Weather: Sunny and cool.

Camp Borden 28 Oct  
Ont 51

The day passed quietly on Sunday routine. The day was foggy and cold and the first flurries of snow of the winter fell in the evening.

Camp Borden 29 Oct 0900  
Ont 51

The weekly training conference was held in the CO's office with nine officers and the RSM attending. The CO directed that each company would centralize their non-effectives and action be taken on them as soon as possible.

It was announced that a unit sports stores has been set up.

The CO stated each company would contribute a laid-down number of men to a permanent guard of honour which would train during the ceremonial drill period on Wednesday morning. The purpose of this arrangement is to cut down on the number of rehearsals required whenever the unit is called upon to provide a guard of honour.

The weekly inspections, the CO announced, show a steady improvement in interior economy.

Weather: Cloudy and cool.

The CO delivered an opening address to the new unit NCO's School.

Camp Borden 30 Oct  
Ont 51

The CO dealt out his first heavy punishment under the new National Defense Act. He awarded a constant offender forty days detention on his 6th charge of illegal absence.

Twenty-five dollars was sent from this unit to HQ? Western Command to purchase a stained glass window for the garrison church at Wainwright Camp. A brass plaque indicating the donor will be included.

Weather: Intermittantly cloudy and warm

Camp Borden 31 Oct  
Ont 51

The afternoon was set aside for battalion sports but a very strong wind kept outdoor sports to a minimum. Volleyball and basketball were played in the gymnasiums that were available.

The Battalion NCO's course is in its third day and the candidates appear very enthusiastic.

## 3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

LIST OF APPENDICES FOR WAR DIARY MONTH OF OCTOBER 1951

Apr	<del>A</del> 1	Part 1 Orders 2/3 To 235' <del>d/31 Dec 51</del> original and duplicate		
"	<del>R</del> 2	Part 2 Orders 63 TO 75' <del>d/31 Oct 51</del> duplicate only		
"	<del>F</del> 3	Training Syllabi	original; some duplicate	
"	<del>R</del> 4	Monthly News Letter	original and duplicate	
"	<del>R</del> 5'	Itinerary, visit of Brig Pangman	" "	"
"	<del>F</del> 6	Admin Order, Royal Visit	"	only
"	<del>R</del> 7	Confirmation Notes, Royal Visit	"	and "
"	<del>H</del> 8	Agenda, Commanders Conference	"	only <i>MISSING</i>
"	<del>R</del> 9	Camp Borden Citizen	"	and "
"	<del>R</del> 10	The Walnwright Warrior	"	" "