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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
CT 188119	1 Sep	53	<p>Sixty-nine (69) persons were sighted by Observation Posts, (OPs).</p> <p>All companies worked on their new company areas. Able and Baker companies continued erecting their quonset huts.</p> <p>All companies sent one (1) platoon to Hill 355 (CT 174188) to salvage materials from the defensive works.</p> <p>Charlie company continued their duties on the battalion road blocks, and OPs.</p>	sem
CT 188119	2 Sep	53	<p>Seventy-eight (78) persons were sighted by OPs.</p> <p>Work continued on Hill 355, and on the company areas.</p>	
		1000	<p>Support company relieved Charlie company on the battalion Regulating Centre. The change-over was made via a ceremonial guard mounting. 2Lt FOWLIE commanded the new guard.</p>	sem
CT 188119	3 Sep	53	<p>Forty-seven (47) persons were sighted by OPs.</p> <p>The battalion commenced plans for the recovery of bodies from the Demilitarized Zone.</p> <p>Battalion Intelligence Section made a reconnaissance of the 187 area (CT 149147) preparatory to clearing the battlefield of bodies. The actual clearing operation is to be known as "OPERATION FINDER".</p>	sem
CT 188119	4 Sep	53	<p>One-hundred and seventy nine (179) persons were sighted by OPs.</p> <p>Working parties continued their salvage operations on Hill 355.</p> <p>At night troops cleaned up their equipment, and company areas preparatory to Saturday's commanding officer's inspection.</p>	sem

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CT 188119	5 Sep 53	0830	<p>Two-hundred and one (201) persons sighted by Observation Posts, (OPs).</p> <p>The battalion 2 IC, Major C E C MacNEILL, who had been on a buying trip to Japan, returned to the battalion. He brought with him many desirable items for sale through the men's canteen.</p> <p>The battalion held a commanding officer's inspection in the BEER BOWL (CT 187127). The battalion turn out was very good, and their drill is rapidly improving. The battalion bugle band, resplendent with their new band instruments, played the battalion past the reviewing stand.</p> <p>Battalion headquarters played Support company in the softball league. The final score was five to two.</p>	<p>dom</p>
CT 188119	6 Sep 53	0945	<p>Fifteen (15) persons were sighted by OPs.</p> <p>A brigade church parade and march past was held at CT (185122) to commemorate the Canadian servicemen who were killed in action in KOREA.</p> <p>Lieutenant Colonel H L CAMPBELL, 3 RCR, commanded the Protestant parade.</p> <p>Lieutenant Colonel J G POULIN, 3 R22eR, commanded the Roman Catholic parade.</p> <p>The brigade commander, Brigadier J V ALLARD CBE DSO ED, took the salute at the march past. The band of the Royal Canadian Artillery provided the Regimental Marches of each unit as they passed the saluting base.</p>	<p>dom</p>
CT 188119	7 Sep 53		<p>The weather was clear and warm during daylight hours, but turned very cool at night.</p>	

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CT 188119	7 Sep	53	<p>Three-hundred and seventeen persons sighted by OPs.</p> <p>The weather was warm with a clear sky. During evening it got very cool and remained quite cold at night.</p> <p>A maximum effort was made by the battalion to clean up all salvage remaining on Hill 355. At 0800 hours a total of two-hundred and forty all ranks worked on removal of the old fortifications. Approximately two days salvage remains on the hill.</p> <p>The I Corps Salvage Officer inspected the salvage operations on Hill 355, and was satisfied by the progress we have made in salvage operations.</p> <p>At 1400 hours a Brigade Commander's Conference. No minutes were made available as the Commanding Officer intends to pass on the information at a later date.</p>	
CT 188119	8 Sep	53	<p>Very warm during day and cooling in the evening.</p> <p>Baker Company had a rehearsal of their screen role in "Operation "CONTINUE"".</p> <p>Seventy-five persons were sighted by OPs.</p> <p>All companies were on 355 completing salvage operations.</p> <p>The warning order for Operatinu "LITTLE CONTINUE" was received by the battalion to-day.</p>	ADM
CT 188119	9 Sep	53	<p>The regular warm day and cold night was experienced again to-day.</p> <p>All companies continued salvage operations on 355 again today.</p> <p>The changing of the guard took place to-day. Support Company was relieved by Dog Company.</p>	ADM

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CT 188119	9 Sep	53	<p>A Rest and Recuperation leave draft, consisting of thirty (30) men, left to-day for Tokyo.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer went to the Brigade Commander's Orders Group concerning Operation "Little Continue".</p> <p>On his return the Commanding Officer held an Orders Group.</p> <p>There were one-hundred and fourteen (114) persons sighted by the Operation Posts, (OPs).</p>	
CT 188119	10 Sep	53	<p>The weather during the day was very hot and quite warm during the night.</p> <p>There were two-hundred and forty (240) persons sighted by the OPs.</p> <p>Instructions for Operation "Finder", to be undertaken today, arrived. Lieutenant A D McKay, and Second-Lieutenant R G GRAHAM, each took a group of about three (3) to four (4) men from both the Intelligence and Siper Sections and swept the NAECHON area (GR 157154) and 187 area (GR 148146). The result of the operation was that Second-Lieutenant R G GRAHAM in his search for dead bodies, found two Chinese bodies (GR 131138).</p>	<p>dom</p> <p>dom</p>
ET 188119	11 Sep		<p>The weather to-day was still hotter than yesterday and again we enjoyed a cool, but refreshing night.</p> <p>Exercise "Little Continue" was held to-day with complete satisfaction. The object of this exercise was to test the speed with which Able and Baker Echelons could move back across the IMJIN River, and to test the speed in which the companies could move to their battle positions in the event of a break through or a push from the NORTH.</p> <p>There were sixty (60) persons sighted by the OPs.</p>	<p>dom</p>
CT 188119	12 Sep	53	<p>The weather changed to overcast with scattered showers.</p>	

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CT 188119	12 Sep 53		<p>Commanding Officer's inspection was called off on account of rain.</p> <p>Minefield gaps were taped for the use of the Military Armistice Commission, the Joint Observer Teams and Neutral Nations Inspections Teams.</p> <p>Notice was received at the battalion to-day to the effect that effective 2200 hours, 13 Sep 53, the Demilitarized Zone would be closed to all personnel except those authorized by the Military Armistice Commission. This information was read to all personnel within the battalion.</p> <p>There were eighty-six (86) persons sighted by the Observation Posts, (OPs).</p>	<p>Don</p>
CT 188119	13 Sep 53		<p>This day was blessed with good weather again. All unauthorized personnel were removed from the Demilitarized Zone and the Demilitarized Zone Police were put into operation.</p> <p>A voluntary church parade was held in KIWI PARK for both denominations.</p> <p>There were thirty-four (34) persons sighted by the OPs.</p> <p>A very rousing ball game took place this afternoon at KIWI PARK in which a team from the First Marine Division attempted to defeat our Brigade but to no avail. Brigade won with a score of seven to one.</p>	<p>Don</p>
CT 188119	14 Sep 53		<p>The weather was overcast with scattered showers in the morning, continuing to mid-afternoon, clearing and cold at night.</p>	<p>Don</p>

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CT 188119	15 Sep	53	<p>The weather was very hot with the usual cool, damp evening.</p> <p>At 1400 hours another battalion parade was held to practice for the Brigade Commander's parade. The march past in column of route and close column of platoons was executed and from all reports was very well done for having been so long without drill.</p>	gom
CT 188119	16 Sep	53	<p>The weather was overcast this morning, clearing in the afternoon and the evening was clear and cold.</p> <p>At 0900 hours the Brigade Commander's parade commenced. Brigadier J V ALLARD, CBE, DSO, ED, inspected each and every man. The battalion then marched past in column of route and close column of platoons.</p> <p>Members of the inspection team went over working parts of the battalion during the day with results unknown at present.</p> <p>The Regulating Centre and Road Block Guard passed from Dog Company to Able Company with the normal ceremonial Changing of the Guard.</p> <p>Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters held a very successful smoker in a quonset hut in Headquarters lines. Entertainment was given by the Brigade Concert Party and for the refreshment side of the smoker a thick milky substance which was optimistically called Moose Milk was served along with beer and a beautiful buffet lunch.</p>	gom
CT 188119	17 Sep	53	<p>Extremely hot day with the increasingly usual cold evening.</p> <p>Another Rest and Recuperation (R & R) leave left the battalion to-day bound for Tekye. It was composed of Lt A D McKAY, Intelligence Officer, and Lt A M HANTON, Paymaster, plus seventeen other ranks.</p> <p>Work was started on the new quonset hut for the Battalion Orderly Room (BOR), and Pay Office.</p> <p>Notice was received that Operation "CONTINUE" will be held on or after 21 Sep 53.</p>	gom

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AT 188119	18 Sep	53	<p>The normal cool evening but to-day was also quite cool. There was a cool breeze but the sun shone brightly and kept a bit of heat prevailing.</p> <p>Major CEC MacNeill assumed temporary command of the battalion in the absence of Lt Col M F MacLachlan who has gone to Japan, on temporary duty.</p> <p>Major A C BRETT returned from FDS where he was taking treatment for a broken leg.</p>	dom
CT 188119	19 Sep	53	<p>Weather to-day was warm and bright during the day but cooling as usual in the evening.</p> <p>Commanding Officer's conference was held at 0900 hrs this morning. The main topic of conversation was Exercise Occupation of Battle Positions. All sub unit commanders were present.</p> <p>The date for the battalion sailing for Canada was released as 23 Oct 53.</p>	dom
CT 188119	20 Sep	53	<p>The weather was fair all day and evening.</p> <p>There was a voluntary church parade held for both denominations. This day lived up to be the "Day of Rest", in that nothing of much importance took place.</p> <p>The Warning Order for Operation "Centurus" was received stating that the Operation was postponed at least to the 24th of September, 1953.</p> <p>The 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade and I Corps ball teams held a return match at Uijongbu. I Corps defeated 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade with a score of 16 to 4.</p>	dom
CT 188119	21 Sep	53	<p>Weather continued fair.</p> <p>TEWT Commanding Officer's Orders Group was held to discuss matters of Administration and a TEWT on manning battle positions and the withdrawal was also brought up. This TEWT is to be held on September 22nd and 23rd.</p>	dom

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OT 188119	22 Sep 53		<p>Weather remained mild but the cold of night is beginning to extend to mid-morning now.</p> <p>A TEWT on the withdrawal was started to-day in which Baker Company and Charlie Company elements down to section commander level took part. Brigadier J V ALLARD CBE DSO ED was present</p>	SDM
OT 188119	23 Sep 53		<p>Weather continued to be fair throughout the day and the cold evening was with us as usual.</p> <p>An Rest and Recuperation Leave draft consisting of Lt M BARNETT and 119) nineteen other ranks left for Tokyo to-day. Personnel on this leave draft include any person who has not had a previous leave and who have been taken on strength not later than 1 May 53.</p> <p>The company TEWT on withdrawal was completed to-day with the exercise of Dog company this morning and Able company this afternoon. Exercise Continue is to be held to-morrow.</p> <p>Baker company has taken over from Able company the honour of being duty company for the next week. A dubious honour.</p> <p>A needle parade was held to-day and all personnel who have not received the appropriate number of needles for 1953 were punctured. For the majority, a TABT booster was generously donated. This was another sure indication toward the coming move to Canada.</p>	SDM
OT 188119	24 Sep 53		<p>Continued fair weather was enjoyed to-day.</p> <p>Another Rest and Recuperation Leave draft left for Tokyo to-day. This draft was also sent to Tokyo. It consisted of nineteen (19) other ranks under the command of Lieutenant J R DUFTON.</p> <p>Exercise Continue was performed to-day and to all reports went off quite well. It was completed at 1400 hours. The Command Post was used as Tactical Headquarters and was efficiently kept under control by the Battle Adjutant, Major A C BRETT.</p>	

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CT 188119	24 Sep 53		A night withdrawal exercise is to be held at a date in the near future, it was learned to-day.	ACM
CT 188119	25 Sep 53		Extremely hot day with cold night. Work on the beautification of the battalion area is progressing nicely and quite rapidly with the construction of quonset huts, the aid of a few pails of white paint, and a considerable of Korea's stunted timber. Two flag poles have been erected and our banner and the Union Jack flutter side by side in the Battalion Headquarters area.	
CT 188119	26 Sep 53		Major A C Brett attended the Brigade Major's conference this afternoon. The main topic dealt with the security of the Demilitarized Zone. Weather is still very hot. Major A C BRETT, the Brigade Adjutant, held an Operations Group to discuss the security matters which were brought up in the Brigade Major's conference of yesterday. The quonset hut which is to house the Battalion Orderly Room and the Pay Office was completed to-day. * Support Company had an outdoor company smoker which was a great success. Unit patrols will be going out at nights to cover the area behind the Demilitarized and within our boundaries. The object is quite plain and is an added measure to our assurance of security	ACM
CT 188119	27 Sep 53		The weather to-day has been quite a bit cooler than yesterday. A voluntary church parade was held for both Protestants and Roman Catholics at Patricia Park which was formerly known as Kiwi Park. The Battalion Orderly Room and Pay Office was moved from their original location to the new quonset hut.	ACM

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CT 188119	28 Sep	53	<p>Cloudy and cool during the day, turning to rain in the evening.</p> <p>The Battle Adjutant held an Operations Group for Able and Charlie companies officers and other officers and NCOs connected with the withdrawal exercise. The exercise was held at night starting at approximately 1800 hours and was completed at 1156 hours.</p> <p>Baker and Dog companies will do this exercise later in the week and then the battalion will go through as a whole.</p> <p>Lieutenants AD McKAY and AM HANTON returned from Rest and Recuperation leave to-day.</p> <p>The Intelligence Officer of the Duke of Wellington Regiment paid a visit to the battalion Intelligence Section today.</p>	SDM
CT 188119	29 Sep	53	<p>The weather to-day is cool and cloudy.</p> <p>Forty-four (44) men left today for Brigade where they will be employed. These men were some of those who re-engaged for periods of from three to six months and will not be returning to Canada with the battalion.</p> <p>Operation "SCRAM" was held to-day. Companies occupied their battle positions in one hour and thirty minutes. This was not a very good time due to the trouble in contacting the officers and senior NCOs and the time taken for them to get to their companies as they are not billeted in their company areas.</p> <p>The object of this operation was to see how fast and efficiently the companies could, if the need should arise, take up their battle positions in the forward areas. Although considerable time was lost at the beginning, the efficiency with which the operation was executed was very admirable and participants deserve considerable credit. The operation was very satisfactory.</p>	SDM

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CT 188119	30 Sep 53		<p>Very good weather. The sun has been very bright and warm and the night was not as cold as usual.</p> <p>At 0230 hours the new day was heralded by the sounds of an awakening battalion. A surprise withdrawal exercise on Corps level was the reason for this unusual reveille. Even though the day before was pay day for most and awakening came hard, it was finally accomplished and the exercise went off well from then on until its completion at 0930 hours.</p> <p>The battalion was visited by Brigadier J V Allard, DFC, DSO, ED during the early morning.</p> <p>A fitting tribute to the return of Lt A D McKay, Intelligence Officer, from Rest and Recuperation leave, the day before yesterday, was his name appearing on Part One Orders slating him for Duty Officer to-day. We gave him one days rest anyhow.</p> <p>Charlie company has now become duty company relieving Baker company.</p>	<p><i>ARM</i></p> <p><i>MacLachlan</i> (M F MacLachlan) Lt col Comd 3 PPCLI</p>

THIRD BATTALION PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

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