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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Wainwright Bks Wainwright Alt	1 Nov		WEATHER Clear and cool. Personnel paraded by Coys to MIR for inoculation check and to Dental Clinic to finish making out Dental Category cards.	<u>As Amek</u> No's 1 to 5 Trace P <u>As Amek</u>
	2		Junior Officers map-reading and photo-interpretation school begins. As officers return from leave, they will be absorbed into classes.	<u>As Amek</u>
	3		WEATHER Cold and blustery A few men began to return from embarkation leave.	<u>As Amek</u>
	4		As a result of most of personnel being on leave there is little activity around camp.	<u>As Amek</u>
	5		WEATHER Cold, blustery, sandstorm. Voluntary church services to town churches via truck. A sandstorm with 60 m p h winds in area for 8 or 10 hrs.	<u>As Amek</u>
	6		Still light activity around camp.	<u>As Amek</u> No's 6 and 7
	7		First large group returned from leave today. Officers course finished today. Capt G.E. Henderson received Majority and took over command of Sp Coy.	<u>As Amek</u> No's 8 and 9
	8		WEATHER Cold, snow flurries, Temp 9 Degrees F Bn visited by Army Officials for final planning conference in preparation of Bn move from Wainwright. Capt C.J. Short of 1 Bn PPCLI supervised a 4 day course on Bazooka (3.5") in training area.	<u>As Amek</u>
	9		WEATHER Cold, clear. Capt R.K. Swinton takes over as Adjt of Bn.	<u>As Amek</u>

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Wainwright Bks wainwright Alt	10 Nov		Today the training programme organized and administered by 1 Bn for the 2 Bn was completed and the administration was officially surrendered to 2 Bn which became, as of this date, an independent unit. A parade, consisting of the officers and Trg Est of 1 Bn and the whole of the 2 Bn including the reinforcement Coy was held and Lt.Col. Wilson-Smith presented a pennant to the 2 Bn and in an address turned over the Bn to Lt. Col J.R. Stone DSO, MC. A short address by Lt Col Stone thanking the 1 Bn for the pennant and cooperation was followed by a march past by the 2 Bn which concluded the turnover of the Bn. At the Mess Dinner the Officers of the 1 Bn Currie Bks presented the Officers of 2 Bn Wainwright Camp with a set of 20 engraved beer steins to signify the close tie existing between the two Bns.	No's 10 and 11 A.D.M.E.K
	11		WEATHER Cold Bn parade at 1040hrs to honour War Dead, while living froze.	A.D.M.E.K
	12		Photographers arrived from prominent papers to take pictures of local celebrities and various phases of Army life.	A.D.M.E.K No. 14
	13		Muster parade by Coys held in morning in Drill Hall, which everyone appreciated. Greatcoats are being worn now. Blood tests and innoculations are completed today by MO and Staff.	A.D.M.E.K
	14		Coys have dry run with full marching order. Stencilling of Kit bags completed today.	A.D.M.E.K
	15		Pay parade in mess at 1800hrs. Great confusion in the cold and dark. Promotion frozen to allow clerks to catch up on necessary work on Part II orders before moving.	A.D.M.E.K

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Wainwright Bks	16 Nov		Final day for crating equipment in stencilled wooden boxes. Sgt Miller reported with Chicken-pox and was struck off strength.	Appendix No's 12 and 13
Wainwright Alt	17		Winter closed down in earnest today. Very cold in this barren, cheerless camp and everyone happy to leave. Many men with frozen ears from standing on parade at 5 degrees below zero. 80 OR's arrived from Currie to fill vacancies in Bn. Various groups held very successful smokers in evening. All underwear drawers are called in and one pair pyjamas issued, rather unreasonable to take away warm clothing on coldest day so far, but probably a reason for it.	No. 15 Appendix
	18		14 degrees below zero this morning. Muster parade by Coys and issue of overshoes. Camp C B tonight.	Appendix No. 16
	19		Bn leaves for Fort Lewis in 4 trains, first at 1730hrs, rest at 2 hr intervals. Kit-bags went by truck to baggage cars, and the men marched to Camp siding in Car sized groups.	No. 17 Appendix
On board train	20		Bn stopped at Blue River B.C., for exercise, heavy snowfall there. Route-march at Kamloops, Air balmy.	Appendix
	21		Bn arrived at Vancouver B.C. at 0400hrs. many people met train hoping to see relations but most of the men sleeping. Much gnashing of teeth by frustrated parents, sweethearts, and soldiers. First train arrived Fort Lewis 1545hrs, R22R Band in abundance. Buses drop men in Bn lines, leaves still on trees here which seems odd after Wainwright blizzards.	Appendix
Fort Lewis, Wash; U.S.A.	22		Bn eating in Coy messes. Booster cholera shot. Cdn money changed at slightly above 95 cents to U.S. dollar.	No. 18 and 19 Appendix

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Fort Lewis Wash; U.S.A.	23 Nov		<p>Test run for Bke parade in morning. Has been raining since coming here. American Thanksgiving dinner today, turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and whip cream, candy, fruit and nuts in abundance.</p> <p>Bde parade at 1345hrs, Defence Minister Claxton spoke, and Lt.Col. Stone commended Bn on effort and spirit put forth inspite if being soaked with steady rain. It was noted that it was the largest peace time parade of Canadian Troops.</p>	<p>Admck</p>
	24		<p>Boat money of \$10.00 paid in A.M. Everyone stocking up on cigarettes and eatables at PX. Bn allocated to busses in evening.</p>	<p>Admck</p>
	25		<p>Reveille 0300hrs, breakfast at 0400, move off at 0600hrs in buses. Reach Seattle dock at 0830hrs. American and R22R bands on dock, also Brig Rockinghams' personal piper skirling on the quay. Troop ship UsNs Pte Joe P. Martinez, 7500 ton, with a total of 927 Canadians and 503 American troops.</p>	<p>Admck</p>
	26		<p>Much seasickness in spite of fairly steady seas. Accomodation is adequate but far from luxurious. The training syllabus laid on by Lt. Col Stone will have to be curtailed due to inadequate space.</p>	<p>Admck</p>
	27		<p>Still much seasickness aboard irrespective of rank. PT and lectures on a very small scale. Two shows are laid on each evening in entertainment room.</p>	<p>Admck</p>
	28		<p>Appetites are improving today. An appendectomy was performed successfully on C 850486 Pte Orval Campbell.</p>	<p>Admck</p>
	29		<p>Fire and boat-drill by all ranks, it appears difficult to find room for everyone on deck at once. Bn is pressing uniforms at night by Coys in anticipation of going ashore in Pearl Harbour.</p>	<p>Admck</p>
	30		<p>Rainy and warm. PT and lectures on small scale.</p>	<p>Admck</p>

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Commanding 2 PPCLI.