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Sheet 652811 SE GR 162082	1 June 53		The day began at 0001 hrs with a continuation of the previous day's rain. Fortunately this ceased by dawn. The Bn has not as yet picked up any line crossers. Major MARCHESSAULT and Capt CROOK arrived in JAPAN for a short stay. They departed the unit yesterday. Brig ALLARD visited MAIN.	A
	2 June 53		The war is postponed to-day, a Divisional representation Parade is being held next door to "B" Ech. All sub units are holding parades wherever possible and even where not possible. The Divisional artillery are firing the salute. Maj BRUCE was presented the MBE. All tanks in forward areas are firing a fast round at 1100 hrs. This is coronation day. Long live the Queen.	A
	3 June 53		The toasts have been drunk, the bells have rung, now we may go back to the lawful practice of fighting chinamen. The scare has died down now and no further unusual activity is expected for a while.	A
	4 June 53		Company Commanders are now receiving a new counter attack role. They have looked at so many they are having trouble keeping proper count of them. Early in the day Bde issued a storm warning. In the afternoon we had the storm. It came and went so fast the roads never had a chance to be declared RED. About an inch and a half in twenty five minutes. An hour after the storm vision was obscured by dust.	A
	5 June 53		An O Group has been held. Company Commanders are taking off with determined looks on their faces and maps clutched in hands. It is all highly secret but the troops can feel it. They know that we are going back in. They ask two questions only, as they pack gear and clean ammunition, when and where? Maj MARCHESSAULT and Capt CROOK are back.	A

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++	6 Jun 53		A USO show of five girls and five men entertained in "B" Coy at 1430 hrs. Maj ROBERTS expected people from all sub units in the Bn. Complete sub units from the whole Bde showed up. "B" Coy area resembled a div parking lot. The show was good and the audience orderly. The vehicles were cleared out with no undue incidents. The Bn was (at long last) given a new Gestetner duplicator. We had been scrounging over the complete Bde for the last five months getting stencils run off.	
	7 Jun 53		Vehicles are loaded and set to move at last light. We are relieving the RCR. "C" and "D" Coys are forward and "A" and "B" are rear. A Bn church parade at 1030 hrs, and then pack up and load up magazines. BRASCO and CRAIG the transport officers are going out to keep control of vehicles for the move. The road up to the position (BINCHAM Road) is very narrow, twisted and has a steep drop on one side most of the way.	
Sheet 6528 // SW Sheet 6528 // SE GR 149138	8 Jun 53		At 0300 hrs the unit was once more charged with guarding real estate. Ours to have and to hold. The Chinese greeted us with a cold reception, practically ignored the unit. Eight platoon of "C" Coy being the only ones to receive any attention at all. There is a constant light harrassing fire dedicated to that particular spot. The Bde Comdr popped up for a quick visit to "C" Coy during the afternoon. The evening was quiet.	
	9 Jun 53		Two junior officers have left. 2/Lt KITSON to JAPAN (HARA MURA) and Lt GALE to BRIGADE as LO. 2/Lt GRAHAM should now return from BRIGADE. Chinese are still broadcasting propaganda. Something different this time. They are telling the KATCOM troops that they should not fight their friends because they will be killed. The KATCOM troops were seen smiling and looking back to the kitchens. Some were heard to say "number one chop chop". They would appear to prefer chicken and democracy to rice and communism.	



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+++	10 Jun 53		From "Faith, Hope, and Charity", three hills in front of the Bn position a large number of sightings have been made. There have been several occasions when small arms fire has been heard and seen, several occasions when lights have been detected plus the discovery of OPs. There are also several known mortar positions in the area.	4
	11 Jun 53		POLEGAT II commenced at 0700 hrs. This operation is a complete sweep of the Div area for Koreans who don't belong. PPCLI were responsible for the area forward of MAIN. The total bag was eighteen. The second group of reinforcements for the month arrived and were sent up to Coys.	A
	12 Jun 53		Showers parades for "A" and "C" Coys in the afternoon. The evening was quiet on the immediate front. The R 22e R on the right kept the night bright with flares. On the left toward the "HOOK" there was also activity, both flares and small arms. The Patricia theatre is back in operation at "A" Echelon.	4
	13 Jun 53		"D" Coy was fired at a few times with small arms from "HOPE". Patrols reports all NTR. For the first time a dog was used on a "D" Coy patrol. Nothing seen or heard by the patrol, nothing indicated by the dog.	A
	14 Jun 53		The paymaster did his rounds to-day. He was accompanied by Capt V SIMPSON assistant field cashier. They paid "B" Coy and mortars in the afternoon and "C" Coy by night. This business of paying by candle and flashlight in forward platoon areas to the sound of incoming mortar rounds is a regular bi-monthly occurrence for Lt HANTON. It is not so regular for staff from the field cash. office. One man was killed and one wounded in "C" Coy. In "D" Coy one man accidentally shot in the hip.	A

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///	15 Jun 53		Maj BRUCE SOS to X-8 or as it is said in KOREA "He Canada go". He is being helped on his way as far as KURE by Maj McNEILL who is on a buying trip. A twenty man draft arrived to-day and was sent up to the Coys. Once more a patrol dog was used. The patrol with the dog was the only one that had no reports of enemy movement. "C" Coy reported enemy movement on "CHURCHILL". The area was sprayed by the Artillery. The movement ceased.	A
	16 Jun 53		The day was quiet but the night was entertaining. The chinese provided the entertainment. For ammunition they used words. For supporting fire, music. A lovely woman's voice persisted in telling everybody that they couldn't go to bed but that wives and sweethearts could. Between verbal barrages there was a harrassing fire consisting of "Dardenella" by Benny Fields. The troops are rooting for more music and fewer commercials.	A
	17 Jun 53		"C" Coy and more specifically 8 Pl received a fair number of enemy HE rounds. There was more verbal entertainment from the chinese. Mostly verbal and all in Korean. They are still urging the KATCOMS to change sides. A heavy fog lasting an hour held up work parties during the night.	H
	18 Jun 53		The Bde patrol policy has been changed. Patrolling is quite restricted now consisting only of small groups of outposts. Very few sightings have been made and all at long range. No contacts at all have been reported. There have been reports of small arms fire behind several enemy held features and a few lights but nothing more.	H

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///	19 Jun 53		"B" Coy reported seeing lights of thirty four vehicles. Patrols saw nothing. (8) Eight platoon received a bit of shelling and "D" Coy bothered by a new sniper. The sniper is a bother because he misses closer than any other to date. The chinese propaganda churned out again (sweet feminine voice in English). The main bit of advice was "Duck, we are going to shell your hill". This was followed by "Gee Ma I wanna go back to Ontario". I guess they don't know that this western Bn was recruited from Nova Scotia.	4
	20 Jun 53		"C" Coy received a normal daily ration of incoming rounds. The Bn as a whole received a smaller dose of chinese verbal cheer. Visibility was nil and all patrols reported NTR. The moon is missing for the next ten days. Artificial moonlight is being used, however because of the heavy overcast and the water content of the air it is not very effective.	16



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///	21 JUN 53		No enemy propaganda broadcasts were heard. A few flares were sent up but none very close. Two new bunkers were seen and new digging on 'PATIENCE'. The tanks of Ld SH were employed in shooting up the bunkers.	
	22 JUN 53		An American propaganda unit set up on 187. They are starting off with script N01070, CCF for the use of. The angry men retaliated with "My old Kentucky Home".	
	23 JUN 53		Our propaganda used once more with the same results as the previous day. As an added attraction there was a message that the unit would be attacked on the 26th. Mother nature also took a hand and released a generous amount of rain.	
	24 JUN 53		The friendly moon is now re-appearing. One friendly standing patrol had a quick brush with the enemy. L/Cpl MICHAUD saw some-one approach. He challenged and got a burp gun burst in reply. When the action terminated two chinamen had died and L/Cpl MICHAUD was our only casualty. There were no other contacts.	
	25 JUN 53		The Americans are still pumping out propaganda. The Chinese are also pumping out propaganda. In addition to the war of words the chinese are pumping out an explosive hate campaign. (Ref..) A standing patrol had a brush with the enemy. We had no casualty the enemy suffered one killed.	(Bn Op log d/25 June Serial 37)
	26 JUN 53		Maj MacNEILL arrived back from an institute shopping trip to JAPAN with the news that he had purchased a large stock of merchandise for the canteen and presents for the unit in memory of our year in this country. 2/Lt GRAHAM returned from an absence of 4 months at Bde as an LO. He is posted to 'A' Coy.	

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///	27 JUN 53		Several sightings were made. 2/Lt SNIDER led out a section to try and catch one group who were reported between 'D' and 'C' Coys. No contact. There were a large number of flares close to the Bn front, both ours and theirs. A large amount of firing (Burp guns) and grenade explosions were heard from the direction of the enemy.	H
	28 JUN 53		The medical officer has been well occupied for the last week, has been building a structure that closely resembles a bank vault which is to be used as an RAP. The old one has been in existence for a long time and is very small.	H
	29 JUN 53		Maj MacNEILL, Capt BASHAM and RSM LEE have been busy whipping into shape an honour guard, for the Canada day festivities. Capt CROOK and CSM LUDKE have taken charge of training the entrants for the sports events on that day. Patrol activity was uneventful. There were no contacts.	H
	30 JUN 53		Maj HART has departed from 'D' Coy for HARA MURA. 'D' Coy is again commanded by Capt K C CROOK. During the month Lt J B WOODWARD and 2/Lt R G GRAHAM both returned to the unit. Maj R BRUCE left on rotation. Operation 'CAVALIER' took place at first light. This consisted of all available tanks firing all known targets at first light. Some retaliating fire was sent back of the tanks in 'B' Coy area. Early in the evening an intercept indicated that the chinese were sending out wire cutting parties to certain positions. They did. Sgt CARLSON with ten men ambushed one party and inflicted several casualties on them. Our own casualties were 1 KIA and 3 WIA.	H

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# MAR DIARY APPENDICES

	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>DUPLICATE</u>
1. BRIGADE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY	X	X ✓
2. PART II ORDERS (less sum. for 1,3767 sum) 5370 59 of 504UN53		X ✓
3. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS	X	X ✓
4. BN. OPERATIONS LOG	X	0
5. STRENGTH AND RATION RETURNS (incomplete)	X	X ✓
6. PART I ORDERS 34270 378 of 294UN53	X	X ✓
7. C COY OPERATIONS LOG	X	0
8. DIVISIONAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY X		0
9. PATROL TASK TABLES (incomplete) X		X ✓
10. BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (less sum. for 1-6 sum)	X	X ✓
11. MAPS OF AREAS	X	0
12. PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS	X	0
13. SPORTS	X	X ✓
14. CORONATION DAY PROGRAMME	X	X ✓
15. KOREANS, Thangst out.	X	X ✓
16. PATROL TIPS	X	X ✓
17. OPERATION RECOIL	X	X ✓
18. VISITORS	X	0 ✓
19. POWERS OF PUNISHMENT	X	X ✓
20. ORDER OF BATTLE	X	0
21. RCASC WEEK	X	0
22. SECURITY IN UNIT	X	X ✓
23. NOTES ON FIRE TRENCHES	X	X ✓
24. CLIMATOLOGICAL STUDY	X	X ✓