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LOCATION	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REFERENCE TO APPENDIX AND OFFICER'S INITIALS
MAJON NI SE MR 193107	1 Jul 52		<p>The day started with all the Junior Officers of the Brigade, at Brigade Headquarters for the purpose of hearing a lecture by the Brigade Commander. Brigadier Bogert opened his remarks by stressing the need of leadership by the Junior Officers, especially the Platoon Commander. He emphasized how each by his actions must set an example for his troops. In the second part of his address, he discussed the problem of venereal diseases, and the actions that the Junior Leader could take to curb the outbreak of venereal disease.</p> <p>Many of the officers renewed old acquaintances with friends from the other Units who were at the meeting, and being Dominion Day some gay parties ensued.</p> <p>In the afternoon a Brigade Sports Day was held. Although the meet was not too well organized, all ranks had a good deal of entertainment. The games were watched by Major General Cassels, Divisional Commander, Brigadier Bogert,</p>	

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MAJON NI SE MR 193107	1 Jul 52		<p>the Brigade Commander, and the Commanding Officers of the RCR, PPCLI, R22eR, and the RCHA. The RCR beat us at baseball, 12 to 7, in a five inning game; the unit is aching for revenge.</p> <p>In the evening there was a Buffet Supper at Main Officers Mess for most of our own Officers, and later in the evening Lt Col Cameron held a Company Commander's conference. He discussed the training policy while in reserve, and other points he had received at the Brigadier's conference this morning (Appx 10).</p> <p>One company is at stand to each day while the battalion is in reserve. The weather was warm and the mud resulting from the last two days rain is vanishing.</p>	
	2 Jul 52		<p>Today the battalion continued settling in, cleaning up bunkers, getting training courses organized, arranging swim parades, etc.</p>	

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MAJON WI SE MR 193107	2 Jul 52		Early hours are to start on 3 Jul 52, with reveille at 0430 hours, the work day ending at noon, but provision being made for training between 1900 and 2100 hours. The early afternoon is to be devoted to enforced rest and the late afternoon to organized recreation. Most were in bed early in anticipation of the early awaking. The weather continued dry.	
	3 Jul 52		Work continued on the battalion areas, all companies being sighted in WYOMING LINE positions with the exception of Main Headquarters which cannot move into the selected area for it until the Black Watch move into their new positions after finishing their training. The weather continued warm.	RLW
	4 Jul 52		Companies were going over their administration, and rekitting their men. Preparations are being made for church parade this coming Sunday. Weather, as usual,	RLW

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MAJON NI SE	4 Jul 52		warm and the roads getting dusty.	POO
NR 193107	5 Jul 52		Instructors were giving the final touches to their lectures for the forthcoming training periods. The dentist is having a great deal of work now, as the unit is in reserve, and dentistry of a non urgent nature can now be done. Lt Ostiguy, the assistant adjutant, took over as acting intelligence officer, while Lt Howard went to Seoul for a month to take a course on air photographs and their interpretation. The weather is getting very warm.	POO
	6 Jul 52		Today we held the first full battalion parade since leaving Canada. Troops marched from the companies, with the exception of D company and B echelon who came by truck, to the sports field at NR 173107. The battalion was formed in hollow square and was joined by the band. Seperate parades of RC and Protestants personnel were then formed. Lt Col Cameron took the Protestant parade over from the Adjutant	POO

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MAJOR NI SE MR 193107	6 Jul 52		<p>Capt Berger, and then turned it over to Capt Dobson, the Padre (P). Capt McGregor, the RC Padre, conducted the Services for the RC personnel. The sermon given by Capt Dobson had a military flavour being based on the principles of attack. Following the services the Protestant and Roman Catholic parades reformed in hollow square, the Commanding Officer moved to the saluting base, the second in command, Major Dymond, led the march past while the band, under Drum Major Mackie, played. The troops marched well but it was quite evident to all that there is still great room for improvement in dress. Puttees, cap badges, and caps field summer being the major requirements. The men returned to their company areas and were given the rest of the day to themselves for swim parades and interior economy. The weather was warm and cloudy.</p>	

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MAJON NI SE 167118	9 Jul 52		Training proceeded as laid down. The Commanding Officer held a conference on OPERATION FLEET FOOT, and officers were detailed to make reconnaissances.(appx 19). The temperature is increasing daily.	
	10 Jul 52		The reconnaissances ordered by the Commanding Officer were done this morning, the officers going to the Black Watch positions and Point 355 to check counter attack routes. The Signals officer and the intelligence officer reconed the site and made plans for setting up the tactical headquarters for OPERATION FLEET FOOT at MR 157117. This site could view the whole area of Point 227. The weather was clear and warm with some scattered clouds.	
	11 Jul 52		Training continues, as well as detailed reconnaissances for OPERATION FLEET FOOT. The men seemed to enjoy the early hours as the heat in the afternoon is hard to bear, 100	

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MAJON NI SE MR 167118	11 Jul 52		and they have the opportunity to swim in the Imjin River in the late afternoon. The weather was again very warm with low hanging clouds.	
	12 Jul 52		Training continued and preparations were made for another church parade tomorrow. "A" company had a small firefight at Teal bridge with enemy guerrillas. (appx 31). The heat was intense again today.	Rao
	13 Jul 52		Another church parade by the battalion was held today. The Commanding Officer attended RC services. Padre Dobson's sermon was combined with some thoughts of our physical health, as he likened the salt pills that we use to the fact that we are the salt of the earth. Services were interrupted somewhat by a helicopter on its way to the Indian Field Ambulance MR 182110, the helicopter flying low over the parade. The march	200 200

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MAJOR NI SE NR 167118	13 Jul 52		past after services was much smarter today showing the effect of the past week's training, and the dress was much improved. The band was most impressive with its highly polished instruments, and smart appearance. The weather continued very warm today.	Luo
	14 Jul 52		Training proceeded according to the syllabus. The Anti-tank platoon, 75mm recoilless sections, with the platoons at Teal and Pintail bridges are getting some good practice shooting at targets floated down the river Imjin. Extremely hot, temperature near 100 all day.	Luo
	15 Jul 52		Training as usual. Plans were made by the Officers' Mess to entertain officers of the division at a buffet luncheon on the 26 Jul 52. Extremely hot again today.	Luo
	16 Jul 52		Nothing unusual to report, training as usual. The weather continues to be very hot.	Luo

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MAJON NI SE MR 167118	17 Jul 52		Training continued. Our reserve area has taken on a much improved appearance. The bearing and deportment of the men has reached a high standard. Continuing warm, slightly overcast.	Kaw
	18 Jul 52		Training is progressing. The behaviour of the troops is continuing good. Every effort has been made to keep temptation away from them, Movies, sports, and other entertainment has been provided, this effort has paid off in its results. The inter-company baseball games have been followed with great interest. All games are played in the evenings. Weather continuing warm.	
	19 Jul 52		Training continues. Preparations for the third church parade were made today. B company took over the commitment from A company on the Teal and Pintail bridge today. The weather is still extremely warm.	

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MAJON HI SE MR 167118	20 Jul 52		Brigadier Bogert, the Brigade Commander, was present for the church parade, following the church parade the battalion marched past, the Brigadier taking the salute. After, the Brigadier visited the Officers' Mess for tea in order that he might meet and speak with the officers of the battalion. This was the first opportunity that he has had to see most of the PPCLI officers together. The weather continues warm and sultry.	
	21 Jul 52		Training continued as per syllabus. Although most of the battalion enjoy working only in the morning, with occasional night exercises, the A & Q staff have found to their sorrow that the early morning reveille has simply increased the working hours of the day for them. The days are continuing to be hot and humid.	
	22 Jul 52		Plans are beginning to take shape for the battalion to spend the first week of August on LINE KANSAS.	

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MAJON NI SE MR 167118	22 Jul 52		The arrangements for the Officers' Mess party are coming along , with the Koreans building a straw "Basha" behind the Officers' Mess tent for their many guests of the 26th., as well as a band stand for the R22eR band who will play for us that day. An icehouse is under construction in the side of the hill behind the bar, a new bar has been constructed some fourteen feet long, along with a great number of benches and chairs by the trade section of the Pioneer Platoon. Weather continuing warm.		
	23 Jul 52		Training as usual, arrangements for the party continued, with BRASCO, Capt Roy Minter, promising additional rations for the party, while our Cook sergeant, Cpl Joyce, has made several trips to Seoul to obtain fresh vegetables and ice. This evening the R22eR band played for the men at the Hillside Theatre, that was constructed by S/Sgt Atkin and his Koreans. Continued hot.		

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MAJON HI SE NR 167118	24 Jul 52		Training continued. Weather still very hot and humid.	RW
	25 Jul 52		Training is progressing well. Last minute arrangements for the party were made. A marquee tent, seventy-five feet long, was erected. The pioneers levelled a large parking lot, and a landing zone for the Corp Commander's helicopter. Continuing hot and humid.	RW
	26 Jul 52		Training continued for all officers and men. There were scattered showers in the morning, which was disappointing as we had hoped for a nice day. The guests began to arrive at noon sharp. (see appendices 16, 20, and 33), and the party got into full swing. All told there were some two hundred and sixty-five guests in attendance, these included the Corp Commander, the Divisional Commander, the Brigade Commanders, and other high ranking officers in the division. Black Velvet, a concoction of Champagne and Guinness Stout,	RW

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MAJON WI SE MR 167118	26 Jul 52		<p>was served. It was found that the consumption was so rapid that instead of having it made up in pitchers, we were forced to resort to using five gallon jerry cans in lieu of the pitchers. The luncheon was most elaborate, consisting of turkey, chicken, ham, roasts, and many delicacies, credit for which was due to Cpl Joyce and his cooks. Though most of the guests left by four, some lingered on until somewhat later. All in all, the party was considered a great success. The day was warm with scattered showers.</p>	RAY
	27 July 52	0900	<p>The Commanding Officer held a conference of all officers for the purpose of detailing preliminary arrangements for the move too LINE KANSAS and the subsequent move from LINE KANSAS to relieve the Royal Norfolk Regiment in the line.</p>	
		1430	<p>The Commanding Officer attended the Passing Out Parade at the NCO school. Rain fell heavily during the night and</p>	

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MAJON NI SE MR 167118	27 Jul 52		early morning, flooding the road in many places, and causing the level of the rivers to rise.	COO
	28 Jul 52		The training is being wound up now, and preparations for the move to LINE KANSAS are in full swing.	
		0900	The Commanding Officer commenced his reconnaissances of the Norfolk positions with his company commanders and support company platoon commanders.	
		1400	Lt Col Cameron received his briefing from the Brigadier for EXERCISE CROSSTALK, which is a a brigade wireless exercise.	
			Rain continued intermittently.	COO
	29 Jul 52		The Commanding Officer and officers continued the reconnaisances of the Royal Norfolk positions. Scattered showers continued today.	COO

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MAJON NI SE MR 167118	30 Jul 52	1630	The second in command, Major S L Dymond, held a co-ordinating conference for the move of the battalion to LINE KANSAS. The rain stopped and it is warm again.	JWD
	31 Jul 52		Preparations completed for the move to LINE KANSAS. Companies shook down their kits, turned in all unnecessary stores, drew additional picks and shovels, and got ready for an early move out. The weather was warm and sultry.	

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<u>APPENDIX NO.</u>			<u>LIST OF APPENDICES</u>	<u>L 2</u>
1.			Unit weekly strength returns	x
2.			Unit Part I Orders 210 TO 258 d/3040/52	x x
3.			Unit Part II Orders 64 TO 71 d/3140/52	x x ✓
4.			25 CIB JR NCO Course #11	x x ✓
5.			Operation Stand To	x x ✓
6.			1 PPCLI Sketches for map markings	x x ✓
7.			Report on Operation Blaze 1 PAR	x
8.			Training programme 1 PPCLI	x x ✓
9.			CCF Tank Inf Tactics	x x ✓
10.			HQ 25 CIB Agenda for Brigadier's Conference 1-12-28 Jul 52	x
11.			Unit Sports 1 PPCLI	x x —
12.			1 Comwel Div Engr Ex Make Up	x
13.			Letter of appreciation	x x ✓
14.			Training areas, classification and field firing	x x ✓
15.			1 Comwel Div Intep	x
16.			Invitation buffet luncheon 26 Jul 52	x
17.			1 PPCLI Officer's Mess	x x —
18.			1 Comwel Div Periodic Ops report	x
19.			HQ 25 CIB report on enemy activity	x
20.			1 PPCLI Operation Fleetfoot	x x ✓
21.			1 PPCLI Int Summary	x x —
			1 Comwel Div Officers, Invited to PPCLI PARTY 26 Jul 52	x

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22			1 PPCLI Operation Buckingham	x	x
23			A study of enemy "four-team-in-one" tactics	x	x
24			25 CIB Operation instruction #39	x	
25			RA 1 Comwel Div periodical CB summary #13	x	
26			Movement of units - 25 CIB	x	
27			1 Comwel Div rest centre allotments to units	x	x ✓
28			Letter of thanks-for 60mm mortars browning's machine guns	x	
29			Flame demonstrations	x	
30			Reserve gun areas	x	
31			Shooting incident-teal bridge	x	
32			Message form	x	
33			Acknowledgements-invitations, buffet luncheon, 26 Jul, officer's mess	x	
34			Block training syllabus	x	x
35			Poem-barbed wire blues	x	x
36			A coy request for Ranges	x	
37			AMMO - 25 CIB restrictions	x	
38			Maps MAJON NI, NE, SE, NW, SW.	x	x ✓