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LOCATION	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REFERENCE TO APPENDICIES AND OFFICER'S INITIALS
CT 196147	1 AUG	53	The Unit has moved completely behind the demilitarization line and have worked for two days at settling into a staging area. Bde are going to approve the new location before work commences.	ADM
CT 196147	2 AUG	53	Bde have approved the new Bn layout and Coy Cmdrs recces are in progress. It will be necessary for large work parties to continue working on 355 as well as preparing the new area.	ADM
CT 196147	3 AUG	53	'B' Echelon has now moved to the new Bn area and 'A' Echelon moved to-day. The rifle Coys advance parties are at work preparing for the arrival of their Coys. Voting for the Canadian Federal election commenced in the Far East to-day. Polling places have been opened in 'C' Coy and 'B' Coy areas.	ADM
CT 196147	4 AUG	53	This Unit is responsible for two road blocks, two "OP's" and one regulating centre. These have been constructed and are in full operation.	ADM
CT 196147	5 AUG	53	The new living area for the Unit has been lived in constantly for the last two years. The result is large areas of "foul" ground. The Medical Officer will be kept busy, supervising the sump pits and latrine locations	ADM
CT 196147	6 AUG	53	25 CIB is to be used as the screening force in case the chinese decide that the truce no longer applies. The Unit has been briefed on the task in case of attack. Voting continues but very slowly.	ADM
CT 196147	7 AUG	53	R&R is to be resumed after a stoppage of two months duration. There will be over fifty vacancies allotted to PATRICIA'S this month. At the rate of fifty per month it will not be possible to get everyone TOS - FE prior to 1 JAN 53 on one leave before the Unit returns to Canada.	ADM

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CT 196147	9 AUG 53		The Coys are moving to the new area in stages 'D' & 'A' Coys will be the last to arrive complete. Bde headquarters are drawing very heavily on our man power for jobs such as construction of new Bde Headquarters, wiring and moving of the BCO dump and welfare section.	ADm
CT 196147	10 AUG 53		All units are being given quonset huts in limited numbers. The first ones will be used for messes QM and Coy stores, kitchens and canteen. The lat er ones will be used for quarters and offices.	ADm
CT 196147	11 AUG 53		Bulldozers have been ordered from Bde to level the Coy areas. Headquarters Coy and the Sgts Mess area have been plagued by springs which keep the areas perpetually damp. Extensive ditching will have to be done in order to maintain dry sleeping quarters and offices.	ADm
CT 196147	12 AUG 53		'C' Coy advance party have arranged with a drag line operator to dig out a section of the creek which flows past the Bn area. The result is a very pleasant swimming hole. Baker and Charlie Coys moved completely to the new area to-day.	ADm
CT 196147 and CT 189119	13 AUG 53		Able and Dog Coys moved to the new area to-day. The Unit is complete except for Support Coy which is to move tomorrow.	ADm
CT 189119	14 AUG 53		Each Coy has a daily commitment of one Pl to work on pulling out the defences of 355. There are a tremendous amount of defence stores which must be clear of the feature by 13 Sep 53. The Bn has a daily order for six RCASC vehicles to keep up with local work party movements. Sp Coy has arrived in the area. The Unit is now all together for the first time since the sixth of MAY.	ADm

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CT 189119	15 AUG	53	The Intelligence officer is planning courses for the people in the 'I' Office and sniper section. Bde have issued training instructions for the next six weeks. These instructions cover the type of training and warn of excercises to come. The emphasis is on withdrawal which follows in line with the Bde Operational committment.	ADm
CT 189119	16 AUG	53	Capt C CARNAHAN has been posted to X-5 and is to be employed at EBISU in TOKYO for a short length of time before returning home. The replacement MO is Capt F STOJAN from FDS.	ADm
CT 189119	17 AUG	53	The Unit is operating on warm weather hours. This allows the complete afternoon off for sports. The LIDO on the IMJIN-GANG has become a favourite spot for bathing. The greatest troubles with the sport of swimming in KOREA is the large number of ear infections which result.	ADm
CT 189119	18 AUG	53	The new Coy areas have shown daily improvement. White and Red paint have made their appearance. The Unit has had limited use of Engineer bulldozers for leveling ground in office, sleeping and kitchen areas.	ADm
CT 189119	19 AUG	53	The officers lines have taken shape and present an array of 160 lb tents stretched out in straight lines. Officer work parties started the base of a quonset hut for the officers mess. This quonset is in fact one and a half huts.	ADm
CT 189119	20 AUG	53	The Pioneer Sgt has been appointed works foreman and has the task of supervising construction of quonset huts. Huts are being erected in all Coy areas, the officers and Sgts lines and at the regulating centre.	ADm
CT 189119	21 AUG	53	Division and Bde have launched sports programmes of very ambitious size. Lt FORBES has the job of organizing Bn volleyball and softball teams, training personnel for track events and supervising all inter Company competitions. The most surprising event is a yachting regatta to be held near KURE this fall for which the Bn is entering two crews.	ADm

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CT 189119	22 AUG	53	The Unit intelligence officer has been absent for several days. He in company with other VIO's is engaged in interrogating returned prisoners of war.	ADm
CT 189119	23 AUG	53	Pte BROOK who has been listed missing believed POW was returned to "FREEDOM" village to-day by the chinese army. BROOKS was the only member of 3 PPCLI unaccounted for.	ADm
CT 189119	24 AUG	53	Coy smokers have been a pleasant success in the Unit through the past week. Pronto arranged the use of a PA System and Bn talent was pooled. The bilingual Sweet Caps concert party played a one day stand at KIWI PARK. This is but the first (it is hoped) of a constant succession of such shows.	ADm
CT 189119	25 AUG	53	Capt SUTHERLAND who but recently arrived has been posted to HQ 1 COMWEL Div and Capt MEEK who left the Unit in February has returned. He will succeed Major WILSON as CC HQ Coy.	ADm
CT 189119	26 AUG	53	The Paymaster is now established in his own office and is looking forward to completing a Bn Pay parade in two days instead of the five needed when the unit was committed and consequently dispersed.	ADm
CT 189119	27 AUG	53	Maj C E C MacNEILL has proceeded to JAPAN on a three fold trip. Hospital visiting officer, welfare purchasing agent and R & P Leave. He is not expected back for two weeks.	ADm

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CT 189119	28 AUG 53		The Bn has in its employ two Koreans called JOE whose sole job is to keep the Bn clean. To this end they have six forty-five gallon drums and endless feet of pipe. With the aid of shovels, sand, gravel and fifteen bags of cement they have twice erected a shower unit which is superior to any other in the area.	ADM
CT 189119	29 AUG 53		Maj WILSON and Capt CAMPBELL who stayed over from the first Bn have been sent on their way to Canada. Lt BARNETT has temporarily assumed command of Support Coy, pending the return of Capt P G ROGERS from Bde.	ADM
CT 189119	30 AUG 53		There has been no rain now for a week. The much heralded rainy season has been hovering in the offing for two months but there have been but two brief spells of rainfall.	ADM
CT 189119	31 AUG 53		The Bn Sgts Mess held its grand opening in the newly completed quonset hut. The function was attended by Maj General West GOC 1 COMWEL Div, Brig J V ALLARD Commander 25 CIB and members of other units. The GOC expressed great pleasure over the proceedings.	ADM

M F MacLachlan
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Commanding 3 Bn PPCLI

WAR DIARY APPENDICIES

<u>APPX NO</u>		<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>DUPLICATE</u>
I	Strength returns	X	-
II	Part 1 Orders <i>407-TO 418 d/31 Aug 53</i>		X
III	Part 2 Orders <i>63 TO 81 d/31 Aug 53</i>		X
IV	Div Int Summary	X	-
V	Offrs Study Programme	X	X
VI	3 PPCLI Training Instruction	X	X
VII	News clippings	X	-
VIII	Instructions for Officers	X	X
IX	CO's Conference 22 Aug 53	X	X
X	3 PPCLI OP Instruction #12, 13 and 14	X	X
XI	News letter JULY	-	X
XII	Maps of area	X	-
XIII	Operation "LOG"	X	-