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IN THE FIELD KOREA MAJON-NI MR-158162	1 May 52		<p>Today was the official turnover of the Battalion's Command from LT COL N G WILSON-SMITH to LT COL J R CAMERON. A Guard of Honour of the soldiers at Main Headquarters was drawn up at Main. A presentation of the Old Battalion Pennant was made to LT COL WILSON-SMITH, it had flown at Main since the First arrived in Korea. The Drums were present and played while the Old Pennant was lowered and the new one was raised. Then the General Salute was played.</p> <p>LT COL WILSON-SMITH then broke the parade off, and personally went around to all the troops and shook hands with them all, wishing them good luck in the future.</p> <p>There was no contact with the enemy during this day.</p>	
	2 May 52		<p>The MMGs lost a man tonight, Pte Canning, he became seriously ill at the stomach, and died enroute to the Regimental Aid Post.</p>	

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1 - 2 May 52											The day was sunny and with temperatures reaching 70s. The night was clear with a quarter moon.

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	2 May 52		<p>During the night "A" Company reported sounds of heavy vehicles moving in behind Point 166, this was engaged by Medium Artillery.</p> <p>Today was again another quiet day. There was no contact with the enemy.</p> <p>Operation Avalanche continued today and with the Artillery firing all day and most of the night on harrasing and observed targets.</p> <p>The enemy was not active on our front. <u>A</u> Company was the only Company to have mortar-reps and the MMG platoon reported one siting of a gun firing from MR 121191.</p>	
	3 May 52		<p>There was no contact with the enemy again today, although the enemy activity seems to have stepped up.</p>	
		1945	<p>Two hundred and fifty enemy were sighted in the are behind Points 166 and 156.</p>	
		2100	<p>Enemy fired MGs at friendly aircraft on our front, with no effect.</p>	

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2-3 May 52	158162										Sunny and warm during the day, the evening and night being clear and cool.

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	3 May 52	2145	B Company received four mortar bombs, there were no casualties. The mortar was spotted firing from MR 131173 and our own Artillery engaged the target.	
		2358	A Company reported enemy flares on a bearing of 305 degrees from MR 159139.	
	4 May 52		D Company reported a Korean Service Corp killed in one of our own mine fields at MR 14951645. Captain Dudley took quick action, ordered all personnel away from the mine field. The Pioneers went in and brought the body out. He died before first aid treatment could be completed. One of the Pioneers was slightly wounded during the procedure when another mine exploded nearby. The cause of the second explosion is obscure. The National Film Board who had two representatives there at the time recorded the whole incident on film. The front was jumpy today. The enemy fired 500 rounds of Artillery at Point 355 and right. This fire was Counter	

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8-4 May 52	158162										The day was the hottest of the year thus far.

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	4 May	52	Battery fire at the 14th Field Regiment Royal Artillery. The Commanding Officer, Lt Col Cameron, the 2 I/C Major Dymond, the Company Commanders and other Officers attended the graduation ceremonies at the Brigade NCO School of 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade at UI JON, BU. Brigadier MacDonald 29th Brigade presented the diplomas to the graduates.	
		1930	A Company reported that rockets were being fired by the enemy at the Tanks of the LDSH(RC) on our B Company position. There were no casualties nor direct hits, the tanks engaged and silenced the target.	
		1950	Five mortar bombs landed on A Company with no damage, and Artillery engaged the target.	
		2000	Activity quieted down.	
		2205	An aircraft flew over our lines and without warning fired rockets and machine guns on Hill 156.	

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4-5 May 52	158162										The day was warm and dusty, the evening cool with a half moon

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	4 May 52		A and B Companies received quite a shock, as air strikes at night are unusual in our sector. It was later identified as a friendly aircraft.	PND
	5 May 52	1415	Although the day was quiet, and no contact with the enemy was made there was an air strike on our front in which one of our friendly aircraft was lost behind Hill 156. Later on another friendly aircraft was lost in the same area. Apparently the second aircraft to be lost was looking for the AA Gun that was responsible for knocking down the first aircraft. Towards evening the sky was alive with planes of all types. There were Helicopters, Harvards, AOPs and Corsairs all circling around hill 156. There was nothing else to report in the early part of the evening and our defences carried out normal routine watchfulness.	

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5-6 May 52	158162										Weather was warm,dusty and humid. Evening cool with a full moon.
6-7 May 52	158162										Continued hot and humid,but cooled off in the evening.
7-8 May 52	158162										Day was warm and sunny, Evening was close.Full moon.

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	6 May 52		<p>Suspected movement between the Mortar Platoon and Battalion Headquarters was reported and a small patrol was despatched, but found nothing to report.</p> <p>During the day the Commanding Officer made a detailed recon of the Wyoming Line paying particular attention to D and B Companies positions. The Intelligence Office caved in and though no one was hurt, the mess was considerable.</p>	
	7 May 52		<p>A very quiet day and night, no shelling and mortaring on our positions. The Commanding Officer continued his recon of the Wyoming Line paying particular attention to Battalion Headquarters, Pioneers and the MMG Platoon positions.</p>	
	8 May 52	0100	<p>Flares were sighted by A Company, bearing 305 degrees from MR 138158. Today was another quiet day, there were no shells or mortar bombs in our positions, and though the lull seemed</p>	

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	8 May 52		to create an air of expectancy, nothing occurred. The night quiet.	
			Brigadier Connelly visited the Battalion, inspected our positions, and then had lunch at the Officer's Mess at Main Headquarters.	
		1430	The Commanding Officer, Lt Col J R Cameron visited the Wyoming Line to see how the work was progressing. There was no contact with the enemy today. Our front was again very quiet. There was nothing eventful to report except that NEWMARKET WHITE reported two enemy patrols of ten men each moving SOUTH. However nothing developed from this report.	
	9 May 52	0100	A Company reported seeing flares at a bearing of 305 degrees from MR 138158. There was no contact with the enemy again today and our front was fairly quiet.	
		1400	Major General Cassels, Division Commander, and his Staff visited the Battalion area and stayed twenty minutes.	

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8-9 May 52	158162										The day very hot and dry. Night clear and cool with bright moon light.
9-10 May 52	158162										Misty during the day, cloudy and cool during the night.

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	9 May 52	1410	Brigade reported three Self-Propelled guns behind Point 156 at MR 125172, 125173, 125175. There was an air strike put in on these weapons at 2000 hrs with unknown results.	
		1500	Brigadier Bogart, ^{Br} Commander visited Lt Col Cameron for a short conference. The Brigade on our right received 1500 shells today, not a prelude to an attack but counter bombardment. There was no reported casualties.	<i>Red</i>
	10 May 52		This has been a very quiet day on our front. There were no enemy mortar bombs, or shells to land in our area and all in all it could have been called most peaceful, except for the whine of outgoing Artillery shells, and the crack of the tanks 76s as they fired occasionally at Points 156 and 166.	<i>Red</i>
	11 May 52		Although there was no contact with the enemy our area did receive a few mortar bombs. During daylight hours six bombs (mortar) landed between A and B Companies positions.	

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10-11 May 52	158162										Hot and sultry during the day. Evening cool and quiet
11-12 May 52	158162										Day was again hot and dry. Evening clear and cool.

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	11 May	52 2100	One platoon A Company received six mortar bombs on their position but no casualties reported. During the night the RCR reported that an SP was firing at our lines but this report was not confirmed. The night was quiet, a few flares were seen in a distance and that was all.	
	12 May	52	In the early hours of the morning just after the first light, two of our snipers were wounded by mortar fragments. They were at their layup positions at MR 137167 when wounded, and walked into B Company position. The two snipers were SL 726 L/Cpl Beiswanger L and SH 62217 Pte Wheeler J.E. Pte Wheeler's father who is in the Trades Section of the Battalion visited his son at Norwegian MASH. The wounds were not serious. The enemy kept to themselves again today, but our right forward company B Company was shelled in the late morning. Captain Harper moved one of the 81mm mortars to a base plate	

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	12 May	52	position directly in rear of B Company position to shoot on Point 156 and to the rear of it with heavy delayed bombs. Major Cross, the Battle 2 I/C took the morning off from his normal duties at the Command Post to direct the shoot of this mortar from an Air Observation Plane. Between Captain Harper, Major Cross and Captain Harris the Signal Officer who was directing wireless traffic between air and ground, very effective fire was laid down on enemy positions resulting with two secondary explosions, (see appendix 43). The enemy retaliated after the Air Observation Plane left with mortar fire on B Company as a result four men were wounded. The wounded were: SK 14518 Cpl Rutter, R.J.E.; moderate; A 800231 Pte Madden, R. light; SK 14997 Cpl Redding, R.G. minor; and BM 6999 Cpl Kisko, N, moderate. It is amusing to note that the Paymaster Lt Theiss was again caught up front under fire. It seems that wherever he	

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12-13 May 52	158162										Hot and day dusty. Evening cool and clear.

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	12 May	52	goes there seems to be some mortaring. The afternoon and evening were quiet as usual.	RW
	13 May	52	No contact has become the rule rather than the exception, it was the same today. Brigadier Bogart visited the Battalion. He inspected Battalion Headquarters and then presented certificates of qualification to the graduating class of Medical Assistants, who received their instructions from the Medical Officer, Capt K. Shryer and Sgt Elliot. Later in the morning the Brigadier accompanied by the Commanding Officer paid a visit to B Company position, then returned to Main Headquarters for lunch at the Officer's Mess. After lunch the same party went to inspect the positions of C Company and the MMGs. Daylight hours were quiet with only one shell landing near C Company. The night was also quiet. A lone mortar bomb landed on Three Platoon A Company with no damage., and several flares	

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13-14 May 52	158162										Hot during the day. Evening cool. Moon came up at 2200 hrs.
14-15 May 52	158162										Day was hot and sultry : night was cool and clear

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	13 May 52		behind Points 156 and 166.	110
	14 May 52	1000- to 1200	There was no contact with the enemy again today. A large air strike was put in on our front today. The strike consisted of 24 aircraft and feature 156 was pounded, strafed, and burnt for two solid hours. The night as usual was cool and clear and especially quiet. The relief of A Company by C Company began tonight. A platoon of C Company from JANSLAND changed with a platoon of A Company.	111
	15 May 52		A very quiet day again. It appears that the enemy is content to leave alone if left alone. Two rocket launcher bombs were fired at tanks at B Company but no damage was done. "B" Echelon moved for the first time since the First Battalion PPCLI took over the area from the Second Battalion PPCLI, it seemed rather a shame as so much time and work had been put	112

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	15 May	52	<p>into the area, but for the sake of efficiency and tactical reasons it was moved along with the other units B Echelons to the TEAL Main Supply Road behind KAMECSAN where they were brigaded under the command of Major Williams, 1 BN PPCLI.</p> <p>Communications due to the distance from Brigade Headquarters a single telephone switchboard was set up at 1 BN PPCLI B Echelon, to service the brigade B Echelons.</p> <p>Canteen in the new area added to its services free laundry and free shoe shining which was greatly appreciated by all in the Battalion along with the already established tailoring barbering. These services are supplied by the canteen which uses Korean Labour and pays for it by the sale of empty beer bottles in Seoul.</p> <p>Cpl Thurn of the band is operating "Blackie's LOB Beer Garden" which is a great success. Operating from 1800 hrs to 2100 hrs it is nicely fixed up with chairs and tables and sounds</p>	

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	15 May 52		<p>of merriment are to be heard there every evening, it has become the centre of attraction not only for our own troops but for our neighbouring troops in other units as well.</p> <p>Quartermaster Stores, the changeover from winter to summer equipment has been completed and much to the surprise of the staff more had been turned in, in the way of stoves and parkas than were issued. The summer clothing has one major fault and that is the issue of American Wind Pants for summer wear, they are much too hot and not as nearly as practical as Canadian Summer Issue Pants.</p> <p>Physically, B Echelon is becoming a real village, houses built of NAAFI beer boxes with thatched roofs are being constructed for the Officer's Mess, Major Williams and two other officers in order to save tentage which is very short. Walks of fine sand, rock lined and corral fencing are being put rapidly and give the place a neat effect.</p>	

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	16 May	52 0445- 0800	Although there was no contact with the enemy today our forward companies received a few shells from 122 and 152 mm guns. C and A Companies completed their exchange of positions. C Company and B Company received approximately 40 rounds over a half hour period. One shell of 122mm calibre landed on a bunker roof. The roof took the blast and there were no casualties although there were two men inside at the time.	EW
	17 May	52 2240	No contact with the enemy and the day was again quiet. There were two shells landed in the rear of B Company but no damage resulted. During the night C Company reported slight movement out in the front. Two light mortar bombs were placed on the target and the movement ceased. B 801689 Pte Hefford, B., caused himself an Self Inflicted Wound. His wound was slight and he was not evacuated	

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15-16 May 52	158162										Day was hot and dry. Night was cool and clear.
16-17 May 52	158162										Day was hot about 85 degrees. in the shade. Night was very dark clear and cool

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17-18 May 52	158162										was hot about 80 degrees. during the day. Night pitch black and cool.
18-19 May 52	158162										Very hot and humid. Night cool and clear

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19-20 May 52	158162										Very warm and evening cool and clear.
20-21 May 52	158162										Was hot 82 degrees, dusty and dry. Night warm and clear. Moon at last quarter

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	19 May	52	The Commanding Officer, Intelligence Officer and Lt Middleton visited B Company and made a preliminary plans for a fighting patrol onto the Boot Feature of 156. Lt Middleton was to be the Patrol Commander (see Appendix 47).	
	20 May	52 1000	The day was quiet. There were no shells in our front and everything was according to daily routine. An "O" Group was held in the Tac Officer's Mess to tie in all the details for the fighting patrol which was planned for 2400 hrs of the same night. The Commanding Officer was at the head and present were the following: Patrol Leader, Lt Middleton; A Company Commander, Major Leach; B Company Commander, Major Huggard; MMG Platoon Commander, Capt Gunton; Battery Commander, Major Murdock; Pioneer Officer, 2/Lt Robertson; and the Intelligence Officer, Lt Davies. (Appendix 47).	

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	21 May	52	No contact with the enemy today. Our Battalion received a few shells (122 calibre) and a few mortar bombs (81mm). The enemy fire was directly at a Recovery Tank or Tank Dozer which was in plain view of Point 156 and provided a juicy target to the enemy. The shelling started at 1755 hours and lasted until 2330 hours. There were 35 mortar bombs and 15 rounds (122) received in the general area of valley between D and C Companies. There were no casualties ^{not} damage.	
		2250	An MMG opened up on Nine Platoon of C Company resulting with no damage. Artillery was brought down on the MMG at MR 128162 and it was silenced.	
	22 May	52	NOTHING TO REPORT.	
	23 May	52	This has again been a very quiet day on our front. It can truly be stated that this is a twilight war. But somehow one feels as though we were sitting on a powder keg.	

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21-22 May 52 158162										Weather again was hot at 80 degrees.and very humid. Night warm and clear and moon still in its last quarter.
22-23 May 52 158162										Today hot, evening warm

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	23 May	52	One Hundred and Fifteen heavy (122mm) artillery shells fell into the Battalion Headquarters, Main Headquarters and A Company between the hours of 1645 and 2007. The Shelling came in two distinct periods. Fifty shells fell between 1645 and 1725 hrs. During this period there were three wounded casualties, SK 9249 Pte Bokauay, H 800125 L/Cpl Hanson, G. of A Company and SH 61464 Pte Baty, D.I. of the Regimental Police who was on duty at the check point. The petrol point was also hit and burnt during this period. While the petrol point was afire and shelling going on Pte Brunner managed to drive his gas truck loaded with ten barrels of gas out of the danger area. Our Medics were unsurpassable as they scorned the shell fire and got the wounded to the Regimental Aid Post. At the end of the first period Signals reported 26 Lines cut out of 33.	

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	23 May	52	<p>There were no shells or mortar bombs in our area. The enemy however did fire <u>ONE</u> rifle shot from MR 129157, probably cleaning his rifle. There was considerable flare activity but as yet there appears to be <u>No</u> rhyme nor reason for it.</p> <p>B Echelon entertained an Australian Concert Party today, since it was a mixed cast and they wished to get the benefit of the showers there was a great effort put forward to fix up the showers to allow the ladies the utmost privacy. This included making sure that all the canvas was in place and to add to the security, sentries were posted all around the shower. Much to the ladies consternation when they emerged they were ringed with soldiers snapping pictures.</p> <p>The PPCLI Drum and Bugle Band beat retreat for the V Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and were highly complimented on their skill.</p>	

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	23 May	52	<p>During the lull between 1725 and 1800 hours our linemen were out repairing lines and most of them, including Pronto (Captain Harris) were caught in the open when the second period of shelling began. This time they came in batches of 20 shell and then one batch of ten, one of the five and finally a group of nine. One lone shell marked the end of the bombardment at 2007 hours. During the last period there were seven more wounded casualties. They were: SB 154117 Pte Thompson, W.F.; SL 735 L/Cpl Crapley; SL 800177 Pte Waines, R.R.; all of A Company; H 800320 Pte Starr, W.O., A 800392 Pte Kuzyk, A.P. of the Regimental Aid Post, SA 1284 Pte Wessel, D.C of Battalion Headquarters and Pte Kurstead, J.L. of 37 Field Ambulance. During the whole time our forward companies kept landing in shellreps. and our own heavy artillery was brought down on the enemy.</p>	

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	23 May	52	<p>We had line communications working to Brigade and all companies and Support platoons by 2007 hours, and sitreps had been passed both forward and to the rear by line.</p> <p>Previously when our lines were out, our sitreps and shelreps were passed by wireless. By 2020 hours things began to look normal and people going about their duties as per routine.</p> <p>The casualties breakdown of the shelling is as follows:-</p> <table><tr><td>Personnel :</td><td>A Company</td><td>5</td><td>1 Serious</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>2 Moderate</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>2 Minor</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Provost</td><td></td><td>1 Moderate Severe</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Field Ambulance</td><td></td><td>1 Minor</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Regt'l Aid Post</td><td></td><td>2 Minor</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Signals</td><td></td><td>1 Minor</td></tr></table>	Personnel :	A Company	5	1 Serious				2 Moderate				2 Minor		Provost		1 Moderate Severe		Field Ambulance		1 Minor		Regt'l Aid Post		2 Minor		Signals		1 Minor	
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	23 May	52	VEHICLES:	
			2½ Tonners	3
			3/4 Ton	2

			Total	5
	24 May	52	Petrol Point 26 drums of assorted fuels (Gas and Oil).	FWD
			The consensus of opinion regarding the reason for the shelling was counter-bombardment against a roving troop of the NZ Artillery which was 300 yards in the rear of our Battalion position and had been active during the day.	
			The night was quiet and only one light was reported showing at a bearing of 276 degrees magnetic from MR 137161 and about 10000 yards away.	FWD
	25 May	52	The day was again quiet with no contact. No shells or mortar bombs landed in our area today.	
			More defense stores were delivered to the Kansas Line today where the defense positions are near completion.	

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	25 May	52	The PPCLI Drum and Bugle Band beat Retreat for the Third Battalion, First United States Marine Corps Division and played while several members of the Battalion were decorated with the Purple Heart. The Marines were greatly impressed with not only the music but with the efficient drill of the band.	
	26 May	52	There was not contact with the enemy today. Our front as far as movement was concerned was quiet. Notes from A Company for this day at approximately 1645 hours 24 May 52 as indication that the war was not over by any means was received by this company. The first shells in the company area landed in the Volley Ball Court and within ten yards of the kitchen and that was the start of the rest that were to follow, Casualties suffered were relatively light, five wounded of which three were patched up immediately and returned to duty. It was well after 1830 hours before the	

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25-26 May 52	158162										Weather hot and dusty and humid
26-27 May 52	158162										Day was hot and very dusty.85 degrees in the shade. Evening over- cast and cool Dark black night

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	26 May 52		<p>first heads were seen peeping out of the doorway bunkers.</p> <p>There was a large eagle overhead and it was thought to be an A/OP for the Chinese guns.</p> <p>Pte St, Germain of C company today was credited with 1 enemy killed in action and 1 enemy wounded in action. This was accomplished by sniping using a 30 calibre Browning MG and a pair of binoculars.</p>	
	27 May 52	0935	<p>Sgt Richard Buxton was invested with the Distinguished Conduct Medal by the Divisional Commander at this ceremony there was a Guard of Honour drawn up from the men of Sgt Buxton's platoon and the following distinguished guests were present: Mr Arthur A. Sulzberger, Publisher of the New York Times, Lt Col M H Armourm, UNFEC, and Lt A.O. Sulzberger, 1 US Marine Division, Mr. Harold Hinton, Chief of the Washington Bureau New York Times. Mr Sulzberger's party later proceeded to the Naechon feature where they</p>	

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	27 May 52		met the Commanding Officers of 1 Bn RCR and 1 BN PPCLI. (AAPENDIX 54) Major Williams entertained the Brigade Commander to tea at B Echelon. The Brigadier then inspected the echelon and was pleased with the progress and neatness. He showed concern over the proximity of Korean villages to the Echelons as this sanitary and disease problems. (Note:- the echelons of the Brigade at this time were back beyond the NO CIVILIAN LINE).	
	28 May 52		Our front was very quiet again today. There were no shells nor mortar bombs in on any of our positions. The Artillery Intelligence Officer however reported the presence of three SP positions on Point 156 that were uncovered through the results of any air strike which went in at 1700 hours. There was one enemy sighting. C Company reported four enemy seen at MR 107138. The flare activity was, 1 flare seen by C Company from MR 136161 on a bearing of 205 degrees magnetic	

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27-28 May 52	158162										Day still hot and humid. The night partly overcast and cool.
28-29 May 52	158162										Was partly cloudy and warm about 70 degrees. Night was warm and cloudy

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	29 May	52	No contact with the enemy today and again for the second day in a row there was no shells or mortar bombs in our front. Our standing patrols had nothing to report and our fighting patrol led by Lt Nicholson into the enemy territory between Points 115 and 133 did not make contact with the enemy. They were fifty yards from the objective when light was beginning to break and the patrol had to return. (full report in appendix 44). The night was quiet though there was one small explosion left of eight platoon. No enemy were heard or seen in this area. Flare activity on our front was nil but left and right of our battalion a few illuminating flares were seen. There has been a report received here that late one night early in the month one of the Company Commanders was phoned, the voice asking "Do you hear an owl hooting", to which the Company Commander replied, rather caustically, "No" the bullfrogs are making	

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	29 May 52		too much noise." The voice then said, "This is the Commanding Officer speaking" It is understood that this Officer is now paying the strictest attention to the various bird calls of Korea.	
	30 May 52		There has been no contact with the enemy again today. Our front has been very quiet. No unusual enemy sightings or enemy activity. B Company received three mortar bombs today at 2030 hours. There was no damage nor casualties. The night was quiet and uneventful with nothing to report except two white flares reported by A Company that were seen to go near the Marine Front. Generally the week has been a very busy and an exciting one for A Company, just after the goodbyes to Major Leach were said the Chinese guns added their farewell, Major Leach was off on temporary duty to Japan for a week. With the week starting with such a bang, there was greatly increased incentive in reconstruct- ing bunkers, moving company increments of ammunition to more	

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29-30 May 52 158162											Hot during the day about 80 degrees. and partly cloudy. Night the wind was up to 40 miles per hour.
30-31 May 52 158162											Hot during the day and partly cloudy Rain and squalls during the night which was cool

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	30 May	52	safe and convenient spots and it is now nestled in a more safer spot. The work in the present A Company area and on Line Wyoming positions show very favorable progress, and an ardent attempt has been made to complete this work before the end of the month.	
	31 May	52	The enemy remained out of sight but stepped up on his shelling. There were 72 shells landed in our forward companies positions today, between the hours of 2100 hours and 2359 hours. Apparently the enemy thought that the patrol from the RCR had originated from our lines. There was no damage nor casualties from the shelling. There were two battle accidents today. At 1145 hours Cpl Hunter of D Company was seriously injured when a grenade exploded. He was hit in the chest. He was evacuated one hour later by helicopter. At 2245 hours Pte Batherson of A Company	

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	31 May	52	shot himself in the left foot and was evacuated to the CCP. Pte. Lambert of C Company, 9 platoon was hit in the foot by a SA firing coming from an undetermined area in the rear. This occurred at 2202 hours. His wound was light and by 0100 hours he had been evacuated to the CCP. During the RCR fighting patrol activity the enemy on our front was active with his MMGs and mortars firing from area of 156 and 133. Our 81mm Mortars delivered the same.	

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APPENDICIES			LIST OF APPENDICIES	(1)	(2)	(3)
	1		Pt 1 DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS, dated 5, 14, 18, 26 May <i>NO 149 TO 181 d/26 MAY 52</i>	x	x	✓
	2		Pt 11 ORDERS 47 to 55 inclusive <i>d/31 MAY 52</i>	x	x	✓
	3		RA 1 COMWEL DIV. PERIODICAL SUMMARY #10 Period 1-30 May 52	x	x	✓
	4		PRELIMINARY REPORT ON 1 RCR FIGHTING PATROL NIGHT 31 May/1 June 52	x	x	✓
	5		CEASE FIRE TALKS -- REVIEW OF APR 52	x		
	6		FIELD FIRING -- 1 RAR (12 May 52)	x	x	✓
	7		FIELD FIRING -- KSLI (12 MAY 52)	x		
	8		CIVILIAN EVACUEES - R22 8 May 52	x	x	✓
	9		COPY OF REGT SB CERTIFICATES	x		
	10		INFO ON UNIT PATROL COURSE	x		
	11		REPORT ON ENEMY ACTIVITY -- PERIOD ENDED 30 Apr 52 HQ 25 CIB	x		
	12		PERSONNEL FOR ROTATION	x		
	13		3 RAR RIFLE RANGE	x	x	✓
	14		SELF INFLICTED WOUNDS	x	x	✓
	15		CHINESE 3.5 INCH ROCKET LAUNCHER	x		
	16		PATROLS (INSTRUCTION 17 May 52)	x		
	17		KSLI FIELD FIRING OF INFANTRY WEAPONS	x		
	18		ARTILLERY CALIBRATION	x		
	19		SMALL ARMS FIRING	x	x	✓
	20		DEFENSIVE POSITIONS	x		
	21		ENEMY SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES	x	x	✓
	22		SALUTING	x	x	✓
	23		TRAINING AREAS 29 BRIT INF BDE	x	x	✓
	24		USE OF WIRELESS	x	x	✓
	25		FIELD DEFENCES	x	x	✓
	26		FIELD FIRING (24 May)	x		
	27		RA 1 COMWEL DIV HM LIST #7	x	x	✓
	28		INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES MAY 52	x	x	✓
	29		OPERATIONS LOG MAY 52	x		
	30		PERIODIC OPERATIONS REPORT 527-543, 545-537	x		

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31			1 COMWEL DIV INTREP 280-310	X		
32			25 CIB REPORT ON ENEMY ACTIVITY	X		
33			MAJON-NI 1:12500	X	X	
34			SUNRISE - SUNSET TABLES -- MOONRISE - MOONSET TABLES	X	X	
35			MAJON-NI 1:12500 (WITH ARTY TASKS & AREAS NAMED)	X	X	
36			HQ 1 COMWEL DIV PW & REFUGEE INTERROGATION REPORTS	X		
37			MAJON-NI SE	X	X	
			SW	X	X	
			NW	X	X	
			NE	X	X	
38			OUTLINE CHANGES OF BOUNDARIES	X	X	
39			MINEFIELDS - 1 COMWEL DIV	X		
40			PICTURE BRIG ROCKINGHAM AND CPL THURN	X		
41			JAPAN NEWS PATROL COURSE WRITE UP	X		
42			SYLLABUS FOR 1 BN PPCLI PATROL COURSE	X	X	
43			REPORT ON SORTIE FLOWN BY MAJOR REM CROSS	X	X	
44			PATROL REPORT FOR 30 May 52	X	X	
45			Q NOTES BY QM	X	X	
46			OPERATION OF OFFICER'S MESS	X	X	
47			PPCLI FIGHTING PATROL 20/21 May	X		
48			UNIT WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURNS MAY 52	X		
49			REPORT OF FIRST PATROL COURSE	X		
50			JAPAN NEWS WRITE UP ON SGT BUXTON'S DCM	X	X	
51			JAPAN NEWS WRITE UP ON BRIGADE HOCKEY TEAM	X	X	
52			TURNOVER OF TRANSPORT 2 PPCLI - 1 PPCLI	X	X	
53			LT THEISS REPORTS ON PAY	X	X	
54			CITATION FOR SGT RG BUXTON	X	X	
55			INTELLIGENCE SECTION IN KOREA	X	X	
56			MACHINE GUN IN KOREA	X	X	
57			1 BN PPCLI HOCKEY TEAM	X	X	
58			REPORT ON FIGHTING PATROL FROM 1 PPCLI NIGHT 29/30 May 52	X	X	
59			TALES OF CROUCH-COUCH	X	X	