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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Montreal.	2.12.39	0600-0600	The Bn. paraded to Fletcher's field. Coy formations etc. were practised. The Intelligence Section did some useful practical exercises in cover from observation. No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	3.12.39	0600-0600	No Parade. No increase or decrease of strength.	






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Montreal	4.12.39	0600-0600	A heavy fall of snow made training outdoors impracticable. P.T. and weapon training occupied the batt'n in the morning with lectures on defence, illustrated by films, engaging the afternoon. There are still cases of concealed venereal disease being discovered notwithstanding the repeated warnings given. Quite obviously stoppage of pay with resultant publicity is not sufficient punishment. Every man knows where the S.A. Room is located and easily followed instructions regarding precautionary measures are posted both in the Armoury and in the Caron Bldg Barracks. No increase or decrease in Strength	
"	5.12.39	0600-0600	Three Coys applied themselves to drill on McGill Campus. The snow, about four inches in depth, gave all a fair idea of what a Siberian campaign would resemble. Longeul wire defences occupied the residue of the Battalion. Sweaters, socks, gloves etc knitted by the Ladies Association are proving a godsend and the men are very grateful. No increase or decrease in Strength	
"	6.12.39	0600-0600	Weapon Training Instructors under Capt Petch gave demonstrations in the use of the Lewis Gun. Nos 1 and 3 Coys and Batt'n HQ repaired to the Y.M.C.A. where P.T. and lectures were given. There was no afternoon parade. No increase or decrease in Strength.	
"	7.12.39	0600-0600	Morning parade. Drill at Campus, Y.M.C.A. Weapon Training held in Caron Building and in the Recreation Room. Lectures on Discipline, Military Law and Hygiene were given by Company Commanders. The Battalion was re-organized into platoons. Strength increase 4 men, strength decrease 1 man.	
"	8.12.39	0600-0600	The Battalion paraded to the historical Champs de Mars for the purpose of being photographed in mass formation. A bitterly cold wind swept the square and amongst the casualties was one frozen ear more or less attached to Lieut Ritchie's head..... first casualty in a signaller's listening post ! A short route march round Lafontaine Park completed the day.	

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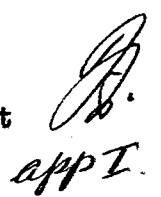
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Montreal	9.12.39	0600-0600	<p>Capt. Petch and weapon training instructors attended Mount Bruno rifle ranges where they fired the Bren and Lewis guns. The Vickers Machine Gun was also used but a detailed course on this weapon has not been given. Lectures on First Aid are now being given by the Medical Section under the supervision of the M.O. Capt Robertson. The Anti-Tank Pln was augmented by three men and the strength is now twenty-one.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase nil, strength decrease 1 man.</p>	
"	10.12.39	0600-0600	<p>Divine Service held at St Andrews and St Paul, conducted by the Rev. Dr Donald, was attended by the Battalion. Members of the 13th Association preceded the Battalion to and from the church and later expressed themselves as very favourably impressed by the marching and the carriage of the men.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease in strength.</p>	
"	11.12.39	0600-0600	<p>Specialists' training was held for the Transport Platoon. Medical and Intelligence Sections and the Signals. The Intelligence Section is also studying signalling and bids fair to give the professional flag-waggers a run for their money. The Battalion paraded to Fletcher Field in the afternoon for a general review of ceremonial drill. For the purpose of administration and discipline the Anti-Tank Platoon will be attached to 'A' Coy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 1 man, strength decrease nil.</p>	
"	11.12.39	<u>ORDERS</u>	<p>"It is drawn to the attention of all ranks that this unit is On Active Service in accordance with G.O. 135 1939. For purposes of disciplinary action Company Commanders will govern themselves accordingly. Effective forthwith the 1st Re-inforcing Company will be designated as 'E' Company consisting of 4 Platoons...Nos 19.20.21.22.</p> <p>A Court of Enquiry consisting of Major S. Cantlie Pres, Capt F. Mitchell, Lieut J. Halbert was held to investigate the cases of D.81176 Pte Perrin and D.81691 Pte Moore J. A.W.L. since 17.11.39. Found to be deserters. Attached is a letter from Pte Perrin in which he airs his views on Army Life and reveals his artistry.</p>	 app I.

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Montreal	12.11.39	0600-0600	<p>The ever present problem of barracks appears to be on the verge of a solution through either the Citadel in Quebec City or the Exhibition Grounds in Toronto now occupied by the Royal 22nd and the 48th Batt'n respectively. News of our imminent departure spread like wildfire, a general toning up being the outcome. Short route marches by Coys and Specialists' training were held according to schedule. Strength increase 2 men, strength decrease nil.</p>	
"	13.12.39	0600-0600	<p>Short route marches were indulged in by individual Coys, No 5 or rather 'D' Coy commanded by Major Weir Wright, stealing all honours by a show of gallantry to a lady in distress. Her car, bogged down in the snow, was lifted bodily from its rut by the leading platoon and placed on the fairway. This advertisement should render good returns. Strength increase 3 men, strength decrease 2 men.</p>	
"	14.12.39	0600-0600	<p>An inspection of rifles and bayonets was made by the Quartermaster. Drill at McGill, short marches, lectures on right and wrong way and First Aid formed the syllabus. Major W.E.MacFarlane M.C. gave a lecture on discipline to the officers in the Mess after parade which proved most instructive. Lieut J.W.Knox, with the assistance of Alan Murray, organized an Amateur Night which met with great success. A "Beauty Chorus" dressed as bathing belles brought the audience to their feet. It might be added that an Officers' Trio also gave tongue in a manner which although it smacked of a parade rasp nevertheless was greeted with great enthusiasm. D.81267 Sjt.MacFarlane won first prize with his rendition of 'I belong to Glesca', unfortunately for his listeners his encore was 'Mary of Argyll' sung with considerable pathos. No increase or decrease in strength.</p>	
"	15.12.39	0600-0600	<p>Full web equipment less pack was worn for the first time to-day by the Battalion. A route march of three hours was made and while on the march cameramen from the Associated Screen News took films for the "March of Time". This was followed by pay parade. It appears to be fairly certain that the Battalion will proceed to Toronto after Christmas (cont)</p>	



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Montreal	15.12.39	(cont'd)	<p>The men appear to be very enthusiastic about the move and all hope it may lead to a position in the First Division.</p> <p>No increase or decrease in strength.</p>	
"	16.12.39	0600-0600	<p>Dull weather interrupted the schedule of the filming of the Battalion for the 'March of Time' After a few Battalion movements on the Campus the parade dismissed early to allow the fatigue parties to clean and decorate the Armoury for the Christmas Tree party. Each Coy had its own celebration with colour movies being shown for the children in the drill hall. A small dance was attended by the officers in the Mess during the evening.</p> <p>Strength increase 1 man, strength decrease nil.</p>	

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Montreal.	17.12.39	0600-0600	A church parade was attended by the Roman Catholic members of the Battalion. No increase or decrease of strength.	JF.
"	18.12.39	0600-0600	The Battalion by company's attended a lecture on the European situation given by Prof. Bailey of McGill University in the Bell Telephone Bldg. Major Ibbotson after a short route march gave Bn. HQ's and B.C.D. Coy's some ceremonial drill on McGill campus.	JF.
ORDERS PART.1.	;-		Leave will be granted to all ranks in the Bn, except those detailed for duty from 16.30 hrs. Thursday 21st. Dec. 1939 to 08.00 hrs Tuesday 26th. 39. No increase or decrease of strength.	
Montreal.	19.12.39	0600-0600	Preparations for the transfer of the Bn. to Toronto are complete. The new barracks in the Canadian National exhibition grounds are said to be excellent. Bn. parades consisted of drill, P.T., Bayonet fighting, L.M.G. and A.T.R. training with the Intelligence and Medical Sections taking specialist training. Strength increase 4 men., Strength decrease 5 men.	JF.
"	20.12.39	0600-0600	Drill was held on McGill campus during the morning . A kit inspection during the afternoon restored many articles of equipment to their rightful owners. Very few men had their numbers clearly marked and N.C.O's were placed in charge, to verify every article's marking prior to the men's leaving the Armoury. Strength increase nil, strength decrease 1 man.	JF.

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Montreal.	21.12.39	0600-0600	Bn.drill was preceded by a short address from Lt.Col.Blackader on the subject of behaviour, complimenting the men on their past record and thanking them for their cooperation he added that Brigadier R.O.Alexander.D.S.O. of Toronto M.D.#2 had written expressing his pleasure in having the Bn.in his district. While anticipation no trouble the men were warned against unruliness during the holidays. Pay parade, the men were advanced full pay up to and including Dec.31.39. Strength increase 2 men., Strength decrease nil.	
"	22.12.39	0600-0600	The 1st.and 2nd.Bn.Officers held a farewell dance in the mess, which proved to be an immense success. Strength increase nil., Strength decrease 2 men.	
"	23.12.39		Holiday.	
"	24.12.39		Holiday.	
"	25.12.39		Holiday. Xmas day.	
"	26.12.39	0600-0600	Surprisingly few absentees were noted, the men appear very fit and delighted with the prospect of a change. Rumours of course are rife many men being quite sure that the Bn!'s destination is Halifax not Toronto. A short route march was taken in the afternoon. * No increase or decrease of strength.	

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Montreal	27.12.39	0600-0600	A Muster Parade was held in the morning. No afternoon parade. The Advance Party, commanded by Major H.M. Jaquays, left for Toronto. No increase or decrease in strength.	R
"	28.12.39	0600-0600	The Battalion paraded to St Andrews and St Pauls where the Colours were lodged in a simple but impressive ceremony. All ranks were confined to Barracks after parade until the time of departure. Officers entertained from 2100 - 2145 hrs in the Mess. There was rather a strained atmosphere and all were glad to get on parade where they were addressed by Col. Victor Whitehead of M.D.#4. Col. Paul Hutchison also said a few words of encouragement, Lieut. Col. K.G. Blackader replying on behalf of the Battalion. The streets were crowded with well-wishers and at the C.P.R. Windsor Station a huge crowd gave a great ovation, quite the most remarkable of the war to date. A blind eye was turned as soon as the train left the station station, the men being given a fairly free hand. No damage was done and all were reasonable and well behaved. Pipers played far through the morning and a general "spirit" of well-being prevailed. Earlier in the day the Honorary Lieut. Colonel G.S. Cantlie entertained the officers at lunch. Time of Battalion's departure from Montreal 2345 hrs	R
Toronto	29.12.39	0600-0600	A rather weary Battalion arrived at their new barracks and, all things considered, made a very creditable showing. Rather a nice gesture was made when The Royal Regiment of Canada turned out en masse to welcome the 1st Black Watch of Canada. Immediately after arrival the men were shown their new quarters and then Brigadier R.O. Alexander D.S.O. District Officer Commanding M.D.#2, inspected the Battalion and formally expressed his satisfaction. A short route march was made, the men marched splendidly and were roundly cheered by men of the R.C.A.F. No increase or decrease of strength.	R
"	30.12.39	0600-0600	The Battalion paraded at 0930 hrs and marched round the Exhibition Grounds (cont'd)	R

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Toronto.	30.12.39		<p>(cont'd)</p> <p>after which the lines were inspected and the men shown how to leave their billets in order.</p> <p>Generally speaking all are well pleased with their quarters in the Horse Palace, Four men occupy each stall and appear very comfortable, Officers are quartered in The Womens Bldg. which is very draughty and cold, arrangements have been made by the engineers to more thoroughly insulate the billets.</p> <p>Leave until 08.00 hrs. Tuesday has been granted a few men 75% have late leave until 23.59 hrs and this will be extended until 01.59 hrs New Years Day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	31.12.39	0600-0600	<p>A Church parade was held for those ranks of Roman Catholic demomination. Strength return of 1st. Bn. The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada. 837 plus 6 attached as in war establishment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total Strength ----- 843 Men.</p>	