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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Montreal	3.11.39	0600-0600	The third and final inoculation for typhoid was given. Strength increase 25 men, no decrease.	
"	4.11.39	0600-0600	No parades. Strength increase 3 men, no decrease.	
"	5.11.39	0600-0600	No parades. No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	6.11.39	0600-0600	The Bn. spent the day at Mount Bruno Ranges engaged in Lewis gun and rifle practice. Companies not firing engaged in P.T. conduct of a fighting patrol and section stalk. No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	7.11.39	0600-0600	The Bn continued firing practice at Mount Bruno. Infiltration exercises and patrol completed the day. This will be the last opportunity to use the ranges as the men are not sufficiently hardened as yet to stand the increasing cold in comfort. No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	8.11.39	0600-0600	Usual training held with No.2 & 3 coys. digging, wiring and bombing at Longeuil. No.1. 4 & 5 coys. reviewing drill with arms etc. All N.C.O.s and subalterns attended a lecture given by Major Wright on military law and discipline. No increase strength 1 decrease.	

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Montreal	9.11.39	0600-0600	Owing to the inclement weather the Bn. paraded indoors during the morning, the afternoon was used by the Coy Commanders who lectured on various aspects of the service. Strength increase 3 men no decrease.	
"	10.11.39	0600-0600	The Bn. started the day with P.T. on the armory floor, this was followed by the departure of two coys. for Longeuil with its attendant digging and wiring duties, during the break off some men indulge in hunting for field mice, with which the place abounds. Major Routledge turned down with much evidence of regret Lt. Ritchies offer of the largest captive as a mascot. A short route march on Mt. Royal was held in the afternoon. Lt. Col. Blackader was responsible for the disclosure of information which had a disastrous effect on the officers appetites at lunch. Advice regarding the approaching discontinuance of the kilt and the assumption of battle dress had been received. The other Highland units of the first and second divisions were written immediately in the hope that some action might be taken in time to prevent the new regulations coming into force. While it was agreed that the new dress might be more serviceable at the front the officers and men were unanimous in their desire to retain their hard won honours and identity until the time for action arrived. Strength increase 7 men no decrease.	
"	11.11.39	0600-0600	The Battalion attended the Armistice service held at the Cenotaph and although feeling the cold made an impressive showing during the subsequent march past. Much as the team tried they couldnt penetrate "Blue Bonnets" defence in the third and final game of the soccer series. Losing the rubber by 2 - 1 caused disappointment, but the Watch went down with flying colours before the attack of a veteran team. Given a little more practice together and there can be no doubt that a different verdict would have been achieved. Strength increase 6 men no decrease.	

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Montreal	12.11.39	0600-0600	<p>Church parade was^{was} held at 1430 hrs. Service conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald. Coughing was very evident, this is believed to be due to indoor training in a confined atmosphere. The great improvement in the Battalion brought many tributes. Major Ibbotson was particularly pleased with the steadiness of the men after such a short period of training.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	13.11.39	0600-0600	<p>No 1. 2 & 3 coys. with Bn. H.Q. paraded to McGill Campus for bayonet fighting and a review of squad drill in the morning. The afternoon was passed rehearsing field signals on Fletchers Field. Digging and wiring was carried out by No. 5 & 4 coys. at the Longeuil training ground. Lunch was supplied in box form by the Harmony lunch but this experiment is unlikely to be repeated as the men need a hot meal during the cold spell.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lieut. Robert Boyd Somerville T.O.S. and posted to 5 Coy. Strength increase 10 no decrease.</p>	
"	14.11.39	0600-0600	<p>Several cases of venereal disease have remained undetected for some time. Now discovered by the M.O. they illustrate the importance of lectures by Coy. Cmmdrs. on this subject. Lt. Col. K.G. Blackader stressed the grave inroads neglect of such an existing condition would have on the mens health and it is to be hoped that notice will be taken of his advice. In cases where a peace officer has any form of process to serve on a member of the Bn in Barracks, other military quarters or camps, such officer will be directed to the commanding officer of the soldier concerned. Digging and wiring took place at Longeuil with drill and P.T. forming the schedule of those coys. not so engaged.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 3 decrease 1</p>	
"	15.11.39	0600-0600	<p>Reduced railway fares are in effect for members of the C.A.S.F. proceeding on leave or furlough, fare one way first class or coach class fare, for the round trip. When leave is granted under the special conditions enumerated in B.O. "43" coy. & detail commanders will make application to Bn. orderly room for the reduced fare certificate if required. (Cont'd)</p>	

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Montreal	15.11.	.39 0600-0600	(Cont'd) Digging, wiring and bombing P.T.. squad drill. Payo parade. (lecture interior economy. Specialists training) No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	16.11.	.39 0600-0600	The Intelligence section spent the morning receiving instruction in the use of the Barr and Stroud range finder, later each man made range cards and field sketches. No.1.2.3. coys. drilled on the campus & Fletchers field No.4 & 5 Coys digging & wiring at Longueil. Strength increase 2 men no decrease.	
"	17.11.	.39 0600-0600	It appeared in orders that all officers will equip themselves with the regulation long drab greatcoat officers in possession of greatcoats which do not conform to the design of the modified pattern may continue to wear same temporarily until such time as they are able to procure a greatcoat of the authorized pattern. Drill with arms W.T. instruction digging bombing, wire were carried out. No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	18.11.	.39 0600-0600	Morning P.T. hold in the armoury caused unfavourable comment as the air becomes filled with dust from the groaning floor. Some responsibility may be laid to this for the number of colds at present afflicting the Bn. Major Jaquays son and heir was christened by the Rev. Guy Kilpatrick officers of the regiment attending. After the ceremony all, excepting the son, adjourned to the armoury where a dance sponsored by the Sergeants mess was in progress. most successfully. Capt's Petch and F. Mitchell. Lts. J.W? Knox returned from their courses. No increases or decrease of strength.	
"	19.11.	.39 0600-0600	No parades held by the battalion but the provisional officers training corps. of the Black Watch had their first experience of trench digging under the supervision of Major W. MacFarlane M.C.	

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Montreal	20.11.39	0600-0600	<p>The Battalion paraded to McGill Campus for a review of company drill. Trench digging has been held up until they can be pumped free from the water which has almost submerged them. A gasoline pump loaned by Lt. Somerville has been employed all day with little success. A detailed map of the front and trench system occupied the Intelligence section during the morning at Longeuil. Sketches were made from the top of the water tower in the village and a panorama drawing of our frontage made as seen from the observation post. Lt. Col. Blackader during an address to the officers stressed the importance of care of the men and also pointed out that a more rigorous discipline could only be enforced in all fairness by officers who were willing to apply the same measures to themselves.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 1 decrease 1</p>	
"	21.11.39	0600-0600	<p>The trench system at Longeuil was brought to near completion by, No. 1 & 3 coys. Hard shale rock has hindered digging in many areas and fumes from a sulphur spring located in the support trench, while no doubt beneficial have not been pleasant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	22.11.39	0600-0600	<p>All attempts at camouflage of the defence lines at Longeuil were destroyed today by local enthusiasts who set fire to the grass and bush. Possibly these pyromaniacs consisted of children whose skating rink was drained as a necessary measure to clear the trenches of their source of supply. Lt. I.R. MacDougall returned from a P.T. Course in Ottawa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 1 no decrease.</p>	
"	23.11.39	0600-0600	<p>Lectures on the Bren gun, P.T. Drill with arms were given to those coys. not occupied in digging at Longeuil. Final touches were given to the observation posts and all is now in order for the brigade reconnaissance to be held to-morrow</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	

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Montreal	24.11.39	0600-0600	<p>The days work consisted of company drill. Well performed the movements attract more spectators Daily; regular coy. fans turning out. Compliments from Ex-officers and men of the regiment are frequently passed and it is worthy of note that not a few outsiders are loud in their praise. During the brigade reconnaissance held at Longueil by Col. P.E. Leclerc M.C.E.D. little or no attention was paid to the Bns. defensive measures one officer asked Major Ibbotson where the steam shovel to do the work had been obtained from. No effort to prepare their training areas have been made so far by the other units.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	25.11.39	0600-0600	<p>Kit and foot inspection were the order of the day with a route march filling in the afternoon Through the generous aid of the Black Watch ladies auxiliary, who have knitted over 5000 articles, very few men were discovered in actual need of necessary clothing lists were made by coy. Commanders of the who needs sweaters etc. and they are assured of quick assistance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength</p> <p>Drill by coys. and bayonet fighting completed the morning. The Intelligence section drove out to Longueil to sadly survey the blackened crevasse which remains of their first observation post. Sullen glowers were transformed into sunny smiles when with infinite tact it was suggested that a little work would recreate the O.P.P. into a most realistic shell hole.</p>	
"	26.11.39	06.00-0600	<p>The Bn. paraded at 1400 tp St. Andrews and St. Pauls were the Rev. Geo. Donald conducted the service.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength</p>	

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Montreal.	27.11.39	0600-0600	<p>A general review of squad drill and arms drill was held on the campus by the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Coys. The remainder were occupied in erecting single apron fences at Longeuil.</p> <p>Lectures on internal economy and the anti-tank rifle were given in the armoury. The formation of an anti-tank platoon was discussed by Lt. Col. Blackader. eventually to be attached to Brigade H.Q. it will consist of twenty men other ranks, one sergeant and commanded by a subaltern. Subalterns other than specialists were given the opportunity to volunteer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 7 men., Strength decrease nil.</p>	
	28.11.39	0600-0600	<p>While the remainder of the Bn. were brushing up drill No. 4 & 5 Coy's staged a bitter duel on Westmount Mt. The area of summit circle was defended by No. 4 coy. against the attack of No. 5 coy. Initial thrusts made by the attackers were claimed to have turned the besieged's left flank unhappily the umpires disagreed over a technicality and refused to proclaim the victor.</p> <p>Despite Lt. Col. Blackader's strenuous efforts, barracks have not been obtained, numerous locations have been alternately accepted and rejected, generally for the reason of lack of space, this is most discouraging as the training and discipline of the Bn. suffers from the lack of centralised control with its attendant twenty-four hour surveillance.</p> <p>At the inception discomfort caused the men through shortage of equipment was borne with real fortitude now complaints of a stupid nature are are all too common.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 4 men., No decrease.</p>	

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Montreal.	29.11.39	0600-0600	<p>Drill with and without arms, P.T. Bayonet fighting was held at McGill campus in the morning, only squads were detailed for special duty at Longeuil during the afternoon the Bn. paraded to Fletchers field where Coy. drill was reviewed. Orders were issued regarding the Kilted Personnel C.A.S.F. which stated that during training in Canada all ranks may continue to wear service dress with kilts only for walking out. Officers will wear battle dress with the Tam O'Shanter while in the field and service dress jacket with trows outside the theatre of operations. Other ranks on all occasions abroad will wear battle dress and Tam O'Shanter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 9 men., No decrease.</p>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
"	30.11.39	0600-0600	<p style="text-align: center;">called</p> <p>The guard and picket were skipped out to stop a brawl started by men of other units at Chez Eddie's a cafe at the corner of Bleury and Ontario Sts. the police riot squad upon their arrival evidently had some difficulty in distinguishing between the peacemakers and pacemakers for to the guards bewilderment they found themselves caught between two fires, Unable to cope with the now united forces the police called for assistance of Lt. Somerville who promptly brought the crowd to attention called for a marker and marched them off. Apologies were tendered on behalf of the police force by Deputy Chief Barnes to Lt. Col. Blackader. 2nd. Lt. R. Miller has been detailed to command the Anti-tank Platoon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
"	1.12.39	0600-0600	<p>Final X-ray examinations were carried out. St. Andrews Ball at the Windsor Hotel was preceded by a buffet dinner at the mess when Col. McLaughlin Deputy Minister of Defense was the Guest of Honor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 2 men., decrease 2 men.</p>	<i>[Handwritten Signature: Blackader]</i>