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Montreal.	3/10/39	0600-0600	<p>Morning Parade at McGill Campus. Battalion field formations were practised at Fletchers field after which company Commanders corrected faults. Criticism that the Bn. is being taught to run before it can walk was dealt with by Major Ibbotson, he pointed out that only a very short time will elapse before the Bn. will be forced by the weather to train indoors advantage, Therefore will be taken off as much outdoor work as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	4/10/39	0600-0600	<p>During their swim parade at the Y.M.C.A. No. 2 Coy discovered good talent. The Y.M.C.A. have been kind enough to allow the men the use of their concert hall to warm up in after their swim. Our Amateur performers are often very good. Recreational training was held in McGill Stadium in the afternoon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2/Lieut John Alexander Kenny T.O.S. and posted to #2. Coy.</p>	
"	5.10.39	0600-0600	<p>Morning parade held at Campus with usual subjects. Afternoon instruction in field formations by Companies. An effort to keep the Coy rooms in a more orderly condition has been made. Much equipment has, in the past, been left around until lost, causing a cry of 'theft'.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lieut. Hugh Sands Peck T.O.S. and posted to #4 Coy.</p>	
"	6.10.39	0600-0600	<p>Training held at McGill Campus. Many rumours of the Regiment's possible movements have their inception here as the men, who create much interest, are filled with 'inside information' passed on by the onlookers with whom they are wont to pass their rest periods. M.O. parades have been delayed frequently due to Coy Orderly Serjeants not preparing their sick sheets in sufficient time ..... this has been remedied.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	

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Montreal.	7/10/39.	0600-0600	<p>Morning parade consisted of a general review of work done to date. Recent reports from orderly officers stress the lack of discipline in the Caron Bldg. and advise a tightening up of the use of N.C.O's authority. All N.C.O's realise that their stripes are as yet provisional and for this reason alone understand why discipline must be adhered to by men in their charge, added cautions have been given. Half-Holiday.</p> <p>No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	R
"	8/10/39	0600-0600	<p>Holiday.</p>	R
"	9/10/39	0600-0600	<p>Thanksgiving Holiday.</p>	R
"	10/10/39	0600-0600	<p>Parade to-day was in the form of a refresher after the holidays to bring the men to their usual pitch of efficiency.</p> <p>No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	R
"	11/10/39	0600-0600	<p>Morning parade consisting of bayonet fighting P.T. and squad drill was held on McGill campus. A film shown at the Y.M.C.A. by the R.C.R. gave the men an idea of firing from cover loading etc, Constant breakages in the film and poor lighting tended to spoil the demonstration.</p> <p>No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	R

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Montreal.	12/10/39	0600-0600	The Battalion spent the day at Mt. Bruno ranges alternating companies firing and attending to targets practical demonstration with the range finder and lectures on the judging of distance occupied two companies while two were firing, Rain in the afternoon halted a very successful day. Average scores were quite good and the outing provided a welcome respite from drill. No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	13/10/39	0600-0600	Morning and afternoon parades held at Mt. Bruno, lack of equipment still impedes progress. A new rumour, re the demobilization of the 42nd. Bn, has caused some concern. Strength increase nil., Strength decrease 1 man.	
"	14/10/39	0600-0600	Pay parade held after which companies adjourned to their coy. rooms for lectures on the History of the Regiment, great interest was displayed by all. Many men three generations removed from Scotland appear to be cultivating the doric, and with it a growing pride in their uniform. No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	15/10/39	0600-0600	Church parade at 10.00 hrs. The marching has given rise to much favourable comment from ex-members of the regiment, this was unfortunately sullied by remarks from spinsters of the parish, to the effect that coughing during the service <del>diminished</del> dulled the rhetorical efforts of our Padre. Strength increase 1 man., Strength decrease 2 men.	
"	16/10/39	0600-0600	Morning parade routine drill and P.T. Afternoon artillery and section formation. A case of theft received attention, complaints of this nature have fortunately	

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	16/10/39.		(cont'd) been few. The men have constituted themselves as an amateur detective corp. and the way will be hard for the culprit if he is caught. No increase or decrease of strength.	B.
Montreal	17/10/39	0600-0600	Morning parade piling arms and P.T. afternoon anti-aircraft defence. Inoculation for typhoid received by No.4 Coy. well taken with few sick. Strength increase 1 man., Strength decrease nil.	B.
"	18/10/39	0600-0600	Morning parade- McGill campus, drill with arms and P.T. A voluntary parade was called at 14.30 hrs. for football fans, while a spectacular turnout could hardly be expected the final attendance was staggering, three officers, four buglers and three men comprising the grand aggregate. After a few minutes hopeful waiting for further volunteers the buglers blew "Marker" and the show was on. It was however decided to blow "There will be no parade" and allow the anxious throng of three to proceed to Molson Stadium at random. The 'Watch' have a splendid soccer team beating that of the R.C.C.S. handily. In future compulsory parades will be instituted. Typhoid inoculations have caused very little sickness. HQ Coy held a smoker in the Auditorium and a pleasant time was had by all No increase or decrease of strength.	B.
"	19.10.39	0600-0600	Owing to the inclemency of weather all parades were held indoors. Lectures on Reg't History, Map Reading and Weapon Training forming the Main Subjects. An example of the difficulty experienced by the QM in obtaining stores and equipment is furnished by the reply to an order for two hundred dummy hand grenades stating that one hundred and sixty-five only had been allowed for the whole district. An amusing incident occurred during an inoculation parade to-day, one of the Battalion swooned prior to receiving his 'jab', subsequent comments were hardly appreciated by the unhappy wife. Strength increase 3 men, Strength decrease nil.	B.

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Montreal	20.10.39	0600-0600	<p>Morning parades at McGill Campus drawing increasing interest from the public who watch with morbid curiosity the bayonet attacks on the effigies of Hitler, Goebbels and Goering. A route march on Mount Royal covered the afternoon training period, longer than usual it appeared to be keenly enjoyed by the men. Sufficient time has now elapsed since mobilization to allow the men to become familiarized with their changed routine and company members. This is evinced by the composition of individual company songs and the zest with which they are sung reveal a highly gratifying team spirit. Further inoculation took place to the accompaniment of much exaggerated moaning and groaning.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2/Lieut. Robert Eliot Miller T.O.S. and posted to #2 Coy. Strength increase 2 men, Strength decrease nil.</p>	
"	21.10.39	0600-0600	<p>No outdoor parade held. Subsistence allowance for September was paid and came as a godsend to all recipients. A parade was held in the afternoon, three tramcars being pressed into service for transportation of the Battalion to Glen Yards where the Reg't'al team defeated 'Steelco' 1-0 at soccer. Entertainment was later provided for the men by an Armoury dance which was very well attended, practically all city units being represented. 'Lights out' was extended until 0230 hours for this occasion.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Strength increase nil, Strength decrease 1 man.</p>	
"	22.10.39	0600-0600	<p>No Parades held.</p>	
"	23.10.39	0600-0600	<p>Capt's C.Petch &amp; F.Mitchell, Lieut. J.W.Knox &amp; I.R.MacDougal left for an instructors course at the R.C.R. Barracks st.John, P.Q. They were accompanied by four Sergeants. Anti-typhoid inoculation was completed in the first stage. Morning parade held at McGill for usual instruction, the Battalion proceeded to Fletchers field at 14.30 hrs. to take part in a practical demonstration of cover from view.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">No.increase or decrease of strength.</p>	

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Montreal.	24.10.39	0600-0600	<p>During the morning drill period on the campus the medical section had its first bayonet fighting training and it was generally conceded that the stretcher was their forte.</p> <p>A company attack held at Fletcher's field conclusively proved that our training is in its very early stages, some quite primitive solutions being offered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	P.
"	25.10.39	0600-0600	<p>The Bn. was transported by buses to Mount Bruno for firing practice, few mittens have been supplied as yet and the cold subsequently caused much discomfort, Keen competition took place raising the average score considerably.</p> <p>After their return to the armoury the men were dismissed in order to give them the opportunity to vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 3 men., Strength decrease 4 men.</p>	P.
"	26.10.39	0600-0600	<p>Another day spent at Mt. Bruno, wiring practice and range finding occupying the time of those not firing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	P.
"	27.10.39	0600-0600	<p>Inoculation for typhoid advanced to its second stage with a double ration for all hands.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 2 men., Strength decrease 2 men.</p>	P.

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Montreal.	28.10.39	0600-0600	<p>The incubation period of forty-eight hours post inoculation precluded the holding of any parades other than fatigue and meal.</p> <p>Annual Dinner;- Twenty-seven years have passed since our mess has been graced by the presence of a Governor General and in accepting Lt.Col.Blackader's invitation Lord Tweedsmuir broke with alacrity his rule regarding functions of this nature, A rule only made necessary by the demands upon His Excellency's time for duties of a more public character. Slightly over 200 years ago on Oct.25.1739. A letter of service was granted to the Royal Highland Regiment, The original regiment to gain the title "Black Watch" then as an epithet soon later a mark of regard and high esteem, This coincidental with our regiment, again being called out for active service overseas, No doubt supplied additional reason for His Excellency's ready acquiescence.</p> <p>In his address Lord Tweesmuir stressed that the Empire is fighting to-day for the spiritual values which alone make life living, fighting for a cause which is "More Momentous and sacred" than any of the army's past campaigns. Quote " We are met here to-night at the outset of war to praise famous men and the Father's who begat us, And we are met at the outset of a war which will determine whether civilization can endure".</p> <p>After thanking Lord <del>Tweesmuir</del> Tweedsmuir for his address Col. Hutchison said he hoped that Brig. Archambault and all those in authority would remember that our second Battalion, ready and eager to serve, was prepared to follow our first overseas even as the 42nd followed the old 13th.</p> <p>An immense success the dinner proved to be, causing many of the officers to thank their maker for an afternoon church parade.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	29.10.39	0600-0600	<p>The Battalion paraded at 1400 hrs for the purpose of attending divine service at St. Andrew's and St. Pauls. Major The Rev. George D. Kilpatrick, D.S.O. addressed the Bn. using "Honour and Chivalry" as his theme, The short address gave the men's already high esprit de corps an extraordinary boost as it was delivered not as a sermon, but as a man to man talk. Minor offence reports are not expected to wane as a result but all ranks have a far better and deeper knowledge of the decency of the task before them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	

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Montreal.	30.10.39.	0600-0600	Morning parades consisted of P.T. weapon training and anti-gas instruction, in the afternoon instruction in wiring and bombing was given, followed by a lecture on selection of fire positions. No increase or decrease of strength.	



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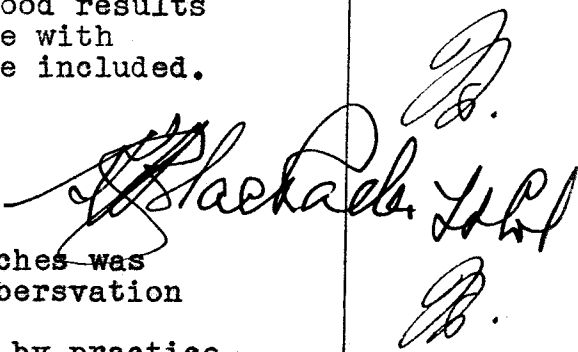

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Montreal Longueil.	31.10.39	0600-0600	<p>The new training area west of the Harbour bridge on the south shore was utilized for the first time. Double apron fences were erected by the 3rd. and 5th. coy's. Instruction was given in the use of the hand grenade. A detailed map of the area provided the Intelligence section with an opportunity to apply practically the theoretical training they have received, quite good results were obtained as a whole, only one man considering a washing line complete with union suit and other even more intimate garments part of the detail to be included. Pay parade held upon the return of the Bn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
Montreal.	1.11.39	0600-0600	<p>The Battalion moved to the South Shore having area, where digging of trenches was undertaken, No. 5 coy doing wiring and the Intelligence section making an Observation Post. In the afternoon a demonstration on handling L.M. Guns was given, followed by practice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	2.11.39	0600-0600	<p>Training on the South Shore was held, including digging and wiring, in the morning. The Battalion returned to the armoury in the afternoon for lectures on L.M.G. and I.S.L. This came as quite a respite for those who's hands had become calloused by unwonted handling of pick and shovel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	