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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Newfoundland Airport.	1.7.	0600	Work is being carried out on the improvement of the Gander Lake, Transmission, and Receiving posts. Hutments will be constructed to accommodate approximately thirty men each, and will greatly add to the men's comfort. "E" Coy has been kept in the camp area because of the lack of men available for fatigue duty. As soon as possible they will be returned to their normal training schedule. No increase or decrease of strength.	S.S.T.C.
	40.	0600		
"	2.7.	0600	D-81119, Pte. Kennedy, J.F. capsized in Gander Lake while making a trip to the opposite shore, 2500 yards away. Two hours later he was found, by members of his company, in a state of complete exhaustion. Immediate medical attention prevented what might otherwise have been a more tragic ending. No increase or decrease of strength.	S.S.T.C.
	40.			
"	3.7.	0600	The weather is improving slightly and native Newfoundlanders say that summer is almost here. Good weather is a necessity in getting the work done speedily because of the condition of the ground. As stated before, it is of a solid, hard packed clay and shale composition and consequently, no natural seepage or drainage of water takes place. No increase or decrease of strength.	S.S.T.C.
	40.	0600		
"	4.7.	0600	Lt. Col. K.G. Blackader returned, by train from St. Johns at 0400 hours. While at St. Johns he discussed the problem of defense with the Commission of Government and an intense study of the entire scheme and the forces available will be made during the next few days. No increase or decrease of strength.	S.S.T.C.
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Newfoundland Airport.	5.7.	0600	Kit inspection was held by "A" Coy to determine the amount of equipment missing since the departure from Valcartier. No increase or decrease of strength.	S.S.T.C.													
	40.	0600			"	6.7.	0600	As the only means of approaching the airport by land is the railway, Lt. Col. Blackader conferred with Mr. Ross, chief engineer of the A.N.D. Co., to discuss the advisability of mining the track in both directions from camp. Both of these blocks will be covered by fire from especially prepared L.M.G. posts. The posts themselves will be camouflaged from air and ground observation and will be capable of all-round defense. No increase or decrease of strength.	S.S.T.C.		40.	0600	"	7.7.	0600	Two officers of the Black Watch made a reconnaissance of Newfoundland coast line from Cape Race to Bona Vista Bay, including Harbour Grace Airport. Their decision was, that because of the innumerable inlets and bays which characterize the Newfoundland coast, complete defense of the island is an impossibility with the size force at our disposal. The Newfoundland Airport proper was studied with the idea in mind of breaking up all cleared areas, runways, and roads and destroying gas dumps in the event of a forced withdrawal. Divine Service was held by the Padre at 1030 hrs. There was a good attendance. No increase or decrease of strength.	Appendix 5. C.O's report. S.S.T.C.
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Newfoundland Airport.	8.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>The weather has been excellent for the past three days enabling the men to complete a large number of the carpentry jobs underway. The pay office staff are now well settled in their new building, leaving the marquee they had been placed in temporarily, free for a company mess. A Battalion parade was held on runway number two at 0915 hrs. After a brief talk by Lt.Col.Blackader, the men on duty were dismissed to carry on their work and the remainder indulged in a spot of drill. After supper a limited number of men were sold tickets to a moving picture held in the dining room of the Administration Bldg. The picture, "Of Mice and Men" was rather depressing, and all who saw it decided that even a grade "B" comedy would have been a better choice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	<p>Appendix 6 Standing Orders. S.S.T.C</p>
"	9.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>A meeting of the N.C.O's was held in the Sgt's Mess at 2000 hrs. Col.Blackader spoke, complimenting all ranks on the Toronto - Valcartier and Valcartier - Newfoundland trips. The excellent conduct of the troops while on board ship was mentioned and the fine way in which officers and men co-operated to make the camp more habitable under the most adverse conditions. All N.C.O's were cautioned on the importance of keeping in close touch with the camp in the event of an alarm being sounded.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	<p>XXXXXXXXXX S.S.T.C.</p>
"	10.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>"B" Coy. held kit inspection, Work continued on the posts in spite of heavy winds and rain. The lesson learned at Valcartier was evidently a good one, as no tents lost their moorings during the blow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	<p>S.S.T.C.</p>

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Newfoundland, Airport.	11.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>Canada's base post office forwarded 15 letters to the Black Watch and thereby established a new low in mail received by the Battalion. The importance of the effect of mail from home on the morale of the men cannot be stressed too much, and it is hoped, that in the future, delays in postal service will be cut to a minimum. The Fox Moth which has been kept in the hangar here, was equipped with pontoons in preparation for a flight to Botwood, its new headquarters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	Appendix 7 Pipe Band Standing Orders. S.S.T.C
"	12.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>The Minister of Justice and Defense E.L. Emerson, and the Commissioner of Public Works, Sir Wilfred Woods inspected the Airport area with Lt. Col. Blackader and discussed plans for the general defense of the Island of Newfoundland. After supper at the Officer's Mess, they returned by train to St. Johns apparently well pleased with the work being done here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C
"	13.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>A leave party left for Grand Falls at 1400 hrs. The men have been so well treated at this town, that passes are much in demand. The majority of men remaining in camp, excepting those on duty, spent the afternoon swimming in Dead Man's Pond. The water there is a good bit warmer than Gander Lake, making it an ideal spot for a bath parade.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C
"	14.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>A voluntary Church Parade was held this morning at 1030 hrs. in the Motor Vehicle Bldg. A number of the men and a few of the civilians stationed at the airport attended the services.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.

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Newfoundland, Airport.	15.7.	0600	<p>The leave party returned from Grand Falls in the early hours of the morning. The men were exceptionally well treated by the townspeople, and in many cases were invited to spend the night in private homes.</p> <p>"A"Coy., "B"Coy., and Bn.HQ were paid. This resulted in a general rush on the canteen and the government store.</p> <p>To make a perfect day more so, the mail, 19 bags full, arrived from home and brought the long awaited duty-free cigarettes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.														
	40.	0600			"	16.7.	0600	<p>A weapon, for use against the only enemy we have as yet encountered, was issued today. Friends of the Battalion in St. Johns made a gift of Flit Mosquito Repellent to each man. Also received, and no less welcome, were 120 Black Fly Masks from the Womens Division of the Black Watch in Montreal. Work on the posts continued as usual. "E"Coy. carried on with their training schedule and in a burst of enthusiasm volunteered to do first task on the alternate trenches west of the Administration Bldg. As the earth here is particularly hard, the job was not finished until 2200 hrs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.		40.	0600	"	17.7.	0600	<p>"E"Coy. held their kit inspection this morning. The airport was visited visited by Squadron Leader Dwight Ross and Flying Officer David Price. They arrived by planes from Halifax and St. Johns, respectively, and are making a survey of the Northern Newfoundland Coast for the establishment of a seaplane base. Upon leaving here, they will continue on to Botwood where facilities for the landing and servicing of seaplanes are already available.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.	
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Newfoundland Airport.	18.7.	0600 40. 0600	<p>A touch of realism was added to the alarm practice this morning when two of the Douglas Bombers stationed here staged a sham battle after troops had taken up their emergency stations. At an altitude of about 200 feet they criss-crossed the field "Straffing" and Bombing" the area in a very thorough manner. Luncheon was half an hour late because of the time taken by the practice.</p> <p>The master map of the area was brought up to date with all posts and trenches having been plotted on it. One of the men applied his gift of Flit internally. The desired affect was attained, but on amazing proportions to the size of the bottle which only holds 2 ozs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
"	19.7.	0600 40. 0600	<p>The C.O's parade was held this morning instead of on Monday as originally planned. It was announced that at least one alarm drill per week would be held, thereby enabling all companies to take part. The men at Gander Lake and the Receiving Station were able to move into more comfortable quarters today. A shortage of lumber longer than 21 feet and the wharping of that which was on hand delayed the building at Gander for almost two days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
"	20.7.	0600 40. 0600	<p>At the request of the air force, we are supplying them with tracer bullets which will be used in the destruction of their gasoline dumps if the necessity arises. Work was begun by the engineers on a new R.A.P. The building will be forty feet by twenty and have accommodations for twenty-two men, six staff and fourteen patients.</p> <p>Short of amusement as we are up here, the lighting of the landing field was a four star hit. The field was lit as a guide for Flying Boat ONA/908 which alighted at Gander Lake.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.

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Newfoundland, Airport.	21.7.	0600	<p>Governor</p> <p>Sir Humphrey Walwyn, Governor of Newfoundland, and Lady Walwyn stopped here on their way to the coast. Sir Humphrey intends spending ten days fishing and will formally inspect the camp upon his return. A royal guard of 100 men will be turned out. The Governor entertained Col. Blackader and Capt. Cantlie at dinner aboard his private train and expressed his wish to talk with the men individually when he returns on the 6th. of August. A Battalion Church parade was held at 0945 hrs on the recreation field. The Padre, Capt. D.B. MacKay, spoke on the necessity of putting aside petty quarrels and concentrating on the job to be done. The sermon was interrupted several times by low-flying planes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
	40.	0600		
"	22.7.	0600	<p>Bn. HQ held kit inspection. HQ Coy spent the day putting their light machine guns in order after a week on the outposts. E Coy began lectures and instruction in distance judging. The course will be held at the west end of runway number 2 and prominent objects ranging in distance from 100 to 800 yards have been plotted on a range card for the use of the instructors. D-81535, Pte. Calderwood has been tentatively diagnosed as having sunstroke. He was sent to Grand Falls Hospital by train at 2200 hrs due to the seriousness of his condition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
	40.	0600		
"	23.7.	0600	<p>Because of the doubtful condition of many of the hired trucks in use here, drivers are not permitted past the quarry on the Gander Lake road. The hill from the quarry to the lake is so steep as to be a definite hazard to safe driving, one truck having met with a slight accident already. A second case, having much the same symptoms as that of Pte. Calderwood's, is being cared for by the Medical Section. It is now known that Sunstroke is not the cause, consequently the entire airport has been put under quarantine as a safety precaution. The Sgts., played the Officers this evening in a softball game. The final score was 18-12 in favour of the Sgts. who spent the remainder of the evening celebrating their victory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
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Newfoundland Airport.	24.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>Another practice drill for the general alarm was carried out at 1400 hrs. All positions were taken up in a remarkably short time. "A" Coy's scouts have done a very creditable piece of work on a map enlargement of the area. Working with almost no instruments, one pair of dividers, a protractor, and a pencil, the finished product was neat and accurate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
"	25.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>Major General T.V. Anderson, Inspector General of Canada, and Major A.B. Garrow arrived by Flying Boat ONA/908 at 2200 hrs. today. They are here for the purpose of discussing the defense of the airport and of Botwood and to inspect the dispositions already made by the defense unit. Both the General and the Major were satisfied with the way in which all posts were dug and suggested the use of fish nets on poles as a means of camouflage from the air.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
"	26.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>The Battalion parade in the morning was taken by Major Rutledge in the absence of Lt. Col. Blackader. The Colonel and Major General T.V. Anderson left for Botwood in the Stranraer Flying Boat to inspect the area there. "H.Q." Coy held kit inspection in the afternoon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
"	27.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>The news for which the entire Battalion has so long awaited arrived by code telegram at 2300 hrs., instructions to proceed overseas on the 10th. of August.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.

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Newfoundland, Airport.	28.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>After the announcement of the proposed move, a buzz of excitement hovered around the camp all day, and the evening was properly celebrated in the men's canteen until lights out was sounded. The men spent most of the night trying to guess our destination and the exact date of embarkation. A voluntary Church Parade was held on the recreation field.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
"	29.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>All kit bags, boxes and cases which will be taken by the Battalion were stenciled with divisional colors and XXXXXX serial number 186. This entails a good bit of work and is being done by the engineers, assisted by one or two members of the pipe band. An extra push was put into work on the posts in order that they may be in the best of condition when the relief takes over. Now that they have something definite to look forward to, the men are really doing their work with a will.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
"	30.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>Major Molson, Major Hamer, Capt. Cantlie, Sgt. MacKay, and four other ranks proceeded to Botwood where a check up was made on all forms M.F.M. 14. "C" Coy, "D" Coy., and those men of H.Q. Coy and Bn. HQ stationed at Botwood were paid during the afternoon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.
"	31.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>Pay Parade, and the check up on assigned pay took up the greater part of the day. The usual rush took place on canteen and store and a great many of the men stocked up on chocolate and tobacco in view of the impending move.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	S.S.T.C.

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Botwood, Nfld.	<u>1.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Work continued on defense positions and also extending the amenities of camp, i.e. improved latrines, cook house and abutment arrangements. Incoming and outgoing vessels have to be boarded and cargo and crew carefully checked.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>2.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	It has been observed that men at outposts and working on defensive positions have been needlessly exposing themselves to view, this has now been corrected. The various posts entail considerable hard labour as all the digging has to be done in ground which is principally shale and rock, However the men show great enthusiasm and interest, leading to excellent work and the creation of well concealed and soundly constructed positions.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>3.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	One of the steamers in port, the Greek S/S "Adamas", had to be halted and brought back shortly after its departure due to the necessity of an investigation of one of the crew whom, it had been reported, had been acting suspiciously.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>4.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Work continued on defensive positions. The men have soon made friends with many of the inhabitants, particularly those members of the fair sex. Considerable discontent has been expressed with the poor arrival of letters from home, this is probably due to families in Canada not yet being aware of the correct address and to the fact that it will take a few days for the postal service to settle down to a regular schedule.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>5.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Many of the inhabitants appear to be developing a suspicious complex and quite a number of queer reports are beginning to come in such as aeroplanes being seen at all hours of the night and troops landing at odd points. All this information has to be investigated, checked and disposed of leading to quite a considerable amount of work for outposts, sentries and the Intelligence Section.	S.S.T.C.

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Botwood, Nfld.	<u>6.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	<p>Capt. Robertson, the M.O., has acquired a craft with a doubtful auxiliary motor. Christened the "Yellow Peril" it has now given evidence of its usefulness and service to ward off His Majesty's enemies. Capt. Ritchie with a party of ten men, the M.O. and Intell. Sgt, proceeded on the "Yellow Peril" to Norris Arm in which area it had been reported that troops were being landed by small boats. Upon arrival it was found that a schooner, the W.L. MacKenzie King, had fouled a shoal and small boats were attempting to release her. The party under Capt. Ritchie, armed to the teeth, feeling somewhat crest fallen returned in the M.O.'s vessel which also seemed somewhat upset as it showed a tendency towards automatically changing from full speed ahead to full speed astern without any warning to either its skipper or its crew. There were no casualties.</p>	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>7.7.</u> 40.	0600	<p>Major A.W. Wright, Lieut. J.E. Bourne, C.S.M. Wellington and 35 O.R.'s, wearing the kilt, proceeded to Grand Falls where they took part in the annual annual Memorial Day Service for the men of Newfoundland who fell in the War of 1914-1918. After the service all ranks were royally entertained by the citizens of this very hospitable little town. The remainder of the Detachment, under the command of Major I.L. Ibbotson, participated in the Botwood Memorial Service where they placed a wreath on the Memorial overlooking the Harbour. All ranks in Botwood were impressed by the number of veterans wearing the ribbons and medals of the last Great War and the scarcity of men of military age showing that this small village, hundreds of miles from Europe, was doing more than its share towards the War. It made one recall the members of young men back in Canada whose sole interests still appeared to be bowling alleys, stock exchange and movies.</p>	S.S.T.C.

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Botwood, Nfld.	<u>8.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Work continued on defense of the area. During the night a report was received that a vessel had anchored in the Narrows, report was that it was a warship of 40,000 tons! Major Jaquays, C.S.M. Wellington and party of men with a L.M.G. left in the Airways launch to investigate. After a thorough search no vessel whatsoever was discovered and a very tired party returned to the camp area just before reveille, however those who had not partaken in the search expressed their admiration for the gallantry of men who would in the Nelson manner, seek out to destroy, armed only with a L.M.G. a vessel of 40,000 tons.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>9.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Shortly after noon the outpost on Canning Mt. reported that an aeroplane was approaching from the N.NE, the direction which a plane, coming from Iceland, would probably take. The alarm was given and all ranks took up their designated positions, "D" Coy in particular being noteworthy for the promptness and rapidity with which gun-crews took position and spare men took cover. The aeroplane was then recognized as friendly and as one from Nfld. Airport, a Douglas bomber markings 744. The fret that no word had been received of its visit to this area might have led to an awkward predicament for its crew and even loss of life, this has been prevented for future occasion by arranging recognition signals. It was later announced that Lt. Col. Blackader M.C.E.D. O.C. the Battalion, was a passenger in the bomber.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>10.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	All ranks are looking fit and well. The weather has taken a change for the better and while it is mid-summer, yet the water in the Bay is of an icy temperature----- but many of the hardier members get a regular daily swim.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>11.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Defense preparations continued as usual. The men enjoy the continued good weather and the battle dress blouses of thick winter material have been discarded in favour of khaki shirts, during the day time.	S.S.T.C.

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Botwood, Nfld.	<u>12.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Usual activities continue. There is still considerable digging to be done in order to strengthen existing posts. Some break in the monotony of the camp area is provided by the opportunity given to the men of obtaining a late pass, once a fortnight, to proceed to Grand Falls: some twenty-four miles away. Grand Falls is a small but compact town with a reasonably good football ground. Games are being arranged between a local team and one from the Detachment.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>13.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Some discontent is evident among the men in connection with the receipt of mail which is still taking from seven to twelve days to arrive. This delay appears to be completely unnecessary in view of the fact that civilian mail from Montreal to Grand Falls, at the most, only takes four days to arrive.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>14.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	The continual digging and duty in outposts is not the most cleanly of occupation and consequently the question of bathing facilities is very important. At present the whole means of washing available to the camp are three showers, two of which are reserved for the officers and one for the W.O's and N.C.O's. The latter shower has been put at the disposal, unofficially, by the N.C.O's to all other ranks but this by no means solves the problem, many of the men are obtaining baths at local houses and in many instances have to pay. This situation might be remedied by the erection of showers or the allocation of all existing showers to the Detachment on a time schedule basis.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>15.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	The area was visited by Sir Wilfrid Wood, Minister for Utilities in the Newfoundland Commission. He was taken on a tour of the defense positions and camp sites by Major I.L. Ibbotson, O.C. Detachment.	S.S.T.C.

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Botwood, Nfld.	<u>16.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Quite considerable activity is provided for the Coy detailed for protection in the harbour area as the frequent incoming ocean vessels on occasion the manning of defense posts, provision of wharf pickets and the boarding party. The boarding party have to accompany a member of the Intelligence Section in a complete check-up of all holds, bunkers and ship area.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>17.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Two Stanraer flying-boats alighted at the Seaplane base for a short stop-over. In command was Sqdn. Ldr. Ross, with F/Lts. Carpenter, Ducie and P/O. Mitchell all of the R.C.A.F. These boats had previously visited the main body of the Battalion at the Airport where they alighted at Gander Lake.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>18.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Sqdn. Leader Ross took off, with Major Ibbotson, Wright, Jaquays and Int. Sgt. Francis, for a forty minute aerial reconnaissance of the area including Lewisporte, Thevail Island and the entrance to the Bay of Exploits. The flying boats were later refueled refueled and left after lunch for an undisclosed destination.	S.S.T.C.
"	<u>19.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	A large mail arrived for the troops. The arrival of letters and parcels with the consequent reaction of the troops is an education and bears out the stories related by veterans of the last war that mail and cigarettes were of the utmost importance in the building and maintenance of a good morale among soldiers on active service and in this connection deliveries of mail for this unit appear to be, at last, reaching a regular schedule with not to many delays.	S.S.T.C.

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Botwood, Nfld.	20.7.	0600	A football team picked from the Detachment went to Grand Falls to play a civilian team representing that town and while our men were out of practise and played on a very poor stoney ground of a type to which they are not accustomed yet an enjoyable game ended with a draw, 2-2. The players later attended a dance held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.	S.S.T.C													
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Botwood, Nfld.	23.7.	0600	<p>Some excitement was caused by a report received by the Intelligence Section that two members of the U.S. Ship "Golden Sword" had been making subversive remarks in German in the town and that a third was endeavouring to take photos of the sea-plane base. An investigation was started but could not be carried through as the local constabulary were not sure whether or not their authority permitted them to seize cameras or arrest such people.</p> <p>The detachment of R.C.E. under Sgt. Bateman who have been of great assistance in the creation of a reasonably comfortable camp site to-day completed a most impressive building for the use of stores, ammunition and rifles, this has delighted the heart of the Detachment Storeman L/Cpl. Lowe, N. a long, angular Englishman who has been made his name by the efficient method in which he runs his issue and indent schedule to co-incide with the schedule laid down for P.T., Kit inspection and similar necessary but tedious parades which he considers outside the bounds of a storeman's duty. It is such humorous sidelights on a soldier's character which help to break the monotony, for his comrades, of garrison duty in in a district such as Botwood.</p> <p>"C" Coy was placed in quarantine from this date as Cpl. Thomas, 13th. Platoon, became ill with scarlet fever. This entailed "D" Coy providing all boarding parties in addition to their own duties.</p>	
	40.	0600		
"	24.7.	0600	<p>At 0300 hrs. D-81858 Int. Sgt. Francis, having been informed by L/Cpl. Willoughby of the Regt^l Police that it was believed that the crew member of the "Golden Sword" a stoker named T.R. Laurimore of New York City, had taken photos of the Seaplane Base, boarded the vessel and seized the film in the suspect's camera. Subsequent developing of this film proved it to be of quite an innocent nature. Although the pictures were of men of the Black Watch, neither numbers, equipment, position or background were of military importance. Later in the morning H.M.S. Caradoc, Capt. Bethell, entered the harbour and was boarded by Major Ibbotson, Capt. Ritchie and Sgt. Francis. This party later came ashore with Capt. Burnett, R.M. and Lieut. Wainwright, R.N. who made an investigation into harbour controlmen and toured the defense area.</p>	S.S.7c
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Botwood, Nfld.	25.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>The Men of "D" Coy. were invited aboard H.M.S. Caradoc where they were shown over the decks, quarters, torpedo mountings and general armaments and control area. This was greatly enjoyed by all ranks and in the afternoon men from HQ Coy and Bn. HQ did likewise. "C" Coy were greatly chagrined that due to quarantine they were unable to go aboard. In the evening a football team from "D" Coy, "HQ" and "Bn. HQ" played football against "Caradoc's" team, losing 4 - 2.</p>	S.S.Tc.
"	26.7. 40.	0600 0600	<p>R.C.A.F. flying boat QNA/908, F/Lt. Carpenter R.C.A.F. alofted at the Base at 1007 hrs bringing Maj. Gen. Anderson D.S.O. Insp. Gen. of C.A.S.F. on a visit of inspection, immediately after his arrival, Maj. Gen. Anderson visited H.M.S. Caradoc with Lt. Col. K.G. Blackader who had accompanied him here. The party then came ashore at 1100 hours. H.M.S. Caradoc putting out to sea immediately afterwards. Maj. Gen. Anderson and Lt. Col. Blackader, after a tour of inspection of the area and study of the defense plans, left by flying boat for the airport.</p> <p>At 2340 hours a most unfortunate accident occurred in the Q.M. Stores. The assistant storeman, Pte. Brothers, J., was in the act of moving a number of rifles when one was discharged blowing off one of his fingers. Capt. B. D. Robertson was called and rapidly attended to the injured member, fortunately the damage was not to an index finger and Pte. Brothers was not badly disabled but suffered quite severely from shock. The reason for the accident was immediately the subject of enquiry.</p> <p>Map of area done by the Int. Sect. was completed and blue printed printed this map was made by a survey with two compasses only and an old Barr Stroud Infantry Range-finder with no Ordnance or other map of the area to assist.</p>	<p>Blue-print Botwood Area Attached. Appendix. ii. No. 2.</p> <p>S.S.Tc</p>

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Botwood, Nfld.	<u>27.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Quarantine on "C" Coy was lifted much to the relief of all concerned. In the evening a football game was played in Grand Falls as part of the ceremonies and sports attended on the Labour Day Holiday which is a very important feature in the community's life. The result was a victory for the Black Watch, Score 2 - 1.	SSTC
"	<u>28.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Quite a number of men arrived at the Seaplane base of Imperial Airways for the expected arrival of a flying-boat from England to re-open the Trans-Atlantic service. Among these men Mr. Dupe, who was a mechanic on the ill-fated Caribou which had been seen by many of the Black Watch on her arrival in Montreal in 1939 and which had been destroyed by enemy aircraft in Norway, entertained some of the men with his tales of events that had happened to the N.W.E.F in its operations at Narvik, Namsos and other Norwegian points. Great excitement and great relief was felt by all ranks when Company Commanders announced that Maj. Gen. Anderson had stated they would be relieved in the course of a few weeks and then proceed overseas. The necessity of exercising the greatest caution and secrecy in connection with this news was impressed upon all. Once again rumours are abroad as to the Unit's ultimate destination, from Iceland to Hong-Kong, but all will be satisfied if they can only be completely equipped and given action with an apparent objective rather than a garrison duty.	SSTC
"	<u>29.7.</u> 40.	0600 0600	Work and defensive duties continued but all ranks took a keener interest in view of the impending move. It is not yet known which regiment will relieve the Black Watch but officers and men intend to see that the incoming unit will take over a clean, sanitary area with well placed and camouflaged defense posts.	SSTC

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Botwood, Nfld.	30.7. 40.	0600 0600	Major Molson arrived from the Main Body to hold a pay parade and check all M.F.M's. 14.. Major (QM) Hamer, accompanied by Capt. S.S.T. Cantlie, Bn. Adj., also arrived to ensure that Stores were all in order and arrange for the turning over of the required equipment and stores to the relieving unit upon its arrival in the near future.	SSTC
"	31.7. 40.	0600 0600	The usual duties were undertaken. There was a decided change in the weather with a continual downpour of rain which made conditions most unpleasant for those men in defense posts. The problem of drainage for posts, to get rid of collected rain water, proved to be quite a problem in some cases as a number of posts are sunk into solid rock.	SSTC

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