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			<p><u>Original.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>WAR DIARY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Bn The Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canada, C.A.S.F.</p> <p><u>March 1st - 31st, 1940.</u></p>	

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Toronto, Ont.	1.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Another slight increase was noted in the length of the Route March, taken by the Battalion. No parade is held in the afternoon following a march other than bath, foot & boot inspection. The general health of the men is excellent.</p> <p>An unfortunate incident occurred this morning, During the Sgt. Cook's absence two men started a fight in the men's kitchen resulting in the superficial wounding of one by a knife.</p> <p>According to the evidence submitted, jealousy over a woman had existed for sometime, this was brought to a head by flagrant remarks.</p> <p>Lt. Col. K.G. Blackader is taking a most serious view of the incident; will make an example of the participants by awarding the maximum penalty prior to discharge.</p> <p>Capt. H.E.T. Doucet has been selected to attend a Liaison Officers Course at Camberley, England commencing March 28th. 40. He is to hold himself in readiness to proceed overseas at an early date.</p> <p>Capt. Doucet was granted one weeks leave.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Increase or Decrease in Strength.</p>	

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Toronto, Ont.	2.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Saturday morning in the Horse Palace represents a scene of frenzied activity in the Coy.Lines, An earnest battle is waged between Coys.for top honours in neatness & cleanliness awarded after the O.C's.inspection "E" Coy refuge for those underage & once known as the "idlers paradise" puts on a terrific show of enthusiasm as yet unrewarded.Dust,the accumulation of years,falls in a steady drizzle from overhead, such is the competition Coys.detail a section to do dusting only,for the fifteen minutes immediately prior to the inspection.</p> <p>An experiment which has as yet to prove its worth is now in process. By covering the concrete with a coat of paint it is hoped that the dust situation will be somewhat alleviated & an area has been set aside to try out the idea.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 3 - Decrease 2.</p>	

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Toronto, Ont.	3.3.40	0600 0600	<p>The Battalion paraded at 0940 hrs, for the purpose of attending Divine Service in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. The Service was conducted by the Hon. Capt. D. MacKay & the Rev. George Donald of Montreal was guest preacher. After the Service the Bn was entertained by St. Mary's Boys Band composed of buglers & drummers. The Men were evidently favourably impressed as a collection to supply soft drinks was in process when the O.C. appeared. Money donated was returned & personal funds made available.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Increase or Decrease in strength.</p>	
Toronto, Ont.	4.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Training has been greatly hampered since mobilization by the lack of equipment. Just before our departure from Montreal we received from M.D.4 fifty Lewis Guns which were promptly overhauled & put into first class condition by the instructors. It was therefore extremely discouraging to receive word that twenty-five of these weapons were to be requisitioned for the use of the Infantry Training Centre. The allotment of fifty is only sufficient for the Bn's needs as a large number of men have yet to complete their L.M.G. elementary training. A strong protest has been made, the weapons remaining here pending the outcome.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength Increase 2 - Decrease 2.</p>	

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Toronto, Ont.	5.3.40	0600 0600	<p>The Bn paraded at 0830 hrs. for the purpose of indulging in a Route March. An additional half hour allowed an increase of one & a half miles the distance covered being approximately ten & a half miles. The increase caused no distress whatsoever & the men exhibited high spirits throughout.</p> <p>A lecture given by Col. ... Chisholm, M.C.E.D. was attended by all Officers at 1700 hrs. yesterday. The subject "Fear", Many very useful methods of control were discussed & advice included mechanical aids to suppression.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase - Decrease 1 in strength.</p>	<p>Road Report Attached. <u>I</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>P.B.</i></p>
Toronto, Ont.	6.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Lt.Col. Blackader's protest regarding the withdrawal of half the Lewis Guns had the desired effect & they are to remain. Attached in order of date received is a list of equipment issued by M.D.2 since the arrival of the Bn. This includes 1000 pairs of flannel pyjamas donated to the Bn. by the Red Cross Society.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or Decrease in strength.</p>	<p>Equipment List <u>II</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>P.B.</i></p>

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Toronto, Ont.	7.3.40	0600 0600	<p>A Further issue of battle dress, 532 suits, has been received. None has been issued so far. The men greatly fear that they will be expected to give up the Kilt & wear the new dress on leave. Additional training in judging distance occupied the afternoon,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Strength Increase or Decrease.</p>	<i>JB</i>
"	8.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Starting at 0830 hrs. Coys left Barracks at two minute intervals for a Route March. At the outset the wind was bitterly cold & this factor persuaded Major Ibbotson to change the route keeping within the shelter of the city. A fairly fast pace was set throughout. At the conclusion of these marches a most thorough examination of boots, socks & feet is made. This has proved most beneficial & the results obtained has been gratifying. If examinations had always been so punctillious many cases of sore feet would have been quickly eradicated. The M.O. Capt. Robertson reports that men reporting sick following a route march are now few & far between. The Battalion has been called on to furnish a Guard at Malton Airport, this to consist of 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl. & six Men, bringing the strength required for these extra regimental duties up to Ninety-four or nearly one full company. This naturally retards training.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength Increase Nil..Decrease, 1.</p>	<i>JB</i>
"	9.3.40	0600 0600	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>for line inspection</i></p> <p>Drill followed by the usual intensive preparation, completed the mornings tasks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength Increase Nil Decrease 1.</p>	<i>JB</i>

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Toronto, Ont.	10.3.40	0600 0600	NO PARADES.	A.B.
"	11.3.40	0600 0600	<p>A complete inspection of kit was made after which the O.C. addressed the Battalion. Complimenting the men on their deportment since mobilization Lt. Col. Blackader requested that they keep up the good work whilst on leave. Very little hope remained of the Railways Coy's allowing the excursion rate of \$7.50 to be put into effect for the benefit of men going on leave to Montreal but in any event from funds made available to the O.C. each man proceeding on leave would receive a grant of \$5.00 to be applied against his fare. This news was enthusiastically received as it will be a godsend to the majority.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No strength Increase or Decrease.</p>	A.B.



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Toronto, Ont.	12.3.40	0600 0600	<p>At a meeting of Officers held in the Mess at 1730 yesterday it was decided to increase Mess fees from 25 cts. per day to ten dollars per month. In addition mess dues will be levied on a pro rata basis not as yet established. This it is hoped will enable the Mess to build up a fund able of dealing with emergencies. Capable</p> <p>Distance covered on the mornings Route March; - 11½ miles. An issue of rubbers has been received and distributed throughout the Bn. There were no half sizes available, so many men have had to content themselves with geloshes a trifle too large.</p> <p>No strength Increase or Decrease. Capt. E.C. Rawlings., "A" Coy. is posted as Coy Commander to "E" with Capt. H.E.F Doucet On command. Lieut. W.A. Wood, HQ Coy has completed a course in M.T. maintenance & ceases to be attached to 1 Bridge Co. R.C.A.S.C.</p>	 

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


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Toronto, Ont.	13.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Attached orders governing the first furlough party.-----</p> <p>Owing to leave the last Mess Dinner for some time was held. Lt. Col. Blackader made the event memorable in proposing a toast to Capt. H.E.T. Doucet who left for England to-day.</p> <p>On concession granted the troops by the C.P.R. was to have the leave train stationed within the Barrack Area, This proved to be a favour indeed as the streets were coated with newly formed ice and although the majority of the men would have been oblivious of ordinary bumps and bruises a protracted march would have entailed hardship to their shepherds. Great displays of enthusiasm were shown by the fortunate proceeding on furlough and those remaining managed to bid them farewell with a song at least rousing if not entirely complimentary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Strength Increase or Decrease.</p> <p>The following Officers have been detailed for duty on a Board of Officers for the purpose of conducting Promotion Examinations for officers of the N.P.H.M. & C.O.T.C. candidates, Lieut. W.A. Wood, Lieut. I.R. McDougall, Lieut. R.B. Somerville, Lieut. H.S. Peck, Lieut. R.E. Miller, and Lieut. A.P. Boswell. Major H.M. Jaquays is detailed as President of a Board of Officers for candidates for Promotion which will assemble at Fort York Armoury 2000 hrs. 16.3.40</p> <p>The undermentioned Officers proceeded on furlough:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Major A.W. Wright.</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Capt. S.S.T. Cantlie.</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Lieut. J.W. Knox.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Major I.L. Ibbotson, E.D.</td> <td>Capt. B.D. Robertson.</td> <td>Lieut. R.G. Slater.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Major H. Hamer. M.M.</td> <td>Capt. F.M. Mitchell.</td> <td>Lieut. J.B. Bourne.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Major J.C. Routledge.</td> <td>Capt. C. Petch.</td> <td>Lieut. D.H. Taylor.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Major S.D. Cantlie.</td> <td>Capt. -----</td> <td>Lieut. J.A. Kenny.</td> </tr> </table>	Major A.W. Wright.	Capt. S.S.T. Cantlie.	Lieut. J.W. Knox.	Major I.L. Ibbotson, E.D.	Capt. B.D. Robertson.	Lieut. R.G. Slater.	Major H. Hamer. M.M.	Capt. F.M. Mitchell.	Lieut. J.B. Bourne.	Major J.C. Routledge.	Capt. C. Petch.	Lieut. D.H. Taylor.	Major S.D. Cantlie.	Capt. -----	Lieut. J.A. Kenny.	<p>Appendix </p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Part 11 Orders.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>
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Toronto, Ont.	14.3.40	0600	<p>Owing to inclement weather all parades were held indoors. Strength Increase 2, Decrease 1. D-81686 Pte. Bell, M.P. an enthusiastic and quite promising soldier since enlistment was ordered S.O.S. after his case had been presented to the Adjutant General. Apparently he had been connected with various Youth Organizations possessing Communistic tendencies. Further information was not forthcoming but it may be worthy of note that Pte. Bell was fully equipped with a new coat & suit etc, prior to receiving his pay. The civilian clothes had been donated by friends."</p>	
		0600		
	15.3.40	0600	<p>Major. F.S. Molson reported on Duty to Lt. Col. Blackader this morning and will take over as Paymaster from Major. F.J. Smith who owing to continued ill health has found it impossible to carry on. Major. Molson an old friend and member of the Regiment has been heartily welcomed, but it was with deep regret that the Bn. learned of Major Smith's disability. Major Molson is taken on strength from the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada N.P.A.M. Corps. Reserve and is appointed paymaster with the rank of Lieutenant. Strength Decrease 2, Increase 5.</p>	

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Toronto, Ont.	16.3.40	0600 0600	<p>It is hard to visualize any further means of improving the appearance of the Coy Lines. Drain covers were shining with boat polish for to-days xxxxx inspection. As soon as one Coy discovers a new wrinkle the other Coys follow suit making it almost impossible to judge a winner.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength Decrease Nil, Increase 5.</p>	<i>P.</i>
	17.3.40	0600 0600	<p>All Ranks of Protestant denomination paraded at 1015 hrs. for the purpose of attending Divine Service conducted by Rev. F.G. Vesey, at Parkdale Presbyterian Church.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Increase or Decrease in Strength.</p>	<i>P.</i>
	18.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Panorama Drawing and Field Sketching were subjects for instruction by the Intelligence Section. Surprisingly good results were obtained and keen interest displayed. Periods spent at the Mimature Range and sand table work filled in the day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Increase or Decrease in Strength.</p>	<i>P.</i>

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Toronto, Ont.	19.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Icy streets prevented the Route March from taking place, Weapon Training and Specialists work being substituted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength Increase Nil. Decrease 1</p> <p>Capt.H.E.T.Doucet Posted to Regimental Depot effective 12.3.40 C.A.S.F. R.O.(Supplement) 365- 16.3.40.</p>	P.
	20.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Acting on behalf of the Q.M.G., Lt.Col.R.H.Webb, DSO.M.C. is making a tour of inspection of barracks from Coast to Coast in order to ascertain the conditions under which the men of the C.A.S.F.exist and what provisions have been made so far by the Government. A close scrutiny was made of the Mess Halls & Cook-house after which Col.Webb declared himself very satisfied. Copies of the indent for rations, parade state, fire orders and weekly menu sheets were provided for later comparison.</p> <p>The heaviest snowfall of the winter was experienced to-day and at the conclusion of the Route March the Bn resembled a ghost patrol. Voting is now almost completed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength Increase Nil, Decrease 2.</p>	P.

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Toronto, Ont.	21.3.40	0600 0600	<p>The Bn. was highly commended by officers of the R.C.A.P.C. for whom a muster parade was called. Coys were informed that absentees or stragglers would be compelled to forego their leave. There were none. Great interest is being shown by the Coys in a course on Field Sketching and panorama drawing conducted by the Intelligence Section. Surprisingly good results have been obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Strength Increase or Decrease.</p>	<i>DBP</i>
	22.3.40	0600 0600	<p>No Parades.</p>	
	23.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Information was received to-day that the Bn. was to proceed to recruit additional strength bringing the establishment of an infantry Bn. up to 940 other ranks. Recruiting will be carried out in Montreal and instructions have been given to the effect that a high standard will be required. Battle dress has now been received in a sufficient quantity to equip the Bn. giving rise to fresh speculation as to the movement of the Bn. in the near future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength Increase 6 Decrease 8.</p>	<i>DBP</i>

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Toronto, Ont.	24.3.40	0600 0600	No Parades.	<i>DBB</i>
	25.3.40	0600 0600	<p>The date for the departure of the second group on furlough is approaching rapidly. All were warned that crimes committed might mean cancellation of leave and although the men's behaviour since mobilization has been excellent, it is now almost too good to be completely convincing. Lieut. Minnes, acting M.O. during Capt. Robertson's leave has on several occasions complimented the O.C. on the fine physique and bearing of men of this Bn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength Decrease 1, Increase Nil.</p>	<i>DBB</i>
	26.3.40	0600 0600	<p>Anti-tetanus inoculations were completed in the second stage. The Bn paraded 108 strong for the Route March. In the afternoon the usual bath, foot & boot inspection was held.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No strength Increase or Decrease.</p>	<i>DBB</i>

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Toronto, Ont.	27.3.40	0600 0600	<p>The Battalion concentrated on L.M.G. and drill during the morning and in the afternoon B.C.& D.Coys studied field sketching under the supervision of the Intelligence Section while the remainder of the Battalion practised Battle-Seqt. formations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No.Increase or Decrease of Strength.</p>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
	28.3.40	0600 0600	<p>All men who had not previously completed the miniature range practice and who were going on furlough, paraded to the Fort York Armoury to do so. All Officers and men who had been on furlough returned at 0730 hours and the morning was occupied by the re-issue of blankets, rifles and sidearms and changing over of duties. Pay parade was held in the afternoon for those going on leave. The Leave Party paraded at 2100 hrs under the command of Major Weir and entrained for Montreal at 2130 hrs after a very noisy and cheerful farewell from the men who had returned from furlough.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase Nil, Decrease 1.</p>	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>

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Toronto, Ont.	29.5.40	0600 0600	<p>The route march was cancelled in order that all ranks might receive anti-tetanus inoculations. No parades as inoculations provide 24 hrs excused duty.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase 6 , Decrease Nil.</p>	<i>DBB</i>
	30.5.40	0600 0600	<p>Pay parade was held in the morning, followed by inspection of lines by Major I.L. Ibbotson, officer commanding the Battalion in lieu of Lt.Col.K.G.Blackader who left on leave.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase Nil, decrease 1.</p>	<i>DBB</i>
	31.5.40	0600 0600	<p>Divine Service was held for the Protestants in the Coliseum in the morning while the Roman Catholic members of the unit paraded separately to their own place of worship. Major D.L.Garstairs M.C. who served in the Great War of 1914-1918 with the 13th Bn, and commanded B Coy of the 13th.Bn.(NPAM) prior to going on Reserve, visited the Battalion during the week-end and was greatly impressed by the appearance of the men.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	<i>DBB</i>

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