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Aldershot, Eng.	1.10 1940	0600- 0600	<p>Lieut. J.G.Bourne gave a demonstration using the container of an incendiary bomb. Men were instructed in the method of extinguishing them. An Audit Board for the purpose of carrying out an audit of the various Regimental accounts was assembled with members as follows:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">President Major H.M.Jaquays Members Capt. B.R.Ritchie Lieut. R.B.Somerville Lieut. A.P.Boswell.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease in strength.</p>	
"	2.10 1940	0600- 0600	<p>The thorough training in W.T. given the Battalion in Toronto is now paying dividends as Company Commanders report that the review of T.O.E.T's is proceeding very satisfactorily. So far tactical exercises have formed a very small part of the training and it is hoped that more and more time will be allotted to Companys for manoeuvres.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease in strength.</p>	
"	3.10 1940	0600- 0600	<p>Landing Leave, delayed by the threat of invasion, is now under way and is being carried out by Companys. By far the majority of the railway warrants are made out for destinations in Scotland. Kilts and tunics are available for only a lucky few. The men feel their loss keenly but in one respect at least it has proved a blessing.....D.81 Pte Limoges an extremely useful member of the Medical Section, had planned to spend his leave at Perth, the Black Watch Depot, but owing to his inability to obtain a kilt, changed his mind. Pte Limoges stands little more than 5'3" and is possessed of a strong French-Canadian accent. The shock caused to the good people of Perth might possibly have resulted in Pte Limoges death as a fifth columnist!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease in strength.</p>	
"	4.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>Much greater enthusiasm is noted on the part of the troops when their training calls for schemes in the attack. Far too much stress has been laid on defence ever since the mobilization and it certainly played a part in depressing the morale of the men. Immediately the Canadians were informed that their Divisions were to be used as mobile offensive forces a far better spirit prevailed.</p> <p>Lieut R.G.Slater proceeded 'ON Command' to HQ 1st Cdn Ing. Bde. "In the field"</p>	

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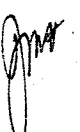


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Aldershot, Eng.	5.10	0600	The inauguration of a Saturday morning Battalion parade and Commanding Officer's inspection was welcomed by all. It has the effect of smartening the officers and men also the drill gives the men the needed opportunity to 'show-off' a little No increase or decrease of strength.	
	1940	0600		
"	6.10	0600	No parades. Voluntary Church Parade held. No increase or decrease of strength.	
	1940	0600		
"	7.10	0600	Training proceeds at a steady pace. Unfortunately the duties assigned to the Battalion require so many details that the number of days actual training received per Company amount to two per week. Guard duties at night at least keep the men on their toes as woe betide the sentry failing to challenge the Brigadier. No increase or decrease of strength.	
	1940	0600		
"	8.10	0600	TRAINING Fewer air-raid warnings have been experienced lately and fortunately no bombs have fallen in the immediate vicinity of the barracks since the arrival of the Battalion thus the necessity of personnel making use of shelters as soon as the warning siren has sounded appears to be overdoing the safety angle. The Black Watch have not sinned in this respect but in other cases details from neighbourin units have been seen making for the shelters during parade hours. Hon. Capt. D.B.Mackay, Canadian Chaplain Services, is S.O.S the Battalion on transfer to HQ 5th Cdn Inf Bde effective 30 Sept. No strength increase, decrease 1 Officer.	
	1940	0600		
"	9.10	0600	Complaints made by the men regarding their messing have occurred. It is generally accepted that there is a good deal of justification to be found and Capt. Mitchell, 'B' Coy, has undertaken the responsibilities of Messing Officer with a view to locating the root of the trouble and ending it for the duration. Rations, while not so substantial as those received in Canada, are of good quality and the men know it. The much abused cooks have received the brunt of the attack and have reached the point where one and all have a hearty desire to return to the ranks. This situation is not new and appears to turn up with every change of location. An Imperial Officer has been borrowed to assist Capt. Mitchell and the men have been assured that their interests are being attended to. One night per week is allotted to each Company for night work. When in Canada rations were sufficient to allow the building of a small reserve which was utilized to give the	
	1940	0600		

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Aldershot, Eng.	9.10 1940	(cont'd)	Companys returning from night work a hot meal, this is now out of the question. No increase or decrease of strength.	JW
"	10.10 1940	0600 0600	Reports of lights which may be signals flashed during air-raids still arrive and the Field Security Police have asked for the co-operation of this Battalion in an effort to track down this nuisance. Members of the Intelligence Section have been placed throughout the area and will patrol it from the time of the warning siren until the all-clear is sounded. It is suspected that the flashes are caused by the head-lights of cars passing gaps in hedges. No increase or decrease in strength.	JW
"	11.10 1940	0600 0600	Quite a lot of trouble has been experienced in regard to the blackout maintained in Albuhera Barracks and all ranks require continuous reminders of the serious consequences liable to ensue from a lapse in their vigilance. Enemy planes can be heard almost every night passing overhead and the men are liable to allow familiarity to breed contempt, no bombs so far having been dropped in the barrack area. Immediately prior to the arrival of the Battalion several Canadians were killed by bombs dropped from a pursued Heinkel during a daylight raid. It is hoped that the men will learn caution without the necessity of so grim a lesson. Strength increase 3, decrease 2.	JW
"	12.10 1940	0600 0600	Training continued as per syllabus. No increase or decrease of strength.	JW
"	13.10 1940	0600 0600	A Church Parade was held, Divine Service being celebrated at St. George's Church in the Marlborough Lines. No increase or decrease of strength.	JW
"	14.10 1940	0600 0600	The number of cases of men going AWL is on the increase. This can be explained on the grounds of hospitality which has been royally extended to men of the Black Watch. Bus connections are extremely precarious during the blackout and fail completely during air-raid alarms. This often strands a number of men some considerable distance from barracks and has so far served as a fair excuse for making a night of it. All good things come to an end however, the end in this instance supplied by the local 'Glass-house'. Even the most hardened offenders volubly declare their good intentions after a period of detention	JW

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Aldershot Eng	14.10 1940	(cont'd)	served here where every duty is performed at the double and even the slightest comfort is well earned. Strength increase NIL, decrease 1.	
"	15.10 1940	0600 0600	Maj-General Odum, GOC 2nd Cdn Division, inspected the Battalion at work and commented favourably on the standard attained. Criticism was passed on the lack of uniformity of the kit layout in the barrack rooms. A startling and unfortunate example of the old adage that it is always the most stupid member of a unit who is questioned, occurred when a private of 'D' Company, a recent re-inforcement from the Training Centre, was asked to name his C.O. This he managed to do but caused a little confusion when he named the Brigade Commander as 'Major Leclair'. No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	16.10 1940	0600 0600	'A' Company has been selected to give a demonstration, to Officers of the 5th Cdn Inf Bde, of a platoon in the attack and is working hard on a scheme drawn up by Major Ibbotson. The scheme will include the marking off of a contaminated area, a Company Commander's reconnaissance and finally the attack showing the use of smoke and cover. No increase or decrease of strength.	
X "	17.10 1940	0600 0600	One afternoon per week is devoted to sports. Thanks to the generosity of the Canadian Legion War Services the Battalion is well supplied with equipment and fortunately there are quite a few football and Rugby fields for the Battalion's use. Lieut. Anderson, well known as a McGill Rugby star, is coaching Company teams and lively competitions are expected in the near future. A Court of Inquiry has been called for the purpose of inquiring into damage sustained by a tea shop at Norris Bridge when a Bren Gun Carrier, driven by D.81181 Pte Lee H.E., failed to respond to the controls and barged into the front parlour. The Battalion moved to a position of readiness and returned at 0500 hours. No accidents occurred to mar the proceedings. No increase or decrease of strength.	
"	18.10 1940	0600 0600	No morning parades were held in view of the late return from night work. In the afternoon training continued in accordance with syllabus. No increase or decrease of strength.	

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Aldershot, Eng.	19.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>Reports have been received from men whose wives have been alarmed by telegrams stating that accidents have happened. In one instance a man's death was reported. Apparently the work of Fifth Columnists, measures are being taken to ensure a stoppage of such dispacable practice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	20.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>The Battalion paraded at 0900 hours in order to attend Divine Service in St. George's Church. Hon. Capt.D.B.Mackay conducted the service.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	21.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>A German bomber was seen over the barrack area at 1430 hours. Anti-aircraft fire opened up and a hit was observed, thick black smoke pouring out of the fuselage. The aeroplane lost height and is reported to have crashed near Farnham. Although many mass flights of enemy planes have been seen in this area the altitude has been too great to witness the effect of A.A. fire. This was the first time men of the Battalion have seen a hit scored on their home ground.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	22.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>During the demonstration held to-day of a platoon in the attack an incident occurred which threatened to ruin the whole show. The observers were placed on a ridge commanding a complete view of the proceedings. Shortly after the commencement, one section advancing over open ground was held up by machine-gun fire. To counteract this, another section advanced through bush to the edge of a road and laid down smoke bombs. As the first flared up an unsuspecting Milk-car came round a bend and pulled up with squealing brakes. The driver leaped out and looked into the sky for enemy aircraft responsible, at this moment the opposing MG post opened fire with blanks which proved a trifle too realistic for the driver's nerves. Throwing his hands over his face, he dived headlong into a ditch, emerging sheepishly after he had been reassured that it was all in fun. The demonstration received its share of praise and features open to criticism were laid bare.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Strength increase NIL, decrease 2.</p>	

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Aldershot, Eng.	23.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>More rigid adherence to the rules laid down for movement by Mechanical Transport will have to be enforced. A Court of Enquiry, presided over by Major H.M. Jaquays, found the damage sustained by a 15 cwt truck while in convoy was caused by negligence. Practise convoy movements take place daily and it was proved in the evidence that supervision of these moves has been cursory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	Jm
"	24.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>In an effort to convey a deeper appreciation of the necessity for security of information a lecture on this subject has been arranged to be given by the Intelligence Officer to each Company in the Battalion. There are known to be agitators actively employed in Aldershot and according to the civil authorities one man arrested was in possession of a miniature arsenal. Tempting prices have been offered men for revolvers and as losses have occurred apparently not all are refused. So far this Battalion has a clean slate although two rifles have been stolen from men while on leave.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	Jm
"	25.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>An increase in the sick parades has been noticed and several cases, mostly colds, requiring hospitalization have occurred. The English climate has been the cause of a few coming down with pneumonia, luckily of not a very severe type. Lt. Col K.G. Blackader MC ED assumed command of the 5th Cdn Inf Bde during the absence of the Bde Commander for the period 27 Oct - 2 Nov. 1940.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	Jm
"	26.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>Training continued as per syllabus. Capt. C. Petch, seconded to the 5th Cdn Inf Bde Recce Sqn, has been promoted to the rank of Major.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	Jm
"	27.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>No parades.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	28.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>The Battalion has now received practically all the technical stores to which it is entitled. Very little transport is required to complete the establishment. Knowing the difficulties surmounted in this respect a miracle of organization has taken place.</p>	Jm

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Aldershot, Eng.	28.10 1940	(cont'd)	<p>Less than two months after arrival the Battalion has quite sufficient material to put up a good show</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No, increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	29.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>Two members of HQ Coy were successful in causing the arrest of two members of the I.R.A. They were approached in a public house and after a short talk their suspicions were aroused and cleverly spun a yarn of discontent. Upon being made the usual offer for revolvers they agreed and an appointment was kept on the following evening with a detective hovering in the background. After the arrest a confession was obtained and their association with the I.R.A. ascertained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	30.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>Capt. Mitchell's efforts regarding the Men's messing have met with excellent results already. A new title of Capt. Hon. Sjt. Cook has been conferred by admiring brother officers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	
"	31.10 1940	0600 0600	<p>Up to the present the Battalion has been fortunate with its sick parades. Although the men are mostly unaccustomed to the dampness that is prevalent in England at this time of the year, few have been forced by the climate to proceed to hospital and of those few almost all are the result of minor colds and quickly cured.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No increase or decrease of strength.</p>	