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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials	
#9 Cdn. Repat Depot. PETWORTH. ENGLAND.	1st. Oct.)	<p><u>1st. Bn. The Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canada.</u></p> <p><u>War Diary for the month of October, 1945.</u></p>		
	to)		All members of the Bn. on leave.	FAW
	9th. Oct.)		<p>Weather - clear with bright sunshine. Today the customary "Clearance after Leave" procedure was followed, with attendance at the M.O., D.O., and a pay parade for those men whose finances were at a low ebb. Kits in storage were withdrawn and a mail parade was held in the afternoon when mail received during our absence was distributed. Lt-Col. A.G. STEVENSON, previously 2 i/cof the Bn. and presently O.C. of A Wing at #11 Repat Depot, visited us today and renewed old friendships.</p>	FAW
	10th. Oct. Wed.)		<p>Weather - misty, clearing to bright sunshine. This morning there was a Bn. parade under the command of the 2 i/c, Maj. C.S. MACLAREN, consisting mainly of formation drill. This was followed by a training film. In the afternoon recreational transport was available to Worthing, Aldershot, Chichester, Bognor, Brighton and Haslemere. A concert party gave two performances in the camp during the evening.</p>	FAW
	11th. Oct. Thur.)		<p>Weather - misty. The training syllabus was followed during the morning. In a talk to the men the C.O., Lt-Col. V.E. TRAVERSY, passed on such information as he had been able to obtain in regard to our possible departure on leave, and from all indications it will be at least Tuesday next before we can get away. Twenty men were taken on a tour of Hampton Court Palace this afternoon, the while the customary recreational transport was on hand for any of the men wishing to visit the nearby towns. In the evening a very heavy ground mist necessitated the grounding of all transport and as a result some of the men on pass to the neighbouring towns were stranded overnight.</p>	FAW

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#9 Cdn. Repat Depot. PETWORTH. ENGLAND.	13th. Oct. Sat.		Weather - slight mist. On the Bn. parade this morning Lt-Col. V.E. TRAVERSY announced to the men that the "Queen Elizabeth" had now been allotted to the task of conveying Canadian troops home. This might alter the situation in regard to the forthcoming leave as there is a possibility that our draft might be accommodated on the next trip made by this ship. The number of drats awaiting transportation is, however, extensive, and as yet CMHQ are unable to state with any finality whether we - who are about mid-way in the 2nd. Div. Repat schedule - may be included. At the moment chances are about even, and Lt-Col. Traversy cautioned the men against being over optimistic. It does appear certain now that we shall be upon our way before the end of the month and the spirits of the men, already high, soared even higher. Should we not be going on the first sailing of the "Queen Elizabeth", leave will be given, starting either Tuesday or Wednesday, depending upon how soon definite information is received from CMHQ.	FAW
	14th. Oct. Sun.		Weather - fair but misty. Voluntary Protestant and R.C. Church services were held in camp this morning, and in the afternoon the usual recreational transport was available.	FAW
	15th. Oct. Mon.		Weather - misty, clearing later. A Bn. parade was held this morning followed by Coy. parades. We are still eagerly awaiting to hear whether we shall be returning on leave or homeward bound, but there is still no word.	FAW
	16th. Oct. Tues.		Weather - misty, clearing to bright sunshine. The customary Bn. parade was held this morning, followed by a rehabilitation lecture and training films. A concert party gave two performances in camp in the evening.	FAW
	17th. Oct. Wed.		Weather - misty. Customary parades were conducted in the morning. There is still no word on the matter of leave or immediate repat. and the men are growing somewhat impatient of the delay. Recreational transport was, as usual, available this after afternoon.	FAW

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#9 Cdn. Repat Depot. PETWORTH. ENGLAND.	29th Oct. Mon.		Weather - clear with bright sunshine. First parade this morning was to the Paymaster, and following that to the M.O. and D.O.. Later kits were collected from the kit stores and the men commenced to shake themselves down into the usual routine. No passes were available today. In the afternoon a mail parade was held when some of the cigarettes ordered before we went on leave were distributed. An ENSA concert party gave two performances in the camp this evening.	AW
	30th Oct. Tues.		Weather - clear and bright sunshine. When the Bn. paraded this morning we went on a short march. At a halt the C.O., Lt-Col. V.E.TRAVERSY addressed the men, advising that as the "Queen Elizabeth" would be going into dock for minor repairs upon her return to this country we could not expect to sail before the 15th. of November. What leaves, if any, available to us are as yet unknown, but 48 hrs. would be the minimum, and there is a bare possibility that a further seven day leave may be arranged. It was felt that, while the men are in camp in the area, some of them might wish to work on the adjacent farms and opportunity was present for those so wishing to earn a few shillings at this work. About thirty men volunteered. The film in camp tonight was "Diamond Horseshoe".	AW
	31st Oct. Wed.		Weather - clear with bright sunshine. On parade, held at 1000 hrs. this morning, all ranks wore best battle dress and were inspected in preparation for a visit, scheduled for tomorrow, by Brig. K.G.BLACKADDER, original C.O. of the BLACK WATCH when they came overseas. On this parade the C.O., Lt-Col. V.E.TRAVERSY, announced that he had been successful in arranging for a seven day leave for all men wishing to go, and leave application blanks were completed and handed in after this parade.	AW
			<p>.....<i>V. E. Traversy</i>.....Lt-Col. V. E. Traversy, Officer Commanding, 1st. Bn. The Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canada.</p>	