

WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
CATTOLICA	1	0930 1900	R and Protestant church parades under Bde arrangement. A Dinner was held by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants in the Sgts Mess. Weather this date was cloudy and cool.	FAB
	2	0800	Bn ceremonial parade and an inspection by the CO, Lt col A L Saunders. Weather this date was very rainy and a TEWT scheduled for 1400 hrs had to be cancelled.	FAB
	3	0800 1000 1600 1830	Bn parade and inspection by the CO. A TEWT was held by the CO and ofrs of the Bn at 9686. Bn held last rehearsal for Bde comds inspection and march past on the following day. Thirty-four reinforcements arrived and were allotted to coys. In the evening a film was shown "Beautiful Cheat" in the Bde cinema. Weather this date cloudy and cool.	FAB
	4	0830 1400	Ceremonial Parade. The Bn was inspected by Bde Comd, Brig J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE, followed by a march past in which the Bde Comd took the salute. Afterwards when the Bn formed up again on the parade ground, the Bde comd congratulated the Bn on the very fine turnout. The RCE band was in attendance. BnHQ, HQ Coy and D Coy were given a lecture in the Bde Cinema on Rehabilitation in Canada for returned service men after the war. In the evening a film was shown in Bde Cinema, "Beautiful Cheat". Lt R E McDermott RC Sigs arrived at this HQ to take over the duties of Bn Signal Officer. Weather fine and warm.	FAB
	5	0800 1330 1800	The IO, Capt R E Campbell, left this morning for FANO on a three day exchange of ofrs with the Desert Air Force. An Educational picture on VD was shown to the Bn at the Bde Cinema. 48 hour leaves to RICCIONE have again commenced. A Warning Order was issued to the effect that exercise "River Crossing" is to be carried out 6 Oct 44 by "A" and "D" Coys with the balance of the Bn attending the exercise as spectators.	FAB

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CATTOLICA	5		Weather this date was cloudy and cool with frequent showers. Trg this date as per syllabus	Appx 4
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		0845	Bn "O" Group for exercise "River Crossing" on River CONOA, was held at 968878 and attended by all Sp and Rifle Coy offrs.	
		1230	"A" & "D" Coys together with detailed party of Signallers, stretcherbearers and pioneers, move to assembly area 964879 for exercise "River Crossing", 18 paddlers being supplied by "B" Coy.	
		1400	Balance of the Bn, under Coy arrangements, march to spectators stand on east bank Conoa River at 974877 where Pl Comds gave a running commentary as exercise progressed.	
		1900	A meeting was held in the Officers' Mess of all offrs except those on duty at BnHQ. Weather this date cloudy and cool.	
	7.		Trg as per syllabus.	Appx 4
		1100	The GOO 1 Cdn Corps, Lt-Gen E L M Burns DSO OBE, gave a short talk to the officers WOs and NCOs of this Bn at the Bde cinema. The General expressed his thanks to the officers and men for the very fine work they did in the Breaking of the Gothic Line and driving the enemy back onto the Lombardy plains. He stated that in the fighting that was to come in the very near future the men of 1 Cdn Div would play a very important part.	
		1330	A TEWT, Exercise "ATTACK" was held (RV X-rds 976867) and attended by all offrs, WOs and Sgts. The 7th Victory Loan campaign started today, and was received with great enthusiasm, by all ranks. Weather this date cloudy and cool.	
	8		RC Church Parade at Bde Adm building, and Protestant Church Service in the Bde cinema.	
		1800	A film was shown in the Bde cinema, "Man Hunt". The weather is still very unsettled after severe thunder storms during last night.	
	9		Trg as per syllabus.	Appx 4
		1430	The "Bandoliers" Concert Party put on two performances for this unit in the camp theatre. This concert was the best that the boys had attended for some time.	

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CESENA	28	2100	The IO, Capt R E Campbell was today appointed Commander of HQ Coy. Movement order was received for move to CATTOLICA 9887. Weather today was very rainy and cold.	
		29	0700 The CO, Lt Col A L Saunders and Battle Adjt Capt C F Spence proceeded to TORRE del MORO 5707 to meet TCVs. 0930 Bn embussed and moved to new area as per Movement Order. 1230 Bn arrives in new area 9887 and BnHQ established at 985870. The remainder of the day was spent settling down in the new billets. Weather this date fine and warm.	Appx 1 <i>FLB</i>
CATTOLICA	30	1130	The Bde Comd, Brig J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE, paid a casual visit to this HQ.	
		0800 1600	Pay parades at BnHQ, each coy being paid in turn. EFI issue, one bottle of beer per man. Weather this date was cloudy and cool.	<i>FLB</i>
	31	1100 1730	Trg as per syllabus. Bn Muster Parade was held. The CO, Lt Col A L Saunders, gave a short talk to the WOs & Sgts in the Sgts Mess. He spoke about the good work they did in the last action and also on the trg to come in the present area. Since moving into this area the E of C have opened a men's canteen and recreation and reading room. Weather this date was fine and warm.	Appx 4. <i>FLB</i>

A L Saunders
Lt Col