## WAR DIARY

**OF 204 COMPANY CANADIAN FORESTRY CORPS**

**FROM 1 February 42**

**TO 26 February 42**

**VOLUME IX**

### Place: Glenetalh Camp, Salmo, British Columbia

#### Date: 1 Feb 42

- Weather: Snow flurries and very damp during the entire day. Strength 637. Oberstleutnant and 6 officers. Officiers 10. 112,000 feet of lumber cut for the company in the Recreation Hall. 157,000 feet arrived today from the S.W. 6:30 A.M.

#### Date: 2 Feb 42

- Weather: Heavy snowfall with high winds during the day. The mill produced 7,645 cubic feet of lumber today. Capt. Drummer received the company at 9:25 A.M.

#### Date: 3 Feb 42

- Weather: Snow, rain, and slight mist. The mill produced 17,967 cubic feet of lumber during the day. It was a routine day, nothing unusual occurred.

#### Date: 4 Feb 42

- Weather: Cool with occasional snow flurries. The mill produced 2,902 cubic feet of lumber today. It was another routine day with no unusual occurrences.

#### Date: 5 Feb 42

- Weather: Cloudy with snow flurries, bitterly cold. The mill produced 30,893 cubic feet of lumber. In the evening the troops of NCOs performed an exercise. No exercises.

#### Date: 6 Feb 42

- Weather: Fine and mild. The mill produced 17,400 cubic feet of lumber today. Lt.-Col. Caldwell visited the camp today.

#### Date: 7 Feb 42

- Weather: Cloudy but quite mild. The entire day was devoted to military training. Capt. Bidwell, of the British Auxiliary Service, gave a training film on the use of the company in the Recreation Hall. The exercise was for the purpose of developing the camp. The film included Lt.-Col. Caldwell, Capt. Bidwell, and Lt.-Col. Taylor. Two films arrived today. Caldecott should be available to the unit for all purposes.

#### Date: 8 Feb 42

- Weather: Fine and very mild. There was no organized work or religious services at the camp today. It was a quiet day.

### Place: Glenetalh Camp, Salmo, British Columbia

#### Date: 9 Feb 42

- Weather: Cloudy and dull, but no precipitation. The mill produced 36,995 cubic feet of lumber today. Lt.-Col. Taylor of the Quebec Forestry Service visited the camp and held a meeting to discuss plans for the future. Capt. Bidwell attended the meeting.

#### Date: 10 Feb 42

- Weather: Cloudy and drizzly. The mill produced 37,095 cubic feet of lumber today. Lt.-Col. Taylor arrived today to inspect the camp and assess the progress made. Capt. Bidwell attended the meeting.

#### Date: 11 Feb 42

- Weather: Clear and cold. The mill produced 39,826 cubic feet of lumber today. Lt.-Col. Taylor visited the camp in the afternoon.

#### Date: 12 Feb 42

- Weather: Cold and drizzly. The mill produced 37,442 cubic feet of lumber today. Lt.-Col. Taylor visited the camp in the morning. Capt. Bidwell attended the meeting.

#### Date: 13 Feb 42

- Weather: Snowy and misty. The mill produced 37,452 cubic feet of lumber today. Lt.-Col. Taylor visited the camp in the morning. Capt. Bidwell attended the meeting.

#### Date: 14 Feb 42

- Weather: A fine sunny day. Strength 374 0/1's and 6 officers. The entire day was devoted to military training. The company was split up into platoons.

#### Date: 15 Feb 42

- Weather: A bright sunny day. Capt. A. Calde-Leblanc attended a service at the Recreation Hall. The company was split up into platoons.
30 Jan 43
Weather- A clear sunny day. The mill produced 12,792 superficial feet of lumber today. The Highland Division Trucks started making full length stock to be used for beach defence. Pay parade was held at 1900 hours.

17 Feb 43
Weather- Cloudy and cold. The mill produced 18,614 superficial feet of lumber today. H/Capt. Durnil visited the camp today. A District C.C. meeting was held in Amersham.

16 Feb 43
Weather- Cold and foggy. The mill produced 14,637 superficial feet of lumber today. Capt. J. F. J. H. Siddall and Capt. A. R. H. Siddall (Tech. Stores, Blair Atholl) arrived today to take a physical inventory of our Stores. Lt. Col. Caldwell called at the camp. At 1730 hours there was a 24-hour strike.

15 Feb 43
Weather- Clear and cold. The mill produced 10,691 f.b.m. Lt. Col. Caldwell called and made a tour of inspection of the camp and operations today. H/Capt. Vincent paid a visit to the camp today.

30 Jan 43
Weather- Clear and cold. The mill produced 19,411 superficial feet of lumber. The cutting of toolwood was finished today. One O.T.U. (43) was erected. Three O.T.U.s 406, from the Helmsley and one O.T.U. from 54th General Hospital turned in on transfer.

21 Feb 43
Weather- Blowing and blustery most of the day. Strength 185 other ranks and 6 officers. The entire day was devoted to military training.

22 Feb 43
Weather- Clear, mild sunny day. There was no organized work today and no church parade. It was a quiet day.

23 Feb 43
Weather- Clear and warm. The mill produced 16,974 feet of lumber. At 1900 hours, Capt. Keenly of the Salvation Army, showed a short picture in the recreation hall.

24 Feb 43
Weather- Cloudy and warm. The mill produced 21,465 superficial feet of lumber today. Lord Icknaby and Col. Midshipman Officer of the Norwegian Forces called at the camp.

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10 Feb 43
Weather- A clear sunny day. The mill produced 13,672 superficial feet of lumber today. A course was held in the Company Recreation Hall this evening with a good number in attendance.

26 Feb 43
Weather- Clear and warm. The mill produced 14,510 f.b.m. today. Admiral Sir Arthur de la Motte arrived today to make an inspection. Lt. Col. Winfield left for Aberdeen today to take over his duties of shipping lumber by sea from Aberdeen.

27 Feb 43
Weather- Cold and snowy most of the day. The mill produced 11,070 superficial feet of lumber today. Nothing out of the ordinary happened today.

28 Feb 43
Weather- Clear and cool with slight wind. The entire day was devoted to military training. (see O.T.U. No. 3, from the Helmsley, O.T.U. and 42nd O.T.U. 423 in the Main/Best, O.T.U.)

STRENGTH REPORT As at 2400 hours 30 Feb 43

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Appendix (1) D. & D. Part 1 from 1 Feb 43 to 28 Feb 42

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(3) A.R.M. 1940 and 1941 from 1 Feb 42 to 28 Feb 42