WAR DIARY

OF

RG 4 Company Canadian Forestry Corps

FROM 1 February 44 TO 28 February 44

VOLUME 8

1. Weather—Mostly clear and warm. Strength: 5 Officers and 180 Other Ranks. The mill produced 27,659 f.t.h.m. Cpt. Winmill, R.C.F.C., was here during the afternoon. He was accompanied by W.R. McNab, Equipment Engineer (Scotland) of Ministry of Supply, Home Crown Timber Production Dept.

2. Weather—Cloudy and warm. The mill produced 17,604 f.t.h.m. A motion picture was shown in the recreation hall during the evening by the Auxiliary Services.

3. Weather—Cloudy in the morning, getting colder in the afternoon—sleeted showers. The mill produced 22,920 f.t.h.m. Major S. R. Arnold, No. 2 Dist. R.C.F.C., inspected our logging operations during the afternoon.

4. Weather—Cloudy and cold with several squalls of snow. Strength: 5 Officers and 179 Other Ranks. The mill produced 26,277 f.t.h.m. Lt.-Col. G. A. Williams, No. 2 Dist. R.C.F.C., was here during the morning. There was a run issue at 1600 hours.

5. Weather—Partly cloudy and warm. The day was devoted to Military Training and the usual Saturday maintenance work on the transport and mill. The military training consisted of a range practice with the rifle—grouping at 100 yards and application at 300 yards. Also demonstration and practice in firing from L.G.R. from hip.

6. Weather—Cloudy and cold with a few scattered showers. There was no church parade in town today. However, transport was provided for the R.C.A. to attend Divine Service in Ayr.

7. Weather—Cloudy and cold with considerable rain and sleet. The mill produced 17,752 f.t.h.m. Major Montgomery, O.G. Gen. Wurmanup, R.C.F.C., was here from 1130 hours to 1400 hours.

8. Weather—Partly cloudy with sleet and rain. The mill produced 22,137 f.t.h.m. Nothing of interest occurred during the day.

9. Weather—Partly cloudy and cool with scattered showers. The mill produced 19,903 f.t.h.m. Major S. R. Arnold, No. 2 Dist. R.C.F.C., was here during the afternoon. Three of the personnel of the D.C.'s office, Aberdeen, were here today making a plan of the camp. Capt. Winmill left on 24 days leave starting at 1600 hours. There was a motion picture shown in the recreation hall during the evening.

10. Weather—Cloudy and cold with squalls of rain and sleet. The mill produced 22,618 f.t.h.m. We started to haul our timber to the yard at Granny's today. One of our trucks driven by Pvt. P. Kay was involved in an accident in Ayr. This morning in which a cyclist was struck and received a broken leg. Sgt. R. G. Doug left at 2030 hours to attend a four-day R.C.A. Fire Fighting Course at Glasgow.

11. Weather—Mostly cloudy and warm. Strength: 5 Officers and 180 Other Ranks. The mill produced 26,691 f.t.h.m. A parade was held at 1930 hours. A motion picture was shown in the recreation hall during the evening.

12. Weather—Cloudy and warm. The day was devoted to Military Training and the usual Saturday maintenance work. The training consisted of Beyonet Training and lectures on the Anti-Tank Rifles. M. A. Definition and War Service, the Equipment and the duties of Officers.

13. Weather—Cloudy with considerable rain. There was a church parade for the R.C.A. at 1115 hours. The service was conducted by M.Capt. J. M. Ross. The remainder of the day was uneventful.
   The mill produced 21,175 f.b.m. at 0730 hours there was a parade for all those
   who were vaccinated in the 31st of February. The vaccinations were inspected
   by the Medical Officer to see if there was any sign of reaction. There was a motion
   picture shown in the recreation hall during the evening.

   The mill produced 20,995 f.b.m. Lt.-Col. H.A. Williams, O.C., No. 2 Dist. C.F.C.,
   was here for a short time during the morning. At 1830 hours there was another parade
   for those who were vaccinated on the 31st of February.

23. Weather: Cloudy and warm.
   The mill produced 21,775 f.b.m. At 0730 hours there was a parade for all those
   who were vaccinated in the 31st of February. The vaccinations were inspected
   by the Medical Officer to see if there was any sign of reaction. There was a motion
   picture shown in the recreation hall during the evening.

24. Weather: Cloudy and warm.
   The mill produced 22,325 f.b.m. At 0730 hours there was a parade for all those
   who were vaccinated in the 31st of February. The vaccinations were inspected
   by the Medical Officer to see if there was any sign of reaction. There was a motion
   picture shown in the recreation hall during the evening.

25. Weather: Cloudy and warm.
   The mill produced 23,985 f.b.m. Lt.-Col. Williams, O.C., No. 2 Dist. C.F.C.,
   was here for a short time during the morning. The company was paid by Capt. Mayne
   at 1630 hours.

   The day was devoted to military training and the usual Saturday maintenance work.

27. Weather: Cloudy and cold with frequent heavy squalls of snow.
   There was a church parade for the R.C.A. at 1130 hours.

   The mill produced 24,045 f.b.m. Lt. Elston was at No. 2 Dist. N.C.O. C.F.C.,
   all morning, a number of board of officers convened to examine unserviceable clothing.

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Capt. Probst and Lieut. Horton were at No. 16 company C.F.C. all morning on a
Court of Inquiry. There was a motion picture shown in the recreation hall during
the evening.

29. Weather: Partly cloudy and warm.
   The mill produced 25,410 f.b.m. Lt.-Col. G.A. Williams, O.C., No. 2 Dist. C.F.C.,
   was here for a short time in the afternoon.
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