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FROM 1 JANUARY TO 11 JANUARY
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Nov. 4 Company Canadian Forestry Corps

1. Weather- Fine and mild. Strengths 5 Officers and 80 other ranks. This being a holiday there was no work. The day was uneventful.

2. Weather- Cloudy and cool. Capt. J.A. Campbell conducted divine service for the R.C.A. at 10:00 hours. Lieut. McAllen left one more day leave in the afternoon. Another quiet and uneventful day.

3. Weather- Clear and cold, snow during the evening. The mill produced 24,479 f.m.e. There was a motion picture shown in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

4. Weather- Cloudy and threatening with some snow. The mill produced 24,221 f.m.e. The day was uneventful.

5. Weather- Partly cloudy and cool. There was a motion picture shown in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

6. Weather- Cloudy and cold. The mill produced 20,689 f.m.e. Lieut. J.A. Campbell, O.C. and G.A. (O.C.) Station, C.F.C., was at camp during the morning. There was a dance in the Recreation Hall during the evening. The music was furnished by the C.F.C. orchestra.

7. Weather- Cloudy and cold. Strengths 1 Officers and 191 other ranks. The mill produced 23,095 f.m.e. Lieut. J.A. Campbell was at the camp during the morning. All ranks left 10:00 hours, a number of a detachment of officers conveyed to condemn unwearable clothing.

8. Weather- Partly cloudy and cold. The day was spent at the mill. Training and maintenance work on the mill and transport vehicles. The training consisted of Raymond Training and lectures on explosives and demolition and a review of gas training. At about 13:00 hours the fire alarm sounded. It was found that the building was a guard house and was on fire. At the time the fire was discovered it had such a start that it was hopeless to try to save the building as all efforts were concentrated on preventing the fire from spreading to the dock yard which was only a few feet away. The fire was quickly under control and it was prevented from spreading. Nothing was saved from the building except four foams which were on the right hand. The G.C.O. of the Dairy who were staying in the building, but who had left about an hour previously for 1:30 Captain C.F.A. had all their kit and personal belongings that they had there.

9. Weather- Clear and cool. There was a Church Parade for the Protestants at 11:15 hours. The service was conducted by Rev. A. Vincent.

10. Weather- Mostly cloudy and cold. The mill produced 20,459 f.m.e. The day was spent at the mill. It was spent at the mill. The mill produced 20,459 f.m.e. Capt. A. Vincent spent the afternoon here. There was a motion picture shown in the recreation hall during the evening.

11. Weather- Cloudy and rain in the evening. The mill produced 20,459 f.m.e. The main motor of the mill that drives the rotary was broke this morning and it took about three hours to repair it. Lieut. A. Williams, O.C. and G.A. Station, C.F.C., was here during the morning. There was an R.C.A. concert in the hall 8:00 p.m. The service was attended by forty-five of the men of this unit.

12. Weather- Partly cloudy and warm. The mill produced 20,459 f.m.e. Capt. A. Vincent spent the afternoon here. There was a motion picture shown in the recreation hall during the evening.

13. Weather- Cloudy with considerable rain. The mill produced 20,459 f.m.e. Lieut.-Col. McAllister, E.O. and G.A. C.F.C., was here during the morning. In the evening Capt. A. Vincent spent the afternoon here. There was a motion picture shown in the recreation hall during the evening.
14. Weather- Fine and bright. Strengths- 5 Officers and 128 Other Ranks. The mill produced 36,958 f.b.m. This is a record for one day's production in our mill. Lieut. Sinclair left on nine days leave in the afternoon.

15. Weather- Clear and cool. The day was devoted to military training and the usual Saturday Maintenance work. The training consisted of an exercise in Platoon Battle Drill - flanking attack, and a re-capitalisation of Bren Gun Drills - S.A.R. Vol. I. Pam 4.

16. Weather- Partly cloudy and warm. H/Capt. Munro conducted Divine Service for the R.C.S. at 0945 hours in the Recreation Hall. The day was uneventful.

17. Weather- Fine and mild. The mill produced 36,540 f.b.m. There was a motion picture show in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

18. Weather- Clear and mild. The mill produced 32,290 f.b.m. Lt.-Col. C.A. Williams, R.O.2 Dist. H.Q. C.F.C., was here for an hour during the morning.

19. Weather- Clear and mild. The mill produced 35,993 f.b.m. Today ended a record week's production for this Company - 176,156 f.b.m. There was a motion picture show in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

20. Weather- Clear in the morning, cloudy and rain in the late afternoon and evening. The mill produced 35,999 f.b.m. Capt. Prebble attended the Messing Meeting at 1715 hours. He represented this District at the meeting.

21. Weather- Partly cloudy and mild with a few scattered showers. The mill produced 36,410 f.b.m. The day was uneventful.

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22. Weather- Mostly fine and cool with strong wind. The day was devoted to military training and the usual Saturday Maintenance work. The training consisted of a lecture and demonstration on army kit and equipment and other subjects. Capt. Mills was here during the morning.

23. Weather- Partly cloudy with squalls of snow and rain in the late afternoon. There was a Church Parade for the Protestants at 1115 hours. The remainder of the day was uneventful.

24. Weather- Cloudy and cold, heavy rain in the afternoon and evening. The mill produced 29,997 f.b.m. Lieut. C.A. Williams called at the camp during the afternoon. There was a run issue at 1800 hours. There was a motion picture show in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

25. Weather- Cold with heavy rain most of the day. The mill produced 27,584 f.b.m. Capt. Ninemill, of B.C.F.C., was here for a short visit during the afternoon. There was an inspection of our woods operations today by an E.G.O. of Operations Section, H.Q.C.F.C. About 50 of the men attended an E.G.O. Concert in Aberdeen during the evening.

26. Weather- Cloudy and cool with a few scattered showers. The mill produced 27,584 f.b.m. Capt. Ninemill, of B.C.F.C., was here for a short visit during the afternoon. There was an inspection of our woods operations today by an E.G.O. of Operations Section, H.Q.C.F.C. About 50 of the men attended an E.G.O. Concert in Aberdeen during the evening.

27. Weather- Cloudy and cool with scattered showers. Strengths- Officers and 100 other Ranks. The mill produced 20,042 f.b.m. Lieut. A. Caldwell, S.C.M., of E.G.O., was here for a short visit during the afternoon. There was an inspection of our woods operations today by an E.G.O. of Operations Section, H.Q.C.F.C. About 50 of the men attended an E.G.O. Concert in Aberdeen during the evening. It was a very busy day at the mill, with many visitors and much activity.

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28. Weather- Partly cloudy and rain- threatening rain. The mill produced 25,206 f.b.m. There was a motion picture show in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

29. Weather- Partly cloudy and warm - a real mild day. The day was devoted to military training and the usual Saturday Maintenance work. The training consisted of Field Firing with the Bren L.G.O. and an A.A. Dis- cussion.

30. Weather- Mostly clear and mild. There was an H.C. Church Parade in the Recreation Hall at 1115 hours. The remainder of the day was uneventful.

31. Weather- Clouidy and warm with a few scattered showers. The mill produced 31,162 f.b.m. Capt. Liddell, of C.M.R.C., accompanied by Superintendent H. Chapman, this District's auxiliary services officers, visited the camp during the morning. There was a motion picture show in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

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APPENDICES

(1) Part I Orders From 1 Jan 44 to 31 Jan 44
(2) Return of Officers (A.P.W.1944) From 1 Jan 44 to 31 Jan 44
(3) Return of Other Ranks (A.P.W.1944) From 1 Jan 44 to 31 Jan 44