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WAR DIARY

REG 4 COMPANY CANADIAN FORESTRY CORPS

FROM 1 May 43 TO 31 May 43

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1. Weather: Cloudy and warm. Strengths: 14 Officers and 160 Other Ranks. The only work done today was house cleaning and maintenance. The morning drill consisted of ranges practice with the L.D.V. and Rifles.

2. Weather: Partly cloudy and warm. There was no church parade in camp today. The day passed quietly with nothing of interest occurring.

3. Weather: Clear and warm. The mill produced 29,487 f.l.m. today. The day passed without incident.

4. Weather: Clear and very warm. The mill produced 29,487 f.l.m. Two of the men were taken to hospital today. Pte. W. Ballard was admitted to the hospital with a broken bone in his leg.

5. Weather: Cloudy and warm with light showers. The mill produced 30,783 f.l.m. Lt-Col. E.A. McCallum, the commanding officer, was seen from 1130 hrs to 1145 hrs regarding transport matters. A pally parade started today with four meals being served instead of three. The hours of the messes were: breakfast 0700 hrs, dinner 1130 hrs, tea 1600 hrs, and supper 1900 hrs.

6. Weather: Clear and warm, becoming colder in the afternoon with some snow at night. The mill produced 29,487 f.l.m. An inspection of the unit's postal arrangements was made during the afternoon by an A.O.C. from the Army Post Office, Edinburgh. Everything was found to be satisfactory.

7. Weather: Partly cloudy and cold with scattered showers. Strengths: 170 Other Ranks and 5 Officers. The mill produced 27,584 f.l.m. There was a notice published in the Recreation Hall at 2100 hrs for the Auxiliary Services.

8. Weather: Cold with heavy rain starting in morning and continuing all day and evening. The morning drill was devoted to military training consisting of ranges practice with the L.D.V. and Rifles. The only work done today was maintenance work on the mill and transport. In the afternoon there was a bath parade and skin inspection.

9. Weather: Cold and cloudy all day. The mill produced 29,576 f.l.m. Major Scott attended a meeting of the District Company Commanders at the District Headquarters, which started at 0945 hrs. Major Bradby, the District Commander, appointed by Capt. Reeves, dental officer of this district, visited the camp during the afternoon to inspect the dental clinic which is being built and is now nearing completion.

10. Weather: Clear and warm all day. The mill produced 27,584 f.l.m. Pte. W. Ballard was injured today while at work in the woods. He was taken to hospital. The N.C.O.'s class was held from 1900 to 2000 hrs.

11. Weather: Cloudy with scattered showers, clearing in the evening. The mill produced 26,770 f.l.m. Lt-Col. G.A. Williams, C.M.G. R.O. 9th Dist. C.F.R., accompanied by Capt. McCombie of the N.C.O.C., visited the camp during the afternoon. There was an Army concert in the Recreation Hall starting at 2100 hrs.

12. Weather: Partly cloudy and warm with light showers. The mill produced 27,487 f.l.m. The mid-month Pay Parade was held at 1830 hrs.
0. Weather: Cold with heavy rain starting in morning and continuing all day and evening. Strength: 150 Other Ranks and 5 Officers.

The morning was devoted to military training which consisted of range practice with the L.H.G. and Rifle. The only work done today was maintenance work on the mill.

In the afternoon there was a church parade for the R.C.'s at 1000 hours. The service was conducted by Capt. A. Claude-Weber. The day passed very quietly.

9. Weather: Cold in the morning with snow and rain, clearing in the afternoon.

There was a church parade for the R.C.'s at 1000 hours. The service was conducted by Capt. A. Claude-Weber. The day passed very quietly.

10. Weather: Clear and snow all day.

The mill produced 27,970 f.b.m. Major Scott attended a meeting of the District Company Commanders at No. 2 Dist. Headquarters, which started at 1430 hours. Major Scott, accompanied by Capt. Hovey, dental officer of this district, visited the camp during the afternoon to inspect the dental clinic which is being built and is now nearing completion.

11. Weather: Clear and snow all day.

The mill produced 27,362 f.b.m. Pte. A. D. Glenn was injured today while at work in the woods. He was taken to hospital.

The needle's class was held from 1900 to 2000 hours.


The mill produced 28,100 f.b.m. D. C. Williams, C.O. No. 2 Dist., C.P.C., accompanied by Capt. MacFarlane of H.R. C.P.G., J. A. H. Cook, War Correspondent, and Stanley, historical section, C.P.C., visited the camp during the afternoon. There was an E.S.S.A. Concert in the Recreation Hall starting at 1930 hours.


The mill produced 27,675 f.b.m. The mid-month Pay Parade was held at 1830 hours.

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The mill produced 27,140 f.b.m. There was a Softball game here during the evening with Dist. Headquarters. It resulted in a win for our team by the score of 17 - 0.


The mill produced 26,709 f.b.m. At about 1800 hours, Pte. A. D. Glenn, was arrested by the civil police on a charge of bigamy. He was taken to Aberdeen, starting at 1710 hours. A motion picture was shown in the Recreation Hall by the Auxiliary Services.


The day was devoted to military training, the only work done being maintenance work on the Hill and Transport. The training consisted of range practice with rifles and L.H.G. (application, figure targets at 500 yards) and instruction on grenades and practice throwing them. At 1800 hours this company played a game of Softball in Amoeba with No. 2 Coy. It resulted in a win for us by a score of 14 - 7. Sgt. O. D. H. White later at 1930 hours to attend a Pre-OCTU Course. Pte. Gallant returned from Aberdeen during the afternoon, having been released on five pounds bail.

24. Weather: Rain all day.

There was no church parade in camp today. The day passed very quietly with nothing of interest occurring.

25. Weather: Cloudy and cool with several heavy showers.

The mill produced 28,127 f.b.m. Lt.-Col. C. W. Williams, C.O. No. 2 Dist., C.P.C., visited the camp during the afternoon.

26. Weather: Cloudy and cool during the morning, several heavy showers during the afternoon.

The mill produced 28,049 f.b.m. There was an E.S.S.A. Concert in the Recreation Hall starting at 1930 hours. There was a meeting at 1830 hours of those interested in Softball.

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27. Weather: Clear and warm. The mill produced 26,150 f.b.m. A game of Softball was played in the evening with the Company. It was played here and resulted in a defeat for us by a score of 5 - 2.


Strengths: 150 Other Ranks and 5 Officers.

The mill produced 26,460 f.b.m. There was a motion picture shown in the Recreation Hall by the Auxiliary Services.

29. Weather: Partly cloudy and warm.

The day was devoted to military training except for the usual Saturday work. The morning consisted of instruction in Arctic Drill - section in attack (essence, demonstration and practice) also, instruction on the Rifle - aiming and aiming off.

30. Weather: Clear and cool in the morning, clearing in the late afternoon.

There was a church parade for the R.C.'s at 1000 hours conducted by Capt. A. Claude-Weber.

31. Weather: Cloudy and warm.

The mill produced 26,171 f.b.m. Lieut. H. A. Hudson, No. 3 Coy, C.P.G., arrived during the morning. He is to be attached here until employed at the Dist. Workshop. The end-of-month Pay Parade was held at 1830 hrs. (Cont'd)
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There was a parade of all ranks, below the rank of Sgt, at 1015 hours. It was
called mainly for the purpose of getting the men’s opinion as to whether or not
the new system of four meals a day was satisfactory. The greater majority are
not in favour of it.

Major

Officer Commanding

304 Company Canadian Forestry Corps

APPENDIX

1. (2) Part 2 Orders from 1 May 43 to 31 May 43
2. (1) Part 1 Orders from 1 May 43 to 31 May 43
3. (3) Return of Officers (Army Form W.1008) from 1 May 43 to 31 May 43
4. (4) Return of Other Ranks (Army Form W.1009) from 1 May 43 to 31 May 43
59. MAINTENANCE

Aberdeen. Orderly Officer

L econ. J.B. Blackie
24 May 43
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60. HEIGHTS

Note: working men are not available to all, so issue, and must be worn by those working in the bark, hull, mill pool and steaming yard, shipping, loading and transport, except mechanics, while on duty. Fergie hats and mériste must not be worn at any time and those in possession of one of this note will be turned in to 10th. The repaired S.A.L.C. must remain in the yard, approved field service cap — which are marked by a "F" in the end of the inner band.

61. FIRST AID: DEPARTMENT

As a measure of our time economy first field dressings will no longer be carried, except by
(1) R.C.C. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hose and motorcyclists while on duty
(2) Personal attending battle wounded, take, wear, and replace as necessary, one bandage per day
(3) WO, WOA, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hose will receive one bandage per day. Any hose in whom this order applies, i.e., those who, under its terms, are required to carry field dressings, will have their field dressings in the C.O. stores. Part II of Form A will be taken to the C.O. store with the note so that the first field dressings may be intimated off. hose whose name begins with letters from A to G will parade on Sunday, 24 May 43, from 1000 to 1200 hours and hose whose name begins with letters from H to I will parade on Wednesday, 27 May 43, from 1000 to 1200 hours.

62. DRESSING ROOMS

The following extract from Overseas B.R. 3415 is republished for information.

During the summer months (i.e., 2 May to 30 Sept.) other hose wearing battle dress may wear the collar of the blouse open (ten buttons and one button) when walking out and at the discretion of the commanding officer on other occasions, except on ceremonial parades.

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[Signature]

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