WAR DiARY.

OF

No. 4 Company Canadian Forestry Corps

FROM 1 Oct 43 TO 31 Oct 43

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Glentannan Camp, Dinnet, Aberdeenshire.

1. Weather: Partly Cloudy and Warm, showers in the evening. Strength: 3 Officers and 182 Other Ranks. The mill produced 21,001 f.b.m. We received notification from H.Q. C.F.G. today that 15 other ranks from No. 2 Company C.P.C. were to be T.O.’s. 25 other ranks were to be attached R.A.P., also that we were to be S.O. 31 other ranks to No. 2 Company C.P.G., 2 to No. 3 Company C.P.G., and 2 to No. 7 Company C.P.G. There was a dance held in the Recreation Hall starting at 2100 hours.

2. Weather: Partly Cloudy and Cool. Strength: 6 Officers and 189 Other Ranks. During the morning all personnel not on Leave or on Command were fingerprinted and photographed by a detachment from the Canadian Army Identification Bureau. In the afternoon there was Military Training Parade for two hours which consisted of Post and Arms Drill. Capt. Frebble was at Nos. 2 & 3 Coy all day on a Court of Inquiry. Lieut. W. D. P. McMillen was G.O.C. w.o. 30 Sep 43 from No. 12 Coy C.P.G. and attached to No. 12 Coy C.P.G. for 2.

3. Weather: Clear all morning, cloudy in the afternoon with scattered showers. There was a church parade for the H.C.'s at 1000 hours. Capt. Frebble and Lieut. A. H. Norton were at No. 25 Company all day on a Court of Inquiry. Capt. J. H. Nelson of O. & H. Section H.Q. C.F.G. was here during the afternoon. We were notified today that 7 other ranks were to be S.O. 23 Company C.P.G. The installation of the steam plant in our mill has been completed. The diesel power machinery unit was taken out today and the change-over to steam power was made.

4. Weather: Clear and cool with strong wind in the afternoon. The mill produced 26,500 f.b.m. Lieut. A. H. Norton went to No. 25 Coy C.P.G. on a Court of Inquiry at 1000 hours. Capt. J. H. Nelson was at No. 2 Coy C.P.G. from 1700 hours to 2000 hours as a member of a Board of Officers. During the afternoon 3 Other Ranks were sent to No. 2 Company and 2 to No. 3 Company. Thirty-eight other ranks arrived here from No. 2 Coy, thirteen of whom are to be taken on strength and the remainder attached for all purposes.
5. Weather:- Partly cloudy and warm.
The mill produced 29,909 f.r.m. at 0730 hours we sent 7 other ranks to No.22 Coy C.F.C., 2 to No.7 Coy and 1 to No.8 Coy. Capt. J.G. Frebble was at 09.02 and 3 Coy from 0900 hours to 1230 hours as a member of a board of officers. Lieut. A.E.

6. Weather:- Clear and warm with strong westerly winds.
The mill produced 30,384 f.r.m. Col. B.A. Lee, C.M.G., and Lt.-Col. R.D. Rook, M.O., C.F.C., arrived here during the morning. Lieut. A.E. Denton was at 10.25 and 3 Coy all day on a Court of Inquiry and Capt. J.G. Frebble was at 10.25 and 3 Coy again from 0900 hours to 1200 hours as a member of a board of officers. About 60 of the men attended an E.N.S.A. Concert in Aberdeen during the evening.

7. Weather:- Clear and cool.
The mill produced 28,690 f.r.m. Capt. C. Crichton, A.D.C. of Aberdeen Sub-District, called here during the afternoon.

8. Weather:- Clear and warm.
Strength:- 6 Officers and 24 Officers and Other Ranks.
The mill produced 34,499 f.r.m. Major A. J. Arnold of No. 2 Dist. M.O., C.F.C., was here at about 1130 hours. He left orders for eight trucks to be on duty as troop carriers and to have the drivers stand to from 0600 hours tomorrow. Lieut. C. W. W. Houston arrived here from No. 12 Coy at about 1700 hours. There was a motion picture shown in the recreation hall at 1930 hours.

9. Weather:- Cloudy and warm.
The day was devoted to military training except for maintenance work on the mill and transport. The training program was as follows: Morning: Firing practice of 100 mm. application with rifle; afternoon: Foot and Arm Drill.

10. Weather:- Partly cloudy and warm.
There was a Church Parade for the Protestants at 1115 hours, conducted by Capt. A. V. Vincent.

11. Weather:- Rain in the morning, cloudy and warm during the rest of the day.
At 0400 hours seven trucks, that had been held in readiness since Saturday, together with two from H.M. Company and with Lieut. A. E. Denton in charge, proceeded to No. 10 Company and transported the personnel of the Unit that went to Amboy Station. The seven trucks returned to camp at about 0700 hours. The mill produced 26,534 f.r.m. today. At about 1700 hours one of the bearings in the steam engine at the mill broke and the mill was down for the remainder of the day.

12. Weather:- Partly cloudy and warm.
Bread on the steam engine were completed at about 0600 hours. 26,534 f.r.m. of lumber were produced today.

The mill produced 30,618 f.r.m. Capt. J. G. Frebble and Lieut. J. G. Blackie left at 0312 hours to hold a Court of Inquiry into the accident which occurred to Pt. T. J. Norval on 20 Aug. 43. Evidence was first taken from the doctor, who attended Pt. Norval, at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen. The Court then proceeded to Castle Forbes Auxiliary Hospital where evidence was taken from Pt. Norval. Fifty of the men attended an E.N.S.A. Concert in Amboy during the evening.

The mill produced 25,477 f.r.m. Lieut. J. G. Blackie left on 10 days leave this afternoon. Capt. J. G. Frebble attended the mess meeting at Kenmelmont today.

15. Weather:- Cloudy and warm.
The mill produced 30,646 f.r.m. A motion picture was shown in the Recreation Hall this evening, starting at 1930 hours.

16. Weather:- Warm and sultry.
The day was devoted to Military Training except for essential work. The training consisted of Foot and Arm Drill, lectures on Map Reading and an A. D. U. A. discussion on Daylight Bombing. A complete inventory of Barrack Stores was made today.

17. Weather:- Heavy rains and strong winds.
There were no church parades in camp today, and nothing worthy of note occurred.

The mill produced 20,894 f.r.m. Lt.-Col. R.D. Rook, M.O., C.F.C., and Major B. E. Arnold of No. 2 Dist. M.O., C.F.C., accompanied by a Dr. Smith and a W.R. Latham from the Ministry of Supply were here today. The mill was down from 1500 hours onwards due to an over-heated crank bearing.

19. Weather:- Cloudy and warm.
The mill ran only intermittently today due to an overheated crank-bearing. Capt. Frebble was at No. 24 Company today on a Court of Inquiry. Capt. J. G. Blackie, E.O., C.F.C., was here for a short time during the afternoon.

20. Weather:- Cloudy and cool with frequent showers.
The mill produced 18,600 f.r.m. today, nothing of interest occurred during the day.

The mill produced 21,594 f.r.m.

Strength:- 6 Officers and 149 Other Ranks.
The mill produced 20,646 f.r.m. Major J. G. Scott attended a meeting of District Company Commanders at No. 2 Dist. M.O., at 1410 hours. A motion picture was shown in the Recreation Hall by the Auxiliary Services at 1930 hours.

23. Weather:- Rain all day with strong winds.
There was no military training today due to the insubordination of 120 of the personnel of the company with S.C. No. 10, C.F.C., most of the day.

24. Weather:- Partly cloudy and cool.
There was no church parade in camp today. The day passed uneventfully.
25. Weather - Clear and frosty in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon. Strengths - 6 Officers and 176 other ranks. The mill produced 25.690 ft. b.m. We started cleaning up the timber acquisitions of Box 3 and 3 Gums today.

26. Weather - Cloudy with light scattered showers. The mill produced 26,495 ft. b.m. Capt. J.S. Prebble and Lieut. J.D.B. Boonno were at 08.45 for all day attending a P.F.C.M. The former was presenting officer and the latter defending officer.

27. Weather - Cloudy and sly. The mill produced 26,695 ft. b.m. At 0930 hours a P.F.C.M. convened here for the trial of Mr. John A. W. V. Chiasson on charges under Sections 32(1), 34(1) and 40 of the Army Act.

28. Weather - Cloudy and warm. The mill produced 26,236 ft. b.m. Lt.-Col. R.A. Callaghan, R.C.C.F. called during the afternoon.

29. Weather - Cloudy and warm. The mill produced 26,644 ft. b.m. There was a motion picture shown in the Recreation Hall at 1930 hours.

30. Weather - Cloudy and warm. The day was devoted to Military Training, except for the usual Saturday Maintenance work. The training program consisted of lectures and practice of Section Battle Drill - Flanking attacks and Platoon Battle Drill - Flanking attacks.

31. Weather - Cloudy and cool, rain in the evening. At 0930 hours there was a Church Parade for the B.C.'s in the Recreation Hall, conducted by Capt. J.S. Prebble, D.S.O., 3300 hours, 4 Officers and 40 other ranks (Protestants) proceeded to the Church of Scotland, Aboyne, where they attended Divine Service. The service was conducted by the Protestant Chaplain of this district.

100. PAY PRACTISE

101. PRACTICAL GUNNERY

102. CHARGE No. 69 - BELTING OF DETONATORS

1. In order to minimise the possibility of accidents occurring while ungrafting grenades in the field, the following procedure will be carried out when removing detonators:

(a) Secure the safety pin, lanyard and cap of the fuse in the same position.
(b) Holding the grenade horizontally, remove the fuse plug.
(c) Pin the grenade vertically with the fuse uppermost and turn the safety pin towards the lanyard (or fuse plug in the case of a pinless grenade).
(d) Secure the detonator to the grenade as in (c) above, the grenade may be shaken gently, but must not be tapped on a hard surface to dislodge the detonator.

2. If the above operation fails to release the detonator the grenade will be disarmed and exploded in no time of practice as soon as possible.

3. Grenades No. 69 with detonators fitted will not be carried by sea or rail except in active operations.

(Signed) F.C. B.C. 16/11 box 43.)
6. No person will ride on the running board of a C.O. owned or hired vehicle except in the special circumstances provided for in para. 5 (d) above.

7. Passengers will not sit on the sides or tailboard of a C.O. owned or hired vehicle whether or not the vehicle is in motion, and whether or not the tailboard is in the raised or lowered position.

8. Whenever authorized passengers are carried in load-carrying mechanical vehicles the front end of the vehicle body cover must be folded back to permit a thorough current of air. It is the duty of the driver to see that this has been carried out.

(R.G.2 Dist. H.C., C.F.G. 5.0.1254 Rg. Oct 43)

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92. DAILY ORDER ISSUED 10/31 (No. 49) 1 Oct 43

93. LAUNDRY

Laundry bags now have been prepared for every man of this unit who has been using the free laundry service. They will be taken to the wash room by everyone. They will be placed in the bags. The bags will be delivered to the officer commanding and the man will be responsible for keeping his own bag.

94. OFF License

The Blackbird Restaurant, 6 Exchange Street, Aberdeen, Scotland, is hereby declared to be out of bounds to all personnel of the Canadian Forestry Corps.

(R.G.2 Dist. H.C., C.F.G. Order No. 194 10/31 Sep 43)

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96. GENERATOR-SMOKER, No. 6

The following instructions for lighting Smoke Generators, No. 6 are given as it would appear that the proper method is not properly understood.

This generator is painted green and burns 1½ minutes. It is issued in two patterns. These are ignited as follows:

(a) If of the earliest type having a brass plug, the plug should be unseated and a lighted fuse inserted in the hole.

(b) If of the later manufacture having a zinc disc in the place of the brass plug, the disc should be pierced with a penny or other suitable instrument and a lighted fuse inserted in the hole.

Incorrect usage in either case the emission end of the generator should be kept pointing away from the body.

(R.G.2 Dist. H.C., C.F.G. Order No. 219 10/16 Sep 43)