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WAR DIARY

OF

44 COMPANY CANADIAN FORESTRY CORPS

FROM 1 SEP 43 TO 30 SEP 43

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No. 4 Company Canadian Forestry Corps

Place: Glentanner
Camp: Drumet, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Date Sept 1943

Weather:
Partly cloudy and cool.
Strength: 5 Officers and 161 Other Ranks.
The mill produced 22,337 f.b.m. The day was eventful.

Weather:
Partly cloudy and cool.
The mill produced 24,323 f.b.m. Major Arnold, 2 I/c No. 2 Dist. H.Q., C.F.C., visited the camp during the afternoon.

Weather:
Mostly clear and warm.
Strength: 5 Officers and 161 Other Ranks.
Shortly after 0600 hours the power plant that drives the mill broke down and it took the remainder of the day to replace it. Most of the mill crew (23 O.R.) spent the remainder of the day at Military Training. They were given foot and arms drill in the morning and were firing on the rifle range in the afternoon. Capt. J.C. Prebble spent the day at No. 3 Camp, C.F.C., on a Court of Inquiry. There was a motion picture shown in the Recreation Hall by the Auxiliary Services, starting at 1545 hours.

Weather:
Partly cloudy and cool.
Due to the break-down yesterday, the mill was in operation today and produced 25,715 f.b.m. There was military training for the wood crew. The training in the morning consisted of a lecture on ambulances followed by two practices when the layout and dispositions of the complete ambush were made. In the afternoon the parade studied war gases, how to recognise them and how to treat for them. At about 0945 hours we received a phone call from the Aberdeen Detachment of the Canadian Provost Corps that B2940 Fts. Vahlen, who has been A.W.L. since 1200 hours 13 Aug 45, had been apprehended in Edinburgh. D.C. 43 2/9 Sep 43

Weather:
Partly cloudy with light showers.
There were no church services in camp today. At 1130 hours Lieut. A. H. Morton and J. C. Blackie attended divine service at Martie Church.
6. Weather: Cloudy and cool. The mill produced 28,584 f.t.h.m. Pte. Chiasson was returned to camp today under escort at 1500 hours. He was examined by the Office Commanding to be tried by the District Officer Commanding.

7. Weather: Cloudy all day, rain in the evening. The mill produced 27,516 f.t.h.m. At 1145 hrs Pte. Chiasson was remanded by Lt-Col. C.A. Williams, O.C., 396th Dist. O.P.C., to be tried by P.M.C.

8. Weather: Partly cloudy and warm. The mill produced 30,050 f.t.h.m. Capt. Constable of No.2 Dist. H.R.C. was called at the camp during the day. The mill produced 30,050 f.t.h.m. Lt. Col. A.D. Ross, A.D.C.T., of H.R.C., C.E., and Lt. Col. A.D. Ross, C.E., of New Section, H.R.C., C.E., visited the mill and lumber yard during the day.

9. Weather: Partly cloudy and snow. The mill produced 29,428 f.t.h.m. Capt. D. Mindell, O.C., 396th Dist. O.P.C., was stationed in the morning. Lt.Col. C.A. Williams, O.C., 396th Dist. O.P.C., called at the camp during the day, mainly to interview Sgt. J.F. Peate who is a candidate for C.D.C. & H.R.C. There was a motion picture shown in the Recreation Hall during the evening.

10. Weather: Rain all day. The day was devoted to military training except for the usual Saturday maintenance work. In the morning the training consisted of exercises on ambulances, during which a convoy of three vehicles, containing two-thirds of the parade, with four bicycles, has been completed in three different locations by the remaining third of the parade. The main points on ambulances were impressed. In the afternoon there was a lecture on air gas and personal gas equipment.

12. Weather: Cloudy with considerable rain during the day. There was a Church parade for the H.R.C. at 1000 hours. In the afternoon several of the men attended the first game of the Softball Playoffs between Nos. 2 and 3 District, semi-finals for the C.F.P. Championship. No. 2 District won the game.

13. Weather: Cloudy with occasional rain. The mill produced 26,507 f.t.h.m. The day passed uneventfully.

14. Weather: Cloudy with several scattered showers, becoming clear in the late afternoon. The mill produced 26,507 f.t.h.m. Major Arnold, 396th Dist. O.P.C., visited the camp during the morning. In the afternoon Maj. J. Whittaker, O.C., O.P.C., and Maj. L.F. Beare, Staff Captain, H.R.C., C.E., made an inspection of the Unit's O.P.C. store, ordnance store and mess.

15. Weather: Cloudy with scattered showers. The mill produced 31,019 f.t.h.m.

16. Weather: Clear and cool in the morning, becoming cloudy in the late afternoon. The mill produced 21,010 f.t.h.m. Pte. Chiasson who has been under arrest, awaiting P.M.C., was reported missing from his work at about 1600 hours.

17. Weather: Cloudy and warm. Strength: 1 Officer and 73 Other Ranks. The mill produced 21,010 f.t.h.m. A motion picture was shown in the Recreation Hall at 1930 hours by the Auxiliary Services.

18. Weather: Clear and real work. The day was devoted to military training, which consisted of an exercise in the defense and attack of a vulnerable point, a lecture on Bridge - formation and dressing, and a more demonstration. Pte. Chiasson was apprehended at about 1245 hours and brought back to camp. A start was made during the afternoon at taking an inventory of our sawmill lumber.

19. Weather: Partly cloudy and warm. There was a Church parade for the H.R.C. at 1000 hours. The inventory of our sawmill lumber, started yesterday, was finished during the afternoon.

20. Weather: Partly cloudy and cool with strong westerly winds. The mill produced 29,428 f.t.h.m. C.L. O'Mahoney, senior H.R.C., for the Canadian Army Overseas, paid a visit to the camp at about 1600 hours. He was accompanied by Maj. H.C.bottom and Maj. L. A. Milne, 49th No. 4 Dist. O.P.C.

21. Weather: Partly cloudy and cool with scattered showers. The mill produced 30,050 f.t.h.m. As H.R.C. from the 15th Field Ambulance, R.M.C. was here today to receive instruction in forestry work. He will be here the following day. Capt. Constable of No.2 Dist. H.R.C. was here during the morning to take and additional evidence in the case of Pte. Chiasson.

22. Weather: Clear and cool becoming cloudy with scattered showers in the late afternoon. The mill produced 26,507 f.t.h.m. At about 1230 hrs the mill engine broke down and the mill was unable to operate for the rest of the day. Repairs to the engine were completed at about 1730 hours.

23. Weather: Partly cloudy and cool. The mill produced 27,516 f.t.h.m. The day was uneventful.

24. Weather: Partly cloudy and cool with light scattered showers. Strength: 1 Officer and 382 Other Ranks. One officer and four other ranks left at 1415 hours with the Dist. Softball Team to play in No.4 District. The latter game of the finals for the C.F.P. Championship is to be played tomorrow. There was a motion picture shown in the Recreation Hall at 1930 hours.

25. Weather: Cloudy and cool with a few scattered showers. From 0800 hours to 0930 hours a kit inspection was held. The rest of the day was devoted to military training except for the usual Saturday maintenance work. The training consisted of lectures and exercises on battle drill - house clearing, street fighting and village clearing.