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Enroute to North Africa	1/11/43		<p><u>MONDAY</u> Routine was carried out according to schedule with ships inspection at 1100 hrs. <u>BEST COMPARTMENT</u> The best compartment was E4 which is occupied by B, C and D Coys with Major Andrew as O.C. Since the time and work required is considerable in order to reach a high standard in cleanliness and neatness this was welcomed as a justifiable reward for the efforts involved. <u>INNOCULATION</u> At 1330 hours all ranks were paraded for their second anti-typhus inoculation. <u>SHIP DRILL</u> at 1500 hrs abandon ship drill was carried out by all troops. Time taken for troops to occupy their stations was 10 minutes, which was fair since the best timing made is 7 minutes. All ranks were issued one Mepacrine tablet. <u>ENTERTAINMENT</u> Music was supplied by two orchestras organized by members of the Division, one supplying modern music the other old time. There was a bingo game at 1900 hrs sponsored by Auxiliary Services. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair &amp; warm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offrs 810 other ranks.</p>	<p>ps</p>
Enroute to North Africa	2/11/43		<p><u>TUESDAY</u> Morning routine was followed with reveille at 0600 hrs and all coys were on parade from 0930 hrs to 1030 hrs. Lt Col Rutherford addressed all ranks during this parade with regard to Malaria. <u>SHIP DRILL</u> There was an abandon ship drill at 1500 hrs and all ranks were at their proper stations in 6 minutes which is a record for any voyage the ship has made up to this time. <u>COMMENTS ON VOYAGE</u> To-day the ship travelled due south and although not verified it is expected that we would reach Gibraltar sometime to-morrow. The weather is becoming warmer daily and many of the troops are now sleeping on the decks. This evening the men were entertained at 1900 hrs with Bingo which was enthusiastically received. Afterwards Music, old fashioned and modern was supplied by members of the troops. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and warm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offrs 810 other ranks.</p>	<p>ps</p>
Enroute to North Africa	3/11/43		<p><u>WEDNESDAY ROUTINE</u> Normal routine was followed with the regular parade in the morning from 0930 hrs to 1030 hrs. We had expected according to popular rumour to land in Gibraltar sometime to-day. However for some reason we have been travelling in a Northerly direction all day and it is prablemetical when we shall reach Gibraltar. After the ships inspection which was held at 1100 hrs it was broadcast over the P A system that all compartments were so good that a winner could not be chosen. This afternoon was very beautiful with plenty of sunshine and most of the men took advantage of this by sunbathing on the decks. <u>HEALTH</u> The health of the troops is quite good with ractically no cases of seasickness. However there are a few cases of</p>	<p>ps.</p>

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Enroute to North Africa	3/11/43		<u>WEDNESDAY</u> (cont'd) stomach flu in the ships hospital. <u>ENTERTAINMENT</u> Music was again supplied from 1900 hrs to 2200 hrs by the two orchestras which we have on board and was thoroughly enjoyed by the troops. <u>WEATHER</u> Quite warm with a slight breeze. The ocean was very calm which made for smooth sailing. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	AS
Enroute to North Africa	4/11/43		<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>ROUTINE</u> Normal routine was followed with ships inspection held at 1100 hrs. In the afternoon there were no parades. <u>SHIP DRILL</u> Abandon Ship drill was held at 1400 hrs without any previous warning. Since troops were all over the ship the time for them to get to their positions was not quite as good as if they had had previous warning. The C O, Lt Col Rutherford held a test on A & Q matters which we would have to deal with when we arrived at our destination. <u>REMARKS ON VOYAGE</u> Land was sighted at about 1500 hrs. It was quite impressive although we were no closer than 2 miles. At night we passed several lighted villages on the African coast. It was quite a thing since a great many members of the unit had not seen a sight like this for quite a length of time. <u>WEATHER</u> Quite warm and sea calm. However it was cooler at night than it had been on the 2 preceeding nights. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	Appx 3 AS
Enroute to Italy	5/11/43		<u>FRIDAY</u> <u>ROUTINE</u> Normal routine was followed throughout the day as much as possible because of the fact that Group iv which is the Perth Regt was duty group and had to supply the guards and fatigues on the ship. <u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u> The announcement came over the P A system in the afternoon that we were going to Italy and would probably dock at Naples. <u>R T PROCEDURE</u> The test in R T Procedure was held for all officers in compartment E3 at 1500 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Slight showers which cleared up in the afternoon and evening. Sea was fairly calm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	AS
Enroute to Naples	6/11/43		<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>ROUTINE</u> Normal routine was carried out as laid down. <u>MEETING OF OFFICERS</u> There was a meeting of all officers in the lounge at 1100 hrs. At this time Brigadier Morton C R A 5th Div gave a talk on Italy and what it was like prior to the war. <u>OFFICERS TEST</u> A test was held for all officers at 1500 hrs. The test was on Health in the tropics. <u>R T Test</u> At 1500 hrs a test on R T Procedure was held for the offr that had not taken the test on the previous day. <u>AIR RAID</u> At 1800 hrs four bells	





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Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	9/11/43		<u>TUESDAY</u> (cont'd) serving was the fact that it gets dark quite early. The remaining kit bags and supplies were brought in after supper. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy during day, cold at night. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	AS.
Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	10/11/43		<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>SETTING UP CAMP</u> The morning was spent in erecting the balance of tents and arranging coy lines. Several officers and truck drivers were sent down to the docks in order to assist the remainder of the Bde to get to their respective areas. This included Bde HQ, C B H, Irish and Bde Sp. group. <u>AFTERNOON PARADE</u> All coys carried out training on T.S.M.C. and a short route march. <u>BRIGADIER'S VISIT</u> Brigadier Kitching was introduced to all the offr of the unit. Supper was served at 1630 hrs. <u>ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING</u> B 77600 Pte Wilcox C of "C" Coy accidentally shot himself in the upper part of his left arm while he was adjusting the sling to his rifle. He was immediately dispatched to the Hospital. The C O attended a meeting at Bde at 1830 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy during day. Cold at night. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	AS.
Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	11/11/43		<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>TRAINING</u> Regular parades were carried out in the morning. There included periods on P.T., T.S.M.G. and a short route march. At 1400 hrs the Bn was formed up for an inspection by Brigadier Kitching. The inspection was carried out in the manner as in 8th Army where all the men form in a circle around the command vehicle and the senior officer talks to the men. Brigadier Kitching advised us that we would fill in the spot vacated by the 7th Armd Div who were going back to England. He said he was very impressed that we looked so smart and that if we kept the good work up we couldn't go wrong. At 1530 hrs a changing of the guard was held in town of Afragola. The new guard, Irish Regt was taking over from the old guard, Perth Regt. The changing was held in the parade square and it certainly impressed the town's citizens. Maj Gen Simonds D.S.O., G.O.C. 5th Cdn Armd Div inspected the new guard and took the salute. Supper was served at 1630 hrs and the men started preparing for bed at 1800 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Warm during day, Cold at night. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	AS.

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Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	12/11/43		<u>FRIDAY TRAINING</u> Normal training was carried out by all coys. This included P.T. and Route Marches. Preparation was made to take over vehicles and stores of 1/5 Queens 7th Armd Div and for this purpose the Quartermaster and T.O. drove to FALCIANO in order to make the necessary arrangements. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy and cool. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	AS
Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	13/11/43		<u>SATURDAY VISIT TO 1/5 QUEENS</u> Numerous officers and other ranks of the unit drove to the 1/5 Queens for the purpose of meeting their opposite numbers and obtain some notes as to their duties during operations. At the same time the Quartermaster and T.O. made arrangements for taking over their vehicles and stores. They were no afternoon parades. <u>TRIP TO POMPEII "A"</u> Coy toured the ruins of Pompeii. The town was supervised by Italian guides who had worked for "Cooks Tours" prior to the war. All coys were to take the tour as laid down in Pt. I Orders. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy and Cool. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	Appx 1 AS
Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	14/11/43		<u>SUNDAY CHURCH PARADE</u> All Protestant personnel paraded at 0945 hrs on Bn parade ground. Padre D C Smith conducted the service. R C Personnel paraded in charge of Lieut Rochon to Map Reference 248578 for Mass at 1000 hrs. <u>TOUR OF POMPEII "B"</u> Coy was taken for a tour of Pompeii in the afternoon. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	AS
Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	15/11/43		<u>MONDAY TRAINING</u> Routine training was carried out by all coys. <u>TAKING DELIVERY OF VEHICLES</u> Capt Walker, Lieut Twist and 28 drivers drove up to 1/5 Queens Bn of the 7th Armd Div and picked up about 30 vehicles and 6 A Tk guns. Among the vehicles were about 12 carriers. <u>TRIP TO POMPEII "C"</u> Coy took a trip to Pompeii arriving back in unit lines at 1900 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Rain <u>STRENGTH DECREASE</u> 3 other ranks were struck off strength on admittance to Hospital. One to #65 Gen Hospital. Two to #92 Gen Hospital. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 810 other ranks.	AS

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Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	16/11/43		<u>TUESDAY TRAINING</u> Normal training was carried out by all coys however it was impossible to carry on at all times because of the excessive rain. <u>DELIVERY OF VEHICLES</u> Capt Walker took a party to the 1/5 Queens in order to pick up balance of the vehicles also those that had fallen out of the convoy on the previous day. <u>PROMOTIONS</u> Capt Snelgrove O.C. "B" Coy was promoted to A/Major. Lieuts Wainman, Cole, Binnington and Mitchell were promoted to A/Cpts. A/Capt Mitchell also took over as adjutant. <u>WEATHER</u> Heavy rain. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 846 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 807 other ranks.	RS.
Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	17/11/43		<u>WEDNESDAY TRAINING</u> Ts O E T were conducted by the fighting coys while Support and H Q coys were preparing their vehicles for the move to the new area. It rained practically all day causing the camp to become like a quagmire which hampered training activities. <u>ADVANCE PARTY</u> Details were laid down for personnel who were to proceed on advance party also other A & Q matters such as route and timings. <u>WEATHER</u> Heavy Rain. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 846 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 807 other ranks.	RS.
Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	18/11/43		<u>THURSDAY ADVANCE PARTY</u> The advance party left under Lt Col Rutherford at 0730 hrs for the new area. It consisted of C O, 2 i/c of coys and 35 other ranks. The route taken was sheet 19 - Afrigola - Naples - Marigliano - Baiano - Avellino - Prutola - Mirabella - Ariano - Bovino - Sheet 20 - Ortona - Arignola - Canosa - Andria - Trani - Molfetta - Giovinazzo - Bitonto - Modugno - Grumo - Altamura. The advance party arrived in Altamura at 2230 hrs and billeted for the night in a large school in the heart of town with the other advance parties of 11 C I B. Preparations were made for the main body to move although this was hampered considerably by the incessant rain. <u>WEATHER</u> Heavy Rain. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 846 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 807 other ranks.	RS.
Area Sq 2457 Sheet Napoli 184. 1.	19/11/43		<u>FRIDAY MOVE TO NEW AREA</u> The Main body of the Bn started to move to the new area at 0700 hrs. Considerable difficulty was encountered in moving many of the trucks and finally a bulldozer had to be secured. The first night the convoy travelled as far as Cerignola Sheet 20 Sq 5898. The advance party in the meantime decided on the area Sqs 1747, 1846 sheet Altamura 189. 111. The reason for not billeting the troops in town was firstly lack of space and secondly it would be much healthier in this area. The ground was practically all gravel and in an olive orchard. The school in Altamura could have been obtained but there was not sufficient parking space for vehicles. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy and rain. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 846 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 807 other ranks.	RS.

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Area Sq 5898 Lerignola Sheet 20	20/11/43		<u>SATURDAY ARRIVAL OF MAIN BODY</u> The advance party moved from the school where they had been billeted at 1000 hrs to the area which had been decided upon for the Bn. Arrangements were then made for guides to be at the necessary points in order to guide the coys to their respective lines. The bulk of the main body arrived at 1600 hrs. This consisted of 52 out of approximately 75 vehicles. Supper was served at 1630 hrs. Those who had arrived prepared for bed immediately after supper while numerous personnel were dispatched to guide in other trucks when they arrived. The reason for so many trucks breaking down was the fact that some of them had had quite a time getting out of the old area also they were in poor condition when taken over and it was impossible in the short time that we had them prior to the move for us to put them in good condition. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 846 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offrs 807 other ranks.	RS.
Area Sq 182479 Altamura Sheet 189.III	21/11/43		<u>SUNDAY CHURCH PARADE</u> There was no church parade on Sunday because the unit was preparing their new area. This activity was severely curtailed because of constant showers. Each man received a pup tent but all of these were not quite satisfactory because of leakages. <u>WEATHER</u> Heavy Rain. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 846 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offrs 807 other ranks.	RS.
Area Sq 182479 Altamura Sheet 189.III	22/11/43		<u>MONDAY TRAINING</u> Ts O E T were carried out under Coy arrangements. Part of the morning was allowed to the men in order to hang out their clothing which had become wet from the previous night rain. <u>MAINTENANCE</u> Maintenance was carried out on all vehicles as much as conditions would allow. <u>GUARD MOUNT</u> The guard was mounted by Lieut R S Chamberlain in Altamura at 1600 hrs. <u>MOVE TO NEW AREA</u> At 1400 hrs Lt Col Rutherford took the Coy Commanders to a P O W camp 4 miles west of Altamura Sheet 189. III Sq 1050 in order that they might look at the camp with the view to moving the Bn there. The buildings would afford some cover for the Bn which is not available in its present location. No decision was reached. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy with some rain. <u>STRENGTH DECREASE</u> 2 other ranks were struck off strength on admittance to #92 Gen Hospital. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 844 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offrs 805 other ranks.	RS.



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Area Sq 181478 Sheet Altamura 189.111	26/11/43		<u>FRIDAY TRAINING</u> Normal training as well as maintenance was carried out by individual Coys. There was range firing and completion of Ts O E T. A general re-organization of H Q Coy area was made because of the fact that where they had been situated was very difficult for vehicles to get to. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy <u>STRENGTH DECREASE</u> 9 other ranks were struck off strength. 8 to 24 Fd Amb 1 to 13 F D S. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 834 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 795 other ranks (revised).	AS
Area Sq 181478 Sheet Altamura 189.111	27/11/43		<u>SATURDAY TRAINING</u> Normal training was carried out by all the fighting coys which consisted of F T and finishing Ts O E T. Sp Coy had a route march. There were no afternoon parades therefore quite a few members went into the Service Canteen in Altamura. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair & cool <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 834 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 795 other ranks.	AS
Area Sq 181478 Sheet Altamura 189.111	28/11/43		<u>SUNDAY CHURCH PARADE</u> A voluntary church parade was held for Protestant personnel at 0930 hrs south west of Sp Coy lines. Approximately 185 all ranks attended. The service was conducted by H/Capt D. C. Smith. R C Personnel paraded in charge of Lt Rochon at 0930 hours to attend a service at the Cathedral in Altamura. At 1200 hrs the news was broadcast over the public address system and immediately after the C O spoke to the men and outlined the fact we would probably be in the front line just before New Years and while we were here Ts O E T would be completed then Coy, Bn and Brigade schemes would start. <u>TRIP TO BARI</u> 6 T C Vs with troops were permitted to visit Bari in the afternoon. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 834 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offr 795 other ranks.	AS
Area Sq 181478 Sheet Altamura 189.111	29/11/43		<u>MONDAY TRAINING</u> H Q Coy conducted Ts O E T of personnel in the coy. Sp and all the fighting coys finished up their Ts O E T. C Coy carried out platoon and section attacks on the road running south east of our camp. <u>MAINTENANCE</u> Maintenance on so many vehicles as possible was carried out. A little difficulty was encountered because of lack of part 3 which are hard to obtain. Any required parts must be obtained at the 8th Army Base Depot in Bari. A dinner in honour of Brigadier Kitching was held in the Officer's Mess at 1900 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair <u>STRENGTH INCREASE</u> 3 other ranks were taken on strength from 24 Fd Amb. <u>STRENGTH DECREASE</u> 1 offr, Lieut D B A Menard was struck off strength to #54 Gen Hosp. 4 other ranks were struck off strength 3 to 24 Fd Amb and 1 to 54 Gen Hosp. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 833 <u>STRENGTH</u> 36 offr 794 other ranks.	AS

