

## WAR DIARY

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CATTOLICA	1	0930 1900	R <sup>v</sup> and Protestant church parades under Bde arrangement. A Dinner was held by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants in the Sgts Mess. Weather this date was cloudy and cool.	FAB
	2	0800	Bn ceremonial parade and an inspection by the CO, Lt col A L Saunders. Weather this date was very rainy and a TEWT scheduled for 1400 hrs had to be cancelled.	FAB
	3	0800 1000 1600 1830	Bn parade and inspection by the CO. A TEWT was held by the CO and offrs of the Bn at 9686. Bn held last rehearsal for Bde comds inspection and march past on the following day. Thirty-four reinforcements arrived and were allotted to coys. In the evening a film was shown "Beautiful Cheat" in the Bde cinema. Weather this date cloudy and cool.	FAB
	4	0830  1400	Ceremonial Parade. The Bn was inspected by Bde Comd, Brig J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE, followed by a march past in which the Bde Comd took the salute. Afterwards when the Bn formed up again on the parade ground, the Bde comd congratulated the Bn on the very fine turnout. The RCE band was in attendance. BnHQ, HQ Coy and D Coy were given a lecture in the Bde Cinema on Rehabilitation in Canada for returned service men after the war. In the evening a film was shown in Bde Cinema, "Beautiful Cheat". Lt R E McDermott RC Sigs arrived at this HQ to take over the duties of Bn Signal Officer. Weather fine and warm.	FAB
	5	0800 1330 1800	The IO, Capt R E Campbell, left this morning for FANO on a three day exchange of offrs with the Desert Air Force. An Educational picture on VD was shown to the Bn at the Bde Cinema. 48 hour leaves to RICCIONE have again commenced. A Warning Order was issued to the effect that exercise "River Crossing" is to be carried out 6 Oct 44 by "A" and "D" Coys with the balance of the Bn attending the exercise as spectators.	FAB

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CATTOLICA	5		Weather this date was cloudy and cool with frequent showers. Trg this date as per syllabus	Appx 4
	6		Trg as per syllabus.	Appx 4
		0845	Bn "O" Group for exercise "River Crossing" on River CONOA, was held at 968878 and attended by all Sp and Rifle Coy offrs.	
		1230	"A" & "D" Coys together with detailed party of Signallers, stretcherbearers and pioneers, move to assembly area 964879 for exercise "River Crossing", 18 paddlers being supplied by "B" Coy.	
		1400	Balance of the Bn, under Coy arrangements, march to spectators stand on east bank Conoa River at 974877 where Pl Comds gave a running commentary as exercise progressed.	
		1900	A meeting was held in the Officers' Mess of all offrs except those on duty at BnHQ. Weather this date cloudy and cool.	
	7.		Trg as per syllabus.	Appx 4
		1100	The GOO 1 Cdn Corps, Lt-Gen E L M Burns DSO OBE, gave a short talk to the officers WOs and NCOs of this Bn at the Bde cinema. The General expressed his thanks to the officers and men for the very fine work they did in the Breaking of the Gothic Line and driving the enemy back onto the Lombardy plains. He stated that in the fighting that was to come in the very near future the men of 1 Cdn Div would play a very important part.	
		1330	A TEWT, Exercise "ATTACK" was held (RV X-rds 976867) and attended by all offrs, WOs and Sgts. The 7th Victory Loan campaign started today, and was received with great enthusiasm, by all ranks. Weather this date cloudy and cool.	
	8		RC Church Parade at Bde Adm building, and Protestant Church Service in the Bde cinema.	
		1800	A film was shown in the Bde cinema, "Man Hunt". The weather is still very unsettled after severe thunder storms during last night.	
	9		Trg as per syllabus.	Appx 4
		1430	The "Bandoliers" Concert Party put on two performances for this unit in the camp theatre. This concert was the best that the boys had attended for some time.	





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	18		The weather this date was cloudy and cool.	
CESENA	19	0700	The CO ordered "A" & "D" Coys to move forward and secure the line of the road 617060-614050.	FAB
		0830	Tac HQ moves and established at 632051.	
		0930	"A" & "D" Coys reported consolidated on objective without opposition.	
		1200	The Bn was now entirely surrounded by friends, the British having cut across our front and the R 2 <sup>d</sup> R having come up on our right flank. The weather this date was fine and warm.	
	20	1200	Bn received word that they are on one hours notice to move as from 1200 hrs. At 1600 hrs Bde informed the Bn that there would be no move before the morning. There was light shelling in Bn area but no casualties were reported. The weather this date was fine and warm.	FAB
	21	0630	The CO held Bn "O" Group and it was laid on that the Bn would start moving at 0800 hrs	FAB
0800		Marching personnel started to move fwd.		
0830		Tac HQ moved fwd and at 0900 hrs established at 601075.		
		1515	Lt col A L Saunders was called to Bde to attend a meeting. Light shelling in the Bn area during night due to attack of the 2nd Bde on our right. Weather this date fine and warm.	
	22	1600	The Bn mortars were ordered into posn at 594076 to support the 12th British Bde who are going to put in an attack on the left.	FAB
1830		Bde ordered the Bn to be ready to move at once to area 5912 where we were to come under command of 2 Cdn Inf Bde.		
1900		The CO, and IO left for HQ 2 CIB where the Bde Comd Lt col M P Bogert DSO informed the CO of the nights intentions. The Bn with "D" Coy PP-LI under Comd was to form a bridgehead across the SAVIO River at 588123 thus allowing the engrsr to construct a bridge over which supplies and supporting arms could be sent to the remainder of the 2nd Bde who formed a bridgehead farther south.		
		2000	The CO and IO returned from HQ 2 CIB to "B" Coy HQ where a Bn "O" Gp was held.	



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OESENA	23	0720	there was one offr and twenty-eight other ranks missing. "D" Coy WNSR report being heavily counter attacked by tanks and infantry but manage to hold their posns with the help of arty fire. "D" Coy now being the only coy across the river their posn became precarious.	
		0830	A tp of M10s were placed in support of the Bn and the CO immediately despatched a fighting patrol from "B" Coy to recce a route fwd to the river with the object of enabling the M10s to reach the river and engage enemy AFVs on the opposite bank. An enemy SP gun was observed bogged down on further side of the river. An M10 later KO'd this SP which was mounted on a Mk 4 chasis and also shot up some buildings where enemy were seen to enter. Later two enemy half track red cross vehicles arrived and each apparently <del>apparently</del> obtained a load.	
		1050	"D" Coy was ordered to withdraw under cover of smoke. Up until this time they were counter attacked many times but were able to hold their posns and inflict losses on the enemy.	
		1100	The CO went to Bde to tie in the nights activity.	
		1130	"D" Coy now back across the river and it was found that two ORs were missing. So far PWs in excess of fifty and it is estimated that fifty enemy were killed, and a hit was obtained on a Mk 4 tank by a PIAT.	
		1900	One officer and ten ORs and one casualty badly wounded of the PPCLI reported back to this HQ. They had spent the day on the further side of the river in enemy territory.	
		2000	"C" Coy supplied one platoon for a working party to go to and assist the PPCLI in their crossing of the SAVIO.	
		2045	A fighting patrol of one and ten, Lt C H Smith, crossed the river at 590123 by means of assault boats and proceeded to cross-roads 576121, searching buildings and enemy posns, but did not contact enemy. This indicated that the enemy had made a very swift withdrawal in this area. The weather on this date was cloudy and cool.	
	24	1030	The GOC, Maj-Gen C Vokes CBE DSO, paid a visit to the Bn and congratulated Lt col A L Saunders on the show the Bn put on night 22/23 Oct 44.	
		1115	2nd Bde HQ informs the Bn that we are now under command 3 Cdn Inf Bde.	
		1430	Two ORs from "D" Coy with one OR from PPCLI reported to this HQ. They had been	

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CESENA	28	2100	The IO, Capt R E Campbell was today appointed Commander of HQ Coy. Movement order was received for move to CATTOLICA 9887. Weather today was very rainy and cold.	
	29	0700 0930 1230	The CO, Lt Col A L Saunders and Battle Adjt Capt C F Spence proceeded to TORRE del MORO 5707 to meet TCVs. Bn embussed and moved to new area as per Movement Order. Bn arrives in new area 9887 and BnHQ established at 985870. The remainder of the day was spent settling down in the new billets. Weather this date fine and warm.	Appx 1 <i>ALS</i>
CATTOLICA	30	1130 0800 1600	The Bde Comd, Brig J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE, paid a casual visit to this HQ. Pay parades at BnHQ, each coy being paid in turn. EFI issue, one bottle of beer per man. Weather this date was cloudy and cool.	<i>ALS</i>
	31	1100 1730	Trg as per syllabus. Bn Muster Parade was held. The CO, Lt Col A L Saunders, gave a short talk to the WOs & Sgts in the Sgts Mess. He spoke about the good work they did in the last action and also on the trg to come in the present area. Since moving into this area the E of C have opened a men's canteen and recreation and reading room. Weather this date was fine and warm.	Appx 4. <i>ALS</i>

*A L Saunders*  
Lt Col