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M.F.M. 11
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials		
BAGNACAVALLO	1	0230	The right fwd platoon house of D Coy 37184242 received two direct hits from enemy rockets. The upper part of the house was completely demolished and several of the occupants buried under the debris. In spite of this there was only one slight casualty. Note: A PW taken by our friends on the right informed them that the enemy were going to engage a house at 371434 with rockets, the rockets to be launched from behind the west bank of the Senio River. This information was received by this HQ at 0800 hrs, much too late to be of any value.			
		0330	Contact patrol from B Coy contacted left flanking unit, NTR.			
		0845	Our own snipers shot one enemy in weapon pit at 373426. Later he was dragged over the dyke by his comrades.	<i>Tab</i>		
		0945	D Coy engaged an enemy weapon pit at 373426 with PIAT. The pit was occupied by two of the enemy who had been firing rifles in the D Coy area. One very near miss was made and no further firing came from the pit.			
		1115	Our own snipers working from "A" Coy area scored one kill and one possible.			
		1410	The CO, Lt col F E Hiltz, paid a visit to "A" Coy.			
		1615	Considerable enemy movement was observed by "A" Coy just fwd of their FDLs. MMG fire was brought down, results unknown.			
		2100	"C" Coy relieved "A" Coy taking over identical posns. Change-over carried out without incident.			
		2230	Fighting patrol from "B" Coy as per approx Patrol Report. Weather this date fine and cool.		Appx 1	
		2	0030		"B" Coy contact patrol to left flanking unit returned, NTR.	
			0330		For the past half hour "D" Coy area has been engaged by rifle grenades and rockets. The right fwd pl in particular is the hot spot.	
			0800		"A" Coy proceeded to BAGNACAVALLO on recreational trip for the day.	
			0930		The usual enemy activity is observed on "D" Coy front. Several enemy appeared on the bank to the right of the right fwd pl. Some rifle grenades fell in the pl area but caused no casualties.	<i>Tab</i>
			0940		Our own snipers working in "D" Coy area scored one kill kill on the dyke at 36784202.	

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BAGNACAVALLO	5	2400	enemy movement is heard in this area practically every night. A propaganda broadcast over the PA set was put on in "C" Coy area. This was preceded by a few minutes mor fire to arouse the enemy and make sure he would hear it. Weather this date was fine and comparatively mild.	<i>Fab</i>
		6	0005	A small fire programme consisting of MMGs, 3" Mor and 4.2 Mor was put down on selected enemy targets followed by another propaganda broadcast. This broadcast was not considered as as successful as the first due to continuous enemy MG fire which drowned out the loud speaker.
		0100	Two mines exploded just to the front of "A" Coy's left fwd pl. Flares were immediately put up but no enemy movement seen or heard. The Coy Comd considers it quite probable that the mines were exploded by dogs, several having been observed at different times and on different sectors of the Bn front.	<i>Fab</i>
		1125	An enemy observed in trench at 36224138 was shot by one of the Bn snipers working in "C" Coy area.	
		1800	Throughout the day the Bn snipers working in the fwd coy areas observed the usual enemy activity. Periscopes were observed at various places along the river bank.	
		2210	"B" Coy contact patrol contacted left flanking unit, NTR.	
		2345	A fighting patrol from "C" Coy as per patrol report. Weather mild throughout throughout the day becoming cool towards night.	Appx 1.
	7	0345	"B" Coy contact patrol contacted left flanking unit, NTR.	
		1045	One enemy deserter came into "C" Coys fwd area and was taken PW. He was from 2 Coy 956 Regt of 362 Inf Div.	
		1730	Own snipers working in "C" Coy area observed a group of enemy 4 or 5, at Casa Guerra 364414. Mor fire was immediately brought down in that area. The arty OP later reported that this fire was very successful, all bombs landing in target area.	
		1745	A broadcast over the PA system scheduled for 2400 hrs tonight had to be cancelled due to the fact that records sent from Div were found to be in the Italian language.	
		1810	A shower of small mor bombs came down in "A" Coy area. One of the pl comds Lt E M McKinnon was seriously wounded.	
		1925	"D" Coy relieved "B" Coy, taking up same posns. Change-over was completed without incident.	<i>Fab</i>

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BAGNACAVALLO	9	0540	A fighting patrol from "D" Coy re-established the outpost which had been over-run by the enemy.	<i>Feb</i>
		1100	Major Cameron left to attend the Corps Comds Conference at Ravenna.	
		1335	Own 3" Mor pl has been relieved by the Mor pl of the LER.	
		1430	All vehs at Tac HQ except jeeps proceeded to Rear BnHQ at BAGNACAVALLO where they joined "B" Ech and proceeded to the new area in RUSSI.	
		1445	The RAP now changed over with the LER.	
		1800	The relief of this unit by LER started with "B" Coy which occupied the res posn.	
		2200	The change-over was completed without incident. As each coy was relieved they moved off in the TCVs of the relieving coy and proceeded to RUSSI 4333.	
		2250	Tac HQ moves to RUSSI and established in the town at 43332. Weather this date was rainy and foggy.	
RUSSI	10	0700	One Offr and 16 other ranks left this morning on their way to Canada on 30 days leave.	Appx 5.
		0900	The A/Comd Major J R Cameron held an "O" Group attended by all coy comds. Points discussed were as per West NSR directive (reserve area)	
		0900	Pay Parades were held for all coys and during the day there was an EFI issue. The day was spent in adjusting adm problems. The Coy comds proceeded on a recce of area (BLACK COPPER) see trace, one of the areas allotted to this Bn in our counter-attack role as laid down by Bde. Major W W Mair has taken over comd of "B" Coy. Major Mair recently came to this Unit from H & PER. Prior to joining the H & PER he served with the Special Service Force.	Appx 5. <i>Feb</i>
		1930	A CWAC show called "Live Show" was put on at GODO this unit being allotted 100 seats. Weather - showers in morning, foggy in the afternoon.	
	11	1000	Protestant Church Parade at Dome Theatre, RC Church parade at Ritz Theatre.	<i>Feb</i>
		1130	Major J R Cameron attended a conference at HQ 3 Cdn Inf Bde at which Lt Gen E W Sanson was present and the GOC 1 Cdn Div, Maj Gen H W Foster DSO. Reinforcement problems were discussed and assurance was given that this unit would be brought up to full war establishment within the next few days.	
		1500	Major Cameron held a conference at which all coy comds were present.	

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RUSSI	15	1830	Trg as per syllabus. One officer and sixty-three other ranks arrived as rfts and were alloted to coys. Picture this evening same as last night. Weather fine and warm.	Appx 4 Fbb
	16	0900	Trg as per syllabus. A meeting of all officers was held in the officers' mess, the main topic discussed being training.	Appx 4
		1045	Bde Comd paid a visit to this Unit.	Fbb
		1930	The Officers of this Unit held a Mess Dinner at the Council Chambers RUSSI, invited guests included the Bde Comd, Brig J P E Bernatchez D S O, O B E. Show at the Ritz Theatre tonight "Michael O'Shea in "Jack London". Weather today fine and warm.	
	17	1900	Trg as per syllabus. The CO, Lt Col F E Hiltz arrived back from leave. Picture show tonight same as last night. Weather fine and warm.	Appx 4 Fbb
	18	0930	RC Church Parade was held in an RC Church in RUSSI.	
		1000	Protestant Church Parade was held in the Dome Theatre in RUSSI. Picture show at the Dome Theatre tonight "Andy Hardy in Blond Trouble" Weather fine and warm.	Fbb
	19		Trg as per syllabus. Show at the Ritz tonight Bing Crosby in "The Road to Morocco" During the day the CO, Lt col F E Hiltz, inspected each coy in turn. Dress was full marching order. Weather was fine and warm today.	Appx 4 Fbb
	20	1330	Trg as per syllabus. The Bde Comd, Brig J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE paid a visit to this unit and was a spectator at the Pl exercise put on by C Coy with the Wasp.	Appx 4 Fbb

