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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Area 488313 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	1/6/44		<u>THURSDAY</u> AMG Rep arrived in ARNARA and took charge of the civilians. Capt R W Mitchell, Adj't, proceeded to the new area MR 544259. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 840 <u>STRENGTH</u> 35 offrs 764 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 488313 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	2/6/44		<u>FRIDAY</u> Bn spent day preparing for move to the new area. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 840 <u>STRENGTH</u> 35 offrs 757 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 488313 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	3/6/44		<u>SATURDAY</u> Bn moved to new area at Map Ref 544259 by march route. Bn arrived in area by 1800 hrs and canvas was erected. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 842 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offrs 757 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	4/6/44		<u>SUNDAY</u> <u>CHURCH PARADE</u> Church parade held at 0930 hrs b y H/Capt D C Smith. A muster parade was held immediately after church parade. Most of the men spent the afternoon swimming. Capt McCabe, paymaster, paid the coys. <u>LEAVE</u> RSM and 26 ORs proceeded on leave for 7 days. There was a Movie in the Bn area at 2100 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm with light showers in afternoon. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 880 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offrs 827 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	5/6/44		<u>MONDAY</u> Lt Col Lind returned from 4 days leave. During the leave he visited Perth men in the hospitals. H/Capt D C Smith left to visit Perth men in hospitals. The Bn took part in a Div wireless scheme which was held between 0800 hrs and 1700 hrs. Bn received information that the Invasion of France had begun. No 1 Tp, Cdn Army Show was present in the DMA area at 1900 hrs and most of the bn attended the performance. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 878 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 offrs 825 ORs.	J.R.H.

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Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	6/6/44		<u>TUESDAY</u> Major T H White, Major J N Tipler and Capt R W Mitchell proceeded on 7 days leave. Lt Col J S H Lind spoke to all coys and congratulated them on their work in the recent action. He passed on to all ranks Gen Leese's message to the Canadians in Italy. Malaria precautions were stressed by Lt Col J S H Lind. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 866 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 Offrs 813 ORs.	J.R.Z.
Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	7/6/44		<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>RECCE PARTY</u> A recce party under Major C B Arrell, consisting of 1 Offr from each coy, left at 1300 hrs to recce new bn area at Map Ref 310887, CASERTA sheet 172, 1/100,000. <u>TRAINING</u> Coys went on a short route march in the morning. Swimming parades were held in the afternoon. Movie in Bn area at 2100 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 866 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 Offrs 813 ORs.	J.R.Z.
Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	8/6/44		<u>THURSDAY</u> A bn parade was called for Brig E Snow at 1430 hrs. Brig E Snow spoke to the bn and congratulated them on their performance in the recent action. He also gave a farewell remarks as he was leaving 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Recce party under Major Arrell returned at 1800 hrs from recce of new bn area at Map Ref 310887, CASERTA sheet 172, 1/100,000. A movie was shown in bn area at 2100 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and warm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 866 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 Offrs 813 ORs.	J.R.Z.
Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	9/6/44		<u>FRIDAY</u> A bn parade was called for Maj Gen B M Hoffmeister, G.O.C. 5 Cdn Armd Div who spoke to the Bn and gave favourable comments on the Perth's recent tour in the line. He talked a short time on the part taken by the Canadians in the Invasion of France. He also spoke about future plans for training in the next area. A movie was held at 2100 hrs in the Bn area. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 865 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 Offrs 812 ORs.	J.R.Z.
Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	10/6/44		<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>TRAINING</u> Routine training was carried out by the coys in Bn area during the morning. Coys went swimming in the afternoon. The Regt'l softball team defeated the Irish Regt by a score of 12 to 10. A movie was shown in bn area at 2100 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and very warm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 868 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 Offrs 815 ORs.	J.R.Z.

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Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	11/6/44		<u>SUNDAY</u> Adv Pty under Major C B Arrell, consisting of 1 Offr and 2 ORs from each coy, moved to new area at Map Ref 301884 at 0400 hrs. Lieut J R Henderson accompanied the adv pty and returned the same afternoon. Voluntary Service of Holy Communion was held at 0900 hrs by the Padre, H/Capt D C Smith. R C Church Parade was held in Bde area. Lt Col J S H Lind proceeded on leave. Major M W Andrew assumed A/Comd of the Regt. Capt Currelly, 5 Cdn Armd Div Historian Officer visited Bn HQ in the afternoon. In the evening the Regt'l softball team defeated the P.L.F. team by a score of 13 - 9. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy and warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 868 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 Offrs 815 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	12/6/44		<u>MONDAY</u> Lieut J R Henderson proceeded on Int Course at HQ 1Cdn Div. Bn spent the day preparing for move to new area Map Ref 301887. RSM G F Curtis and 25 ORs returned from leave. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and warm <u>STRENGTH</u> 36 Offrs 813 ORs. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 866.	J.R.H.
Area 544259 Cassino Sheet 160 1/100,000	13/6/44		<u>TUESDAY</u> At 1900 hrs bn proceeded to new area Map Ref 301887 by Highway 6 through Cassino. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 866 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 Offrs 813 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	14/6/44		<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Bn arrived in new area Map Ref 301887 at 0400 hrs. Personnel slept until 0800 hrs. Remainder of the day was spent working on Coy areas. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 866 <u>STRENGTH</u> 37 Offrs 813 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	15/6/44		<u>THURSDAY</u> Reveille at 0430 hrs. Coys paraded at 0600 hrs and carried out training during the morning. Personnel were told that training hours would be between 0600 hrs and 1130 hrs as these were the coolest hours of the day. <u>LEAVE</u> 4 ORs proceeded on 7 days leave to SALERNO REST CAMP. Capt R W Mitchell left the Bn to take over duties at 11 Cdn Inf Bde as Staff Learner. Capt Baker took over as A/Adjt. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 865 <u>STRENGTH</u> 36 Offrs 813 ORs.	J.R.H.

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Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	16/6/44		<u>FRIDAY</u> Reveille at 0430 hrs. <u>TRAINING</u> Trg was carried out in Coy areas in the morning. <u>LEAVE</u> 21 ORs proceeded on 7 days leave to BARI REST CAMP. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and warm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 863 <u>STRENGTH</u> 35 offr 812 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	17/6/44		<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>TRAINING</u> Routine training by all coys in the morning. Personnel from Coys attended Bde track and field meet during the afternoon. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy with rain. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 863 <u>STRENGTH</u> 35 offr 812 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	18/6/44		<u>SUNDAY</u> Reveille 0700 hrs. Church Parade held by H/Capt D C Smith at 0930 hrs. Movie in Bn area at 2100 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Heavy rain <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 863 <u>STRENGTH</u> 35 offr 812 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	19/6/44		<u>MONDAY</u> <u>TRAINING</u> Routine trg was carried out by all coys in the morning. <u>BURIAL PARTY</u> A voluntary burial party consisting of Major C B Arrell, H/Capt D C Smith, Lieut L F Jones and 14 ORs proceeded to the area of the ARRELLI RIVER on the ADRIATIC COAST to locate and bury bodies of cas. received by the Bn on 17 Jan 44. <u>WEATHER</u> Heavy rain <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 868 <u>STRENGTH</u> 35 offr 812 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	20/6/44		<u>TUESDAY</u> Lieut J R Henderson returned from Int Course at Hq 1 Cdn Div. 1 OR from Int Sec proceeded on Int Course at Hq 1 Cdn Div. <u>LEAVE</u> 21 ORs proceeded on leave for 7 days to the Salerno Rest Camp. <u>WEATHER</u> Cloudy and warm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 854 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 offr 804 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	21/6/44		<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Routine trg was carried out in Coy areas. Lt Col Lind returned from leave and visit with Perth men in hospitals. <u>LEAVE</u> 16 ORs proceeded on 7 days leave to BARI REST CAMP. Lieut Getty and 15 ORs from D Coy visited Perth men in Hospitals. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 854 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 offr 804 ORs.	J.R.H.

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Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	22/6/44		<u>THURSDAY TRAINING</u> Routine trg carried out in Coy areas in the morning. <u>BURIAL PARTY</u> 22 bodies were found, identified and buried. Included in the bodies found was that of Lieut L J W Rochon. The party was forced to discontinue the search because of very heavily mined areas. Two cas, one OR killed and one OR wounded, were suffered by the burial party. These were mine casualties. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 854 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 offrs 804 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	23/6/44		<u>FRIDAY TRAINING</u> D Coy spent the morning at the range. Remaining Coys carried out trg in Coys area. <u>ENTERTAINMENT</u> There was a Movie in Bn area at 2100 hrs. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 offrs 799 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	24/6/44		<u>SATURDAY TRAINING</u> All Coys carried out trg in Coy areas. In the afternoon Capt W J Ridge and 15 ORs from D Coy visited Perth men in Hospitals. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 offrs 799 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	25/6/44		<u>SUNDAY</u> Reveille at 0700 hrs. <u>CHURCH PARADE</u> R C Church Parade was held in HQ Coy area at 1100 hrs. <u>TRNG COY</u> 5 Offrs and 96 ORs arrived from 3Bn., 1 C.B.R.D. at 1400 hrs to spend a few weeks trg with the Regt. <u>BURIAL PARTY</u> The burial party under Major C B Arrell and H/Capt D C Smith returned from the area of the ARIELLI RIVER. <u>WEATHER</u> Clear and very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 849 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 offrs 799 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	26/6/44		<u>MONDAY</u> 17 Officers from the Bn attended "Get Ahead Course" held by 5 Cdn Armd Div R C Es. The course covered the clearing of minor obstacles. C Coy left to spend three days at the unit beach area at Map Ref sqs 8388, 8288 GAETA sheet 171, 1/100,000. D Coy carried out training on the ranges, in the morning. In the afternoon the Regt'l softball team was defeated in the Div finals by 5th LAA, the score being 5 - 2. A Movie was shown in the Bn Area in the evening. <u>WEATHER</u> Very Warm. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 841 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 offrs 791 ORs.	J.R.H.

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Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	27/6/44		<u>TUESDAY</u> Coys carried out training during the morning in Bn area. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 841 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 Offrs 791 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	28/6/44		<u>WEDNESDAY TRAINING</u> Routine trng was carried out by all coys in coy areas during the morning. War Correspondent, W Boss, representing the Cdn Press News, visited the unit and was given story of the Perths in recent ops. Some personnel from each coy attended the Corps Sport Meet. Capt P Statten, Lieut L F Jones, Lieut J F McKnight, Lieut J E Morgan and 34 ORs proceeded on 7 days leave to BARI REST CAMP. Major H A Snelgrove, Capt F B Kennedy, Capt L H Wettlaufer, Lieut G S Hall, Lieut A W B Robertson, Lieut G S Till and 37 ORs returned from leave. In the evening all officers of the Bn were introduced to the new Brigade Commander of 11 Cdn Inf Bde, Brig I S Johnston, D.S.O. ED. After a short talk by Brig I S Johnston all officers attended the unit mess dinner. There was a total of 40 guests present, amongst whom were Brig J L Sparling, CRA HQ RCA 5 Cdn Armd Div, Lt Col J L Sparling, CRASC, HQ CRASC 5 Cdn Armd Div, Lt Col R W Armstrong, CO 17 Fd Regt RCA, Lt Col J S McCannel, CO 24 Fd Ambulance, Lt Col W D King, CO 4 A/Tk Regt RCA, Lt Col H Angle, GSO 1,5 Cdn Armd Div and Lt Col R L Tindall, OC DMA 5 Cdn Armd Div. Also Perth Officers attached to 11 Cdn Inf Bde and reinforcement officers from 3 Bn 1 C B R D, were present. The Cdn Corps Band played during the dinner. <u>WEATHER</u> Fair and warm. <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 offrs 787 ORs. <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 837 <u>TRNG INCR STRENGTH</u> 5 offrs 96 ORs.	J.R.H.
Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	29/6/44		<u>THURSDAY</u> The expected visit of the Corps Comdr, 11 Cdn Corps did not take place. <u>TRAINING</u> Sp Coy spent the morning at the ranges. A & C Coys carried on training in Coy areas. B Coy returned from unit Beach area. D Coy proceeded to unit beach area. 3 ORs were taken on strength from reinforcement unit. Capt L H Wettlaufer returned from leave. Lieut C L Thompson took personnel, who had been taking part in the Div and Corps Sports, to Rome, for a three day leave. <u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 837 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 offrs 787 ORs. <u>TRNG INCR STRENGTH</u> 5 offrs 96 ORs.	J.R.H.

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Area 301887 Caserta Sheet 172 1/100,000	30/6/44		<p><u>FRIDAY</u> The expected visit of the G.O.C. 5 Cdn Armd Div did not take place. Sp Coy, A Coy and Trng Coy were on the ranges. B Coy carried on trng in Coy area.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u> Very warm <u>FEEDING STRENGTH</u> 840 <u>STRENGTH</u> 34 Offrs 790 ORs.</p> <p><u>TRNG INCRE STRENGTH</u> 5 Offrs 96 ORs.</p>	<p>J.R.H.</p> <p>(J S H Lind) Lt Col Comd Perth R</p>

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