

1st Bn The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada

Church Parades

18 Mar 45

PROTESTANT PARADE

1. Bn Parade in field MR 750592.
Markers 0850 hrs.
March On 0905 "
Move Off 0915 "

W. J. ...
appx 6

2. Coys will be marched on by CSM's, and will be sized, tallest on flanks shortest in centre.
3. Officers will fall in on the right flank facing the parade. On the command from the Adjt "Officers fall in" they will come to attention, salute, turn right, take over their respective Coys and stand them at ease.
4. On arrival at Berg En Dal Hotel, Coys will march straight into the hall. Seating to be arranged by RSM. Officers will fall out at the entrance and stand facing inwards on either side of the door.
5. After the service, Coys will parade independently and return to Coy areas.
6. Pipe Band will report to RSM on Pde Ground at 0850 hrs.
7. Dress for all ranks. Battle Dress, Balmorals, Web Belt, Boots and Anklets.

Roman Catholic Parade

8. Bn Parade in field 750593.
Markers report to COMS Moffatt
at 0840 hrs.
March On 0855 "
Move Off 0905 "
9. Capt Powers will be in charge of this parade.
10. Service will be held in church MR 747599.

Dist. HQ
Sp
A
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C
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RSM
CO

.....*E. Duffield*.....Capt.
Adjutant
1st Bn The Black Watch
(RHR) of Canada.

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1st BN THE BLACK WATCH (PIR) OF CANADA.

20 MAR 45.

To: A B C D T.O. Q.M.

BLANKETS

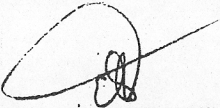
1. An exchange of blankets will be made 22 Mar on the foll. scale:-

A Coy	250
B	250
C	250
D	250

2. These blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10, tied and ready to be picked up at Coy stores at 220900A.

3. Each Coy will have a fatigue party of 2 men ready to assist in, loading etc.

4. T.O. will provide one 60cwt. and one 15cwt. to report to Sgt Pitcher at BnHQ at 220845A.


1st Bn The Black Watch
(PIR) of Canada.

Capt-Adjt

SP ✓
1st BN THE BLACK WATCH (RM) OF CANADA.

21st Mar 45.

To: Hq. Sp. A. B. C. D. Educ Cpl.
Fr: Adjt

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. An Educational Office has been opened at old Tac Hq
MR 75589 which has available:-

Maps
Books and Pamphlets on Current Affairs
Information on Re-habilitation
Small Library
Correspondence Courses

2. Office is open from 1300 hrs to 1630 hrs and 1730 hrs
to 2000 hrs daily.

1st Bn The Black Watch Capt-Adjt.
(RM) of Canada.

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To BOR
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"I" Sec
Sigs
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Pipe Band
CQMS

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

HQ Coy

1. Platoon and section commanders will check on the following points and submit a certificate by 241800A that all equipment is complete or shortages indented for:

- (a) Anti-Gas:- Respirators complete. Haversack containing ointment, anti-dim, cotton waste, cloth disinfectant, six eyeshields. Gas- capes in good condition. Anti-Gas Instruction Folders.
- (b) Medical:- Field Dressings, shell dressings and morphine syrettes complete.

2. Platoon and section records will be checked against Coy records and, where necessary, revised and brought up to date in order to ensure that should one be lost there is a record of next-of- kin, etc, still in existence. This is to be completed and a statement to that effect submitted to Coy Office by 241800A.

3. Platoon and section Areas will be searched for jerrycans which will be turned in to CQMS who will turn them in to the T.O.

4. A coy parade will be held at 0830 hrs 2⁶ Mar 45 and the points brought up in paras 1 and 2 will be checked on that parade. In addition CQMS will check and ensure all personnel have their own personal weapons. A stragglers parade will also be held at 1330 hrs the same day for personnel on duty during the morning parade. CSM will ensure that the whole coy with the exception of those attached to coys appear on either of these parades.

Dress for all ranks:- Respirators, gas capes, skeleton web, personal weapon, balmorals.

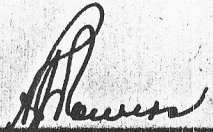
5. Section and platoon commanders will hold own inspection previous to coy inspection and the a/m points checked. They will ensure that the identity disc is tied to the respirator and that identity discs are properly worn.

6. Transport:- Platoon and Section Commanders will ensure that their vehicles are thoroughly clean, and that the anti-gas equipment is brought up to the following scale:

- (a) Detector paint- 4 oz for each vehicle on unit War Establishm
- (b) Sacks, paper, gas proof- one per vehicle for all vehicles except armoured cars, scout cars and carriers.

- (c) Bleach Powder- One 2 lb tin per armoured car and scout car; One 7 lb tin per 2 vehicles or one 2 lb tin per vehicle for all other vehicles.
- (d) Sand Bags- Two for each vehicle, all types for decontamination purposes.

22 Mar 45

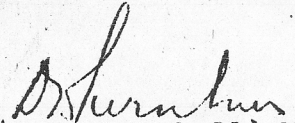


(A.J. Powers) Capt
O.C. "HQ" Coy
1st Bn The Black Watch (RHR) of
Canada.

CHURCH PARADE AND MARCH PAST

1. Ref 5B/5-3 5 Cdn Inf Bde, 24 Mar 45, trace "A" as referred to in para 2(b) is to be amended as a result of conference with Unit Adjutants as follows:

Diagramatic lay-out of the Protestant church service area will be in close column of coys with Bde HQ, 18 Fd Amb and elements of R de Mais -- RHC -- Calg Highrs -- forming the three sides of the square.


(D.W. Turnbull) Major
DA&MG - 5 Cdn Inf Bde

S E C R E T

5B/5-3

5 Cdn Inf Bde

24 Mar 45

CHURCH PARADE AND MARCH PAST

CHURCH PARADE

1. There will be a church parade for all available personnel of both Protestant and RC denominations in the open fds at E.750583 from 1000 - 1030 hrs 25 Mar 45. Maximum possible strs will be turned out. Entrance to parade area is at track junc E.751585.

2. (a) The two services will be at separate ends of the fd. Units will despatch tps with the RC personnel assembled at the head of the column, so they may be directed to their respective services. Move to areas will be in column of route closed up to ensure minimum interference with maint traffic on DIAMOND route.

(b) Layout of route and area as per trace "A" att.

(c) Order of March to Parade

Calg Highrs
18 Cdn Fd Amb
R de Mais
Hq 5 Cdn Inf Bde, incl Sigs
R H C

SP's - Unit lines
Dis P - Track junc E.751585

(d) Routes

Calg Highrs - X-rds E.744600 - rd junc 749595
to Dis P.

18 Cdn Fd Amb - 749595 to Dis P.

R de Mais - rd junc 752605 - rd junc 750601 - rd
junc 748596 - rd junc 749595 - dis P

Bde Hq - rd junc 748596 - rd junc 749595 - dis P.
R H C - X-rds 749593 to Dis P.

(e) Timings

Calg Highrs - to arrive at rd junc E.749595 at 0855 hrs
and clear by 0905 hrs.

18 Cdn Fd Amb - to move on tail of Calg Highrs.

R de Mais - to arrive at rd junc E.748596 at 0900 hrs
and move on tail of 18 Cdn Fd Amb.

Hq 5 Cdn Inf Bde - to move on tail of R de Mais.

R H C - Will move on tail of Bde Hq from X-rds
E.749593.

3. DUTIES

(a) RSM I/C Protestant Parade - RSM Leitch - R H C
RSM I/C RC Parade - RSM Archangeault - R de Mais

(b) Markers - Coy markers will report to RSM Leitch
at the parade gd at 250900A.

- (c) Fatigue Personnel - Each bn will provide 20 men with shovels and two NCOs to report to RSM Leitch at parade ground at 241300A for clearance of ground.

4. Band

There will be a det from an Army band to provide music for Protestant Service.

5. Dress

Web belts, anklets or puttees, balmorals or berets as applicable.
No arms will be carried.

6. RSM's I/C Parades to arrange for flags and drums or tables as directed.

7. Pro - as detailed by Bde. Two Pro to report to each Bn HQ by 250730A.

MARCH PAST

8. On completion of the church service at 1030 hrs, 25 Mar 45 Offrs will fall out under bn orders and all RC personnel will rejoin their respective coys on the Protestant parade area.

9. RSM Leitch; RHC, will draw up the parade in close column of coys. The Offrs will at this time fall in in two ranks opposite and facing their bns but still off the parade.

10. The parade will be turned over to Comd 5 Cdn Inf Bde and marched past the saluting base to a dis P from whence units will return to unit lines.

11. Order of March

HQ 5 Cdn Inf Bde
R H C
R de Mais
Calg Highrs
18 Cdn Fd Amb

12. Mov

- (a) SP - X-rds E751585
(b) Dis P - rd June E.74905945
(c) Timings - Bde will move on order of Comd 5 Cdn Inf Bde. Head of parade to pass saluting base as close to 1100 hrs as possible.
(d) Saluting Base - on track at E.749592.
(e) Units will move in column of route by coys with 10 yard interval between tail of coy and coy comd of following coy. There will be no interval between pls. There will be a 100 yard interval between bns. Bde HQ will move closed up as one coy.

13. Arrangements for saluting base will be provided by RSM Leitch who will detail markers.

14. Pipe Bands - The pipe bands of RHC and Calg Highrs will be stationed opposite the saluting base under comd Pipe Major Sutherland, Calg Highrs and will play the parade past the start point.

DWT/CD
POST/DRLS

D. W. Turnbull
(D.W. Turnbull) Major
DAA& MG - 5 Cdn Inf Bde

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H/Capt C.P. Bishop	1
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MEMORIAL SERVICE - VIMY RIDGE
8 th or 9 Apr 45

SECRET

2DS/6-0
HQ 2 Cdn Inf Div
26 Mar 45

1. There will be a memorial service at VIMY RIDGE on 8th or 9th Apr 45. First Cdn Army will furnish a detail of 120 all ranks, 75 to be sup by 2 Cdn Corps, of which number 2 Cdn Inf Div will sup 1 Maj or Capt to comd det, 2 sgts or cpls and 20 ptes.

2. As requested in telephone conversations, names of selectees will be submitted to reach this HQ NOT later than 2000 hrs 26 Mar 45 as follows:-

Inf Bdes	-2 ptes per bn 2 sgts(or Cpls) per bde 1 maj or capt per bde
8 Recce Regt (14 CH)	- 1 pte
RCA	/ 2 ptes
RCE	- 1 pte
Tor Scot (MB)	- 1 pte

3. Inf Bdes will submit reasons for selection of offrs and NCOs in order that final selection may be made here.

4. Method of selection of the individuals to be despatched will be as follows:-

- (a) All selectees to be from units of wfd tps.
- (b) All selectees to give reasonable territorial rep where possible.
- (c) All selectees where possible to be personnel who have been decorated in this war.
- (d) All selectees to be as tall as possible.
- (e) All selectees with some family connection with the first Great War may be given preference if previously outlined conditions are equal.

5. Offrs will carry pistols; all ORs will carry rifles regardless of the weapon with which they are normally issued. It is anticipated that dress for the occasion will be battle order incl respirators but personnel despatched to attend the Memorial Service should take with them either large pack or kit bag since they will be required to maint themselves over a period of approx two weeks. All ranks will wear khaki anklets regardless of the normal unit dress regs.

6. Uniform steel helmets and one new battle dress will be issued under arrangements to be made by First Cdn Army at the place of reporting. Fmn patches will also be available but units will sup new unit flashes to personnel selected.

7. Selectees will report to First Cdn Army Leave Transit Camp OISTERWIJK by 1200 hrs 28 Mar 45. 5 Cdn Inf Bde will provide tpt and all personnel will RV at HQ 5 Cdn Inf Bde at 0830 hrs 28 Mar 45.

(A.B. McFarlane) Major
DAAG
for AA & QMG - 2 Cdn Inf Div

APPX "A" to

27/Gen/1/A dated
26 Mar 45

PROPOSED OUTLINE PROGRAMME MEMORIAL SERVICE

VIMY RIDGE 9 APR 45

- 1400 hrs - Guard, Bands, attendant Tps arrive at monument
- 1440 hrs - Inspection of Guard and Veteran Standard Bearers (Brass Band playing)
- 1455 hrs - "O CANADA"
Hymn
- 1500 hrs - Silence
- 1501 hrs - Last Post
- 1502 hrs - Pipes (Lament)
Religious Service
- 1515 hrs - Procession to lay wreaths
- 1518 hrs - "TheKin ".
- 1530 hrs .
- to - Inspection of monument and tour of Vimy, etc.
- 1700 hrs

SECRET & IMMEDIATE

27/Gen/1/A

Rear Headquarters
2nd Cdn Corps

26 Mar 45

MEMORIAL SERVICE - VIMY RIDGE

9 Apr 45

1. Ref this HQ letter of above file ref dated 22 Mar 45.
2. The Memorial Service at VIMY RIDGE will be held 9 Apr 45 at the Canadian National Monument, Vimy Ridge.
3. 2 Cdn Inf Div, 3 Cdn Inf Div and 4 Cdn Armd Div will ensure that either two dvrs IC are included in the detail of pte soldiers authorized to be despatched to this Memorial Service or that two dvrs IC surplus to the authorized detail are despatched.

4. EQPT

All ranks will take their own bedding with them in addition to the eqpt detailed in our letter of 22 Mar 45.

5. Pipe Bands

2 Cdn Corps Pipe Bands consisting of 5 Bands from 2 Cdn Inf Div, 4 Bands from 3 Cdn Inf Div and 1 band from 4 Cdn Armd Div will conc 26 Mar 45 at 3 Cdn Inf Div Battle School, RAVENSTEIN map ref E5657 and will report on arrival to Maj WC Baird. Maj Baird will be responsible for selecting the senior pipe maj for the massed bands and for ensuring the dress of the bandsmen is uniform, and that the turnout of the massed bands is of the highest standard possible. Any bandsmen who do not conform to this standard will be returned to their units. Maj Baird will accompany the massed bands to the Memorial Service.

6. 2 Cdn Inf Div, 3 Cdn Inf Div and 4 Cdn Armd Div will be responsible for detailing and supplying tpt for their pipe bands to move from RAVENSTEIN to OISTERWIJK and from ~~thence to ARRAS~~ there to ARRAS, the tpt remaining with the bands throughout the parade.

7. Firms and units supplying personnel for this Memorial Service will submit to this HQ a Nominal Roll, in duplicate, of all personnel being despatched incl pipe bands and dvrs not later than 1800 hrs 27 Mar 45.

8. It is understood that the pipe band of the ESSEX SCOT is required for a unit ceremonial parade 28 Mar 45. Authority is granted for this band to return to the unit on the morning of the 28 Mar under unit arrangements providing that it is despatched to rejoin the massed bands at First Cdn Army Leave Transit Camp OISTERWIJK not later than 2300 hrs 28 Mar 45

9. Details of Ceremony

Herewith as Appx A is an outline of the programme for the Memorial Service.

(D.A. Keith) Major
DAAG
for DA & QMG 2 Cdn Corps

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Command of Honor VIMY RIDGE O SGT MURDOCH PTE
CALLAGHAN PTE CICERI O Report to Bde HQ 280315A
with full equipment incl RIFLE RESPIRATOR BLANKETS
Sp Coy will supply transport and arrange pay parade
before departure O SGT Murdoch will see C.O. at
1500 hrs today O PTE MERMET will replace PTE CICERI
if the latter does NOT return from leave

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