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			Lst. Bn. The Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canada.	
			War Diary for the month of October, 1945.	
9 Cdn. Repat Depot.	1st. Oct.)		
PETWORTH. ENGLAND.	to	ß	All members of the Bn. on leave.	
	9th. Oct.) }		MW.
	10th. Oct. Wed.		Weather - clear with bright sunshine. Today the customary "Clearance after Leave" proceedure was followed, with attendance at the M.O., D.O., and a pay parade for those men whose finances were at a low ebb. Kits in storage were withdrawn and a mail parade was held in the afternoon when mail received during our absence was distributed. Lt-Col. A.G.STEVENSON, previously 2 i/cof the Bn. and presently O.C. of A Wing at #11 Repat Depot, visited us today and renewed old friendships.	FAW.
	llth. Oct. Thur.		Weather - misty, clearing to bright sunshine. This morning there was a Bn. parade under the command of the 2 i/c, Maj. C.S. MACLAREN, consisting mainly of formation drill. This was followed by a training film. In the afternoon recreational transport was available to Worthing, Aldershot, Chichester, Bognor, Brighton and Haslemere. A concert party gave two performances in the camp during the evening.	Mul
	12th. Oct. Fri.		Weather - misty. The training syllabus was followed during the morning. In a tall to the men the C.O., Lt-Col. V.E.TRAVERSY, passed on such information as he had been able to obtain in regard to our possible departure on leave, and from all indication it will be at least Tuesday next before we can get away. Twenty men were taken on a tour of Hampton Court Palace this afternoon, the while the customary recreational transport was on hand for any of the men wishing to visit the nearby towns. In the evening a very heavy ground mist necessitated the grounding of all transport and as a result some of the men on pass to the neighbouring towns were stranded overnight.	s S

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Odn. Repat Depot. PETWORTH. ENGLAND.	lath Oct. Sat.		Weather - slight mist. On the Bn. parade this morning Lt-Col.V.E.TRAVERSY announced to the men that the "Queen Elizabeth" had now been allotted to the task of conveying Canadian troops home. This might alter the situation in regard to the forthcoming leave as there is a possibility that our draft might be accommodated on the next trip made by this ship. The number of drats awaiting transportation is; however, extensiand as yet CMHQ are unable to state with any finality whether we - who are about midway in the 2nd. Div. Repat schedule - may be included. At the moment chances are about even, and Lt-Col. Traversy cautioned the men against being over optimistic. It does appear certain now that we shall be upon our way before the end of the month and the spirits of the men, already high, soared even higher. Should we not be going on the first sailing of the "Queen Elizabeth", leave will be given, starting either Tuesday or Wednesday, depending upon how soon definite information is received from CMHQ.	ve,
	14th. Oct. Sun.		Weather - fair but misty. Voluntary Protestant and R.C. Church services were held in camp this morning, and in the afternoon the usual recreational transport was available.	MW
	15th. Oct. Mon.		Weather - misty, clearing later. A Bn. parade was held this morning followed by Coy. parades. We are still eagerly awaiting to hear whether we shall be returning on leave or homeward bound, but there is still no word.	FAW.
	16th Oct Tues	1	Weather - misty, clearing to bright sunshine. The customary Bn. parade was held this morning, followed by a rehabilitation lecture and training films. A concert party gave two performances in camp in the evening.	MW
	17th Oct. Wed.		Weather - misty. Customary parades were conducted in the morning. There is still no word on the matter of leave or immediate repat. and the men are growing somewhat impatient of the delay. Recreational transport was, as usual, available this strar afternoon.	Mel
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#9 Cdn.Repat Depot. PETWORTH. ENGLAND.	18th Oct. Thurs		Weather - clear and bright. The Bn. went for a short march this morning instead of parading on the square. Upon our return we were advised that we would not be included in those on the first sailing of the "Queen Elizabeth". Instead we shall be going on leave either Sunday or Monday.	THU!
	19th. Oct. Fri.		Weather - misty. Pay parade was held this morning when the men drew the amount with which they will be proceeding on pass. At this time we were given the opportunity of ordering a further 300 cigarettes. Information received today indicated that we would go on leave on Monday morning for a period of seven days. We received a visit this morning from Col. WALLACE, formerly a Regimental Commandan of the R.H.C., associated with the Repat. branch at NDHQ, who is making a tour of the area. He was accompanied by Lt. Vol. B.R.RITCHIE who commanded the BLACK WATCH for five and a half months in action on the continent, and who is at present O.C. of C Wing at #11 Repat Depot.	
	20th. Oct. Sat.		Weather - overcast. This morning a composite company of 100 men under Maj. J.F. BAILLIE, were transported to CAMBERLEY where presentation of a drum was made by 13th. Gen. Hosp. to the men of the 2 Cdn. Inf. Spec.Bn We had no part in the ceremony being utilised merely to swell the ranks of the spectators. The drill of the Spec. Bn. on the parade ground was excellent, and in the march past which followed the ceremony, the salute was taken by Lt. Gen. MURCHIE.	Mu.
	21st Oct. Sun.		Weather - heavy rain. The fine weather we have had since coming to England left us today, and all day long, heavy rain poured down, driven by a high wind. As passes were not available today, the men kept pretty much to the Nissen huts in which we are housed. During the course of the morning surplus kits were turned in to the Kit Stores.	MU
	22nd Oct. Mon.		Weather - overcast. At 1015 hrs. this morning the men paraded to receive their passes and ration cards, the passes good until 2359 hrs. on the 28th Trucks took us to HASLEMERE where a special train was waiting to take us to LONDON.	Mul
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	30th. Oct. Tues.	•	Weather - clear and bright sunshine. When the Bn. paraded this morning we went on a short march. At a halt the C.O., Lt-Col. V.E.TRAVERSY addressed the men, advising that as the "Queen Elizabeth" would be going into dock for minor repairs upon her return to this country we could not expect to sail before the 15th. of November. What leaves, if any, available to us are as tet unknown, but 48 hrs. would be the minimum, and there is a bare possibility that a further seven day leave may be arranged. It was felt that, while the men are in camp in the area, some of them might wish to work on the adjacent farms and opportunity was present for those so wishing to earn a few shillings at this work. About thirty men volounteered. The film in camp tonight was "Diamond Horseshoe".	HW.
	31st. Oct. Wed.		Weather - clear with bright sunshine. On parade, held at 1000 hrs. this morning, all ranks were best battle dress and were inspected in preparation for a visit, scheduled for tomorrow, by Brig. K.G.BLACKADDER, original C.O. of the B'ACK WATCH when they came overseas. On this parade the C.O., Lt-Col. V.E.TRAVERSY, announced that he had been successful in arranging for a seven day leave for all men wishing to go, and leave application blanks were completed and handed in after this parade. V. E. Traversy, Officer Commanding, 1st. Bn. The Black Watch (R.H.R.) of Canad.	MW.