WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT

WWII WAR DIARY

Place

Date

Time

Entry

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

28/8/39

0900

Lt. Col. G.W. Bullock today visited all posts.

WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT

SEPTEMBER 1939

(Signed) G.W. Bullock, Lt. Col.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

1/9/39

2200

The Unit was ordered to mobilize.

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The Unit has been designated for the C.A.S.F. “

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

2/9/39

0900

Company being organized etc. “HQ” set up in Armouries.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

3/9/39

0800

Sunday. Recruits started coming in today for enlistment.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

4/9/39

0800

Labour Day. General outline at HQ 4/?ew recruits attested.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

4/9/39

0800

Labour Day. General routine at HQ. Few recruits attested.

Detailed instructions for mobilization of this unit received from Halifax. (Appendix II)

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

5/9/39

0800

General HQ routine. Recruiting in full swing.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

6/9/39

0800

General recruiting. Ordinary HQ routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

7/9/39

0800

General recruiting and HQ routines.

1000

Two trucks proceeded to Halifax returning 1700 hours with supplies and equipment.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

8/9/39

0800

General recruiting, and ordinary routine.

0600

Guard was removed from Lunenburg Armourie.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

9/9/39

0800

General recruiting and ordinary routine.

1500

Report reaches HQ regarding a German woman and a Russian man residing temporarily at Petit Rivier, and who were acting in suspicious manner. This report was investigated by Intelligence Sgt. and checked with R.C.M. Palier. Report unfounded. Names of suspects as follows: G.H. GAGRIN (Naturalized American citizen) 720 N. 170th St., New York City, U.S.A. Mrs. Marian GAGRIN, Professor, Columbia University; 630 West 168th St., New York City, U.S.A.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

10/9/39

0800

Sunday. General routine.

1045

Church Parade

1400

Paymaster Major G.C. [Illegible. Tircom?], M.D. #6 visited HQ.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

11/9/39

0800

Recruiting and general HQ routines.

1100

Guard removed from “B” and “C” Co’ys. Annapolis and Middleton.

0900

Two trucks proceeded to Halifax, returning 1700 hrs rifles and medical supplies, also bayonets & blankets.

1800

Band met “B” and “C” Coy’s at Station and paraded to quarters at Exhibition grounds.

0800

S.M. Instructor Lolley R.C.R. reported for duty.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

12/9/39

0800

General HQ routines.

1000

The Medical Board began to examine Officers and other ranks. Board consisted Dr. B.W. [Illegible].

Dr. Samuel Marcus & Dr. Hugh Fraser, Cd. Campbell M.D., R.C.A.M.C. visited Medical Board.

1800

Nothing of importance to report.

2000

Report investigated in Mahon? Bay re. Two elderly women acting in suspicious manner on streets, making notes etc. Said to be writing for Can. Nazi Rally Magazine. Names Constance F. Carman 890 Williams St., Montreal. R. Ry. Pass 8729 Photo from Montreal. This information received from Chief of Police, Mahon Bay.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

13/9/39

0800

General HQ routine

1000

Lt.-Col. G.W. Bullock, Major C.H.R. Zuicker?, Lt. Steadman and Lt. Bullock proceeded to Halifax on official business, returning at 1930 HRS.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

14/9/39

0800

General HQ routine.

0830

Meeting of Officers called by O.C. of Unit.

1630

A donation of 10 [Illegible] Apples made to Unit by Hon. Col. W.H. Smith, Lunenburg, NS.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

15/9/39

0800

General HQ routine.

1030

All Coy’s received advance pay today.

1800

Nothing further to report.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

16/9/39

0800

General HQ routines.

1300

½ holiday declared for recruits and members of all Coy’s.

1800

Nothing further to report.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

17/9/39

1045

Church parade to St. Johns visited.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

18/9/39

0800

General HQ routine.

0900

Parades.

Newspaper report Russian invasion Poland, along 500 mile front protection of Ukraine and White Russians in Poland given as object of invasion.

1100

“A” Coy. moved from Lunenburg to Bridgewater. Guard removed and building closed.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

19/9/39

0800

General HQ routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

20/9/39

0800

General HQ routines.

The slate of officers for the unit was published in Part II orders of this unit. (Appendix IV)

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

20/9/39

0800

General HQ routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

21/9/39

0800

General HQ routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

22/9/39

0800

General HQ routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

23/9/39

0800

General HQ routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

24/9/39

1015

Church Parade.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

25/9/39

0800

General routine.

1000

Route march entire Unit.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

26/9/39

0800

General routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

27/9/39

0800

General routine.

1430

Route march appx 8 miles.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

28/9/39

0800

General routine.

1000

“B” & “C” Coy’s, visual training.

1800

R. sub. H. 550 - 1 - 2 Guards doubled owing to rumors of sabotage.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

29/9/39

0800

General routine.

1000

“B” & “C” Coy’s, visual training.

1800

R. sub. H. 550 - 1 - 2 Guards doubled owing to rumors of sabotage.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

30/9/39

0800

General routine.

Six stoves set up in barracks today.

1000

All Coy’s paid today.

1800

Double guard placed same as yesterday.