WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT

WWII WAR DIARY

Place

Date

Time

Entry

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NOVEMBER

1939

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

(Note) 3 days missing. 2nd Reg. dance in Regimental Hall. 1 Nov. All ranks. Blanket pass till 0130 hrs.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

3/11/39

0900

General routine.

Word reached Btn. Hdq. of the death of Pte. Abide? Pte. Alrike? Was involved in an accident while en route to his home.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

4/11/39

0845

General routine.

All day route march.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

5/11/39

0845

Church parade.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

6/11/39

0845

General Routine.

Regimental Course of Qualification started in Recreation Hall.

M.O. Started vaccination of troops.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

7/11/39

0845

General Routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

8/11/39

0845

General Routine.

Official appointments of officers for this unit. District Order no. 487.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

9/11/39

0845

General Routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

10/11/39

0845

General Routine.

Medical Re-examination and XRay started in Dawson Memorial Hospital.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

11/11/39

0845

Battalion Paraded to Cenotaph where a memorial service was held.

General Routine in afternoon.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

12/11/39

0845

Church parade in morning.

Band concert and sing song in theatre in evening. Blanket pass until 2330.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

13/11/39

0900

General Routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

14/11/39

0845

General Routine.

Lt. Day left for England to take a five week course in Signaling.

Lt. Smith and four N.C.O.s left for England to take a course on the Bren gun And Anti-tank Rifle.

2000

Concert given to members of the W.N.S.R. and wives by the “La Hane Chapter, I.O.D.E. Concert held in the Parish Hall. Blanket pass to 2330 hrs.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

15/11/39

0900

General Routine.

Troops drew advance pay.

Hdq Coy moved to Aldershot.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

16/11/39

1015

General Routine.

Remainder of Hdq Coy left for Aldershot.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

17/11/39

1100

General Routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

18/11/39

1000

General Routine.

Aldershot Camp under quarantine for Scarlet Fever.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

19/11/39

0700

General Routine.

1000

Church Parade.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

20/11/39

0930

General Routine.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

21/11/39

0915

General Routine.

Two officers and eleven other ranks left for England as an advance party for the Battn.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

22/11/39

0800

General Routine.

1000

Major Borutt? & Capt. Thompson, M.D.6, conducted muster parade (pay). All men accounted for & fever Correct. Due to bad weather this parade was held indoors.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

23/11/39

0900 - 1100

General Routine.

1100 - 1630

Inspection by Col. Price, Col. King, Bde. Mjr. Faulkes and Capt. MacAgy. These officers inspected the troops and quarters in the morning, and in the afternoon our unit carried out a tactical exercise – advance and rear guard action – under the eyes of the inspecting officers.

1000

Lt. H.P.B. Jenkins, from the Nth. N.S. Highrs. (M.G.), reported for duty with this unit. Col. Bullock appointed Lt. Jenkins to the position of Intelligence and Security Officers.

2000

Bde. Mjr. Faulkes gave the Officers and W.O.s a lecture on the German Army. This lecture was followed by a talk by Col. Price on the co-operation and pleasant relationships he wishes to be maintained between the Bde. Staff and the Bn. Officers.

2200

Lt. Col. Bulloch accompanied Co? P? To ?t on a tour of inspection.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

24/11/39

(0900 crossed out. Also crossed out: Lt. Col Bullock accompanied Col. Price to Aldershot on an inspection tour.)

A complete medical and dental re-examination of the entire personnel of this unit was commenced today. The Medical Board doing this examination consists of the following members: Mjr. G.R. Burns

Capt. Gordon A. Winfield

Lt. Carl R. Trask

Lt. James MacLeod (Dental M.O.)

1200

Lt. Col. Bullock returned from Aldershot.

1930

Respirators (anti-gas) and steel helmets were issued to “B” and “C” Coys.

Q.M.S.I. Lolley and Sgt. I. Davies conduct the zeroing of rifles for the Mn. on the Lunenburg range.

Warning orders to proceed overseas received.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S

25 Nov. 39

0900

Medical re-examinations continued by the Medical board.

0900 - 1900

Issue of respirators and steel helmets completed.

Zeroing of rifles continued.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

26 Nov. 39

1100

Church Parade.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

27 Nov. 39

0900 - 1200

Long route march, wearing steel helmets, and with practice in the wearing of respirators on the march.

Re-examinations by the Medical Board continued.

1300 - 1630

General routine by personnel not being medically re-examined.

Zeroing of rifles on the Lunenburg Range continued.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

28/11/39

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Quarantine on “HQ” Coy, at Aldershot lifted.

0800

Fumigation of quarters at Aldershot carried out today.

0900

Lt. Col. Bullock, with Mjrs. Harris and Berringer, went to Aldershot to look over the situation before moving the rest of the Bn. to Aldershot. They decided to move two Coys on Thursday.

Zeroing of rifles at the Lunenburg range continued.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

29/11/39

0800

Issue of Battle Dress began.

1200

Zeroing of rifles on the Lunenburg Range concluded.

1400 - 1630

Air raid and gas drill by the entire personnel at Exhibition Barracks.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

30/11/39

0800

Lt. Col. Bullock went to Halifax on official business.

“A” Coy. moved to Aldershot by bus and truck.

Q.M.S.I. Lolley and Sgt. I. Davies went to Aldershot to adjust respirators and zero rifles for HQ Coy.

1430

“B” Coy, started for Aldershot.