

# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(JANUARY) WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Worth- ing	6	1315	This exercise was held on the River ADUR and the victims were: L/Cpl McLean, WJ. Pte's Jaquist, SA. Farnsworth, HT. Gaudet, JE. Melanson, EC. McDonald, RH.	leleB
		1400	A sports meeting was held at Bde and was attended by Lieut Bent vice Capt. Letourneau.	
		1600	Capt. Fillpot, Staff Capt 1 Cdn Div Aux Services called at this Unit with reference to the services carried on in this area and if same were satisfactory.	
		1730	A TEWT and sand table exercise was held at Bde HQ and was attended by Lt.-col. Ernst, Maj Hebb, Adjt and Coy comdrs.	
	7	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 leleB
		1000	A Court of Enquiry and Board of Adjustment was held with reference to the drowning accident which occurred in B Coy area yesterday.	
		1100	C Coy 3 Sussex HG have been affiliated with this Unit for training purposes	
		1700	A Coroners inquest was held re the drowning accident of yesterday	
	8	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 leleB
		1500	A TEWT was held at WEPPONS Fm for officers of this Unit	
1900		The Salvation Army, SOMPTING have invited 50 of the personnel of this Unit to a get together and smoker		
9	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 leleB	
	1000	A party of Scouts and Snipers together with a carrier pl spent the day at CISSBURY RING ranges trying out the Parker Hale 5B aperture sights. This party was i/c Lieut Bent, I.O.		
	1500	The three Units of this Bde took part in a cross country run this afternoon and finished as follows: Carl't & York R first, Pte BJ Martin, R22eR second, Pte Laurendeau, West NSR third, Pte Letourneau. It might be noted here that this Unit had only five entries against fifteen from each of the other Units.		
		Field Return: Officers 33 Other Ranks 749 Special Increment: Officers 7 Other Ranks 85		
10	0900	Coy Inspections by Maj Hebb	Appx 5 leleB	
	1400	The funeral of the six victims of a drowning accident which occurred last Tuesday was held this afternoon at Brookwood Cemetery and was conducted by Capt Addie, Bde Chaplain and Capt. Butts of this Unit. The burial party and firing party were supplied by B Coy Lt.-col. Ernst and all officers of B Coy attended. This funeral was very impressive.		

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Worthing	10	1400	The service was conducted by Bde Chaplain, Capt Addie and Capt. Butts	llbB
	11	0930	Usual Church parade to West Tarring Church. The West NSR band was in attendance but could not play owing to frost.	llbB Appx 3 llbB
	12	0800	General routine and training	
		1230	The Brigadier and B.M. visited this HQ and conferred with Lt.-col. Ernst and inspected posns at HIGHDEN HILL, STEYNING and FRIESLANDS.	
		1700	Capt. Upton of the <del>5th Bn Dorset Regt</del> <sup>4th Bn Dorset Regt</sup> has been attached to this Unit for training and umpire service and will be with us for a period of two months	
		1900	Movies at C Coy	llbB
	13	0800	Training and general routine	
		0830	The TEWT which was to be held on the DOWNS was cancelled by the Brigadier on account of poor visibility in the vicinity of STORRINGTON	
		1100	A lecture was held at BRIGHTON this morning at Whittinghame School. The lecture was on the use of cipher by Maj A.M. Harford, Cipher Security Officer, GHQ. One or two highlights of this lecture were: 'that it takes the enemy six hours to act upon an intercepted message sent out in clear which acts as a guide in deciding which message should go in cipher, also warned against sending messages word for word in code and later in clear, as this method gives the enemy a valuable key'. Those attending the lecture from this Unit were Lt/col. Ernst, Maj Hebb Lieut Archibald and Lieut Bent.	
		1400	Pay parade for HQ Coy	
		1900	Movies at HQ Coy.	llbB
	14	0800	General routine and training	
		0900	Pay parade Bn HQ	
		1400	Pay parade C Coy	
		1900	C.O.'s conference in Officers Mess, Skyring discussing training followed by a short address by Capt Butts on the <del>psychology</del> psychology of the German Soldier in the present crisis. The C.O. then pointed out on a cloth model the new dispositions of the various Coys which he had received from Bde earlier in the day.	llbB
15	0800	Training and general routine.	llbB	

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Worthing	22	1300	This same film was shown to the personnel at A Coy	leleB
		1400	Lieut Bent lectured at B Coy. His subject was Identification of the German Army. Maj Hebb was summoned for an interview at CMHQ by AG 4	
	23	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 leleB leleB Appx 5 leleB
		1000	A discussion by Lieut Bent at "Goldington" on employment Int personnel.	
		1400	Lieut Bent lectured to the "I" section and Scouts and Snipers on the German Army.  Field Return: Officers 33 Other Ranks 760 Special Increment: Officers 7 Other Ranks 84	
	24	0800	Coy inspection and general routine	leleB
		1700	Lt.-col Ernst completed week of study in Brighton.	
		2000	Maj Hebb attended OCTU dance at Bordon. This dance was held in Havana Barracks.	
	25	0900	Protestant Church parades were cancelled today owing to illness of Capt Addie, Bde Chaplain	leleB
		1000	A party of five officers from this Unit attended a Home Guard demonstration of the Northover projector. This dem was conducted by the inventor, Maj Northover and was held at AMBERLEY.	
	26	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 leleB leleB
		0830	"I" section, Scouts and Snipers proceeded to Cissbury rifle range for practice. Lieut Bent scored a possible (90) followed by Pte's Cameron and Gibson with 87 each.	
1330		Corps Comd Lt.-gen. Crerar visited this area this afternoon.		
27	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 leleB Appx 7 leleB leleB	
	1500	Lt.-col Ernst attended a lecture at Highden House on British Railways		
	1600	Conference at Bde for Coy comd, discussing Bn administration in the event of 'Stand To'		
28	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 leleB leleB	
	1100	Capt Grimmer, padre of the Carlt & York Regt visited this Unit today		
	1900	Coy comd conference at Skyring. General discussion		
29	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 leleB	

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Worthing	29	0930	Pay parades commence with HQ Coy.	
		1330	All available officers of this Unit attended a revolver practice at Chalk Pits rifle range.	
		1700	Conference at Officers Mess, Skyring when Lt.-col, Ernst gave a resume of proceedings during 'Study Week' at Brighton. Capt Upton gave a talk on Economic War followed by a general discussion. Also a TEWT on sand table -- tactics in composition of advance guard during approach march when enemy's AFV's are encountered.	bcb
	30	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 bcb
		1000	All available officers of this Unit attended a demonstration at Brighton sponsored by 1st Div re approach march.	bcb
			Field Return: Officers 33 Other Ranks 747 Special Increment: Officers 7 Other Ranks 92	Appx 5 bcb
	31	0900	Coy Inspections	
		1000	C O and Coy comd went to battle positions to site posns in accordance with orders received the day previous. All posns change excepting A Coy, and main reason for change is to dis-	
			pose the Regiment in such a way that it can offer more protection to Highden Wood as well as carry out its role in protecting Washington Gap. Highden Wood has been designated as a harbour for Tank Regiment.	bcb.

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