WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT

WWII WAR DIARY

Place

Date

Time

Entry

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

1/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

On Parade 709

Sick 47

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

2/2/40

0800

Training as per syllabus.

On Parade 707 A/R

Sick 39

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

3/2/40

0800

Training as per syllabus.

0900 - 1200

Whole Bn. went through gas chamber to test masks.

1930

Concert Party in NAAFI Hut. Name of Party: “Here We Are”. Later the troupe were entertained at Officer’s Mess.

2100

A dance was held by the Sergeants of The West Nova Scotia Regiment and The R 22nd Reg. in the Sergeants Mess. Brig. Price was present.

On Parade 718 A/R

Sick 39

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

4/2/40

0800

Holy Communion in Church Hut NAAFI Building.

Protestants parade to St. Christopher’s Church, Cove, for service at 1000 hrs.

Battalion moved off at 0900 hrs.

R.Cs NAAFI Hut Guillemont Barracks at 0945 hrs.

On Parade 684

Sick 31

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

5/2/40

0800

Training as per syllabus.

0700

“A” and “B” Coy’s proceeded to Ashe Ranges to carry out target practice, but visibility was so poor owing to the fog that they had to return without shooting.

1330

Brig. Price assembled all W.N.S.R. Officers in the Officers’ Mess and announced that Lt. Col. Bullock had vacated the position of Commanding Officer of the W.N.S.R. and that our new C.O. was Major M.F. Gregg, V.C., M.C. Brig. Price then introduced Major Gregg to all the Officers.

On Parade 722 A/R

Sick 38

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

6/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

1945

Major Gregg assembled the Officers and W.O.s in band room of the N.A.A.F.I. hut and gave them a talk on policy.

On Parade 708 A/R

Sick 44

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

2/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

1945

Major Gregg assembled the Platoon Commanders, P.S.M.s, Platoon Sgts, and Section leaders in the band room of the N.A.A.F.I. Hut and shook hands with each and talked with each one. He then gave them all a short talk on how to deal with their men.

On Parade 706 A/R

Sick 42

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

8/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

1100

All Officers of 3 Bde met in Officers Mess for a talk on and demonstration of odd moment training by Major Faulkes.

On Parade 709 A/R

Sick 41

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

9/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

Major A.W. MacKenzie, our 2 i/c, arrived at the barracks today.

On Parade 706 A/R

Sick 40

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

10/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

On Parade 703 A/R

Sick 42

Total 773

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

11/2/40

0945

R.C. Church parade to N.A.A.F.I. Hut.

1045

Protestant Service in N.A.A.F.I. Hut. Parade moved off at 1040 hrs.

The personnel of the 1st Lime Reinforcements were distributed among the other parts of the Bn.

On Parade 720 A/R

Sick 41

Total 804

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

12/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

Major G.H. Ryan, No. 5 General Hospital, RC.A.M.C. came to relieve Lt. Ogulnik as our M.C.

On Parade 733 A/R

Sick 40

Total 804

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

13/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

On Parade 730 A/R

Sick 42

Total 804

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

14/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

On Parade 725 A/R

Sick 48

Total 801

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

15/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

On Parade 727 A/R

Sick 41

Total 802

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

16/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

2000

Heavy snow storm.

On Parade 730 A/R

Sick 43

Total 802

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

17/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

Ground covered with snow again. No more falling.

1400

Lt. H.P. Jenkins proceeded to Minley Manor, to take a month’s course on Intelligence work.

On Parade 705 A/R

Sick 42

Total 801

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

18/2/40

0945

R.C. Church parade to N.A.A.F.I. Hut.

1045

Protestant Church parade to N.A.A.F.I. Hut. Parade moved off at 1035 hrs.

On Parade 680

Sick 42

Total 801

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

19/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

On Parade 704 A/R

Sick 44

Total 800

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

20/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

On Parade 706 A/R

Sick 42

Total 800

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

21/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

Lt. C.B. Cochran took over duties of I.C. in the absence of Lt. H.P. Jenkins who is on course at Minley Manor.

On Parade 700 A/R

Sick 46

Total 800

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

22/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

1400

Brigade Motor Transport Exercises (convoy) composed of motorcycles, lorries and gun carriers. Anti Tank Co’s Carleton and York Regt. R. 22nd Regt. and West Nova Scotia Regt. Mileage 24.

On Parade 723 A/R

Sick 44

Total 800

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

23/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

2000

Brigade Motor Transport Exercises (convoy) composed of motorcyclists Brig. Hqs. Anti Tank Coy’s Carleton and York Regt. R 22nd Regt. and West Nova Scotia Regt. Mileage 24

Free concert by Y.M.C.A. held in Gym for troops.

The Sergeants of West Nova Scotia Regt. and R. 22nd Regt held a dance in the mess. 80 couples attended including the Officers of both Regiments who were invited.

1220

Secretary of State for War (Lord Stanley) visited the Regt. at 1220 hrs accompanied by Mj. Gen. McNaughton & Staff and Brig. Price & Staff. Inspected one of the “Spiders” (mens quarters) and chatted with many of the men. Before leaving, he inspected the Guard at the gate. The Minister and Staff expressed themselves to the C.O as well pleased with the appearance of the lines and quarters and were impressed by the smartness of the Guard.

On Parade 727 A/R

Sick 43

Total 800

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

24/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

On Parade 730 O/R

Sick 40

Total 801

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

25/2/40

0945

R.C. Church parade to N.A.A.F.I. Hut.

1000

Protestant Church parade to St. Christopher’s Church, Cove.

On Parade 732 O/R

Sick 36

Total 801

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

26/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

On Parade 727 O/R

Sick 40

Total 798

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

27/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

1100

Director of Military Training visiting (?) today.

On Parade 730 O/R

Sick 40

Total 801

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

28/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

0930

A Divisional demonstration on night patrol work was given in vicinity of [illegible. Mor?]ville Barracks.

On Parade 719 O/R

Sick 51

Total 797

GUILLEMONT BARRACKS

29/2/40

0800

Training as per schedule.

1030

Official photographer from War Office took pictures of Carrier F in action.

On Parade 724 O/R

Sick 50

Total 778