WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT

WWII WAR DIARY

Place

Date

Time

Entry

Debert, NS

1 Sept

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Capt. W. Mackness reported to Unit Assembly Area. Three hundred and three Reinforcements were T.O.S. and were placed in “L” and “M” Coys. A party was held in the Officers mess tonight, and was a bang-up affair. Regular training was carried out during day.

2 Sep

Today was a quiet day as far as new personnel arriving was concerned. Eleven Other Ranks now Absent Without Leave. Regular trainig [sic.] was carried out during day.

3 Sept

Today weather very dreary. One Other Rank T.O.S. from X-3 List (Hospital) One OR reported back from A.W.L. making a total of ten now Absent. Forty-two Other Ranks T.O.S. on arriving Unit Assembly Area and ten OR’s T.O.S. from Detention. One O.R. was S.O.S. to Hospital. Regular training was carried out during the day.

4 Sept

Today weather Fine. Two, Other Ranks reported to Unit Assembly Area, and 1 Cpl. 1 OR received punishments. 3 Cpls and 14 OR’s reported A.W.L. Still men are going Absent and number of Absentees seem to remain around thirty-five daily. Seven OR’s T.O.S. from Detention and 1 OR admitted to Hospital. Regular training carried out during day.

5 Sep

There seems to be a keen interest among the men regarding softball. The WNSR now have a team which they believe will take the League. League consists of CYR, R22R, Regt 1 Hq, and WNSR. Volleyball is also a well-liked game, and keeps the boys in good shape. Daily Coys. have a Sports period, and they all take good use of it. One Officer arrived today, and another OR was SOS to Hospital and 1 arriving Unit Assembly Area. 3 more OR’s received punishments for A.W.L. and four OR’s reported back from A.W.L. Seven more OR’s TOs from Detention.

6 Sept

Today another perfect day. Two OR’s T.O.S. from Hospital, and 1 reported sick at home. Brig. J.P.E. Bernatchez, DSO, OBE today inspected our area, besides on the parade ground near Regt’l H/Q holding an inspection of the troops of this Regt. The band was in attendance, and everything turned out splendid, even the weather, which is certainly unsettled these days.

7 Sept

Weather Fine. Three O.R.’s S.O.S. to Detention, and 2 OR’s T.O.S. from X-2 List. Today 6 more received punishments for Absent Without Leave. Four more returned from A.W.L. Regular trainign [sic.] carried out during the day.

8 Sept

Today Lt. Morgan S.O.S. and will attend a University course in England. Our Adjutant was S.O.S. to No. 2 Trans. Camp, and will later be Discharged to return to his studies at Law in Halifax. Capt. Coulter now Adj. of W.N.S.R. 2 O.R.’s T.O.S. and 1 S.O.S. to Hospital. Regular Trng carried out during day.

9 Sept

Weather Fine. This morning a Protestant and R.C. Church parade was held. Our Col was piped aboard H.M.C.S. Poundmaker in Dartmouth and he gave noble assistance in splicing the main brace. All, Ranks had the afternoon to themselves, some of whom went swimming at a nearby Lake.

10 Sept

Weather Rainy. Seven Officers and Fifty seven OR’s S.SOS to No. 2 Trans. Camp. These men are all high point personnel and will eventually be going back to their respective Depots for Discharge. One Officer T.O.S. on arriving Unit Assembly Area. Nine more OR’s S.O S to 2 Transit Camp. We now have a total of 41 OR’s on the absentee report. Regular Training programme carried out during the day.

11 Sept

Capt K.C. Tracy today took over as Adjutant, owing to Capt. Coulter awaiting movement to his Depot. 16 OR’s awarded punishments for A.W.L. 2 Cpls. and 14 Pte’s were today report [sic.] as absent. 1 O.R. S.O.S. to 6 District Depot. Regular training programme carried out during the day. Our softball team is leading the League, and still have high hopes of taking the series, providing they don’t lose any more valuable players.

12 Sept

Weather Raining. 2 Officers S.O.S. to 6 District Depot and 4 OR’s S.O.S. to 6 D.D. 1 admitted to Hospital and today only one reported as absent. 1 OR. S.O.S. to Detention Sports are still going strong during the periods for same, and the personnel still are taking a keen interest in Volleyball and softball. Reg. Training programme carried out during day.

13 Sept 45

Weather Fine. Today a meeting was held by the Brig. and our Col., Adj. and Paymaster were present. All Reinforcements to be taken over by 2 Trans camp. These men were T.O.S. W.N.S.R. but an order was received to cancell [sic.] all M.R. that affected these men. We now have a total of 42 O.R.’s Absent Without Leave.

15 Sept

Capt. J.S. Coulter, was S.O.S. to M.D. 9. Today was another quiet one as far as receiving personnel was concerned. Regular training programme carried out.

15 Sept

1 O.R. S.O.S. to 6 District Depot. Weather a little unsettled today. Much intersest [sic.] has been taken recently with all our companys [sic.] in connection with the inter-coy softball League. These games are played during their sports period, and the regular W.N.S.R. team has discovered some new material for their team. Regular training programme carried out during the day.

16 Sept

Today we had another Fine day. 1 Officer and 1r O.R. S.O.S. to 2 Trans. Camp. 1 OR T.O.S. from Detention. 1 Returned from A.W.L. During the past few days the A.W.L.’s have been decreasing, much to the satisfaction of the Orderly Room Staff. Regular training was carried out during the day. This being Sunday, the regular Church Parades were held.

17 Sept

Today weather Fine. 142 O.R.’s were S.O.S. to 2 Trans also 2 S.O.S. to Detention. Our strength is now very low, this been [sic.] caused by 2 Trans Camp taking over so many personnel.

Our Absentees are now only around 17, and it is daily getting smaller. Regular Training carried out during the day. We still have 2 Transit Personnel in our Lines, and they are taking part in all training, etc.

18 Sept

1 O.R. T.O.S. from Detention. Another quiet day and regular training programme was carried out. Weather rather cloudy, with probable showers by noon. Our softball team was again victorous [sic.] in their game against C.Y.R.

19 Sept

Lt. Mitchell S.O.S. to No. 2 Transit Camp. Weather today Fine. Rather quiet with regular training programme carried out.

20 Sept

Weather Fine. 1 OR received punishment. Another quiet day, with regular training being carried out. Our strength is now only 229, with all remaining personnel being SOS to No. 2 Transit Camp. Personnel are still in our lines, but will be moving to Trng. Bn. to-morrow. Remaining personnel will remain in these lines until we receive orders as to where they will be going to. The C.O. and 2 i/c spent a profitable evening at Reg. Mess instructing members in bridge. As a result of their visit BHQ Mess will probably be dry.

21 Sept

Weather Cloudy. Today was a busy day. Big sports meet held at sports field, and the W.N.S.R. won the meet, coming out on top with the most points. Our softball team has now disbabdedm [sic.], owing to most of the team moving to trng. Bns. Tonight at 6 o’clock personnel were taken to Trng Bns., and our lines are getting pretty empty.

22 Sept

Today we held a muster parade for remaining personnel. Weather very cold, with scattered showers. Today we were instructed to send all stationary backmto Regt., also office equipment.