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NOVEMBER

WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGIMENT

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Biggin Hill	1	0900	This Unit participated in a "Gadget" display at Bde HQ in which novel ideas were incorporated in various M T's. There will be a similar show next Saturday at Redhill sponsored by 1 Cdn Div.	b.l.b.
		1700	Pte's Gates and Langley returned from Borden where they underwent a course in sniping.	b.l.b.
		1900	A dance was held at Keston Hall, and the West N S R orchestra was in attendance	b.l.b.
	2	1000	Usual Church parades at Kesto Hall.	Appx iii 3
		1315	Lt.-col. Ernst lunched with Lady Stanley at "Holwood" where he had the pleasure of meeting and chatting with the French Ambassador.	b.l.b.
		1900	Sing-song at the "Y" Keston Hall	Appx iii 3 b.l.b.
	3	0800	Training as per syllabus.	Appx iii 7
		1100	Preparing for "Exercise Plunger" Bn are "C B" in view of this.	b.l.b.
		1630	C O held a conference for Coy cmndrs re Exercise Plunger.	b.l.b.
	4	0330	Breakfast.	
		0410	Bn embussed,	
		0430	Crossed Bn S P.	
		0547	Bn crossed Bde S P.	
		0700	Bn reached concentration.	b.l.b.
		1645	Exercise Plunger concluded.	
		2120	Bn returned and debussed at billets.	
	5	0800	Training as per syllabus Nothing of importance happened today. No visitors etc.	Appx iii 7 b.l.b.
	6	0800	Bn route march 18 miles	
		0900	C O, Lt.-col. Ernst, Maj Glenneet, Lieut Archibald and Lieut Higgins proceeded to the coast where a recce was made of the billets in new proposed area.	b.l.b.
	7	0700	All officers, W O's and Sgts proceeded to a point SOUTH of TUNBRIDGE WELLS where they witnessed a demonstration of co-operation with arty and infantry which was put on by the Hastings and P E Regt. This dem was very interesting and instructive.	b.l.b.
		0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx iii 7 b.l.b.

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Biggin Hill	7	0800	Maj Hebb attended demonstration at PACHAM (co-operation of arty and infantry)	lclB.
		1600	A broadcast was made from the Beaver Club over BBC by the "Nova Scotians". This broadcast started with the Regimental march followed by violin solo by Lieut McNab, a tap dance by Pte C D Gray, Cornet Solo by Sgt Slauenwhite. The quartet composed of the following officers Lieut Beck, Lieut C R Day, Lieut J W K Smeltzer and CQMS Hopper sang two numbers, "Passing By" and "I've Got Sixpence" The program Director was Capt. C U Latourneau, RCAMC	
	8	1930	Lt.-col, Ernst attended a dinner at the HOSKINS ARMS, OXTED. This affair was sponsored by the Officers Commanding and the Officers of the Carlt & York R, and the Edmonton Regt. Viscount R B Bennett was the chief speaker and replied to the Toast, "New Brunswick - Alberta Canada"	Appx #7 lclB.
			STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 32 Other Ranks 760	lclB.
	9	0800	Coy inspections. "Gadget" exhibition was continued today when several vehicles including Carriers and R A P truck proceeded to LIMPSFIELD COMMON where they were inspected by the G O C. The G O C was quite happy over the whole show and much impressed by the various "gadgets" on display.	lclB.
		1900	Movies at the "Y"	
	10	1000	Usual Church parades at the Hall in Keston. The band was in attendance.	Appx #3 lclB.
		1315	Lt.-col. Ernst lunched with Lady Stanley today at 'Holwood' where he met and talked with Capt David Margeson, Sec of State for War, also Capt Barlow, O C Fighter Command, Biggin Hill areodrome.	
	11	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx #7 lclB
			1500	A demonstration was put on by "C" Coy under the direction of Maj Stehelin. This was in the form of attack and defense. The visitors were composed of the personnel of Coy cmndrs Training Wing, Junior Leaders School, Borden.
		1900	Lieut Higgins, I O, has received word to report to Bde tomorrow, and will undertake the duties of "G" learner.	lclB
11	0800	1930	Movies at the "Y"	lclB
			Training as per syllabus Lieut C E Bent has been appointed I O in the place of Lieut Higgins who has been transferred to Bde.	Appx #7 lclB

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Biggin Hill	11	1030	Lt.-col. Ernst, Lieut Beaton, CSM Foley and Sgt Colbran attended a lecture at the Hippodrome Theatre, Reigate. The speaker was Maj-Gen. Waterhouse, and his subject, IRAN. Maj-Gen Waterhouse was recently head of the Military Mission in IRAN. This lecture was most interesting.	letsB
		1930	Movies at the "Y"	letsB
	12	0800	Coy's training as per syllabus	Appx 7 7
		1900	The C O and Adjt proceeded to the Coast where they made a recce of the proposed new area. Boxing tournament at the YMCA, Keston Hall.	letsB
	13	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 7
		2000	Lieut Bent, I O, Lieut McNab together with "I" Sgt and Provost Sgt, visited new area in the vicinity of WORTHING Lt.-col, Ernst, Lt.-col, Lawson and Lt.-col. Ford dined with Lady Stanley at 'Holwood' tonight. Concert party at the YMCA	letsB.
	14	0800	Training as per syllabus	Appx 7 7
		1500	Lt.-col. Ernst attended a conference at Bde re Coy cmdrs exercise with use of Arty and 18 sets	letsB
	15	1900	Dance at Keston Hall with West N S R orchestra in attendance	letsB
			STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 32 Other ranks 732	Appx 5 5
		0800	C O's inspection of Coy's	letsB
	16	1115	Lt.-col. Ernst proceeded on recce re coming exercise for Coy cmdrs.	letsB
		2000	Officers of West Nova Scotia Regiment held a dance at "Nightens"	letsB
	17	1000	Usual Church parades at Keston Hall	letsB
		1900	Sing-song at the YMCA	letsB
	17p	0800	Bn busy checking barrack stores in preparation for move to coast.	letsB

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Biggin Hill	17	0900	Div snipers shoot results have just come to hand and are as follows: This shoot was held at HENLEY PARK on Nov 10. The West N S R led the Bde gp by a healthy margin and just being defeated by <u>one</u> point to make the leaders in the entire Division. Pte Gates was high man on our team with a score of 87	lllB
	18	0800	Bn continue preparations for move to Coast.	lllB
		1000	Adv party leave for Coast under command of Maj Courtney.	lllB
		1900	Concert party at the "Y"	lllB
	19	0800	Bn preparing for move to Coast.	lllB
		0900	Demonstration by "A" Coy re Arty and 18 sets	lllB
		1400	Lt.-col, Ernst left for BISLEY where he attended a short course in Bn weapons	lllB
		1430	C O's conf with Coy cmndrs re move to Coast.	lllB
	20	0800	Coys busy checking in Barrack stores in preparation for move to new area tomorrow.	lllB
	21	0700	Balance of Barrack stores turned in.	lllB
		1300	Bn pass Bde SP	
		1315	Bn pass Div SP	
		1600	Bn arrive at WAPPINGTHORN fm where tps will bivouac for the night.	
		1655	Tps preparing for a hot supper and "digging in for the night" Sentries have been posted.	
			STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 32 Other Ranks 766	
	22	0800	Crossed SP for new area at WORTHING	lllB
		0930	Arrived at Bn HQ	lllB
		1100	Official take over from the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. OP's manned by "I" sec and personnel from various Coy's	
		1800	Lt.-col, Ernst returns from course at BISLEY where he attended a course on Bn weapons.	
	23	No Church parades today ³	lllB	
	1000	C O inspects D and A coy billets and posts.		
	24	1500	Coys getting settled in new quarters etc. Brig Ganong and I O from Bde visited this HQ and conferred with Lt.-col Ernst.	lllB

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WORTHING	25	0800	Coy's manning posts and performing normal duties.	lllB	
		1600	Lt.-col, Ernst and Lieut Archibald attended a conference at Bde, the main topic of which, was the discussion of change in present dispositions of Coy's and concerning the DOWNS.		
	26	0900	West N S R has taken over sole responsibilities of SHOREHAM airport	lllB	
		0930	O C, 2 i/c, Adjt and I O, made a recce of the DOWNS re locations for new dispositions. The following areas were looked over: WAPPINGTHORN fm and WEPHAM fm. Battle posn taken over will be CHANCTONBURY RING and STEYNING ROUND HILL.		
		1600	Lt.-col. Green, CMG, DSO, 4 Bn Home Guard visited this HQ and discussed with Lt.-col. Ernst relations re Home Guard and this Unit.		
	27	0800	Coy's carry on respective duties.	lllB	
		1000	A further recce of new dispositions was made this morning by the C O and Adjt.		
	28	0800	Coy's carry on respective duties.	lllB	
		1600	C O's conference with Coy Cmndrs re new dispositions of Coy's and tasks for coming week, training etc.		
	STRENGTH RETURN: Officers 32 Other Ranks 766				Appx #5 lllB
	29	0800	Coy's carry on respective duties.	lllB	
		1030	4 Officers and 74 other ranks arrived from Holding Unit this morning. Nothing further of import happened today.		
30	1000	Usual Church parades to TARRING Church.	lllB.		

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A.D. Ernst
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