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1 Mil.-5-40 (5242)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to appendices and initials
<p>BUSSUM 2311 Sheet 361 Holland 1/25,000</p>	<p>AUG 1</p>		<p>WAR DIARY - WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGT 1 Aug 45 - 31 Aug 45</p> <p>As during the last week in July 45, West NSR less HQ Coy is located in the town of Bussum, occupying two large schools on the west side of the town. Bn HQ occupies the more northerly school while the rifle coys and cook-houses are in the south school on Buschlaan. HQ Coy and part of Sp Coy are located on the main highway Hilversum-Naarden where it passes through the southern end of Bussum, at about 243112. The only other troops in this town of intricately-winding streets is the Carl &amp; York Regt on the east side of the "tracks".</p> <p>The big event of the 1 Aug was the marriage of Capt George BUDRESKI, the only officer serving with the bn to be married overseas and not in the UK. Except for one officer left on duty at Bn HQ the entire complement of regt offrs departed Bussum for Voorburg, a suburb of the Hague, at about 0930 hrs, proceeding via the Amsterdam highway. The offrs assembled at the home of the bride, Miss Antionette Van Dodeweerd, from whence the wedding party proceeded to the town hall of Voorburg where the marriage was performed. Captain C F Whynacht, A J W Dyer, and John McNichol, as well as a civilian, Mr J Overdiep, were best men, while the bride's sister, Miss Adriana Van Dodeweerd, and Miss Els Furnee attended the bride. Following the ceremony (at which the Dutch civilians were mildly shocked and quite amused to observe the Canadian custom of kissing the bride) the wedding party returned to the home of the bride for a brief reception, after which the entire party proceeded to a local restaurant where a splendid wedding dinner lasted from about 1330 hrs to 1800 hrs, amid appropriate speeches and dancing. Two snapshots of the wedding are attached as Appendix 4 (a)</p> <p>As for the other ranks, the day was largely spent in preparing for the visit of Lt-Gen Guy Simonds on 2 Aug 45. Coy areas were carefully cleaned and a trg program was finalized to fit the itinerary as issued by HQ 3 Cdn Inf Bde.</p>	
	<p>2</p>	<p>1130</p>	<p>The weather was fine so that the program for Lt-Gen Simond's visit was carried out as for fine weather.</p> <p>The Acting CO, Major Winston W Mair, met Lt-Gen Simonds at the Bn sports field about <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mile north of the Bn Area. After viewing the sports, Lt-Gen Simonds accompanied Major Mair to HQ West NSR where Lt-Gen Simonds inspected the guard, which was in charge of Sgt Hartley of C Coy. The General then entered Bn HQ where he met</p>	<p>ADPX 4(a)</p>

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			<p>Major H M Eisenhauer, A/2IC; Capt A J W Dyer, Adjut; and RSM Callaghan. After a short "chat" Lt-Gen Simonds left for HQ 3 Cdn Inf Bde where he was to have lunch.</p> <p>The Bren carriers of the West NSR were driven to Nijmegen today to be turned in.</p>	
	3		<p>The weather was fine and warm today. A number of passes were received permitting West NSR personnel to attend the Army Sports Meet at Nijmegen on 4 Aug 45. Field Marshal Montgomery is to be the guest of honour, and other high-ranking officers are expected to be present. Orders were issued for a party of other ranks to proceed to Nijmegen by 60-cwts on 4 Aug, while an officer's party will go by jeep.</p>	
		2030	<p>Major H M Eisenhauer, at the kind invitation of Maj-Gen H W Foster and the officers of "A" Mess, 1 Cdn Div, attended a dance at that Mess at HQ 1 Cdn Div in Hilversum.</p> <p>The guard at HQ 1 Cdn Div is being supplied by West NSR, with Lt Belliveau of C Coy in Command.</p>	
	4		<p>The day for the sports at Nijmegen was blessed with excellent weather. The OR party from the West NSR left for Nijmegen at about 0930 hrs, while the officer party departed Bussum at 1030 hrs. A short halt was made at Arnhem while the haversack lunch was speedily disposed of. At the huge Sport Stadium in Nijmegen the West NSR officers were pleasantly surprised to find themselves seated in the front row of seats next to the visitors' box, which contained among others Field-Marshal Montgomery, Lt-Gen Simonds, and Maj(?) - Gen Burns. (See appx 4 (a)). After an enjoyable day the West NSR party returned to billets at about 1900 hrs.</p>	appx 4 (a)
	5		<p>The weather was again very fine today.</p>	
		1000	<p>Church parade was held at the Sport Field, Bussum, conducted by H/Capt Darrach. After the parade the composite coy which is to take part in a parade at Baarn on 6 Aug 45 was handpicked from the men present. This parade is to be in honour of Princess Juliana, who is returning to her castle near that town. The parade is to consist of a composite coy from each bn of 3 Cdn Inf Bde, with Major H M Eisenhauer, West NSR, in Command.</p>	
		1400	<p>Major H M Eisenhauer proceeded to HQ 3 Cdn Inf Bde where final plans for the parade were made with the BM, Major P O Lambert.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to appendices and initials
	6	0900	<p>A bright sunny day.</p> <p>The composite coy from West NSR under Command Capt C H Smith of C Coy and consisting of some 104 all ranks marched to the area 239128 in Bussum, where it practiced marching 6 abreast in conjunction with similar pls from the R22eR and the Crl &amp; York Regts.</p> <p>Captain A J W Dyer and RSM Wm Callaghan of the West NSR are to be Adj and RSM respectively of the parade.</p>	
		1300	<p>The West NSR composite coy proceeded by tpt to the highway Amsterdam-Baarn at about 254126, where after joining the R22eR and Carl &amp; York Coys, the convoy of 60-cwts drove to Baarn and the tps were dismounted. The 2 CIC Band reported to Major H M Eisenhauer at the tp RV and at 1500 hrs the parade began. A very complicated route was followed through the narrow streets of the town, which eventually brought the parade back to its starting point. The parade was well received and numerous snapshots were taken by civilians and military personnel, two of which are attached hereto as Appx 4(a).</p> <p>Following the parade the composite coy returned to the bn area at 1700 hrs, where all other ranks taking part in the parade were rewarded with a holiday on 7 Aug 45.</p>	Appx 4(a)
	8		<p>Capt C H Smith, bn educational officer, and the regt school of about 80 personnel are enjoying an instructive tour of western Germany. Tpt consists of three 60-cwts, one 15-cwt for rations and one 15-cwt water. The route taken is Nijmegen-Xanter-Cologne-Dusseldorf-Essen-Dortmound-Munster-Hengelo-Ede-Deventer-Laren-Bussum.</p>	
	10		<p>Rain hampered the trg program today, especially the sports in the afternoon.</p>	
	11		<p>The day was only moderately fine.</p> <p>The padre H/Capt G Darrach left today with a party including eight men of the West NSR to visit the graves of their brothers who had been killed during the war. This tour was not completed until 14 Aug 45. All the graves were located, including some which were still only temporary. The tour took the party as far south as Beny-sur-Mer.</p>	

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			<p>Capt George Budreski returned to regt duty today from his honeymoon, assuring the "wits" in the officers' mess that his stamina was still OK!</p>	
	12		<p>Church parades were held today, though there were some scattered showers. Capt C H Smith and the regt school returned from their tour of Germany. Our popular and jovial TO, Capt George (Timoshenko) Budreski was struck off strength today to 29 Recreational Increment, and left for Utrecht, where he will be the officer in charge of the "Normandie Restaurant".</p>	
	13	1000	<p>Major C F Whynacht; Major H M Eisenhauer; and Captain Nicholson(?), the unit Dental Officer, left by jeep for a tour of western Germany. En route to the Ruhr Valley the party stopped for the night at the town of Krefeld, Germany. The day was fine with some heavy showers in the evening. The West NSR educational program swung into full effect this morning under the enthusiastic leadership of the unit educational officer Capt C H Smith. The attached syllabus shows the scope of the program Appx 3(b). Lieuts Clements and Donovan, Sgt White, and Cpl Pippy are "teachers" in the regt school at Bn HQ, where three classrooms have been set aside for exclusive use.</p>	APPX 3(L)
	14		<p>The weather was fine in the morning with clouds and some light showers in the afternoon. Major Whynacht and party visited battered Cologne in the morning, and passed through the Ruhr valley in the afternoon to reach Hanover in the late evening.</p>	
	15		<p>While the end of the war in the Pacific was of course great news, VJ day caused relatively little stir among the tps, possibly because of our distance from that scene of operations. There was expressed a feeling of "amicable envy" towards the lucky volunteers for the CAPF who were now home in Canada, while we were doomed to await the slow repatriation process. Word was received from the GOC-in-C that 15 and 16 Aug were to be holidays, and the GOC authorized the consumption of remaining stocks of SRD in celebration. Although good-will missions to the town of Luneburg were not in order Major Whynacht and party today visited the town for which the home town of Lunenburg, NS</p>	

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			<p>is named. The party then motored through to Groenigen in Holland. The weather was fine today with clouds and fog in the evening.</p>	
	16	1600	<p>The weather was quite fine with a rather high wind. All tps were off duty in accordance with VJ Day celebrations, but no incidents marred the day. Major Whynacht and party crossed the Zuider Zee causeway and returned to the Bn via Amsterdam.</p>	
	17		<p>The weather continued fine and normal trg was resumed. The daily trg program now consists usually of a bn parade at 0900 hrs in front of Bn HQ, during which Major Mair inspects the bn, with special attention paid to kit and dress. Drill periods, kit inspections, and trg under coy arrangements follow until noon. At 1330 hrs the bn assembles on the sports field where games are played until 1600 hrs, after which the men are through for the day. Evening entertainment centres around the local cinema and the men's club in town, both of which are conducted by our able auxillary service supervisor, Mr. Chivers.</p>	
	18		<p>Fair and cool today. One of those days where the all-inclusive phrase is "normal routine and trg". A pleasant feature in the offr's sports is the games of ground hockey which are being played with civilian participats. To avoid the West NSR amateurs from being swamped, the civilians and offr's form mixed teams. Suffice it to say that no player was killed in the wild skirmishes that followed.</p>	
	19		<p>Church parade was held at 1000 hrs this morning in spite of threatenng showers. The parade was held at the sports field. A special form of service was used today, expressing thanks for the end of the war - Appx 3(c)</p>	APPX 3(c)
	20		<p>Late today it was learned that the West NSR will begin the long journey home to Canada by leaving Bussum on 5 Sept 45. This news was well received as, being the last bn of the 1 Cdn Div to move, we had expected to move at a later date. Final preparations are already being made to turn in all remaining equipment and vehs.</p>	

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	21		Today was rainy. This afternoon a party from the regt school visited a large chocolate factory in Utrecht as part of the study of the Dutch Co-operative study.	
	22		The weather was fair with some scattered showers. Supplies of Service Ribbons were finally received today. The majority of West NSR personnel are entitled to the 1939-43 Star, the Italian Medal, the France and Germany Medal, and the CVSM with Clasp.	
	23		Fair and cloudy. Major H M Eisenhauer, Acting 2IC West NSR, accompanied Capt C H Smith on a tour of the welding and machinist schools at Muiden and Amsterdam. There are ten men from West NSR in the former school and some 48 men in the shops in Amsterdam. A rather amusing incident in connection with the Amsterdam school which is situated on the marine docks, is that the Dutch workers who were largely on strike, were ready to voice a loud protest at the Cdn Army taking over their places of employment. Their fears were quelled when they learned that the soldiers were working without remuneration, however.	
	24		Generally fair today with a few scattered showers. A routine day.	
	25		This fine day witnessed the departure of 1 Cdn Fd Regt RCHA from the 1 Cdn Div area, bound for home.	
	26		Church parade was held in the Dutch Reformed Church across the street from the officers mess, H/Capt Darrach conducting. This church was used for bn worship during the stay in Bussum. The janitor was rewarded with a gift of cigarettes. The organist was blind, and the tunes of hymns often had to be hummed to him before he could play them.	
	27		A number of personnel from the West NSR visited the Carl & York area to wish that regt "Bon voyage" as they left Bussum for Nijmegen at 1000 hrs. Weather was fair and clear.	

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	28		<p>The R22eR left Naarden for Nijmegen this morning, leaving the West NSR the last unit of 1 Cdn Div yet to move. There are reports of some congestion at the Channel ports, so that West NSR may be delayed on its voyage to England. The weather was again fair and clear.</p>	
	29		<p>Heavy rainy and cool. Trg restricted to morning lectures only.</p>	
	30		<p>Scattered showers throughout the day and cool. Cleaning of billets and kit inspections were substituted for the normal trg program.</p>	
	31		<p>The final financial statement for the West NSR in the field as issued today shows the men's canteen to be "in the blue" by the tidy sum of £287-17-10. This of course excludes the large sum left in England when the unit went to Sicily in 1943. Capt Gordon Lynch has been acting as unit accounts offr to assist in "closing the books". Appx 4 (b). Heavy rain during the morning with bright intervals during the late afternoon.</p> <p>APPX 4(A) Attached APPX 4(B) Attached APPX 3(B) Attached APPX 3(C) Attached</p> <p>Due to the fact that this Diary was actually compiled in Sept 47, appendices 1 and 2 are reserved for any documents which may be issued later.</p>	