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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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A.F.C. 2118

1 Mil.—5-40 (5242)

H.Q. 1772-39-1658

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
AT SEA	1		<p>WAR DIARY - WEST NOVA SCOTIA REGT 1 Oct 45 - 15 Oct 45.</p> <p>Everyone was on deck early to catch the first glimpse of Nova Scotia. The weather was fine and sunny. Sometime between 0900-1000 hrs a long flat, rocky piece of land was seen on the starboard bow a few miles away. This was evidently Sable Island.</p> <p>The coast line of Nova Scotia proper was now in sight. Although some units on board were still some 3000 miles from home, the West NSR knew that the rocky shore meant home at least. An added thrill of welcome for the West NSR was the destroyer Micmac and her message from the OC Eastern Command, which expressed special welcome for the West NSR. "Well, we thought, At least they know we're coming!"</p> <p>The Ile de France nosed into Halifax harbour amid a tumultuous welcome from the shore and from the craft in the harbour. From newspapers which came aboard, it was learned that a parade to welcome the West NSR and a NS Arty battery on board was already planned for as soon as the tps could be disembarked, with Major H M Eisenhauer OC parade. This was confirmed in a few moments when senior officers came on board with orders for the parade. A hasty O Gp was held in one of the West NSR officers cabins and instructions for the parade were given.</p> <p>West NSR personnel were disembarked from the Ile de France and paraded on the covered portion of pier 22. Tpt was provided into which the men's kit was dumped. This caused some confusion, especially when the tpt became snarled in the limited space on the pier. It was also necessary to form the men into six-abreast formation, and some attempt was made to reform the original coys of the bn from the alphabetically grouped draft. The parade was finally ready to march off at 2000 hrs. Two bands were in attendance, one of which was the 6 District Depot Band. The order of march was the first band, followed by the OC parade, the Adjt (Capt Clarence Spence of the West NSR), and the RSM (Callaghan of the West NSR), the gunners, 6 District Depot Band, West NSR. A large number of former officers of the West NSR had been present on the dock to welcome the bn. Among these were Lt-Col Bullock, the first OC of West NSR in World War II; Lt-Col Banks (Oc Reserve Bn West NSR), Major W C Gemmell, Major Walter Gardner, Major Charles Miller, Capt Stan Smith, Lt S K Nickerson, MC; Lt Smith Watts, Lt Charles Irving, Lt Duncan Kirk, Lt Hugh Scott, Lt Zinck.</p> <p>The officers formed a special group to march with the West NSR, and by popular</p>	

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		2030	<p>assent Lt-Col Bullock led West NSR in the parade.</p> <p>The route for the parade was from pier 22 to Barrington St, up Spring Garden Rd along South Park St., and into the Garrison Grounds.</p> <p>As the parade left the shelter of the pier it was immediately cheered by hundreds of people lining the streets. Many of the men as they marched could hear their names being called by friends among the spectators, and near the end of the parade joyful relatives marched side by side with loved ones in the ranks of the West NSR.</p> <p>As the parade reached the Garrison Grounds and prepared to face the platform at which the Lt-Gov of NS and Premier Angus L MacDonald were to appear, swarms of civilians swept through the police barrier and in a few moments the parade commander could find no one but himself to call to attention and salute as the opening bars of the National Anthem announced the arrival of Lt-Gov Kendall.. Major H M Eisenhower was then escorted to the raised platform where he responded to the address of Premier MacDonald. Premier MacDonald then presented the West NSR with a large flag of the Province of Nova Scotia.</p> <p>The formalities over, the next task was to sort out the military personnel from the civilians, so that the tps could proceed to the tpt which was waiting to take them to 6 D D. Among the former officers of the bn who was waiting to welcome them at the Garrison Grounds was Lt-Col R S E Waterman, who had commanded the bn through its fiercest fighting in Italy.</p> <p>Finally by abandoning military methods and requesting the men to push in near the platform and thus exclude all civilians from their midst, West NSR was "rounded up" and marched off to the tpt, following the arty battery which had managed to hold its formation, having been halted before the "breakthrough".</p>	
		2200	<p>At 6 D D an efficient org soon fed the bn through a leave line, during which each man was given his \$100 cheque (Offrs \$200). Special trains and busses were waiting to take the men to all parts of the Province and many civilian friends and relatives tpted a large number of the tps to their homes. Probably by 2300 hrs all Nova Scotians in the West NSR were on their way home.</p> <p>Meanwhile the unit baggage party under Lt L R Kingston, was unloading the unit's baggage from the Ile de France.</p>	

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HALIFAX NS	2	0800	<p>Captain Gordon Lynch checked on the safe disposal of the West NSR baggage before leaving 6 D D.</p> <p>Messages of welcome for West NSR were received today from Brig J P E Bernatchez, former comd 3 Cdn Inf Bde in Italy, and from Major F E Hiltz, Co of the West NSR Jan-May 45.</p> <p>Since everyone is on leave, unit history must once again follow them. In fact the parade on 1 Oct 45 was the last time that West NSR paraded during World War II. All administration is in the hands of 6 D D.</p>	
	3-15		<p><i>Was History for the West Nova Scotia Regt for the period 1 Aug 45 - 15 Oct 45 was completed by Maj. H M Eisenbauer - who commanded the Regt during this period - from memory and personal papers along with documents as provided by AHP.</i></p>	