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#### NTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	Aug 4/25		Eight Officers and one hundred and twenty seven OR's arrived at E Lines at Debert Camp on 1736 train from Halifax where they had assembled after returning from 30 days leave. In command of the party was Major M.G. Clennett and the following Officers were included:  Capt G.S. Bauld, Capt. R.F. Beadon, Capt. R.S. Blair, Capt. A McNeil, Major H.V. Davies, Lt. Greeno, Lt. Matheson. Lt. Col. J.H. Gowen had arrived two or three days before, having been placed in command of the West Nova Scotia egiment, Pacific Force. This draft arrived at Debert and were all originals from Draft C.D. 45 which was formed in Holland at Nymagen, some six weeks previously. No. 2 Trans. Camp at Debert is providing a system of Hotel Service during the formatiom of the Battalion. Major Harold Jones from Halifax is Liaison Officer, and his staff consists of several clerks, cooks, etc., and one batman.	
Debert, NS	Aug 5/45		The hotel service provided formall rations and accommodations.  This was a Sunday and therefore no parades were held, although there was a Voluntary church service for both Protestants and Catholics. A party was held in the Mess during the evening for which purpose several Nursing Sisters were recruited from Debert Military Hospital.	
Debert, NS	Aug 6/4	5	Brig. Bernatchez held a conference with the Battalion Commanders and a general policy was laid down. It was decided that priority was to be given for Medical Boards, Dental Inspection and clothing parades, and that training would not be consentrated until an	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information  - 2 -	Remarks, reference to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	6 Aug 45		American Instructor Team arrived from the U.S. In the intermission, sports and general hardening was to be carried out. Softball and Volleyball games were organized, and there was keen competition between the Cape Breton Highlanders and the rest of the Nova Scotia	
			Regiments. Thirteen OR's arrived from No. 6 Dist. Depot.	
Debert, NS	7 Avs		Lt. Col. J.H. Gowen was reposted to Headquarters No. 2 Canadian Infantry Regiment at Shylo, and command of the Battalion was assumed by Major Clennett. He appointed the following Officers as shown: Major Davies-Training Wing Commander, with Capts Blair and Bauld as Company Commanders, and Capt. Beadon was appointed Adjutant. The Transit Camp had assemed that all men would have been medically examined and dentally inspected before arrival, but this was not so, and therefore they were not prepared to accommodate us with the necessary medical and dental staff. Sports were carried out, but the men were becoming apathetic, and A.W.L. was becoming more prevalent, with a total of wwenty five. Thirteen OR's arrived	
Debert, NS	g Aug 45		from No. 6 D.D. and Lt. Matheson and Lt. Greeno were dispatched to Regimental Headquarters for duty as Liaison Officers.  Lieut. Rogers arrived from 6 D.D. having been taken on strength of W.N.S.R. but was immediately transferred to 2nd Battalion Carleton & York Regt., with which he had fought in Germany. There is still no action in regard to medical and dental parades, although it is	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to appendices and initials
Debert,NS	8 Aug 45	4	reported that two medical officers are arriving from No. 6 D.D. tonight. Clothing parades have also not yet been arranged, and all flashes and divisional patches of the Cdn. Army van been seen on parade. In the evening there was a sports and swimming parade at Chebequid Beach, about fifteen miles from Debert Camp. Seven OR's reported from 6 D.D. Ten more	
Debert, NS	9Aug 45		men are arrivating reported A.W.L. and eighteen have received forfeitures of pay for short periods of absence. Weather Fine.  Lt. Col. J.M. Houghton assumed command of the Battalion and Majorm Clennett was appointed Executive Officer, Lieuts. Senior, Byers, Cumming, And Williams arrived at the Unit Assembly Area, as well as 8 other ranks. The first medical board was held this afternoon and about 50 OR's were weeked. The medical officers are raising difficulties in regard	
Debert, NS	10 Au 45	70	to documents which we have not yet received from 2nd Ech, and expect in a few days time.  Twelve OR's were reported A.W.L. and seventeen received punishments for short periods of phence.  Adental parade was held for all personnel. This was just a check to find what was to be done. It is now the duty of the medical Officer to make arrangements to complete the considerable work which has to be done on some individuals. Apart from this parade, sports were held, the usual Volleyball and Softball being most popular. We have now two sports	Long

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	10 Au 45	g	fields available, one of which belongs to the Carleton & York Regt, which presumable they will take over as soon as they get any men. Ten more other ranks were punished for short periods of absence.	
Debert, NS	11 At	50	Fiveother Ranks arrived at Unit Assembly Area from No. 6 D.D. The absentee situation is improving now that dental and medical parades are on the way, and the total now stands at only fifteen. The Liaison Officer from 2nd Ech. visited the Btn and outlined the American system of Morning Reports, in place of the regular casualty return used overseas. This presents several difficulties which had to be expected using the American system of accounting in this country, the other chief difficulty being in liaison with No. 6 D.D. in determining whether personnel are still on leave, absent, or have been granted extension on their leave. The leave policy to date is to grant 1/3 of all personnel thirty-six hours leave over the week-end, which system was put in force as of today.	
Debert, NS	12 A 45	ug	One Corporal reported from No. 6 D.D. Training Wing was disbanded and two separate companie were formed, Major Davies in command of I Coy, with Capt McNeil as his Executive Officer and Capt Blair in command of K Coy, with Capt Bauld as his Executive Officer.	8
Debert, NS	13 A 45	ug	Clothing parades commenced today, at the rate of ten being completed in one hour.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information  — 5	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	13 Au 45	g	It is no exaggeration to say that each man is actually fitted for khaki drill, or battle dress, whichever the case may be. The remainder of the attalion were employed on sports, drill and route marches. Ten other ranks were posted A.W.L. and seven other ranks awarded	
			punishments. A bulletin was heard in the Mess tonight that the war was over, and before the news was contradicted, the Colonel had stood drinks all round.	RA
Debert, NS	14 Av	QD	All during the day rumors have been coming in that the war with Japan is overy and the bar has been opened on several occasions due to these falso alarms. A riot squad has been organized under the command of Lt. Senior with twenty other ranks, who have been standing to all day in order that they may quell and repitition the V-E Day riots at a moments notice. At about 9.00 in the evening word came in that the Liquor store in Truro was threatened. The riot squad was rushed to the scene, and apart from one broken window, damage was prevented. Our squad was the first to arrive on the scene, and forming a semi-circle around the Liquor Store, and taking the scabards off their bayonets caused the crowd to melt quickly away. The one broken window was infortunately caused by one	
			of our own men. In spite of rumors coming in all day, the men were employed as usual on squad drill, obstacle course, training films and organized sports.	RB.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	15 Au	£1	This was V-J Day, and all training was cancelled for the day. In the afternoon there were organized sports and a swim for all personnel at Foley Lake. The Battalion played the American Army at Softball and beat them, the American Army being the cadre of instructors recently arrived from the U.S. Twelve other ranks returned from A.W.L. All personnel except the riot squad which was still on duty, were granted a pass for the evening.	
Debert, NS	16 Au	DO:	Recreational transport, in the form of two 60 cwts. has been available at 1730 hours each evening.  The war is over, and the question of the hour is what will happen to the C.A.P.F. A training syllabus was carried out today, but made difficult by its apparent uselessness in the view of the private soldier. However, the afternoon was occupied by two films at the Canadian Legion Hut, followed by an hour of sports in the Battalion Area. Two other ranks being negroes, were returned to No. 6 D.D. due to the regulations which exist in the United States. There is, of course, as yet no word of any cancellation of formation plans, and the Battalion is continuing to organize and prepare its advance parties, which	1. 1. C.
			are scheduled to leave for Fort Breckenbridge between the 15th and 20th of the month.	1812

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	17 Au	50	Sixteen personnel commenced a course this morning on the American M.I. Rifle. This course is being run by American N.C.O.'s in charge of Capt Stone, U.S. Army. A course on withe 60 and 81 MM mortars commenced today, of duration of four days. Ten other ranks were sent from this Battalion. A large draft, consisting of four Officers and sixty-seven other rank	Park & lister =
		-	arrived from No. 6 D.D. The Officers were Capt Tracy, Lieuts Vaughan, McLean, and Shepard Two companies of first line reinforcements for the Battalion are now in our lines and are under us fortraining and discipline, but on the strength of the Transit Camp for administration, rations and quarters.	RB.
Debert, NS	18 A <sup>U</sup>	68	Clothing and medical and dental parades are continuing and about 75 % of the personnel on our strength have now been completed. Training was completed in the morning, syllabus including platoon administration, weapon training, squad drill, and abstacle course. It being Saturday, there was a half-holiday, and1/3 of all personnel were granted 36 ho ur passes.	RB.
Debert, NS	19 Aug 45		A church parade and thanksgiving service was held for all denominations in our lines. A few personnel were sent from the Royal 22nd Regiment and attended the parade.	Q13.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	19 A	ug	**************** Major Castonguay was interviewed from the Royal 22nd Regiment and appointed	
	45		to command K Coy. Capt Blair remained with the company as his executive officer, and Capt	
			Bauld was appointed Unit Sports Officer. Eighteen other ranks reported to the Unit Assembly	
			Area. Since V/J Day A.W.L. has been increasing and the figure at the present stands at	11.11
			42 pbsent out of a total strength of three hundred.	MAS.
Debert, MS	20 Au	50	Capt J.S. Coulter reported and assumed command of the reinforcement companies. Capt Mullin	Park I God 1
	45		is now attached from No. 2 Trans Camp and was appointed to command No. 2 Reinforcement Coy.	
			The following Officers also reported at the Unit Assembly Area: Lieut. Morgan, Capt Oland,	
			Lt. Taynen, Lt. Tierney, Lt. Mitchell, Lt. Owen, and Lt. Burnett. 28 other ranks also	
			reported back from leave. Nine other ranks were posted A.W.L. and 25 returned from A.W.L.	
			A demonstration by the U.S. team was held at Spencer's Point, about fifteen miles from	
			Debert Camp. This was attended by one hundred of our personnel, and was of a duration of	11.11
			approximately two and one-half hours.	W-1/3
Debert, NS	21 A	g g	Eleven other ranks reported to the Unit Assembly Area, bringing our strength up to a total	Parts Order 143
44-14-16	45		of four hundred. Another demonstration was held by the U.S. team and was attended by one	4.3
			hundred and sixty of our reinforcements.	618
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Debert, N			Clothing, medical, and dental parades are continuing for personnel as they report infrom	
	21 At	ug	No. 6 D.D. F 34710 Sgt. Duffy, W.P. has been appointed Acting R.S.M. but in view of the	
			fact that no promotions can be made, he remains in effect a Sgt. It has also been found	
			necessary to form a Regimental Police, consisting of one Sergeant and eight other ranks,	1 1
			all of whom have been promoted to Acting L/Corporal withoutppay.	14.45.
Debert,		Aug	Another demonstration was held by the U.S. team and was attended by the remainder of the	Inaining Syllabor
	45		reinforcements. Six other ranks reported to the Unit Assembly Area; five other ranks	Ant 2 bad 1
			were awarded punishments for absence. Seven other ranks ranks have now been absent for	
			over eight days. I Coy, which consists, of personnel most recently arrived at the Unit	
			Assembly Area, had medical and dental parades in the morning, whereas K Coy continued	
			with training. In the afternoon all personnel were employed on sports including inter-	
			battalion Softball and Volleyball games. A awimming parade at Folley Lake had been	
			organized but due to lack of transportation this was cancelled. A Message was received	
			postponing the movement of all advance parties to Bort Breckenbridge, but apart from that	
	}		no information is awailable on the disposal of the C.A.P.F. The Battalion is continuing	1/10
7			to organize.	1419.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information  — 10 —	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	23 Au	60	Another 60 mmand 81 mm Mort r Course commenced today with both "I" and "K" Coys. supplying 2 Officers and 16 OR's This course is also of duration. An MI Rifle course, four days duration, began today, "I" and "K" Coy, supplying 4 & 5 OR's respectively. The "egimental Commander held a conference with Battalion Commanders and their Adjutants and it was decided that medical boards would cease and that all steel helmets would be withdrawn in bulk All reinforcements with American Rifles would turn them in so that they could be issued to posted personnel for whom there were not sufficient. 19 OR's reported to Unit Assembly Area. Capt "sinville RCA was attached for duty as of the 4th of August and Lt. J. McDonald, P.M. was attached as of 7 aug 45. Lt. Copp of the Dattalion S 4 reported for duty. A medical Officer and 50 OR's were attached from regiments and a M.I.R. is being set up in our own lines so that the previous practice of using the Carleton & York M.I.R.	
Debert, NS	24 Au	<b>6</b> 0	can be discontinued.  A message was received to the effect that wall promotions were frozen as of the 15th Aug	JVB Port & Order No. 8
	45		7 OR's reported to Unit Assembly Area. The A.W.L. epidemic shows no sign s of fading, and	6.22.5
			today 7 OR's were admitted to detention with ounishments varying from 14 to 28 days Detenti	on

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	24 Au	5	A conference was held by the Regimental Sports Officer, and it was deceided that sports	
			hours and sports days could be staggered, which would eliminate the difficulties due to	
			lack of sports fields, which was becoming acute now that the Royal 22nd Regt. and the	1
			Varleton and York Regiments were accumulating more personnel.	6.
Debert, NE	25 At	ıg	Tr ining was carried on as usual in the morning, including one dental parade for all newly	Sports Knewhan
1-	70		arrived personnel, and as per policy, 1/3 of personnel were granted a 36 hour pass. A great	4
			many personnel had been requesting compassionate leave in order to complete haying, and	
			leave policy is now been changed so that a man may get a 36 hour and a 48 hour pass per	
			month, which he may accumulate to 32 days per month. For those not on pass sports were	
			arranged in the afternoon, and a Softball game was played between I Coy and K Coy, and	
			Volleyball between No. 1 Reinforcement and No. 2 reinforcements. Due to rain the sports	110
			programme had to be cancelled.	170.
Debert, NS	26 At	g	Voluntary church parades were held for the R.C.'s at 1000 and for the Protestants at 1100	
			hours. In the afternoon a sports programme was laid on, and transport was available to	
			enable personnel to go to Foley Lake for swimming. Recreational transport, in the form	
			of two 60 cwts. has been available at 1730 hrs. each evening for the last two weeks to	111
			take personnel to Truro, returning at 1130 hrs. Weather cloudy.	13.

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Debert,NS	27 Aug 45	S	Major astonguay has been attached to regimental Headquarters for duty as 8 3 and Capt	Training Syllabor
			Blair has taken over K Coy. A message was received to the effect that all movement of posted personnel will discontinue from district depots to Unit Assembly Areas, but in	Paily to any
			spite of this, personnel are dribbling in two and threes. The percentage of A.W.L. is	+ Park I Onologo
			still high, in spite of six more OR's being awarded Detention. The figure now stands at	
			35 against a strength of $^{1}$ 12. The Regimental Commander held a conference of $^{8}$ attalion	
			Commanders and Adjutants to discuss tha taking on strength of all reinforcements in our	-
			lines. It was decided to transfer only those personnel for whom the bodies could be	
ıχ			produced, leaving the Transit Camp to deal with absentees, which would be taken on	
	) a .		strength only after their return and disciplinary action had been taken. The date for the	extranta
		3	transfer was a ecided to be the first of Sept, 1945 in view of pay complications,	1216.
Debert, NS	28 A	,g	A dental parade was held today and now all personnel on strength have been checked by	Part I Order Mr.
	70		the dental Officer. The "egimental Commanders held a conference with all Battalion	-
		i	Commanders and Adjutants, at which Col. Dunn, O.C. 2nd Ech was present. He stated that future	
		1	the garkung of the C.A.P.F. had not yet been decided and was been held in abeyance due	1
			to political negotiations with the U.S.	W.B.

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Place	Date I	Summary of Events and Information  - /3 -	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	25 A,,g	The great need for N.C.O.'s was stressed by all Battalion Commanders, and a survey of unit in Canada was suggested, and advice will be forthcoming as to the number of N.C.O.'s at present on leave who may be expected shortly to report to Unit Assembly Areas. Various suggestions were discussed such as compassionate leave, discharge due to age or intention to complete education, confirmation of rank, promotions, or trades pay, but due to the	5
Debert, NS	29 Aug 45	9 OR's released from Detention. 5 OR's reported to Unit Assembly Area.	Port & Onder maining 54 Claber
Debert, NS	30 Aug 45	Both the radio and the morning papers have announced that the C.A.P.F. is to be disbanded although nothing has been heard of this decision through official army channels. 9  Officers and 76 OR's arrived late last night from 6 D.D. The Officers were Major McAdam MACKIE & KIRK R.F. Allen, Lt. T.L. Allen, Lt. Campbell, Lt. Vickery, and Lt. McLean. The Officers were allotted to various Coys. A draft also arrived late this afternoon composed of 53 OR's, being divided between "K" C y and No. 1 ein. C y. A great	Part I Order No. Part I Order No. Raily Braining Syllabor.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information  — / #-	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Debert, NS	30 · 45	Aug	deal of difficulty is being experienced in getting sufficient notice of the arrival of drafts but this is being surmounted by direct liasion with the District Depot. On his arrival Major McAdam was appointed to command No. 2 ein. Coy. Capt MacGillivary was appointed a one man board to look after all applications for compassionate leave and discharge which was becoming a full time job for the Coys Cmdrs. The Regt Cmdr. now has the power to grant 30 days leave without pay so action will be speeded up considerably. A Muster Parade was held at 1600 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group in which the details	
ebert,NS	31 A 45	ug	of yesterdays conference were passed on. All personnel who wish to return to college on discharge have been advided to register at their appropriate colleges, which, it is understood, will faciliate discharge when the authority comes through.  All Reinforcements previously carried on the strength of No. 2 Transit Camp, but under this Regg for training and discipline were turned over to us to-day, a total of 297 OR's.  The two Reinforcement Coys. have been renamed L & M Coys.  S.M. Houghton (LT.COL)  W.N.S.R. 3 Bn., 3 G.I.R.	B. Part & Drober No. Daily Training As. Syllabor.