

1/5th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary August 1943.

AUGUST 1943.

Area HOMS.

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- 1st Aug. N.T.R.
- 2nd Aug. N.T.R.
- 3rd Aug. N.T.R.
- 4th Aug. Bn. practised Embarkation & Disembarkation from a Landing Ship Infantry in HOMS harbour.
- 5th Aug. 2 Officers joined Bn., Lt. COX (Bufs) & 2/Lt. DICKSON (Bufs).
- 6th Aug. N.T.R.
- 7th Aug. Training Programme.  
The following promotions & Appointments came into effect:-  
Maj. COWEN to be 2<sup>nd</sup> I/C of the Bn.  
Capt. BORRETT to be promoted Major and to be O.C. HQ Coy. Capt. GRANT MC to be Adjutant,  
Lt. HENDERSON to be promoted Captain and to be 2<sup>nd</sup> I/C/ "D" Coy, Lt. BARTON to be 2<sup>nd</sup> I/C  
"B" Coy, Lt. WATSON to be I.O., Lt. SINGLETON to be Battle Patrol Comdr.
- 8th Aug. Maj. Gen. ERSKINE DSO 7<sup>th</sup> Armd. Div. Comdr. attended a demonstration of the Projector  
Infantry A/Tk P.I.A.T.) carried out by the A/Tk Pln.
- 9th Aug. Bn. Route March. J. 6
- 10th Aug. Lt. Gen. HORROCKS DSO, 10 Corps Comdr. interviewed the C.O.
- 12th Aug. N.T.R.
- 13th Aug. Training Programme. J. 7
- 14th Aug. N.T.R.
- 15th Aug. Dryshod Exercise Tortoise. J. 8-12
- 16th Aug. 3 O.R's joined Bn. J. 13-14  
Officers Day – A Bn. Signals Exercise for Skeleton H.Qrs.  
Discussion on Mountain Warfare
- 17th Aug. Sand Table TEWT on Movement of Forward Body. J. 15
- 18th Aug. N.T.R.
- 19th Aug. "Forward Body" Demonstration carried out by 1 R.T.R. & a Coy of 1/7th Queen's R.R. and other  
Arms.  
Bridge Building Demonstration by R.E.
- 20th Aug. Exercise on Forming a Firm Base from Movement as a Forward Body – Training Programme.  
J. 16- 17

- 21st Aug. 2 Officers joined Bn. The Battle Patrol and A.A. Pln. were amalgamated to form a new No. 2 Pln.  
– AA & GD,
- 22nd Aug. N.T.R.
- 23rd Aug. Officers Day & Discussion on Training. J. 18
- 24th Aug. Joint Demonstration with 5 R.T.R. An experiment was carried out with regard to infantry riding on Tanks and it was found a Pln. could ride on a Troop of Tanks (3). The officer and Sgts. Were then allowed to inspect the Sherman Tanks and this was followed by an Infantry Demonstration of Elementary Coy Tactics.
- 25th Aug. N.T.R.
- 26th Aug. N.T.R.

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- 27th Aug. Bn. moved by M.T. to new area.
- 28th Aug. N.T.R.
- 29 Aug. N.T.R.
- 30 Aug. N.T.R.
- 31 Aug. N.T.R.

Lt. Col. M Elrington,  
Comdg.  
1/5<sup>th</sup>  
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Officer serving in the Battalion 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1943.

Lt. Col.	M. Elrington DSO OBE	Border Regt.			
Maj.	R. F. H. Cowen	" "			
Capt.	A. C. J. Borrett	" "			
Capt.	T. E. M. Adams	" "			
Capt.	M. A. Johnson	R. Norfolk			
Capt.	E. F. Winser	R. Fusilier			
Capt.	V. G. Tweedie	Queen's			
Capt.	S. G. Dear	" "	Lieut.	C.H. Harding	Dorsetshire
Capt.	P. N. P. Plunkett	" "	Lieut.	E.W. Franklin	Wiltshire
Lieut.	H. Sanctuary	D. of W.	Lieut.	R. K. McEwan	Queen's
Lieut.	D. A. Grant	Queen's,	Lieut.	S. E. Ingarfield	" "
Lieut.	P.Z. Henderson	" "	Lieut.	J. Singleton	N. Staffs
Lieut.	D. B. Barton	" "	Lieut.	F. W. Howell	S.L.I.
Lieut.	G. A. Campbell	D. of W.	2/Lieut.	G. F. A. Cole	Queen's
Lieut.	R. J. C. Marshall	Devon's	2/Lieut.	J. Dawson	" "
Lieut.	T. I. D. Heathcote	Queen's	Lieut.	J. H. Allwood (Q.M.)	" "
Lieut.	D. A. V. Lavers	" "	Lieut.	P. Henderson"	" "
Lieut.	E. F. Jarman	" "			
Lieut.	D. W. Watson	S. Staffs	Capt.	M.J. Riddell	R.A.M.C.
Lieut.	E.W. Sarginson	Beds & Herts	Rev. V. C. Castle		R.A.CH.D.