

1/5th Bn. The Queens Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary December 1943

DECEMBER 1943.

Area N 361288.

- 1st Dec. N.T.R.
- 2nd Dec. Message from Lt. General MARK CLARK GOC 5th Army U.S. expressing to all ranks his appreciation of their activities during the campaign in Italy from Salerno to the GARIGLIANO.
- 3rd Dec. Exercise Circus. At 1215 hrs. Bn. marched to CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA and embarked on L.S.A's or direct to L.S.I's. exercise carried out on board.
- 4th Dec. By 1400 hrs. Bn. had disembarked at CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA from there marched back to VICO EQUENSE.
- 5th Dec. N.T.R.
- 6th Dec. Officers' day.
- 7th Dec. N.T.R.
- 8th Dec. N.T.R.
- 9th Dec. N.T.R.
- 10th Dec. N.T.R.
- 11th Dec. Exercise Circus.
At 0700 hrs Bn. marched to cast CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA and embarked on L.S.I. and L.C.I.
At 1000 hrs sailed in convoy out of Bay of NAPLES into Bay of SALERNO at 22 30 hrs. landed at N 633305 between VIETRI and SALERNO.
- 12th Dec. Bn. marched to concentration area N. of CAVA de TIRRENI billeting in east of route 8 about 35 Northing with Bn. HQ at an. 595348.
At 1930 hrs. Bn. returned by transport to via VICO EQUENSE, POMPEII and CASTELLAMMARE STABIA.
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- 13th Dec. N.T.R.
- 14th Dec. N.T.R.
- 15th Dec. N.T.R.
- 16th Dec. N.T.R.
- 17th Dec. Area N 245574.
At 0645 hrs. Bn. marched to CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA station N. 408333.
At 0900 hrs. Bn. entrained and proceeded to railhead CASORIA station N. 250562 from there marching to transit camp N. 245574.
- 18th Dec. N.T.R.
- 19th Dec. N.T.R.
- 20th Dec. Area at sea. E. At 0315 hrs. Bn. marched to NAPLES harbour via X roads N. 230582 arriving at 0600 hrs. approximate and immediately embarking by Coys on M.V. BOISSEVAIN.
- 21st Dec. Area, at sea in convoy.

22nd Dec. At sea in convoy.
23rd Dec. At midday arrived at ORAN harbour.
24th Dec. At ORAN harbour.
25th Dec. At ORAN.
26 Dec. At ORAN.

27th Dec. At first light convoy left ORAN.

28th to 31st of Dec. At sea in convoy.

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