

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

NOVEMBER 1943.

- Area M 907788.
- 1st Nov. At first light b, C & D Coys began attack on TORRE di CICOLA M 8882 and FRANGI 878820 with axis of advance along road 915800,
By 0730 hrs. with arty support all Coys despite some enemy M.M.G fire were nearing objectives.
By 0930 hrs. strong opposition caused withdrawal of all of B & C Coys to road below 903806 to reorganise. D Coy had lost w/t contact.
At 1415 hrs. B & C Coys resumed advance from 908806.
By 1630 hrs. all Coys where approx. 2-300 yards from objectives pinned down by heavy Mortar and M.M.G. fire but they subsequently worked their way forward and all had achieved their objectives before dark.
At 1930 hrs. relief of D Coy by 1/6th Queen's commenced and eventually all Coys were relieved on their objectives, this being completed at approximately 2300 hrs.
Casualties, 5 killed, (1 Offr. Capt. S.G. DEAR) and 14 O.R's wounded.
1 P.O.W. from 115 P.G.R. of 15 P.G. Div. taken by C Coy.
- 2nd Nov. Area 912802
Lt. Col. ELRINGTON D.S.O. resumes command of Bn.
Battle Patrol with Carriers relieved unit of 1/7th Queen's at FALCIANO 955842.
- 3rd Nov. N.T.R.
- 4th Nov. N.T.R.
- 5th Nov. Bn. addressed by C.O. who read message from G.O.C. 7th Armd. Stating Div's transference to Imperial Strategic Reserve.
- 6th Nov. Brig. L.G. WHISTLER addressed meeting of Offrs. And N.C.O's of Bn.
- 7th Nov. Area M 956850.
At 0800 hrs. Bn. moved to FALCIANO 956850, 29 Reinforcements posted to Bn.
- 8th Nov. N.T.R.
- 9th Nov. N.T.R.
- 10th Nov. N.T.R.
- 11th Nov. N.T.R.
- 12th Nov. N.T.R.
- 13th Nov. N.T.R.
- 14th Nov. 7th A.D. withdrawn from Operational role.
- 15th Nov. Capts. M.A.B. JOHNSON and R. ELLIOTT appointed a/Majors.
Lts. R.I.C. MARSHALL and D.A.V. LAVERS appointed a/Capt.
Equipment and transport was handed over to Perth Regt. of Cdn. Armd. Div.
- 16th Nov. Area N 361288
From 0715 hrs. Bn. moved via CAPUA, AVERSA, CASTELLAMMARE di STABIA to VICO EQUENSE.
(Movement Order no. 3).
- 17th Nov. N.T.R.
- 18th Nov. At 1015 hrs. in AVERSA an address on Training by G.O.C. 10 Corps to all Officers of the Bn.

19th Nov. N.T.R.
20th Nov. N.T.R.
21st Nov. N.T.R.

22nd Nov. Officers Day.
Capt. CAMPBELL appointed 2 I/C of C Coy. Capt. D LAVERS reverts to Lt.

23rd Nov. N.T.R.

24th Nov. Juniors N.C.O's Cadre Course continuing till Dec. 4th started.

25th Nov. N.T.R.

26th Nov. Area 361288.
4 days Mine clearing training started.

27th Nov. N.T.R.
28th Nov. N.T.R.
29th Nov. Officers Day.
30th Nov. Talks and discussions to parties of Bn. by A.E.C. representative.

Lt. Col. M. Elrington, DSO.
Commanding,
1/5th Bn. Queen's Royal Regiment.

30/11/1943.