

1/5th Bn. The Queens Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary April 1944.

APRIL 1944

- 1st April Saturday. Ex. "Shudder" (Ref. Maps She. 56, 57, 65, 66, 75, 76).
S.L. crossed at 1630 hrs.
ENSA Concert at 1930 hrs. in Town Hall cancelled. (IV 44 Nos, 1, 2 & 3).
- 2nd April. Sunday. Ex. "Shudder" Cont.
- 3rd April. Monday. Ex. "Shudder" cont. & concluded (by 1315 hrs.).
Bn. Returned to HUNSTANTON by 1730 hrs.
- 4th April. Tuesday. A free day for personnel who took part in Ex. "Shudder".
- 5th April. Wednesday. Gen. Sir I.L.B. VESEY KCB, KBE, CMG, DSO. Col. Of the Regt. Visited the Bn. (1145 hrs. A & D Coys, 1200 hrs. B & C, 1215 hrs. H Coy, 1230 hrs. all Offs.).
Demonstration of Flame Thrower carried on Carriers.
1430 hrs. – A discussion on Ex. "Shiver" & "Shudder" for all Offs. & NCO's down to Pln. Sgt's.
Bn. Football !! played BIRCHAM R.A.F. (won 6-1).
Gramophone Recital at 2000 hrs. in Information Room (Dance Music Past & Present).
Mentioned in Dispatches (Vice LOND GAZETTE 11.1.44) Ptes. GILLAM, FROST (MM), WEST, WILLEY & WOODROW.
- 6th April. Thursday. At 0900 hrs. Conference of all Offs. & Pln. Comdrs. Who took part in Ex. "Shiver & Shudder".
At 1445 hrs. RSM's Parade.
- 7th April. Friday. Good Friday Services (2000 hrs. in St Edwards Church 2115 hrs. "Radio Play – "The Man Born to be King" in Glebe Hotel).
- 8th April. Saturday. Football 11 versus Docking R.A. Fd. Lost 2-1. played at home.
Field Security lectures, 0930 hrs. "B" Coy 1100 hrs "A" Coy by Friday 8th Sergeant cartoon Comdrs conference at 0900 hrs at in Glebe hotel.
Ensure concert at 1930 hrs in town hall Hun Stanton.
- 9th April. Sunday. Observed as a holiday throughout the Bn.
Easter Sunday Services, 0800 hrs Holy Communion, 1145 hrs. Service 1215 Holy Communion.
2130 hrs. Radio play The Man Born to Be King.
- 10th April. Monday. Lt. D.A.V. LAVERS promoted A/Capt. WEF 18th March 1944.
Stretcher Bearers course starts at R.A.P. 1 per Pln. to attend.
All leave cancelled except compassionately and within 20 miles of HUNSTANTON. Div. Training also discontinued.
Capt. R.C.S. MCLEAN, Capt. E.W. HALL, Lt. F.W. WHITEHOUSE joined Bn and posted to "D" "C" and "B" Coys respectively, from Canadian Inf. Corps.
- 11th April. Tuesday. Easter dance with Bn. Band at Kit Kat club. 1930 - 2330 hrs.
Gramophone recital at 2000 hrs in the information room.
With effect from today postal regulations amended.
Maj. F.E.M. ADAMS, Mentioned in Despatches.

Field Security Lectures, 1730 hrs H Coy.

- 12th April. Wednesday. M.T. imposition of transport holidays to be discontinued in future.
- 13th April. Thursday. Lt. W.T. BROOKE is appointed Bn Gas Training Officer.
16 reinforcements received and posted to Coys. "A"- 3, "B"- 3, "C" 7, "D"- 3.
- 14th April. Friday. Rifle firing at SWAFFHAM ranges "H" Coy.
- 15th April. Saturday. At 1900 hrs ENSA concert in the Town Hall "Taming of the Shrew".
Rifle firing at Swaffham ranges "H" Coy.
Field Security lectures, at 1000 hrs to "D" Coy at 1100 hrs to "C" Coy.
Respirators tested in gas chamber, Austin Rd. 1050 - 1200 hrs.
At 1400 hrs "D" Coy. A patrol Competition At 161626.
- 16th April. Sunday. A/Tks firing on HOLME range. At 0800 hrs.
59 reinforcements received and posted to Coys. "A"-15, "B" 14, "C"-powerful 15, "D"- 15. "D" Coy.
Exercise Pln. in attack.
- 17th April. Monday. At 1000-1100 hrs adjutants parade.
At 0900 hrs, Pln. Comdrs. Conference.
1 Dress per man handed in exchange for one gas proofed Battle Dress. (B D A V)
Capt. Q.M. PACKER F.D. appointed on regrading of Lt. Q.M. ALLWOOD F.
- 18th April. Tuesday. Maj. B.E.L. BURTON appointed 2i/c of the Bn.
Lt. MCKEWAN posted to "A" Coy.
Mortar Pln. and Bty. Shoot from 149169 to 158628.
"C" and "D" Coys, Coy schemes.
- 19th April. Wednesday. At 1145 hrs. C.O's Parade.
Song recital at 2015 hrs in Information Room, Glebe Hotel by Lt. BROOKMAN and Pte. GOODMAN
accompanied by Pte. DICKINSON (A.D. Corps).
- 20th April. Thursday. TE.W.T. for all officers taking part in exercise "Pansy" at 0900 hrs.
- 21st April. Friday. Exercise Pansy, Ref maps 1" to one mile sheet 56, 57, 65, 66.
Start Line crossed at 1805 hrs.
Bn arrived at concentration area 1850 hrs.
- 22nd April. Saturday. Exercise "Pansy" concluded.
Bn returned to HUNSTANTON by 1300 hrs.
ENSA Concert (Lew Stones band) at the town hall at 1800 hrs to 2030 hrs.
- 23rd April. Sunday. At 1000 hrs in Town Hall a church parade of the Bn for National Day of Prayer (St. Georges day).
At 1100 hrs conference at Bn HQ on subjects of "Loading" and "Q" details for all Pln. Comdrs, Q.M. and M.O.
- 24th April. Monday. Bn Route March 0830 - 1245 hrs. Route to RINGSTEAD X roads 195593 HEACHAM along coast road back.
At 1000 hrs TEWT, River Crossing at 265343, for all officers.

- 25th April. Tuesday. At 1000 hrs "A" and "B" Coy boating at NARFORD.
At 0900 hrs Pln. Comdrs Conference in Information Room.
- 26th April. Wednesday. At 1000 hrs "C" and "D" Coys boating at NARFORD.
At 2000 hrs in Information Room, Glebe hotel, gramophone recital by A.E.C. CSM GRAY.
- 27th April. Thursday. 1st Line reinforcements, - Coy HQ of "X" Coy formed O.C. Capt. D BARTON, CSM EDGE,
C/Sgt. W. CLUDERAY.
At 1030 hrs C.O.'s conference for all Pln. Comdrs on exercise Tulip.
Exercise Tulip ref maps she's 56, 57, 65, 66.
Start line crossed at 1800 hrs.
- 28th April. Friday. Exercise Tulip concluded. Bn returned by 0730 hrs.
At 1430 hrs conference on exercise Pansy and Tulip for all Offs, WO's and Sgts. in the Glebe Hotel.
- 29th April. Saturday. From 1000 hrs inspection by C.O. of all loaded vehicles.
At 1830 hrs Bn 11 played HEACHAM Home Guard in final of Firmory Cup, won 7-0
At 1930 hrs ENSA concert at Town Hall, HUNSTANTON.
- 30th April. Sunday. At 1200 hrs inspection and address by Major Gen. ERSKINE GOC 7th Armd. Div. on the
recreation ground in association 1/7th Queen's and 58 Coy RASC.
At 1430 hrs a detachment from the Bn took part in a parade of the local C.D. Forces held during the
salute the "Soldiers Week" and were addressed by Gen. ANDERSON GOC E.C.O. after a short service
on the recreation ground at Narford, a Bn Boating competition won by "D" Coy also Kapok Bridge
building exercise.

Lt. Col. H. Wood,
Comdg.
1/5th Bn. The Queen's R.R.

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