

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

May 1944

- 1st May. Monday. Inspection by C.O. of all vehicles fully loaded.
- 2nd May. Tuesday. Full kit inspection for "X" Coy by Capt. D Barton.
- 3rd May. Wednesday. Bde Comdrs. inspection of all loaded vehicles and marching troops.
Gramophone recital at 2000 hrs in Information room Glebe hotel.
- 4th May. Thursday. C.O's Congrats to Capt. D.A.V. LAVERS "Mentioned in Dispatches" 6 4 1944.
At 1800 hrs in Drill Hall, DERSINGHAM a lecture by civil affairs on the problem of Europe's civilian population to rep. Officers and O.R's of Bn.
- 5th May. Friday. At 0900 hrs. a conference for all officers on map ref. code.
C.O's Congrats to C/Sgt. KING, L/Cpl. F SHEPHERD, L/Cpl. SONOER and Pte G. CAMPBELL -
Mentioned in Dispatches 6/4/44.
Maj. A.C.J. BORRETT appointed OC C Coy and Capt. D.A. GRANT MC appointed OC "H" Coy w.e.f.
6/5/44.
- 6th May. Saturday. 1st Line reinforcements leave Bn.
Bn. football 11 versus long Sutton H.G. at Long Sutton won 5-2.
- 7th May. Sunday. Advance party for 1st Flight leaves HUNSTANTON at 0730 hrs. for THORNDON PARK CAMP,
BRENTWOOD. (Bn. HQ at M 055104- Sh 107).
- 8th May. Monday. Main advance party leaves HUNSTANTON for West Ham Stadiums, camp T 4 - C.O. Maj. B.
BURTON.
- 9th May. Tuesday. 1st Flight leaves HUNSTANTON for THORNDON PARK CAMP S 5.
Marching troops by train, arrived approximate 1230 hrs.
Transport via KINGS LYNN, THETFORD, BURY, SUDBURY, BRAINTREE AND CHELMSFORD, arrived
approx. 1630 hrs.
- 10th May. Wednesday. 2nd and 3rd Flights leave HUNSTANTON for DIDLINGTON, NORFOLK, G 2415.
At 1030 short address by C.O. to all Bn's.
- 11th May. Thursday. Waterproofing of vehicles commenced stage A.
Day passes to LONDON 1400 hrs to 2400 hrs for percentage Officers using trucks to ALDGATE E.
- 12th May. Friday. Blank.
- 13th May. Saturday. Blank.
- 14th May. Sunday. Blank.
- 15th May. Monday. Blank.
- 16th May. Tuesday. 36 hr. passes to LONDON started.
- 17th May. Wednesday. Blank.
- 18th May. Thursday. 36 hr passes cancelled day passes continue.

- 19th May. At 1000 hrs C.O's conference for all officers.
Completion of waterproofing (stage A).
- 20th May. Saturday. Visit to camp 5 S by G.O.C. 7th Armd. Div.
- 21st May. Sunday. Blank.
- 22nd May. Monday. Blank.
- 23rd May. Tuesday. Brig. ERSKINE addresses all N.C.O's.
- 24th May. Wednesday. N.T.R.
- 25th May. Thursday. Camp sealed as from 2400 hrs.
- 26th May. Friday. Advanced party leaves camp T 4 (West Ham Stadium) to proceed to camp T 5 near Albert docks TILBURY from here the party split into several remnants and proceeded overseas by various ships and at varying times.
- 27th May. Saturday. N.T.R.
- 28th May. Sunday. Address by C.O. all Bn's to pass on to troops a precis of five points made by Gen. Sir B.L. MONTGOMERY at a conference he had attended.
- 29th May. M.T. proceeded to TILBURY DOCKS via UPMINSTER where they harboured for the night on Southend by-pass.
- 30th May. Tuesday. All officers attend a talk by Bde Comdr. 131 Brigade on "Security", Camp Sports held. M.T. arrive at docks in evening and finished last stage of waterproofing.
- 31st May. Wednesday. Boxing tournament held during afternoon.
Tpt. Loaded onto liberty ship MT24 ("George Wythe") M.T. personnel returned to camp save skeleton body.

Lieutenant Colonel H. Wood.
Comdg.
1/5th Bn. The Queen's R.R.

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