

1/6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary July 1943

JULY 1943.

Area M. 545365.

- 1st July. Weather fine and warm.
Bn. went by Coys to HOMS to see film "Desert Victory", one party going in morning reminder in afternoon. Preparations for Bn. rifle meeting were completed.
- 2nd July. Weather Fine & warm.
Rifle meeting began at 0800 hrs. money prizes were awarded for best shooting in various competitions. A/Tk Pln. gave a firing demonstration and amusement park was provided. Refreshments could also be obtained.
- 3rd July. Weather fine and very warm.
Rifle meeting continued. Individual championship and team competition well concluded. Lt. WARREN won championship. Brig. WHISTLER DSO and Maj. Gen. ERSKINE DSO visited the range in the afternoon. There was a sing song attended by all ranks in the evening.
- 4th July. Weather fine and warm.
Church parade held in Bn. area. Movement order for practise move issue.
- 5th July. Weather Fine and warm.
Bn. held practise move by M.T. The M.T. returned to Bn. area at 1100 hrs. Training continued as per programme. Leave party left for TRIPOLI.
- 6th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued as per programme.
- 7th July. Weather Fine & warm.
Training was continued. 11 O.R's were warned to be ready to return to UK.
- 8th July. Weather Fine & warm.
Training as per programme. Party for repatriation left Bn. area at 0845 hrs.
- 9th July. Weather Fine & warm
Training continued as per programme.
- 10th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued as per programme. Bn. personnel Learned SICILY had been invaded. Intelligence and signals courses at Bde. were concluded. Boxing tournament held in the Bn. area against 1/7th Queen's boxing team. Brigadier WHISTLER attended.
- 11th July. Weather Fine & warm.
2/IC Maj. FORESTER MC spoke to Bn. on battle in SICILY our possible role and training we would undergo whilst awaiting orders.
- 12th July. Weather Fine & warm.
Coy training carried on. A Bn. exercise held in morning, Mortars, Carriers & A/Tk guns used to lay down anti-tank screen.
- 13th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued as per programme. Coys took advantage of training area to train for mountain warfare.

- 14th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued as on previous day. C.O. Lt. Col. R.N. THICKNESSE DSO returned to unit and resumed command of Bn..
- 15th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued. Battle Patrol was reformed and specialist Pln's brought up to strength.
- 16th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued as per programme C.O. Lt. Col. R.N. THICKNESSE DSO took over command of Bde. in Brig. L.G. WHISTLER'S DSO's absence.
- 17th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued Bde's boxing match cancelled owing to R.A's inability to produce a team.
- 18th July. Weather fine and warm.
Church parade (C. of E.) held in Bn. area, otherwise nothing to report.
- 19th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued as per programme. Coys took advantage of training area to train for Mountain warfare.
- 20th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued. Officers held discussion on Mule transport and inspected various methods of packing stores on mules. A leave party left for the day for TRIPOLI.
- 21st July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued full use being made of training area. "D" Coy went on a 48 hr. training operation.
- 22nd July. Weather fine and warm.
Training as per programme. Perspective candidates for S.A.S.C. interviewed at HOMS.
- 23rd July. Weather fine and warm.
Training continued as usual "D" Coy returned from training Op. Orders received successful candidates for S.A.S.C. were to report too 155 Transit Camp on 24th.
- 24th July. Weather fine and warm.
Training as per programme. In the evening Bde. boxing team won boxing match beating the 5th R.H.A.
- 25th July. Weather fine and warm.
Church Parade (C. of E.) was held in Bn. area. C.O. Lt. Col. R.N. THICKNESSE DSO held inspection of lines at 10:30 hrs.
- 26th July. Weather fine and warm, high wind.
Training continued as per programme.
- 27th July. Weather fine and warm, high wind.
Training continued as per programme. In the afternoon 1700 hrs. the C.O. Lt. Col. R.N. THICKNESSE DSO spoke to the Bn. He told them ?

Rest of month missing.