

1/6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary December 1944

DECEMBER 1944.

- 1st Dec. Area 615763.
The Bn. paraded and was addressed by the G.O.C. 7 Armd Div.
- 2nd Dec. During the day 7 Officers and 59 O.R's were transferred to 1/5th Queen's and 27 O.R's to 2 Devon's.
- 3rd Dec. 1100. Hrs. The Bn. commenced to leave the area, the Order of March being Bn. HQ, "A", "B", "C", "D" and HQ Coys. Having by-passed BREE, the Bn. followed 240 Down Route via PEER, DIEST and LOUVAIN.
1600 hrs. The Bn. leaguered for the night in WINXELE 8259 and Bn. HQ was established at 824597.
- 4th Dec. 0845 hrs. The Bn. commenced to leave its leaguer area in the same Order of March as on the previous day. The Bn. passed through BRUSSELS, ALOST 4066, AUDENARDE 0958, COURTRAI 8557 and MENIN 7554.
1600 hrs. the Bn. arrived in YPRES 4961 and settled into the billets that had been arranged by the Bn. Advance Party.
- 5th Dec. The Bn. handed over its Coy & Pln. Stores.
- 6th Dec. During the day the Bn's M.T. with the exception of a few vehicles was handed over.
- 7th Dec. During the day 3 Offs. & 251 O.R's were drafted away from the Bn. also the Bns. Advance Party left for the UK.
- 8th Dec. A further 4 Offs. & 22 O.R's comprising part of the Bn's Training Cadre left for the UK.
- 9th Dec. 13 Offs. & 224 O.R's were drafted away from the Bn. during the day.
- 10th Dec. 1 Officer & 70 O.R's left the Bn. during the day on draft.
- 11/12 Dec. The remainder of the Bn. carried on with preparations for the rtn. To the UK.
- 13th Dec. 30 O.R's were drafted away from the Bn. under the "Python" scheme.
- 14th Dec. 0730 hrs. Bn. left YPRES by train for OSTEND where the Bn. proceeded to 60 Transit Camo to await embarkation.
1430 hrs. The Bn. embarked on T.S.S. Canterbury which left OSTEND at 1530 hrs.
2230 hrs. The Bn. disembarked at FOLKSTONE and proceeded to a Transit Camp for the night.
- 15th Dec. 1030 hrs. The Bn. left FOLKSTONE by train.
2200 hrs. The Bn. de-trained at HELMSLEY YORKSHIRE and proceeded to a Transit Camp DUNSCOMBE PARK.
- 16/19th. Area 073027.
The Bn. began preparing the Transit Camp for the arrival of the trainees and M.T. drivers were sent to GLASGOW to collect transport.

20th Dec. The 4 Offs. & 22 O.R's of the instructional Staff who had proceeded the Bn. to the UK returned from leave. The remainder of the Bn. with the exception of a few of the administrative staff then went on leave.

30th Dec. The majority of the Bn's staff i.e. those who went on leave on 20th Dec. returned. from leave.

Lt. Col. J.H. Mason DSO.

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