

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

JANUARY 1944

- 1st Jan. Area, At Sea. Weather fine.
0600 hrs. Rev.
2000 hrs. Bn. presented second performance of their Concert Party Show.
- 2nd Jan. Area, At Sea. Weather, Rainy, cold.
2000 hrs. Bn. presented third performance of their Concert.
Ship routine as usual.
- 3rd Jan. Area at Sea. Weather, raining, cold
0600 hrs. Rev. Bn. presented 3rd performance of their concert.
Ship routine as usual.
- 4th Jan. Area ,at Sea, Weather cold.
0600 hrs. Rev. Anchored in CLYDE.
0945 hrs. handed in lifejacket.
- 5th Jan. Area, At Sea, CLYDE.
1200 hrs. Bn. proceeded to disembark. This was done in 2 parties.
1450 hrs. First party left from GREENOCK on train.
1650 hrs. Second party left from GREENOCK on train.
- 6th Jan. Area, On Train. Weather cold & dry.
0405 hrs. First party arrived KINGS LYNN.
0545 Second party arrived KINGS LYNN. 076585.
The advance party met the Bn. at KINGS LYNN station together with guides from the K.R.R.C.(in occupation of the billets) The Bn. was transported to their billeting area and soon began to settle in.
- 7th Jan. Area KINGS LYNN. Weather cold & dry.
0600 hrs. Rev. The C.O. Adj. & Sig. Officer went on leave during the morning. Main activity of the day was on the admin. Side in preparation for the Bns. Leave
- 8th Jan. Area, KINGS LYNN.
0600 hrs. Rev. 1000 hrs. handed in rifles and revolvers (All arms)
1030 hrs. Bn. Kit inspection.
- 9 to 11 Jan. It was during These three days that the Bn. went on leave. The main body went on the 11th. January.
One Sergeant and the original advance party who had arrived in England before us and had had leave were left behind in the area.
The duration of leave was 2 weeks, with the exception of men who had served two years abroad and these people were granted 3 weeks.
- 11th Jan. The Div. sign had to be removed and was not to be worn during the leave period.

- 26th Jan. By this date, the Bn., with a few exceptions, was back from leave. Little activity.
Weather. Fair.
- 27th Jan. 0600 hrs. Rev. Weather. Cold.
1030 hrs. Bn. was paraded for a farewell speech. From the Bde. Comdr.. Brig. L.G. WHISTLER. DSO. He thanked the Bn. for its loyalty to him and expressed his regrets at having to leave us.
Training programmes were being prepared during the day for the training which is to start on Monday. 27th of Jan.
The following transport was taken over today. 2, x 3 tonners. 1, 15 cwt. and a staff car.
- 28th Jan. Area 076385. Weather cold.
0600 hrs. Rev.
0900 hrs. HQ Coy Billet inspection.
1000 hrs. HQ Coy Dental Inspection.
- 29th Jan. Area KINGS LYNN 076385. Weather dry cold.
0600 hrs. Rev.
0900 hrs. Reminder HQ Coy went for dental inspection.
This day was allotted to HQ Coy for baths.
C.O. returned from leave.
- 30th Jan. 0700 hrs Rev. Weather fine.
1000 hrs the Div. Comdr. Maj. Gen. G.N.E.T. ERSKINE CB DSO the CEO and the new Bde. Comdr. Brig. MS EKINS. visited the Bn. area. They were met by the C.O. The C.O. returned to leave late at night.
- 31st Jan. 0700 hrs. Weather fine.
0900 hrs. Bn. commenced training according to programme.
1700 hrs. Sgts Mess meeting.
1700 hrs. Officers Mess meeting. In accordance with training the Bn. a T Coy is being formed for the purpose of training backward personnel. The Coy is to be Comd. by Capt. Buxton.
At present the personnel of the Coy are accommodated in separate fillet in the town and R soon to move to a training area out of town.

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