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March RICHMOND

- Mar 1st 2 I/c departed to V.Ps. Chatham.
- Mar 2nd 105 ORs. (supernumerary) transferred to 8 (H.D.) Surreys. Struck off strength. 1 OR. arrived from I.T.C. Kingston. Taken on strength. V.Ps. C14, C13 and part of C10 relieved by 8 (H.D.) Surreys. 2 I/c returned to Bn. H.Q. from Chatham. 16 Offrs. attending Inf. Tpt. Offrs. Course, Chiswick att. to Bn. for accommodation and discipline.
- Mar 4th Promotion: Capt. J.E. Edwards granted paid acting rank of Major w.e.f 1.2.40.
- Mar 5th 1 OR. (supernumerary) departed to O.C.T.U., Inf. Wing, Sandhurst. Struck off strength. Her Majesty The Queen visited Star and Garter Home, and took tea at the Wick. Guard at Wick House was turned out twice.
- Mar 6th 5 Offrs. arrived from I.T.C. Kingston. Taken on strength.
- Mar 7th Promotions: 2/Lt. J.W. Hobday to be Lt. w.e.f. 9.1.40.
1430: C.O. attended Bde. Conference at Cowfold.
1730: Coy. Comds. conference. C.O. stated that Unit would proceed overseas very shortly.
2015: Conference: All Offrs. and W.Os. Details of move overseas given by C.O.
- Mar 8th Capt. J.R. Armstrong-MacDonell arrived from I.T.C. Kingston. Taken on strength and took over command of "C" Coy.
2100: Warning Order received from 37 Bde. giving dates for movement of adv. party, road and rail parties.
- Mar 9th 1 OR. arrived from 12 Div...Taken on strength. 16 Offrs. attending Inf. Tpt. Offrs. Course ceased to be att. to this Bn.
0930: C.O., Adj. and Orderly Room Sgt. attended conference at Records Office, Ashford.
- Mar 10th Major D.G. Adams reported for duty. Taken on strength.
- Mar 11th Major F.H.S. Palmer departed on special duties. Held on supernumerary strength of Bn. Major D.G. Adams assumed the duties of 2 I/c vice Major F.H.S. Palmer.
1300: 13 Holding Bn. (Hants.) relieved "A" Coy. of V.Ps. at Chatham. Reported personally to Brig. Chatham area.
1700: "A" Coy. reported back from Chatham. Bn. first concentration since embodied 28 August 39.
- Mar 12th All documents relating to V.Ps. and Bde. Home Def. Scheme destroyed by fire. 1 OR. discharged under para (xvi) (a) K.R. Struck off strength. "A", "B" and 50% H.Q. Coys. granted 4 days Embarkation Leave. 2 ORs. departed to 13 Holding Bn., Seaford. Struck off

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- Mar 13th 1 OR. arrived from 13 Holding Bn., Seaford. Taken on strength.
- Mar 14th Promotion: 2/Lt. A.J. Redfern to be Lt. w.e.f. 13 Jan 40 (E.C.O. No 21 11.3.40 Promotion List No 13).
- Mar 15th 4 ORs. arrived from 1/6 Surreys. Taken on strength w.e.f 14 Mar 40.
1 OR. arrived from 36 Inf. Bde. Taken on strength.
Medical Inspection of Bn. carried out on the following dates: "A" Coy. 16 Mar; "B" Coy. 16 Mar; "C" Coy. 13 Mar; "D" Coy. 13 Mar; H.Q. Coy. 13 & 16 Mar.
Following vaccinations and inoculations completed:
- | Coy. | Vacc.
& 1 st Anti-tet. | 2 nd Anti-tet. | 1st T.A.B. | 2nd T.A.B. |
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| "A" | 5 & 9 Jan | 20 Feb | 16 Mar | 29 Mar |
| "B" | 2 Jan | 11 Mar | 16 Mar | 29 Mar |
| "C" | 31 Jan | 14 Mar | 13 & 23 Feb | 4 Apr |
| "D" | 9 Jan | 14 Mar | 23 Mar | 1 April |
| H.Q. | 11 & 15 Mar | | 16* & 23 Mar | 24* & 29 Mar
& 1 Apr |
- * Stretcher bearers and A.A. Pl. only.
- Mar 16th "C", "D", & 50% H.Q. Coys. granted 4 days Embarkation Leave. 1 OR. arrived from 1 Q.V.R. Taken on strength
- Mar 16th Tpt. Pool formed in Old Deer Park for inspection by O.M.E. consisting of vehicles of following Units: 2/6 Surreys, 2/5 Queens, 2/6 Queens, 2/6 Sussex, 12. Div. Signs. Brig. visited Bn. H.Q.
- Mar 19th Admn. Instructions No. 1 issued. Copy att. Following information issued:
Advance Party: The u/m will proceed as Advance Party: Capt. N.F. Tannock in comd., 6140105 Sgt. Kingsbury, 1 Driver to be detailed by T.O.
Rear Party: Rear Party will be constituted as follows: 2/Lt. H.J. West in comd. 6143793 Cpl. Tosh, 10 ORs. to be found from Home Details, one clerk to be included.
- Mar 20th 1430: Coy. Comds. conference held. Appendices A & B to Admn. Insts. No. 1 issued. The following attended in add. to Coy. Comds.: Quartering Officer, Q.M., M.O., T.O., R.S.M.
2 Offrs. (G.S.Os. 2) from W.O. visited Bn. H.Q.
- Mar 21st 1200: C.O. interviewed all potential Officers serving in Bn. Tpt. Pool dispersed after inspection by O.M.E. Civilian vehicles returned less 3 which are being retained.
- Mar 22nd 18 ORs. arrived from 2 Surreys. Taken on strength.
- Mar 23rd Return sent to 12 Div. (copy to 37 Inf. Bde.) of Banks to which Offrs. desire pay and allowances to be credited. Included in return was analysis of Offrs. proceeding overseas. Ceremonial Parade on

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Richmond Green. Bn. paraded at 1000 hrs. Salute taken by His Worship The Mayor of Richmond. Transfers inter-Coy. Offrs: Lt. J.W. Hobday from "C" Coy. to "B" Coy. w.e.f 26 Mar 40.

Mar 24th Amendment to Admn. Instr. No 1 issued. Copy att.

Mar 26th 1000: Coy. Comds. conference on training. Strength decrease, 1 OR. discharged under para 383 (xvi) (a) K.R. 26 Mar 40. Attachments: 2 ORs. (1 armourer, 1 shoemaker) reported from No 3 Training Bn., R.A.O.C. for duty as above within Bn. War Est.

Mar 29th Major F.H.S. Palmer posted to Bn. from special duty 28 Mar 40. Authority BR.AG.2(o) of 28 Mar 40. Major F.H.S. Palmer assumes comd. of "A" Coy. w.e.f. 2 Apr 40. Inter-Coy. transfer: Capt. G.B. Shaw from "A" Coy. to "D" Coy. w.e.f. 2 Apr 40. Major F.H.S. Palmer departed on special employment. Struck off strength 1 Apr 40 (Authority not quoted).