

## **2/6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary November 1944.**

November 1944

1st to 27th November.

Area MONTECASSIANO.

The Italian still at MONTECASSIANO. Specialist courses start which were delayed owing to leave.

Specialist Plns. and Sections begin training 100% reserves. We are told we may be called on to train with Sherman carriers the method of carrying the Bn. and loads for each carrier are worked out. Leave for O.Rs to Florence starts. Major P.M.A. TAYLOR MC assumed Comd. of the Bn. in the absence of the C.O. on leave.

Life at MONTECASSIANO is now running smoothly and we run dances which are a big success, sandwich buffets attract a good many people.

We are still marooned from MACERATA because the river has swollen and the old bridge washed away. A trip to Bde. which normally took 15 minutes now takes two hours.

Our first leave party to U.K. goes - the new scheme causes much gossip and debating among the Bn. The policy of the Bn. is to give priority to the men who have seen most battle. On the 18th the C.O. Tells us at an 'O' Group that we are to fight in Italy again and that we must be ready in one week. We are now organised on a three-Company basis with Support Company less A/tk. and Carrier Plns. and with Battle Patrol and Snipers under command. There now follows a week occupied by Section and Platoon training and the checking of all weapons.

During our stay here platoon commanders have not been able to get to know their men owing to courses being run at the same time. In the time available these had to take priority. We learned that we may go into the line in the FAENZA area.

It has been raining heavily and our only route out to the coast road is flooded. On the night of the 26th the Ford becomes impossible. That night the advanced party and carriers are standing by to move to the FORLI area. However the water subsides and they move off at 0600 hours on the 27th.

28th Nov. The Bn. is ready to move but heavy rains have again flooded the deviation and at about 20-30 hours the news comes through that we will not move until tomorrow.

29th Nov. C.O. & 'O' Group leave for FORLIMPOPLI.  
R.E. Party builds a Bailey Bridge across deviation and at 1400 hours Bn. leaves. The civilians give us a big send off. Column is again held up on route 16 where a Bailey bridge is in danger of giving way.

30th Nov. 0130 hours Bn. reaches FORLIMPOPLI where we stay the night.  
We are to relieve 44 recce who are holding positions outside FAENZA. Last minute preparations for action. We are told it is fairly quiet in the line and this bodes well for the Bn. as it will give it time to settle down and work its team together.

Lieut. Col. A.J. Renshaw DSO MC.

Comdg.

2/6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment.

Officer List 25th November 1944.

Lt.-Col.	A. J. Renshaw	Queen's R.R.	C.O.
Major	P. M. A. Taylor	Queen's R.R.	2i/c
Major	R.P. Nangles	" "	
Major	N.O. Quinn	R. Fusiliers.	
Major	W.A. Mills	Queen's R.R.	
Major	A.W. Lavender	" "	
Capt.	H. F. Hales	" "	
Capt.	J. Brown	R.W.F.	
Capt.	G.E. West	Queen's R.R.	Adj.
Capt.	T. G. Blumson	" "	
Capt.	G; P. Stevens	R.W.K.	
Capt.	W.M. Frost	Queen's R.R.	
Capt.	H. L. Bailey	Queen's R.R.	
Capt.	J. W. Evans	R.W.K.	
Capt.	G. B. Curtis	Queen's R.R.	
Capt.	I.T.J. Boyes	Queen's R.R.	
Capt.	J.S. Lea Wilson	R.A.C.	I.O.
Lieut.	E.M. Lawrence	R. Norfolk's	
Lieut.	S. N. Penlington	R.A.C.	
Lieut.	J.W. Common	Queen's R.R.	
Lieut.	I. P. Macgregor	R.A.C.	
Lieut.	T.P. O'Connell	Queen's R.R.	
Lieut.	A.J. Tremethick	Queen's R.R.	
Lieut.	R.N. Thompson	" "	
Lieut.	H.W. Vipond	" "	
Lieut.	R.M. White	" "	
Lieut.	W. F. Nethercott	Devons	Lieut. B. Carney D.L.I.
Lieut.	A.R. Buck	Queen's R.R.	Lieut. L.W. Harding Queen's R.R.
Lieut.	D.A. Gilla	" "	Lieut. F.G. Cardwell " "
Lieut.	A.C. Lowe	" "	Lieut. W. Roadnight (Q.M.) " "
Capt. A. R. Elsom,		R.A.M.C	
Rev. G. B. Fairhurst		R.A.Ch.D.	