

1/7 Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary August 1942

AUGUST 1942

1st	KHATATBA	C.O. & 2i/c return to Bn. from course (Tact. handling of A/Tk guns). Lt. Col. Burton resumes command of Bn.
2-8th		-
9th		C.O. leaves for visit to fwd area (attd 18 Bn. of 2 N.Z. Div.).
10th		Bde movement exercise (Day and Night).
11th		-do-
12th		C.O. returns from fwd area.
13th		-
14th		Bn. strength 37 officers (Incl. M.O. & Padre) & 761 O.R's incl. attd., moves to Battle posns at ALAM EL KHADIM (leaving KHATATBA at 0110 hrs). Lt. R. Jenkins who was riding a m/c was Involved in an accident during the move and taken to hospital. Capt. A.S. Playfoot, 2/Lt. I.G. Hughes, PSM. West (counting as an officer.), 1. CSM, 2 C/Sgts & 139 O.Rs left behind as 1st Reinforcements. Officers heavy baggage & stores surplus to G.1098 also left behind. 1st Reinforcements & baggage left behind later proceeded to I.B.D. at GENEIFA.
15th	El KHADIM	Bn. arrives at EL. KHADIM. at about 1800 hrs
16-19th		Bn, improves position & gets underground: ground very rocky & digging difficult.
20th		The Prime Minister visited Bn. area during his tour of the front.
21st		Lt. Graydon, I.O. attd 23 Bn. of 2 N.Z. Div. to study working of I in front line.
22nd		I.O. returns from fwd area.
23rd		Bn. employed improving defensive posns.
24th		Operation Order No. 1. 2/Lt. R.C. Davis evacuated suffering from clinical dysentery
25th		Information received from 16 Gen. Hospl. that Lt. R. Jenkins died under anaesthetic on 24th.
26th		-
27th		Admin. Instruction (Appx to O.O. No.1)
28-30th		Bn. employed improving positions, Information received that Bn. was to relieve 18th N.Z. Bn. on 1st Sept. Adv. Party left 1715 hrs.
31st		Code word Twelve Bore meaning "Action Stations" received 0130 hrs. German breakthrough in the South (15th 21st Pz Divs). Gaps in Minefield round perimeter on Bn. Front partially closed: moved forward cancelled: adv. party returned 0930 hrs. Bn. strength excl. 1st Reinforcements - 35 officers (incl. M.O. & Padre) and 732 O.R's incl. attd.

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