

1/7th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary July 1943

JULY 1943.

Area HOMS.

- 1st July. Training on Pln. bases.
- 2nd July. 2i/c Maj. J Sykes-Wright left to attend unit Comdrs. course M.E.T.C.
- 3rd July. Operation instruction regarding possible enemy seaborne, airborne or paratroop landings issued.
- 4th July. C.O. left Bn. on visit to GHQ. Maj. N.J.P. HAWKEN MC assumed Comd.  
2330 hrs. Code word "MANNA" passed to Bn. from Bde. Necessary action taken. Lights were seen flashing out to sea.
- 5th July. 0620 hrs Picquets etc. stood down.
- 6th July. Bn. continued training on Pln. basis.
- 7th July. Ditto.
- 8th July. I.O. left Bn. to attend intelligence course at the M.E. Intelligent school. Bn. strength officers 30, O.R's 709.
- 9th July. Bn. carried out M.T. movement exercise.
- 10th July. Gymkhana Race Meeting organised by the Bn. was held in the afternoon. A number of visitors from other units attended.  
1900 hrs C.O. returned to Bn.
- 11th July. C.O. and all officers in the Bn. attended lecture given by Corps Comd. at the Amphitheatre LEPTIS MAGNA. Subject operations in Sicily.
- 12th July. Plns. carried out 48 hrs exercise BENI HJAQU NIN.
- 13th July. Normal training was carried out in the Bn. area.
- 14th July. Officers day arranged by C.O. Reminder of Bn. Route march.
- 15th July. Capt. R. CARVER MC returned to Bn. and assumed Comd. of "B" Coy.
- 16th July. Normal training continued. C.O. and Adj. attended conference at Bde. HQ 1730 hrs.
- 17th July. Bn. strength officers 31, O.R's 710. Sports meeting organised by HQ Coy took place in afternoon. Bn. informed of following awards Lt. Col. D.S. GORDON DSO, Lt. A.C WORRELL MC, five O.R's awarded MM.
- 18th July. Bn. training continued on Coy basis.
- 19th July. Ditto.
- 20th July. Ditto.

- 21st July. Officers day organised by C.O. Reminder of Bn. on route march.
- 22nd July. Bn. training on Coy basis.
- 23rd July. Ditto.
- 24th July. Lt. D. T. HUDSON, Lt. J. K. WOOD, together with O.R' joined the Bn. from I.T.D.
- 25th July. N.T.R.
- 26th July. Division A/Tk Competition. Bn. team tied with 1/5th Queen's on points but were finally judged 2nd.
- 27th July. Div. Comd. lectured to all officers W.O's and Sgts. at LEPTIS MAGNA on recent operations in SICILY. Bn. strength 32 officers and 705 O.R's. 2/Lt. B.H.N. WURTELL and 23 O.R's arrived from 155 transit camp TRIPOLI.
- 28th July. Officers day. All officers practise R/T procedure and the map ref code. The Bde. Comd. visited the Bn. during this exercise.
- 29th July. Bn. continued Coy training. "A" and "B" Coys commenced a 48 hour exercise in the Bde. training area. Classification test for regimental signals was held by Bde. S.O.
- 30th July. All officers attended lecture on beach maintenance by P.M.L.O.
- 31st July. T.E.W.T. For all officers down to and including Coy Comdrs. was held at Bde. HQ subject "Combined Operations".

#### Note

General training throughout the month was on the following lines:-

- I. Perfection of physical fitness for Mountain Warfare e.g. marching and schemes in hilly country.
- II. Afternoons devoted to swimming. Non swimmers were taught to swim.
- III. Specialist courses on driving and maintenance mines tough tactics etc.

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