

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

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Area HOMS.

- 1st June. General holiday proclaimed on the glorious 1st of June.
- 2nd June. N.T.R.
- 3rd June. Men detailed for King's Birthday Parade in TRIPOLI left during the afternoon. Capt. Jones R.A.Ch.D. Left the Bn.
- 4th June. Maj. N.J.P HAWKEN MC Lt. COCKROFT, Lt. ASHWORTH and 100 O.R's took part in the King's Birthday parade in TRIPOLI.  
Inspection was by Comdr. 10 Corps Lt. Gen. HORROCKS.
- 5th June. Lt. BURTON left Bn. Capt. SHEEHAN R.A.M.C. arrived.
- 6th June.
- 7th June. All available officers of the Bn. went to TRIPOLI to hear the Comdr. of the 8th Army Gen. MONTGOMERY. All officers of the 7th Armd. and 4th Indian Divs. were present. The General spoke about the campaign in North Africa from TRIPOLI onwards.
- 8th June. Lieutenant SARAH left the Bn.
- 9th June. Talk by Lt. Col. CARVER of 1st R.T.R. on work of Tank Regiment.
- 10th June. Operation instruction issued in event of enemy landing troops on coast.
- 11th June. Training as normal.
- 12th June. Ditto.
- 13th June. Ditto.
- 14th June. C.O. and Adj. went to conference at Bde regarding a fourth coming inspection. "D" Coy concert party performed at Victory theatre HOMS and received a great ovation.  
Strength of Bn. 30 officers 737 O Rs.
- 15th June. N.T.R.
- 16th June. Talk by B.M. 131 Bde Major FREELAND on work of L.R.D.G.
- 17th June. Training as usual.
- 18th June. Ditto.
- 19th June. Bn. received orders for move to TRIPOLI for inspection by the king.
- 20th June. Bn. moved from HOMS to TRIPOLI area at 0630 hrs arriving at Kilo 25 on the TRIPOLI BEN GARDANE Rd at 1530 hrs.  
Leagured area was near the road amongst palm & olive trees.
- 21st June. All morning spent in preliminary inspection by Coys for afternoon parade.

1445 hrs Bn. paraded in file on each side of road and at 1620 the king arrived by the C.O. and said a few words. Three cheers were given as he drove slowly by seated on the back of his car in which we're also Gen. MONTGOMERY and Maj. Gen. ERSKINE, 8th Army Comdr. and 7th Armd. Div. Comdr. respectively.

The Bn. dismissed at 1700 hrs and started on the return journey to HOMS at 1830 hrs and travelled by night.

22nd June. Arrived in Bn. area homes at 0615 hrs..

23rd June. N.T.R.

24th June. 1100 hrs. message from Sigs to affect that enemy aircraft were approaching from sea.

25th June. Talk by officer of 11th HUSSARS on job of Armd. Car Regiment.

26th June. Training as usual.

27th June. Ditto.

28th June. Bn. visited by R.A.F. Officer who lectured to officers and men on his experience during the advance.

29th June. N.T.R.

30th June. C.O. left to attend a Mountain Warfare course.

Lt. Col. D.S. Gordon,

Comd'

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30th June 1943.