

WAR DIARY
2/6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)

MAY 1943.

- 1st May. Maj. J.B.H. KEALY (ex i/c 2/7th Queen's takes over Comd. of Bn. "D" Coy positioned for counterattack with sqn. tanks on pt. 130.
- 2nd May. Div. Comdr. addressed Bn. on pt. 141 attack.
- 3rd May. Bn. takes over from 9 R.F. and 1 Coy 2/5th Queen's.
- 5th May. Enemy movement on pt. 141 noted. Arty. deception plan in conjunction with 1st Army attack.
- 6th May. Three Italian deserter's come in through "B" Coy.
- 8th May. 4 carrier patrol, 2 Carriers lost on mines and four O.R's killed by Mortars etc. 167 Bde. (70 B.W.) capture humps at 92 grid.
- 9th May. 25th N.Z. Bn. takes over our area. 8 and 9 R.F. Attack on ? & Tebaga fails.
- 10th May. Bn. takes over from 8 & 9 R.F. in area 6000x N. of ENFIDAVILLE.
- 11th May. Free French attack Zaghouan & ? areas.
- 12th May. Remaining pockets of resistance capitulates, famous 90th light, 164 German Divs. Trieste and PISTORIA Italian Divs. on our front.
This ends the action culminating the 3500 mile rd. journey from PAILFORCE to 8th Army, C.O. killed, Capt. B. BATEMAN killed, 15 O.R's killed and 4 missing. 4 Officers 85 O.R's wounded 5 O.R's N.Y.D.
- 13th 14th. Salvage of enemy equipment and rallying P.O.W's
- 15th May. Bde. conference for officers on lessons of the battle.
- 16th May. Day leave to Tunis for some Commences.
- 17th May. Special plns. training - Coys mine training, PT and drill. Salvage continues.
- 18th 19th. As above.
- 20th May. C.O. Comds 8th Army TUNIS victory parade representatives.
Bn. moves to SOUSSE area guarding POWs.
- 21st May. Bn. takes over 1 POW cage complete from 1 Buffs. Bathing in Med.

22nd May. Take over 2 cages from 1 Buffs.

23rd May. Take over 1 cage from 1 Buffs.

24th May. Fighting French arrive SOUSSE area and take over at five POW cages. Approximate 25,000 PW's.

German and Italian. C.O. 2i/c I.O. carry out postmortem on pt. 141 Attack and Italian counterattack on ground with C.O., 2i/c I.O. a Pln Comdr. from Young Fascist Bn. opposing us.

25th May. Bn. moves to ?.

26th May. ? to GABES. Bn. swimming.

27th May. GABES to BEN GARDANE.

28th May. BEN GARDANE to TRIPOLI with M T.

29th May. Bn. settles in. ? swimming beach. Leave to TRIPOLI Starts.

31st May. Lecture by Div. Comdr. Maj. Gen. Graham "Gapping Minefield"

Note.

New officers joined.	Maj. B.H. Pincombe MC	9th May
	Lt. A. Lavender	9th May
	Lt. R.C. Davis	9th May
	Lt. G.P. Stevens	9th May
	Lt. W.D. Bowen	15th May

Bn. Officers killed	Lt. Col. H.E. Wilson
	Capt. B. Bateman

Wounded.	Lt. B.A. Reeves
	Lt. D.R. Edwards
	Lt. R.J. Heaton
	Lt. N. H. Eldridge

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