

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

October 1944.

- 1st-6th Oct. Bn. now rather small in numbers but during the next few days reinforcements arrive – most of them are ex specialist and need training. The Bn. is eventually formed on three Coy basis after much swapping and changing. The A/Tk. and Carrier Plns. are disbanded and posted to rifle Coys.
- 7th Oct. Brig. STRATTON visits the Bn. and talks to each platoon and group. "B" Coy which is now composed of untrained infantrymen go to RIMINI to commence training.
- 8th Oct. The big attack which is due to go in on our front is postponed nightly and becomes local joke – "The show is off tonight".
- 9th Oct. There is a slight shelling from heavy stuff on the town during the day but after recent shelling in SAVIGNANO this is hardly noticed.
- 10th Oct. The Army attack is still in the air owing to heavy rains, and we get news that the division is pulling out and an advance party stands by to move to ANCONA - later in the day this is cancelled and at 2100 hrs. we learn that we are now to relieve 2/5 who are holding at SAVIGNANO.
- 11th Oct. Area SANTARCANGELO.
At midday the Bn. moves off - not in T.C.V'S in a back area but on foot back to SAVIGNANO and at 1630 hrs. are all in position.
The role in this sector being to hold with a few troops during the day while at night there is very active patrolling forward. It is much quieter here now than it was a week ago. We take over the Brigade O.P. which is in the mosque - there are about 10 O.P's also in the building which resembles some crazy show - Vickers, oil paintings, wireless sets, billiard tables, rations ETC.
During the night we patrol forward and to the flanks visiting all the houses and other lightly Spandau posts on our front. Our patrols get as far as 690020 and meet no opposition. At S. GIOVANNI 696015 there are many German graves.
46 Div. Have moved across our front during the night and there is evidence that the Bosche has pulled back The term he is pulling out is not used within the Bn. much these days - mention of this phrase usually brings down a stonk. (So they say).
- 12th Oct. At 0410 hrs. the bridge across the FIUMICIN oh is complete and there is slight flap when Charlie company who mistake our S.P. guns which go across for enemy tanks.
Canadians are to relieve us at first light and we take up positions across river while the changeover is made and by 1000 hrs. our Coys are on their way back to their old billet's in SANTARCANGELO.
This is the quietest action the Bn. has had an it is afterwards known as "Scheme without umpires".
- 13th Oct. Bn. leaves at night for MACERATA area. The coast road is good, and it is pleasant after so many of the "dust baths" which we have used for roads in the past month.
- 14th Oct. Bn. is allotted village of MONTE CASINO 542195, the rest of the brigade are in MACERATA 5512.
- 15th Oct. The C.O. addresses the Bn. on the last months fighting and future policy. During the next few days of settling in canteens, football fields, boxing ring, Bn. concert etc are all underway. We build our own shower bath which runs non-stop.

16th 31st. Cardre courses and general training starts. Specialist groups run courses to train 100% reserves. Keynote of all training is fitness - much stress is laid on observation.
 We have another Queen's race meeting. Horse's wooden ones are pulled buy signal cable and sideshows are built by The Pioneers who aptly named their horse "Something out of nothing by Pioneers".
 We lose 4 2 to a MACERATA football team after a very fine game.
 The Italians take their football seriously and before the game began presented our captain with an enormous bouquet of flowers.
 Rumours are rife in the Bn. as to our future. Many old faces arrived back from hospital during our stay here.

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

Officer List 28th October 1944.

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Lieut.	R.M. White	" "	
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