

Transcription of 2 Bomb Disposal Company RE War Diary, covering June to December 1945.

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Location Balham 1 June 1945. Officer Commanding Major A E Smith.

Company Strength.

1 Major, 5 Captains, 7 Lieutenants, 1 2nd Lieutenant, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 7 Sergeants, 34 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 196 Lance Corporals Sappers, 116 Drivers. Total Strength 368 men.

Attached 4 Captains, 19 Other Ranks, 8 Army Catering Corps.

6 June 1945.

Captain R Lambert RE relinquished duties of 2 i/c on relegation to unemployment.

Captain P White RE assumed duties of 2 i/c vice-Captain R Lambert RE.

30 June 1945.

Company Strength.

1 Major, 4 Captains, 7 Lieutenants, 1 2nd Lieutenant, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 8 Sergeants, 35 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 202 Lance Corporals Sappers, 127 Drivers. Total Strength 388 men.

Attached 3 Captains, 18 Other Ranks, 8 Army Catering Corps.

Postings In	Postings Out	No Promotions Recorded
1 Sergeant	1 Captain	
2 Corporals	1 Corporal	
10 Sappers	4 Sappers	
13 Drivers	2 Drivers	

Director of Bomb Disposal North. 8 UXBs reported 1 dealt with 250kg 15 Fuze. No Anti-Aircraft Shell reported or dealt with.

Director of Bomb Disposal South. 2 UXBs reported 2 Dealt with 3 finally abandoned. 2 Anti-Aircraft Shells reported 1 Discredited.

Signed Captain P White RE 2 i/c 2 Bomb Disposal Company RE.

Location Balham 1 July 1945. Officer Commanding Major A E Smith.

Company Strength.

1 Major, 4 Captains, 7 Lieutenants, 1 2nd Lieutenant, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 8 Sergeants, 35 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 202 Lance Corporals Sappers, 127 Drivers. Total Strength 388 men.

Attached 3 Captains, 18 Other Ranks, 8 Army Catering Corps.

24 July 1945.

1 Bomb Disposal Group, RE disbanded and 2 Bomb Disposal Company RE assumes responsibilities for Bomb Disposal in London Area.

Company Strength.

1 Major, 4 Captains, 8 Lieutenants, 1 2nd Lieutenant, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 10 Sergeants, 35 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 190 Lance Corporals Sappers, 104 Drivers. Total Strength 365 men.

Attached 8 Army Catering Corps.

Postings In	Postings Out	No Promotions Recorded.
4 Captains	1 Lieutenant	
2 Lieutenants	1 Corporal	
2 Sergeants	21 Sappers	
1 Lance Sergeant	38 Drivers	
5 Corporals		
6 Sappers		
15 Drivers		

Director of Bomb Disposal North. No UXBs reported. No Anti-Aircraft Shell reported or dealt with.

Director of Bomb Disposal South. 4 UXBs reported 2 Dealt with . No Anti-Aircraft Shells reported or dealt with.

Signed Captain P White RE 2 i/c 2 Bomb Disposal Company RE.

Location Balham 1 August 1945. Officer Commanding Major A E Smith.

Company Strength.

1 Major, 8 Captains, 8 Lieutenants, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 8 Sergeants, 34 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 153 Lance Corporals Sappers, 95 Drivers. Total Strength 309 men.

Attached 8 Army Catering Corps.

31 August 1945.

Attached 8 Army Catering Corps.

Postings In	Postings Out	Promoted
1 Captain	1 Captain	
1 2nd Lieutenant promoted	1 Lieutenant	1 to Lieutenant
Lieutenant		
8 Sappers	2 Sergeants	
	6 Corporals.	
	45 Sappers	
	9 Drivers	

Director of Bomb Disposal North. No UXBs reported. No Anti-Aircraft Shell reported or dealt with.

Director of Bomb Disposal South. No UXBs reported 1 Discredited. No Anti-Aircraft Shells reported or dealt with.

Signed Captain P White RE 2 i/c 2 Bomb Disposal Company RE.

Location Balham 1 September 1945. Officer Commanding Major A E Smith.

1 Major, 8 Captains, 8 Lieutenants, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 8 Sergeants, 34 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 153 Lance Corporals Sappers, 96 Drivers. Total Strength 310 men.

Attached 8 Army Catering Corps.

26 September 1945.

57 Bomb Disposal Platoon (Light) RE returned to this Headquarters from Battle Area Clearance Role.

Postings In	Postings Out	No Promotions Recorded
5 Sergeants	1 Captain	
6 Corporals	6 Sappers	
13 Sappers	2 Drivers	
3 Drivers		

Director of Bomb Disposal North. No UXBs reported 1 Discredited. No Anti-Aircraft Shell reported or dealt with.

Director of Bomb Disposal South. 2 UXBs reported. No Anti-Aircraft Shells reported or dealt with.

Signed Captain P White RE 2 i/c 2 Bomb Disposal Company RE.

Location Balham 1 October 1945. Officer Commanding Major A E Smith.

Company Strength.

1 Major, 7 Captains, 8 Lieutenants, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 13 Sergeants, 40 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 160 Lance Corporals Sappers, 96 Drivers. Total Strength 328 men.

Attached 8 Army Catering Corps.

24 October 1945.

23 Bomb Disposal Platoon RE and 57 Bomb Disposal Platoon (Light) RE cease to come under Command of OC 2 Bomb Disposal Company RE.

31 October 1945.

1 Major, 6 Captains, 5 Lieutenants, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 11 Sergeants, 33 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 132 Lance Corporals Sappers, 86 Drivers. Total Strength 277 men.

Attached 8 Army Catering Corps.

Postings In	Postings Out	No Promotions Recorded
1 Captain	1 Sergeant	
3 Lieutenants	5 Corporals	
3 Sergeants	32 Lance Corporals Sappers	
12 Lance Sergeants and Corporals	6 Drivers	
60 Lance Corporals and Sappers		
16 Drivers		

Director of Bomb Disposal North. No UXBs reported or dealt with. No Anti-Aircraft Shell reported or dealt with.

Director of Bomb Disposal South. 1 UXBs. No Anti-Aircraft Shells reported or dealt with.

November 1945. Officer Commanding Major A E Smith.

Location Signal House Atkins Road, London SW12. Dated 4 December 1945. Signed by Captain White for Office Commanding.

1 November 1945.

Nothing to report.

Company Strength.

1 Major, 6 Captains, 5 Lieutenants, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 11 Sergeants, 33 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 132 Lance Corporals Sappers, 86 Drivers. Total Strength 277 men.

Attached 8 Army Catering Corps.

30 November 1945.

Company Strength.

1 Major, 5 Captains, 5 Lieutenants, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 11 Sergeants, 26 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 135 Lance Corporals Sappers, 92 Drivers. Total Strength 278 men.

Attached 6 Army Catering Corps.

Postings In	Postings Out	Promoted
1 Sergeant	1 Captain	1 Warrant Officer II
4 Lance Sergeants, Corporals	1 Warrant Officer II	1 Sergeant
26 Lance Corporals and Sappers	2 Sergeants	2 Corporals
10 Drivers	10 Lance Sergeants, Corporals.	
	21 Lance Corporals, Sappers	
	4 Drivers	

Director of Bomb Disposal North. No UXBs reported or dealt with. No Anti-Aircraft Shell reported or dealt with.

Director of Bomb Disposal South. 2 UXBs reported 2 discredited. No Anti-Aircraft Shells reported or dealt with.

December 1945. Officer Commanding Major A E Smith MBE RE.

Location Balham 1 December 1945.

Strength of the Company.

1 Major, 5 Captains, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Company Quarter Master Sergeant, 1 Staff Sergeant, 10 Sergeants, 28 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 227 Lance Corporals Sappers and Drivers. Total Strength 279 men.

Attached 6 Army Catering Corps.

17 December 1945.

1800 kg (Satan) removed from Davie's Timber Yard, Croydon.

31 December 1945.

Strength of Company.

1 Major, 5 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, 1 Company Sergeant Major, 1 Staff Sergeant, 9 Sergeants, 28 Lance Sergeants and Corporals, 226 Lance Corporals Sappers and Drivers. Total Strength 275 men.

Attached 5 Army Catering Corps.

Director of Bomb Disposal North. No UXBs reported or dealt with. No Anti-Aircraft Shell reported or dealt with.

Director of Bomb Disposal South. 3 UXBs reported 2 dealt with and 1 discredited. No Anti-Aircraft Shells reported or dealt with.