

4 Bomb Disposal Group.

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Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel K B Godsell DSO, MBE MC, RE.

Place	Date	Summary of Events	References
	January 1945		
Wilton	21 to 25	Director of Bomb Disposal, Brigadier H H Bateman DSO, OBE, MC Visited Units of this Group accompanied by CRE Lieutenant Colonel K B Godsell DSC MC RE. Signed for CRE 4 BD Group by Major W Machin.	
	February 1945		
	18	P/341402 2/Lt T J C Harvey attached to this Group wef 18 Feb 45 from RE Depot Halifax, and attached for duty 16 BD Company on that date.	WOUM D/7707/AG 7 (O) of 4 Feb 45
	19	P/185544 Lt R J Williams posted to this Group from 3 BD Group Posted to 16 BD Coy, for duty as 2 i/c vice-Captain Hathaway.	P/185544/AG7/ (O) of 21 Feb 45 B/9503/10/A/AG7/ (O) dated 8 June 1942
	21	P/168770 Lt R F N Walker posted to this Group wef 21 Feb 45 from 27 BD Coy Posted to 16 BD Coy wef 21 Feb 45. Signed for CRE 4 BD Group by Major W Machin	P/168770/AG7 (O) dated 24 Feb 45 and B/9503/10/1/AG7 (O) B/9503/10/A/AG7 (O) dated 8 June 1942
	March 1945		
	1	Major W Machin MBE RE, Capt W A Bower and Capt C T R Lees attended a lecture at Saw Mills Camp, Wilton, by Engineer in Chief.	
	6	P/289774 Lt A C Hobson posted from this Group to 7 BD Coy.	WOUM.P/289774/AG7 (O) of 1 Mar 45 AND B/59503/10/AAG7 (O) of 8 June 1942
	12	P/58538 Capt (I R E M) W A Bower promoted to Major wef 23 Feb 45.	Supplement to London Gazette 23 Feb 45

	21	P/287657 Lt N C Young posted to this Group from RE Depot Posted from this Group HQ to 7 BD Coy.	WOUM. F/ 6030/AG7 (O) OF 9 March 45 B/9503/10/AAG7 (O) of 8 June 1942
	22	1100 Maj W Machin MBE attended Conference at DBD GHQ Home Forces. Signed for CRE 4 BD Group by Major W Machin.	
	April 1945		
	10	Major (IREM) W A Bower attended Min Locator, No 1 Course No 2 at SME Ripon wef 10 to 24 April 1945	
	21	P/255917 W/S Lt C Walker posted to this Group from RE Depot Halifax for duty wef 16 April 1945. Posted to 6 BD Coy for duty wef 16 April 1945.	WOUM. P/55917 AG 7 (O) dated 25 April 45 B/9503/10/AAG 7 (O) dated 8 June 42
	May 1945	A nil and no change receipt sent to War Office instead of War Diary.	
	June 1945		
	18	Acting Commanding Officer Maj N E Smith. P/5489 Lt Col KB Godsell DSO MC and P/97022 Maj W Machin MBE proceeded to 6 Military Collecting Unit on being released. P/119861 Major K Privett posted to this Group for duty as A/CRE vice Maj W Machin. Signed Maj K Privett A/CRE 4 BD Group.	Sn Comd letter. SC6/42677/A/R dated 6 June 45 WOUM P/119861/AG7 (O) dated 12 June 1945
	July 1945		
	1	P/56967 Lt Col Biggs GM posted to this Group from CRE (BD) London for duty as CRE Vice Lt Col K B Godsell DSO MC retaining temporary rank of Lt Col.	WOUM P/56967/AG7/ (O) dated 16 June 45
	25	P/295919 WS/Lt N H Godsmark posted to this Group from RE Depot	B/9503/10/AAG 7 (o) DATED 8 June 42

		Posted to 16 BD Coy. Signed for CRE, Capt C T P Lees.	
	August 1945		
Bristol	4	P/101374 WS/Capt J E Colcutt posted to this Group from RE Depot (attached 11 BD Coy) wef 4 Aug 45 for duty as OC 7 BD Coy. Granted Acting Rank of Maj pending regrant of temporary rank. Posted from this Group HQ to 7 BD Coy as OC. Signed for CRE, Capt C T P Lees.	Authority: WOUM P/101374/AG7 (O) dated 2 Aug 45 Authority: B/9503/10/AG7 (O) dated 8 June 42
	September 1945		
Wilton	4	P/276471 WS/ Lt A J G McCulloch posted to this Group from RE Depot Halifax. Posted to 7 BD Coy. P/90820 WS/Lt R M Taylor posted to this Group from RE Depot Halifax.	WOUM F/6030/AG7 (O) dated 28 August 1945 B/9503/10/AAG 7 (O)
	10	Deputy Engineer in Chief Major General P A Ullman OBE visited Minefield serial no 40 South Western Command accompanied by CRE Lt Col A J Biggs GM .	
	28	P/56967 Lt Col A J Biggs GM proceeded to 8 Military Dispersal Unit on being released. Signed for CRE, Capt C T P Lees.	Southern Command letter SC 6/52092/A (Q) dated 28 August 45
	October 1945		
Wilton	1	P/48133 Lt Col A Cleghorn TD posted to this Group for duty as CRE.	WOUM P/48133/3/AG7 (O) Dated 29 Sept 45
	13	Lt Col A Cleghorn TD, joins this Group for duty and assumes command.	
	29	89464 T/Capt C T R Lees proceeds to 6 M D U for Class A Release.	

	30	276453 W/S A B Hartley posted to this Group for duty as Adjutant rank of Capt. Signed Lt Col RE A Cleghorn CRE 4 BD Group RE	WOUM P/276453/AG7 (O) dated 25 Oct 45
	November 1945		
	5	CE South Brig A Minnis CBE and SORE Lt Col E H Ivers visited Minefield, Swanage serial no 78 with CRE Lt Col A Cleghorn TD and ACRE Mak K Privett 4 BD Group.	
	19	WS/Lt H g Beattie RE posted to this Group from CRE 1 HW ME Unit WS/ Lt H G Beattie posted from this Group to 7 BD Coy.	WOUM P/100221/2/AG7 (O) dated 14 Nov 45 B/9503/10/AAG7 (O) dated 8 June 42.
	21	DBD Col De'Ath visited 4 BD Group RHQ.	
	23	CRE Conference held at Group HQ present OC,s 2 i/cs 16 and 17 BD Coys. ACRE Maj K Privett, IREM Maj W Bower, Adj Capt AB Hartley	
	27	CRE and ACRE commence tour of M/Fields and BD Works in 7 Region.	
	28	Adj Capt A B Hartley accompanies OCs 7 and 16 B Coy to RE Record Office Brighton, regarding OR Postings to this Group.	
	30	CRE and ACRE return from tour of Minefields and Works. Signed by Lt Col Cleghorn CRE 4 BD Group.	
	December 1945		
	1 to 3	Nothing of note to report	
	4	P/337412 WS/Lieutenant R J Bayly posted to this Group from RE Depot Halifax.	WOUM/P/337412/AG7 (O) dated 22 November 45
	5 to 12	Nothing of note to report	

	13 to 14	CRE and Adjutant 4 BD Group visited Beach Minefields at Saunton Sands.	
	15 to 31	Nothing of note to report. Signed by Lt Col Cleghorn CRE 4 BD Group.	