

1 Bomb Disposal Company

Royal Engineers

Formed 1 January at Newcastle 1941 the Company was Independent of the 4 Bomb Disposal Groups and worked under Northern Command. Headquarters were at Newcastle

Covering Northern Command Area

Also covered Hartlepool, Tynemouth, Whitby, Ripon, Darlington, and Newcastle

1943 based at Newcastle and Ryton

1944 based at Newcastle and Ravenfield

1945 located at Newcastle, Leeds, Bridlington, Cleethorpes and Hull

Research shows that this Company remained in the United Kingdom for the duration

Sections under Command

27 Bomb Disposal Section

28 Bomb Disposal Section

29 Bomb Disposal Section

31 Bomb Disposal Section

Lieutenant Cotton

L Leigh

32 Bomb Disposal Section

L Leigh

37 Bomb Disposal Section

72 Bomb Disposal Section

Lieutenant Tattersfield

76 Bomb Disposal Section

2126468 E A Agnew

108 Bomb Disposal Section

131 Bomb Disposal Section

2134489 Sapper H J Brown

132 Bomb Disposal Section

Lieutenant C L Parkinson

Based post D Day at Ellon mainly involved with airfield Clearance

131 Bomb Disposal Section

21344890 Sapper H J Brown

132 Bomb Disposal Section

2128103 Sergeant GW Barrand 132 Bomb Disposal Section

Platoons under Command

August 1945 Sections renamed Platoons

11 Bomb Disposal Platoon

27 Bomb Disposal Platoon

28 Bomb Disposal Platoon

59 Bomb Disposal Platoon

72 Bomb Disposal Platoon

Personnel

Officers

Majors

January to December 1942

Major Stringfellow Officer MBE Commanding

January to December 1944

Major Stringfellow Officer Commanding

January to December 1945

Major Shorter Officer Commanding

Major A Blackwall

Major Bianco

Major F J Mills

Captains

Captain Blackwall

January to December 1943

Captain FC Barker

Captain A Thomas

January December 1941

Captain Stringfellow Officer Commanding

Captain L Richards

311556 Captain C V Sadler

245978 Captain E W Sivil GM

Captain A Thomas

Captain Waxwell 2 i/c

Lieutenants

Lieutenant Cotton Section Commander 31 Bomb Disposal Section

370026 Lieutenant G E Feldman

840389 T J Jenkins

3278777 Lieutenant A Jobling

334223 Lieutenant FH Panton sometime between 1940 to 1945

Lieutenant C L Parkinson

288070 Lieutenant N H Phillips

146084 Lieutenant F H Richards MBE

P/295564 Lieutenant B A Seaward MBE

162270 Lieutenant R Sharp GM OBE MBE

312216 Lieutenant C L Shrimpton MBE

Lieutenant Stranger

248908 Lieutenant A W Stringer

Lieutenant Tattersfield Section Commander 72 Bomb Disposal Platoon

161582 Lieutenant A C Thomas

Senior Non-Commissioned Officers

Warrant Officers

13008741 WOII L A L Bushell. BD 1940 to 1945

2318084 WO II S Cooper

5825618 WO II K C Gillespie

1869586 WO II R Gunn Served 1944 to 1947

Staff Sergeant

2971038 Staff Sergeant C Roberts

2128103 Sergeant GW Barrand 132 Bomb Disposal Section

2128103 Sergeant George William Barrett.

2141005 Lance Sergeant A F Camber

22800574 Sergeant Andrew Bruce Campbell.

1874075 Sergeant R G Burch

Sergeant Eakin

2069908 Sergeant H W Harvey

22800574 Sergeant A B C Hogg

1858670 Sergeant T Lagden possibly

6199854 Lance Sergeant W E Langridge

2198692 Sergeant AEH Moore 11 Bomb Disposal Section

14846429 Sergeant T P Nicholls

1870325 Sergeant T Pollitt

Sergeant F E J or F A J Rothwell

1912588 Sergeant E E Thomas BEM

Junior Non-Commissioned Officers

Corporals

19136981 Corporal R or R F Brown

1868929 Corporal G Capstaff

14075821 Lance Corporal D Cox

Lance Corporal F W Denny

1942685 Lance Corporal J Elder. Died 12 April 1941

1868396 Corporal W W Howe

213973 Corporal J T Humphrey

14921026 Corporal J McCartney

1886649 Corporal J McNally

1878395 Corporal E Mowatt

1991097 Corporal E R F Taylor

14894826 Corporal G J G Volante

14273039 Corporal P Welsh

Lance Corporals

2198917 Lance Corporal Eldridge

14860333 Lance Corporal J C Fardoe

2159007 Lance Corporal R Griffiths

2155165 Lance Corporal L Lawrence

1948931 Lance Corporal D Shaw

14663444 Lance Corporal N Snelson

2113150 Lance Corporal V D Springall

Lance Corporal V Stimpson

14116669 Lance Corporal C R Taylor

14648038 Lance Corporal A Wilson

Sappers

2123500 Sapper A Barnes,

14914466 Sapper D A Bishop

2134489 Sapper HJ Brown 1940 in 131 Bomb Disposal Section

149914468 Sapper W Bryant

22041542 Sapper H Burnell

1903445 Sapper J Church. Died on the 24 August 1943

1903338 Sapper H Gaunt

213945 Sapper H Glover sometime between 1940 to 1945

14631800 Sapper E Green

2012488 Sapper J Greenlees

2125702 Sapper W Hardy

2151537 Sapper J J Hill

2156949 Sapper L I Mansell

1991111 Sapper T McDougall

14846429 Sapper Nichols 1940 to 1945

Sapper D Ralph

Sapper R A Sawyer

Sapper E E Smith

Drivers

14838142 Driver R Canham. Served 1944 to 1946

1990000 Driver E L Rayner

1927107 Driver R Robertson

19140310 Sapper F G Tyler

1925491 Sapper T Tyler

2053912 Sapper E Williams

Ranks Unknown

2066717 L Leigh 31 and 32 Bomb Disposal Sections 1940

2126468 E A Agnew, Headquarters and 76 Bomb Disposal Section

19121350 Alamby

C Allen

W D Brown 1940 to 1942

2126375 R Danson served 1940 to 1942

L K Huxstep

97000916 G H Jones Conscientious Objector

G Lovegrove

H I or H J Meale

J Morgan

T C Nicholls

T Nicholls

Accounts

Awards

George Medal

143303 2 Lieutenant HA Grover

Member of the British Empire

334223 Lieutenant FH Panton

146084 Lieutenant FH Richards

295564 Lieutenant BA Seaward

135041 Temporary Major D Stringfellow

Roll of Honour

1866846 Sergeant F C Bumstead. Died on the 16 January 1941 Aged 27
1942685 Lance Corporal John Elder. Died 12 April 1941 Aged 30
2198917 Lance Corporal Donald Albert Eldridge. Died 8 September 1941 Aged 24
2159007 Lance Corporal Ronald Griffiths. Died 17 July 1942 Aged 23.
2125702 Sapper William Hardy. Died 21 October 1943 Aged 32
2139255 Corporal Henry Selfridge Higgins. Died 23 October 1944 Aged 24
2151537 Sapper J J Hill. Died 03 July 1945 Aged
213973 Corporal J T Humphrey. Died 22 November 1944
97000916 G H Jones. Died 22 May 1945
2155165 Lance Corporal Lennard Lawrence. Died on 1 May 1944
2156949 Sapper Leslie James Mansell. Died 8 November 1944 Aged 22
1991111 Sapper Thomas McDougall. Died 23 October 1944
1886649 Corporal John McNally. Died 3 May 1941 Aged. 34
190000 Driver Edward John Rayner. Died 3 July 1946 Aged 35
2971038 Staff Sergeant Charles Roberts. Died 13 December 1940 Aged 36
1927107 Driver Robertson. Died 3 July 1940 Aged 36
211484 Lance Sergeant Eric Smith. Died 21 October 1943 Aged 33
2930745 Corporal Ernest Robert Frederick Taylor. Died 8 November 1944 Aged 35
2053912 Sapper Eric Arthur Williams. Died 7 September 1944 Aged 20
For further details on casualties see the Roll of Honour section on the web site

Injured/Wounded

1903338 Sapper H Gaunt, Wounded 17 October 1944
213945 Sapper H Glover, Wounded 10 March 1944
2159007 Lance Corporal R Griffiths, Wounded/Injured 17 July 1944
2125702 Sapper W Hardy. Injured/Wounded 21 October 1943
1858670 Sergeant T Lagden possibly. Wounded 10 September 1940.

Photos

References

War Diaries exist at the National Archives for this Company references below.

WO166/3993 covering 1941

WO166/8407 covering 1942

WO166/12350 covering 1943

WO166/15461 covering 1944

WO166/16933 covering 1945

War Diaries exist at the National Archives for the Sections and Platoons references below.

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War Diary WO166/4019 covering 1 June 1940 to 31 March 1941

War Diary WO169/1817 covering 1 July 1942 to 30 June 1943

War Diary WO175/562 covering 1 November 1943

31 Bomb Disposal Section

War Diary WO166/4031 covering 1 January to 31 October 1941

108 Bomb Disposal Section

War Diary WO171/1971 from 6 June 1944

131 Bomb Disposal Section

War Diary WO166/4065. 1 February to 31 October 1941

132 Bomb Disposal Section

War Diary WO166/4066. 1 February to 31 October 1941

59 Bomb Disposal Platoon

War Diary WO171/5344 1 April to 31 December 1945