

Transcription of 19 Bomb Disposal Company RE, March to July 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary	Reference
	March 44		Commanding Officer, Major J F R Goffin	
New Barnet	1		2 i/c to CRE1 BD Group to attend OC Units Conference. WO and Sgt from London District visited unit in connection with Unit Documentation. Unit changed to Field Documentation.	
	2		Lt H Lavington RE posted from Coy to 210 Wks Sect in rank of A/Capt, Auth CRE 1 BD Group Part 1 Orders Serial SH ?	
	3		2 Officers proceeded on B & A Course BD Trg Wing, Chelsea.	
	4		Routine	
	5		4 NCO's proceeded on no 11 NCO's BD Course BD Trg Wing, Chelsea.	
	6		Routine	
	7		2 Officers on Parachute T G Mine Course, London	
	8		OC & 1 Officer on Parachute G Mine Course, London. 1910036 Sgt Ashford B posted as MT Sgt to the unit. Auth 21 A Gp/ 23/A/O dated 22 Jan 44	
	9		2 Officers on Parachute G Mine Course, London. 1 NCO AND 1 Spr proceeded on course for re-mustering as vehicle mechanics.	
	10		Mob order received in respect of 53 ad 58 BD Sect RE. Ref woum 79/mob/5774/848 (AG5 Mob) dated 9 Mar 44.	
	11		Routine. One 15 cwt truck collected from Hereford	
	12		20 Ors on BD new Intake Course no 55, London	
	13		3 NCOs proceeded to no 10 B & A Course London 2 NCOs proceeded on Parachute G Mine Course. London.	

			One 3-ton lorry collected from Castle Donnington	
	14		One Officer proceeded on Parachute G Mine Course SME Ripon.	
	15		One Officer on Parachute G Mine Course, London 30 ORs attached this unit from CRE 1 BD Group RE Auth – O i/c Records A1/64/327 dated 3 Mar 44.	
	16		One Officer on Parachute G Mine Course, London OC Coy proceeded on leave. ACRE 1 BD Group visited Coy	
	17		Routine	
	18		Routine	
	19		Routine	
	20		OC recalled from leave interview with DCCAO, Hammersmith. 2 NCOs proceeded on No 11 B&A Course Training Wing, Chelsea. 4 OR's attached this unit from CRE 1 BD Group RE	
	21		E & MO & S/Sgts proceeded on E & M Officers & S/Sgts Course at BD Wing SME Ripon. Lt AA Richardson RE attached this unit from CRE 1 BD Group reported for duty.	
	22		Routine	
	23		Routine	
	24		ACRE 1 BD Group visited Coy.	
	25		1 OR attached reported for duty to DOBD Group 5 2 OR's attended Medical Board for re-categorization Coy personnel signing Draft Warning Rolls.	
	26		OC returns from leave 10 NCO's proceeded on No 12 NCO's Course BD Trg Wing, Chelsea.	

	27		3 Officers on No 1 Course on British Sea Mines & Depth Charges HMS Vernon, Portsmouth	
	28		Posting Order received of Lt J Thompson RE as A/Capt to 216 RE Works Sect (Auth woum P/179726/AG7. (o)) dated 19 March 44 ACRE 1 BD Group visited Coy	
	29		2 Officers No 2 Course on British Sea Mines & Depth Charges HMS Vernon, Portsmouth. Lt H Allenby RE attached to this unit from 1 BD Group reported for duty	
	30		2 OR's awarded 14 days detention by OC. Both despatched under escort to detention barracks, Stake Hill	
	31		OC Coy attended Comdr Conference CRE 1 BD Group RE	
New Barnett	April 44		Officer Commanding Major J F R Goffin RE	
	1		53 & 58 bd Secs RE changed to Field Documentation. CRE London District, accompanied CRE 1 BD Group RE inspected Company 38 OR's ? attached from 1 BD Group RE, posted to the unit & TOS Auth 21 A Gp/3776/23/a/o DATED 22 Jan 44	
	2		Routine	
	3		3 Officers proceeded on No 3 Course on British Mines & Depth Charges HMS Vernon, Portsmouth. 1 NCO proceeded on No 13 B&A Course, Chelsea.	
	4		Routine Lt D E Jackson RE admitted to Hospital	
	5		3 ORs proceeded on No 4 Course British Sea Mines & Depth Charges HMS Vernon, Portsmouth Recently posted personnel & others returned from courses signing Draft Warning Rolls. Letter received from HQ London District, re LD A (S) 61/2 noting suspension of all privilege leave.	
	6		ACRE 1 BD Group visited Coy	
	7		Routine	

	8		3 Officers to No 5 BD Coy RE for BD Technical Instruction	
	9		3 Officers and 10 ORs proceeded on No 1 Shallow Water Diving Course, Chatham.	
	10		Easter Monday, Free Day, Routine	
	11		2 Officers & 5 NCOs proceeded on No 35 NCO's Course SME, Ripon. 5 ORs proceeded on No 55 Timbering (PW) Course SME Ripon. 3 NCOs proceeded on No 14 B&A Course, Chelsea. 30 ORs proceeded on No 57 BD New Intake Course, Chelsea.	
	12		Routine, 53 & 58 Secs moved from Totteridge to New Barnett	
	13		1 Officer & 2 NCOs proceeded on MT Waterproofing Course, Craven Arms, Salop ACRE 1 BD Group RE visited Company.	
	14		Routine, Company dance held at Totteridge Lt D E Jackson RE discharged from Hospital & and granted 14 days sick leave.	
	15		Routine.	
	16.		6 NCOs proceeded on No 13 BD NCOs Course Chelsea	
	17		Routine. 4 ORs posted to Home Detachments on Medical Grounds	
	18		2 Lt R H Ellis RE posted to the unit TOS Auth 21 A Gap/3776/37/A pers dated 12 April 44.	
	19		Routine	
	20		Routine	
	21		ACRE 1 BD Group RE visited Coy.	
	22		Routine	

	23		2 Officers and 16 Ors proceeded on No 2 Shallow Water Diving Course, Chatham 3 ORs proceeded on No 58 New Intake Course, Chelsea Movement Order received from HQ London District ordering Coy move from present location to the Convent of Sacred Heart, Roehampton accommodation to be taken over from 259 Fd Coy RE	
	24		Major J F R Goffin RE posted to 1 BD Group RE Auth – P/115616/2 AC7 (o) dated 20 April 44 Major W S Harris RE reported for duty as OC 19 BD Coy RE vice Major J F R Goffin Auth 21 A Gp/3850/A/E dated 13 Apr 44 (effective date of posting) 1 Officer & 3 NCOs proceeded on PT Course at LD School of P&RT	
	25		Coy Advance Party moved to Roehampton. 2 i/c proceeded on Unit Documentation Course at RAMC Records Office, Hammersmith.	
	26		Co Main Party moved to Roehampton Accommodation & Barrack Stores taken over from 259 Fd Coy RE	
Roehampton	27		Instructions received from Home Forces that Coy comes under Command HQ L of C wef 16 Apr 44 and placed under immediate command 7 Base Sub Area Auth EXFOR SD 3938 dated 14 Apr 44	
	28		SO1 (BD) HQ 21 A Gap visited the Coy	
	29		Routine	
	30		1 Officer and 5 ORs proceeded on Shallow Water Diving Course, Chatham Lt W P Johnstone RE admitted to Hospital.	
Roehampton	May 44		Officer Commanding Major W S Harris	
	1		Coy Training . New programme commenced. Captain Clinton RE from BD Wing, SME Ripon commenced BD Technical Instruction	
	2		Routine	
	3		DBD Home Forces, accompanied by SO1 BD Rear HQ A Gp inspected Company	
	4		3 Officers proceeded on No 14 BD NCOs course BD Trg Wing, Chelsea	

			5 ORs proceeded on No 59 BD New Intake Course BD Trg Wing, Chelsea	
	5		Routine	
	6		Routine	
	7		2 NCOs proceeded on No 14 BD NCOs course BD TRG Wing Chelsea. 5 ORs proceeded on No 59 BD New Intake Course, BD Trg Wing, Chelsea.	
	8		3 Officers proceeded No 11 Special BD Course Ely 1 NCO proceeded on No 18 B&A Course, Trg Wing, Chelsea	
	9		1 Officer proceeded on No 36 BD Course SME Ripon	
	10		Firing at miniature range Osterley Park, Zeroing sights.	
	11		Routine	
	12		1 Officer proceed on No 12 Special BD Course, Ely. Routine Lt N Dixon RE posted to the unit & TOS. Auth 8/219691/ag7 (o) dated May 44	
	14		1 Office and 10 ORs proceeded on Gas Course, Duke of Yorks HQ, Chelsea	
	15		7 NCOs proceeded on No 19 B & A Course Duke of Yorks HQ, Chelsea	
	16		Firing at Pirbright Ranges 53, 58, 255,256 Secs 3Officers proceeded on BD Refresher Course No 13 at BD School SME Ripon. 2 NCOs proceeded on Mech Equip Course No 14 SME Ripon.	
	17		Routine	
	18		Firing at miniature range – Osterley Park Zeroing sights.	
	19		Routine	

	20		Routine	
	21		6 ORs proceeded on No 60 BD New Intake Course, Chelsea 2 NCOs proceeded on Junior NCOs Gas Course, Chelsea.	
	22		5 NCOs proceeded on No 20 B&A Course, Chelsea. 1 Officer and 1 NCO proceeded on Gas Course, Winterbourne	
	23		20 drivers i/c proceeded on wetshoi? Course, Dundonald	
	24		Routine. Deputy Chief Engr 21 A GP Inspected Coy	
	25		14, 16, 18 Sect at Grenade Range, Richmond Park	
	26		Routine	
	27		14, 16, 18, BD Sect firing at Pirbright Ranges	
	28		Routine	
	29		Lt H Allenby posted to 23 BD Coy RE and TOS Auth: ENGERTO EXFOR (RE) Signal RE 914 dated 28 May 44	
	30		Routine	
	31		Lt M Frankel posted to the unit and TOS Auth: ENGERTO EXFOR (RE) Signal dated 28 May 44	
Roehampton	June 44		Commanding Officer Major W S Harris	
	1		Coy inspected by Commander 7 Base Sub Area Lt C D Royce RE admitted to Hospital for examination.	
	2		Routine	
	3		Routine	
	4		12 ORs PROCEEDED ON No 8 New Intake Course Chelsea NCOs proceeded on Gas Course, Chelsea	

	5		Routine	
	6		Routine. Diving practice carried out	
	7		Routine. Diving practice carried out	
	8		15 ORs posted to this unit from 50 RHU and TOS 1 Officer proceeded to Incident Control Course (PA2) 1 NCO proceeded on Rescue & First Aid Course Operational maps collected for Coy HQ and all Sections	
	9		Lt DE Jackson proceeded on compassionate leave.	
	11		Routine	
	12		Routine. Diving practice carried out	
	13		Routine. Diving practice carried out	
	14		Waterproofing Coy HQ, 14, 16, 18. 53 BD Secs vehs commenced	
	15		Lt C D Royce RE Discharged hospital, having attended medical board & been placed in Category E. Returned home to wait instructions from War Office	
	16		Routine	
	17		15 ORs ? postings, signing Draft Warning Rolls	
	18		Routine	
	19		Routine Marching out Inspection of Billets held	
	20		Signal READY sent to BUCO , EXFOR Coy works parties' details for dealing with UX, AA Shells & for clearing debris in Putney	
	21		Routine	

	22		Routine	
	23		Routine	
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	26		Coy inspected by Chief Engineer 21 A Gp	
	27		Routine	
	28		14 & 16 BD Sec moved to main RCRP Area T MR L 845097 Auth L.D.Q (Mov) RD/0/48 dated 26 June 44 18 ORs posted to the unit from 50 RHU & TOS Auth Reinforcement Depot Serial No 50/RE/868 dated 27 June 44	
	29		Routine	
	30		Routine.	