

LT. COL A.J. ROSE COMMANDING 1ST to 31ST AUGUST 1945

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**WAR DIARY**

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(a) ORIGINAL

**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

(b) DUPLICATE

2ND BN K.O.S.BORDERERS

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(c) TRIPLICATE

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
<u>1ST AUGUST - RANGOON</u>	Reveille was at 0350 hrs this morning, giving us an early start for the embarkation of the Bn. At 0500 hrs transport arrived for the Bn. Captain Ferguson and an escort of 20 men proceeded the Bn to Rangoon Docks to take over 200 JIFF prisoners which were under our command for the sea voyage to Calcutta. At 0945 hrs the Bn embussed & was taken to the Docks where 3 TLCs were waiting to ship the Bn to "HMS Egra". Our heavy baggage had been taken aboard previously at 0850 hrs. By 1200 hrs the Bn with all its Baggage was complete on board & the men were settled in on Mess-decks by 1300 hrs. The remainder of the day was spent in settling in, & issuing Ships Routine. We did NOT sail as was expected today.	J.R. Stewart Major
<u>2ND AUGUST - RANGOON</u>	At 0400 hrs the "HMS Egra" weighed anchor and sailed down the Rangoon River. - By 0800 hrs we had cleared the tail of the river & were not out at sea. - Ships inspection took place at 1000 hrs, with all ranks at Boat Stations. The result of this inspection was that the Ships Chief & the OC Troops congratulated the Bn on the cleanliness of the ship. The Mess-decks had never been so clean before. Amenities were laid on for BORs throughout the day. Ship was blacked out at 1700 hrs until 0500 hrs & No Smoking on deck allowed. Orderly Officers & Blackout Officers were appointed to see that this was complied with.	J.R. Stewart Major
<u>3RD AUGUST - At Sea on "H.M.S. Egra"</u>	Reveille was at 0600 hrs & after a good breakfast the troops tidied up their Mess Decks then were allowed up on deck before Ships inspection at 1000 hrs by OC Troops & Major Stewart. Ship was very clean. Jiffs and some of our men now sea-sick but the sea was comparatively calm. - Blackout at 1900 hrs till 0430 hrs tonight. Nothing else to report.	J.R. Stewart Major
<u>4TH AUGUST - At Sea on "H.M.S. Egra"</u>	Still at sea. - Routine as for previous day. Informed we may dock in Calcutta some time tomorrow. Men are still sea-sick, probably due to the ventilation which is bad in the lower decks.	J.R. Stewart Major

<p><u>5TH AUGUST - At Sea on "H.M.S. Egra"</u></p>	<p>Routine as for 3rd &amp; 4th August. We sighted 8 ships anchored &amp; on catching them up, took up position to await arrival of a Hoogly Pilot to take us up to Calcutta. - Pilot came aboard at 1645 hrs &amp; we weighed anchor at 1700 hrs. Blackout Restrictions lifted tonight, &amp; smoking allowed on deck. Captain Antonio RAMC, our RMO, slipped down a gangway &amp; fractured his wrist. Throughout the night we were sailing up the Hoogly River.</p>	<p>J.R. Stewart Major</p>
<p><u>6TH AUGUST - CALCUTTA</u></p>	<p>The "H.M.S. EGRA" docked in Calcutta Docks at 1200 hrs this morning. An Embarkation Staff Officer came aboard to give the Commanding Officer his disembarkation orders. The men completely disembarked (personnel only) by 1400 hrs &amp; were taken by transport to Alipore Transit Camp which is commanded by Major Charlier M.C., who was wounded in Burma when serving with the Bn. Captain Young &amp; a baggage party remained behind to supervise unloading of stores which was completed by 2330 hrs. Men were allowed out in Calcutta on pass.</p>	<p>J.R. Stewart Major</p>