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War Diary  
of the  
4th Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment  
1st April till 29th May 1940  
From Dorset to Dunkirk



WAR DIARY

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Royal Sussex Regt.

Army Form C. 18

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONG BUSTON DORSET.	1 Apr 20.		Movement order No 3. issued	Appendix A Appendix B Appendix C Appendix D Appendix E
	2 - "		Movement order No 4. issued	
	3 - "		All in Tpt concentrated at LONG BUSTON ready for marching prior to departure.	
	3 - "	0830	Administrative instructions No 7. issued M.T. and personnel left for SOUTHAMPTON (Capt. G.V. West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut. P. del. P. Watson, 9 <sup>th</sup> Ptns ranks, 53 vehicles - 14 Motor (Vehicles)).	
	4 - "		Administrative instructions No 8 issued Part II of Reinforcement concentrated at LONG BUSTON. (Capt. G.R. Watson, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut. V.K. Nuttall & 27 Ptns ranks)	
	5 - "		Movement order No 5 issued	
	6 - "		Capt. J.S. Magrath. R. Sussex (R.A.S.) posted to Bn.	
	7 - "			
	8 - "		Bn moved in two columns to SOUTHAMPTON. 1 <sup>st</sup> Train: left SHORBORNE 0955 hrs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Train: left SHORBORNE 1125 hrs. Arr. SOUTHAMPTON. 1230 hrs. Arr. SOUTHAMPTON. 1400 hrs.	
			Allocation of accommodation:- 1 <sup>st</sup> Train: A. Coy. 24 Train: B Coy. H.Q. Coy. C Coy. A. Coy. D. Coy. Part II 1 <sup>st</sup> Reinforcement.	
		1600	Embarkation in S.S. BOYN HARBOR (H.M. Packet) completed and ship sailed. Capt. C.H.S. ACKERS and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut. N.H. Robinson were posted to I.T.C. The Royal Sussex left, CHESTER.	
CHERBOURG.	9 - -	0730	Bn. disembarked and moved to TRANSIT CAMP, D.	
		1800	Bn moved from Camp to LA GARE MARITIME and entrained.	
		2200	Train left.	
La HUTTE	10 - -	0730	Bn arrived and moved by march route to assembly area. Coy's billeted as follows:- Bn H.Q. } CHERANCE. H.Q. Coy } B Coy } RENE. C Coy } D Coy } DOUCELLES. D Coy } THOISE.	

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CHORANCE	11 Apr 20	0530	Adv. party left by road to concentration area (Capt. G.A. Watson and 11 PPs and French interpreter) with 14 vehicles.	
	12 - -		In. Operation Order No. 1 issued.	
	13 - -		Adv. party left for EVREUX by road with two vehicles.	Appendix F.
EVREUX.	14 - -	1015 1730	Road party (13 PPs + 110 PPs tanks, 60 vehicles - 12 M.G.'s) left. Road party arrived.	
	15 - -	1015 1740	Road party left. Arrived MARSEILLE and moved to waiting area.	
			In HQ and HQ Coy. THOIX. A & C Coy. SARTELLE. B Coy. DARRIES. D Coy. OFFROY.	
GRANDVILLERS	16 - -	1015	Adv. party left assembly area en route to LA MOTTE. (15 PPs, 133 PPs)	
THOIX.	17 - -	0900 1235	Train arrived. Coy. not by guide and marched to Coy. waiting area. Adv. party left by road to waiting area about HOLLINGS VIDIARD. (Capt. G.A. Watson, 11 PPs + French interpreter) with 12 vehicles.	Appendix G.
THOIX	18 - -	0900	In. Operation Order No. 1 issued.	
HOLLINGS VIDIARD		1010	Adv. party left by road to waiting area about HOLLINGS VIDIARD. In. arrived at HOLLINGS VIDIARD and dispersed to areas as follows: - (Distance marched 16 miles approx.)	
			In HQ & HQ Coy. HOLLINGS VIDIARD. A & D Coy. OFFROY. C Coy. CAVILLON. B Coy. RICHMONT.	
	19 - -	1200 1200	Capt. F.I.M.H. Thompson left the 4 <sup>th</sup> Corps Reception Camp. STALOGES. In. Operation Order No. 1 issued.	Appendix H.
		1245	Adv. party left by road to waiting area about RUBEMPRE. (Composition as before).	
HOLLINGS VIDIARD	20 - -	0730	In. Operation Order No. 2 issued. In. left for new waiting area.	Appendix J.
RUBEMPRE		1045	In. arrived and dispersed to Coy. areas as follows: - (Distance marched 23 miles approx.)	
			In HQ & HQ Coy. RUBEMPRE. A Coy. RUBEMPRE. B Coy. PIERREGOT. C Coy. HOLLINGS. D Coy. MIRVAUX.	
		1915	Field Return of Officers despatched to Field Return of Officers' trucks.	Appendix K.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROBEMPRE	20 Apr 44	1730	Op. Operation Order No. 1. Issued.	Appendix L.
	20 .. ..	0800	.. left staging area.	
SEAHAND.		1530	.. arrived and dispersed to Belle's as follows: - (Distance marched 15 miles approx.) In HQ & HQ Coy. ST. ANAND. A, B, C, D Coy. SOUSTRE.	Appendix M.
		1730	Op. Operation Order No. 1. Issued. 33 men from Coy. moved to continue the march.	
BONVILLE.	22 Apr 44	0730	.. left staging area.	Appendix N.
		1500	.. arrived and dispersed to Belle's as follows: - (Distance marched 16 miles approx.) In HQ - HQ Coy. BUNEVILLE. A Coy. RAISMIL. B Coy. MONTS. C & D Coy. MONCHEAUX.	
SAILLER LES PIERRES	23 Apr 44	1730	Op. Operation Order No. 1. Issued.	Appendix N.
		0730	.. left staging area. (32 men moved to continue the march).	
		1430	.. arrived and dispersed to Belle's as follows: - (Distance marched 15 miles approx.) In HQ & HQ Coy. SAILLER LES PIERRES. B & D Coy. J A & C Coy. FUMORVAL.	Appendix O.
	24 - -			
	25 - -			
	26 - -			
	27 - -			
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	29 - -			
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			.. held HQs at Belle's, proceeded to HQ. 2nd Div and held HQs of other units.	

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## PART B. NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

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Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1st Lt	1st Lt	Dehnbler J. E.	Retirement	YES.	3 2 40
2nd Lt		Pyper J. A.	"	YES.	30 9 36
		The Director of Purp. & M.	"	YES.	14 2 34
		W. J. P. M.	"	YES.	3 5 26
Capt		Quarworth J. P.	"	YES.	18 9 39
		Spagard J. J.	"	YES.	7 6 40
		Halden J. J.	"	YES.	22 5 29
		Lyons R. A.	"	YES.	25 6 39
		Hynd R. W.	"	YES.	26 9 36
1st Lt		Langton J. O.	"	YES.	30 3 35
		Keenan J. J.	"	YES.	13 1 37
2nd Lt		Keightley J. H.	"	YES.	19 5 27
		Holloway J.	"	YES.	4 9 37
		Stewart J. J.	"	YES.	15 7 37
		Drage J. M.	"	YES.	10 6 38
		Woodley J. W.	"	YES.	23 11 38
		Leake R. E.	"	YES.	24 12 38
		Huntingford P. M.	"	YES.	1 01 39
		Davis J.	"	YES.	10 5 39
		Spang R. E.	20 5 39	NO	ATTENDING COURSE OF INSTRUCTION
		Spinkman R. E. H.	"	YES.	27 5 39
		Bradley P. J.	"	YES.	3 6 39
		Roberts A. A.	"	YES.	15 10 39
		Hubbard J. O. H.	"	YES.	4 6 39
		Watson S. del.	"	YES.	6 6 39
		Byers R. H.	"	YES.	4 1 40
		Fordeham J. G.	"	YES.	14 1 40
M.O. & Q.M.		Angell F.	"	YES.	10 2 40

## (ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
1st Lt		Smith J. E.	R.A. M.C.	10 1 40	Staff
2nd Lt		Hunter J.	R.A. M.C.	22 1 40	Staff
Sergeant		Mannick J. P.	1st Inf Coy	29 3 40	Staff

H. R. Sweet

(Unit)

28 April 1940

(Date of Despatch)

H. W. Britton

(Signature of Commander)

133 Inf Bde

(Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Diary of the 4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regt.

10 - 30 May, 1940.

Ref. Map N.W. Europe 1 : 250,000 FRANCE and BELGIUM  
Sheets 52 and 53.

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10 May 40. About 0400 hrs an air raid took place over the Industrial area of LILLERS and MARLES LES MINES, and also at DOULLENS where "A" and "C" Coys were being employed on constructing cable trenches. At DOULLENS a plane was seen to dive very low over the town and drop 6 bombs on a hutted camp in course of erection, close to "A" Coys car park. A.A. posts were prepared to open fire, but as there were no distinguishing marks on the plane, fire was withheld, and it was not until the plane was out of range that the bombs were dropped. No aircraft came over BAILLEUL LES PERNES, N. 22, and no casualties were incurred by the Battalion.

At 0730 hrs. the Adjutant was called to Bde H.Q. to collect orders for a move. This dealt with a move towards the Franco-Belgian FRONTIER. "A" and "C" Coys at DOULLENS were ordered to stand by to be ready to return to the Bn., which they eventually did about 1600 hrs.

At 1630 hrs. the Bn. moved off by march route to a billeting area about ROBEQ, N. 33. Route:- BAILLEUL LES PERNES - LILLERS - ROBEQ. Regimental and a certain quantity of private property were left in a locked house at BAILLEUL LES PERNES. The MAIRE was notified and the key sent to 'Q'; H.Q., 3 Corps.

The Bn. arrived in the billeting area about 2000 hrs; the march having been carried out without the column being attacked from the air, although there were several air raid warnings in the area passed through.

A list of Officers of the Bn. serving at this date is attached as Appendix "A"

A nominal roll of the Bn. as it had embarked on 8 Apr. 40 is attached as Appendix "B"

11 May 40.

The Bn. remained in the staging area of ROBEQ until late in the afternoon before proceeding by march route to STEENWERCK, where it arrived at about 2000 hrs. The march was uneventful. Route:- MERVILLE H.43 - NEUF BERQUIN - DOULIKU - STEENWERCK, H.54.

Billets were taken over under arrangements made by an advance party.

12 May 40.

At 1300 hrs the Bn. left by march route for COUCOU, H.7355. Route:- STEENWERCK - PLOEGSTEERT - WARETON - COMINES - WERVICQ.

At 1450 hrs the Bn. crossed the Belgian Frontier, and passing through COMINES and WERVICQ it was received with enthusiasm by the local population.

The march was uneventful.

Orders were received that the Bn. would take over internal security and guard duties from 2 Buffs on the next day and to be stationed at WATERMOLEN, H.8458. The Commanding Officer went to WATERMOLEN to meet 2 Buffs.

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"A" and "D" Coys moved to WATERMOLEN, the former to take over bridge guards and the latter to take over anti-parachute duties. The remainder of the Bn. remained at COUCOU.

Dawn and dusk patrols at WEVELDREM aerodrome were carried out by "A" Coy.

In the evening reports were received of flashing lights and parachute landings. All were investigated, but with no concrete results.

14 May 40.

At 0600 hrs "D" Coy sent out a fighting patrol supported by a section of Carriers under the command of 2/Lt. N.H.Ormerod to investigate a report that Parachutists had landed a few hours before in an area S.E. of COURTRAI.

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No results were obtained. At 0700 hrs two more fighting patrols were sent out under the command of Capt. R. W. How and 2/Lt. J.C. Collow to areas south of COURTRAI. No results were obtained.

Several suspects were interrogated; one being handed over to the Police.

Bn. H.Q., H.Q. Coy; and "B" Coy moved to WATERMOLEN and came under orders of 44 Div. direct. Route:- MENIN BISSEGHEM - COURTRAI.

"C" Coy moved to LEDEGHEM and provided guards for a landing ground at BARRAKEN (near LEDEGHEM). Defence trenches were dug and manned day and night.

2 Buffs moved out of WATERMOLEN at 1300 hrs.

At about 2200 hrs a number of Belgian soldiers arrived in the village, having withdrawn from the neighbourhood of BRUSSELS.

15 May 40.

The Bn. less "C" Coy (still at LEDEGHEM) remained at WATERMOLEN.

Again, reports were received throughout the day of parachute landings. All were investigated by patrols, but no enemy were found.

16 May 40.

The Bn. less "C" Coy remained at WATERMOLEN.

Reports were again received, throughout the day, of parachute landings. Action as before.

17 May 40.

"D" Coy was ordered to move to VICHTE, H.95 to control refugee traffic.

At about 1700 hrs, G.S.O. 1, 44 Div. visited Bn. H.Q. and gave orders for the Bn. to move during the night to an area about LA CROIX. Route:- CROISE 7851 - LA ROUSSELL 7547 - WAMBRECHIES 7042 - LA CROIX 6542 (Ref. Map 1 : 50,000, FRANCE, Sheet 52.)

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All bridge guards were handed over to the Belgian Army but "C" and "D" Coys remained to continue their special duties.

About 1900 hrs the Bn. less these two Coys moved off. The march was uneventful, and at 2300 hrs. an advance party was sent forward to arrange billets.

Major The Duke of Norfolk reported sick and was evacuated to 133 Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C.

18 May 40.

The Bn. arrived at LA CROIX at about 0600 hrs and occupied billets which had been taken over by the advance party.

During the morning all troops rested preparatory to moving further south later in the day as had been ordered previously.

Orders were received about 1300 hrs to the effect that the Bn. was to return to a billeting area at VICHTE H. 95, during the late evening and to stage the night on the way at AELEBEKE, H. 85.

At 1700 hrs the Bn. moved off by march route. Nothing of any event occurred during the march. Route:-  
WAMBRECHIES - LA ROUSSELLE 7547 - X Rds. 805532 -  
AELEBEKE.

At about 2200 hrs the Bn. arrived at AELEBEKE and went into billets.

19 May 40.

At 0800 hrs the Bn. moved forward by march route to VICHTE. Route:- AELEBEKE - ROLLEGHEM - BELLEGHEN 8651 - ST. LOUIS 9355 - VICHTE. The roads were crowded with refugees and other military traffic, but this did not delay the march.

On arrival at VICHTE orders were received that the Bn. was to remain there for dinner and that the 'O' Group should meet the Commanding Officer at bend in

19 May 40. Road 992593. A position N.E. of STEENBRUGGE had already  
(Cont.) been reconnoitered by him.

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Recce by Coy Comd. took place during the afternoon and the Bn. arrived to take up the position about 1800 hrs. Bn.H.Q. was established in corner of WOOD 993598.

"D" Coy returned to the Bn.

Digging and wiring began and continued through the night.

20 May 40. The Bn. remained in position all day and the defences were improved. Work was continuous throughout day and night.

Nothing of any event occurred during the day.

The landing ground near LEDEGHEM, where "C" Coy were still stationed, ~~was~~ vacated by the R.A.F.

21 May 40. About 1000 hrs a party of about 20 men reported to Bn.H.Q. under an Officer from R.W.K. who said that they had been driven back from the R. ESCAUT and that the enemy attack was developing on that flank by AUDENARDE J. 05.

Orders were received for a recce to be made of a position facing North, to cover the left flank of the Bde. should the necessity arise. This was only partially carried out as the front gave way before it was complete.

About 1230 hrs orders were received that the Bn. should move forward to an assembly position about ANSEGHEM, J. 05.

The Bn. moved by march route in the late afternoon and arrived about 1700 hrs. The village was being heavily shelled and several casualties were suffered. Captain G. A. Watson was killed and No. 6402300, Pte. T. Hemmings was the first 'other rank' to be killed.

Coy's were dispersed under cover and the 'O' Group

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went forward for orders about 1830 hrs.

Considerable delay ensued, as in addition to Capt. WATSON being killed, Capt. P. F. HADDOCK ("B" Coy) was ~~injured~~ <sup>wounded</sup> and M.T. vehicles were put out of action. The T.O. (2/Lt. P. de L. P. WATSON) was wounded.

The Bn. was sent to an R.V. in rear of the position to be occupied by the 2 1/c (Major J.L. BREEDS).

About 2030 hrs the Bn. was in position and digging started. Work on the position continued throughout the night, but no wire was available.

Throughout the night intermittent shelling of our lines took place. Several casualties occurred, amongst them, A/Capt. W. K. HUBBARD, who was wounded.

Bn. H.Q. was established outside FARM at 018570.

"C" Coy at LEDEBHEM, aided by R.E's, rendered the landing ground useless by the detonation of an R.A.F. bomb store placed in lines across the landing ground.

22 May 40.

About 0400 hrs an attack started to our front and the shelling of our lines increased. This seemed due to an enemy aircraft spotting for their artillery, and the shelling ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> heavy and accurate. Few casualties, however, occurred.

About 1500 hrs, troops of 2. R. Sussex withdrew through our position, this withdrawal continuing until about 1900 hrs. In addition to the personnel of 2. R. Sussex, parties from the Queen's and R.W.K. came through. These were organised into platoons and put in position by Lt.-Col. L. G. WHISTLER.

The attack increased during the early evening and contact was made with our forward Coys.

About 1600 hrs orders were received from the Brigadier (Brigadier N.I. WHITTY, D.S.O.) verbally, that at dusk

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22 May 40. the Bn. was to withdraw to another position behind the  
(Cont) R. LYS, S.W. of COURTRAI. The withdrawal was duly carried  
out at 2200 hrs and the evacuation of the position was  
covered by the Carrier Platoon (2/Lt. C.P.M. HUNTING) and  
one Coy 1/8 Middlesex Regt. (M.M.G's.), "A" Coy being  
the last rifle coy to withdraw from the forward position.  
The enemy did not shell the route on which the Bn. moved,  
and contact with him was lost. Route:- ANSEHEM -  
HIEKWEG 9758 - VICHTE - X Rds 925566 - STACBOHEM -  
COURTRAI. The march was uneventful.

23 May 40. The Bn. arrived at COURTRAI and was met by a guide  
of "C" Coy and taken to WEVELOHEM aerodrome where it  
stayed for the remainder of the day.

"C" Coy (Capt. J.S. MAGRATH) returned under command.

Coy's were dispersed in trenches around the aerodrome  
and the barrack buildings.

During the afternoon and evening considerable  
quantities of British transport, guns and A.P.V's came  
through from COURTRAI. Any vehicle which could carry  
troops was fully laden.

At 1900 hrs orders were received for the Bn. to move  
by M.T. to LA MADELEINE (LILLE). The Bn. marched to  
GHELUNE, H. 75, when it embussed. Route:- WERVICQ - COMINES  
- DEULEMONT 6247 - PRELINGHIEN 6145 - PORT de LOMPRET 4164.  
The march was uneventful.

24 May 40. At 0230 hrs the Bn. debussed at PORT de LOMPRET and  
proceeded by march route to LA MADELEINE. An advance  
party under the 2 i/c had been forward and arranged billets.

At 0830 hrs orders for the Bn. to embus at LA CROIX  
and move to FLITRE were issued.

The Bn. moved off at about 0900 hrs, some of the men  
not having had breakfast. The time for embussing was  
changed several times, and it was not until late in the

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afternoon that the Bn. finally embussed. Route :-  
FROLINCHEIN, H. 64 - HOULINES - ARGENTIERES - NIEPVE -  
BAILLEUL - METZES - FLETRE, H. 45.

Major J. L. BREKDS was reported missing during the evening.

25 May 40.

About 0200 hrs the Bn. arrived and debussed at FLETRE and marched forward to CAESTRE, H. 35, where a defensive position was taken up. No wire was available. Artillery support was provided by one battery of 65 Pd. Regt. R.A. under command Capt. P. S. SHRIMPTON.

26 May 40.

The Bn. remained in a defensive position all round the village of CAESTRE and was continually shelled throughout the day and the night, but comparatively few casualties were suffered. A continuous stream of military traffic passed through the village during the day and most of the night.

27 May 40.

CAESTRE was again shelled as on the previous day, few casualties occurring, although the shelling increased in intensity towards the evening; En. H.Q. seemingly to be the chief objective.

At approximately 1200 hrs enemy tanks numbering about 20 were reported to be approaching the S.E. end of the village. With the aid of the Bde. Anti-Tank Coy. and Bn. Anti-Tank weapons, six tanks of the Medium type were effectively dealt with, and their crews taken prisoner.

The remaining tanks harassed our troops with machine gun fire from the N.W. end of the village during the remainder of the day.

About 1400 hrs very lights were fired to call for defensive fire. It was raining very hard and with reduced visibility, the lights were not seen. Considerable

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difficulty was experienced by the artillery in communication .

In the evening 60 or 70 enemy planes dived and circled around the village, but no bombs were dropped and no machine gun fire was opened from the aircraft.

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CAESTRE was again shelled throughout the day.

The traffic, both military and the civilian refugee vehicles , had ceased through CAESTRE.

Enemy tanks again showed themselves against the skyline, at intervals, N.W. of the village and small arms fire was exchanged throughout the day.

At 2200 hrs orders were received by Liaison Officer (2/Lt. J. M. DRAKE) that the Bn. was to withdraw to MONT DES CATS through FLESTRE, and that only essential transport was to accompany the Bn; the remainder to be rendered unfit for use.

The Bn. moved off about 2245 hrs with three vehicles per Coy and one S.A.A. vehicle. Contact with the enemy was lost.

29 May 40.

About 0300 hrs the Bn. arrived at MONT DES CATS and took over a position held by R.E. and R.A.S.C. units.

This position was shelled and subjected to a low flying bombing attack during the early morning and several casualties were incurred.

Orders to withdraw to an assembly area West of POPERINGHE prior to moving to DUNKIRK were received about 1030 hrs and the Bn. left the position about 1100 hrs. "D" Coy withdrew around the S.E. edge of the hill and failed to reach the assembly point.

Just before reaching the assembly area a low flying bombing attack on, it appeared, a French Convoy took place a mile from the Bn. The Bn. dispersed off the

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road and continued the march when the attack was over.

About 1500 hrs the Bn. moved off from the assembly area

Route :- PROVEN - ROUSBRUGGE - HONDSCHOOTE - BRAY DUNES.

"A" and "C" Coys became detached from the Bn. and proceeded independently towards DUNKIRK. On arrival at the beaches near DUNKIRK, "C" Coy was retained by 44th Div. H.Q. for guard duties.

"D" Coy proceeded towards DUNKIRK in two parties under comd. Capt. N. H. ORMEROD and 2/Lt. J. C. CALLOW and embarked from LA PANNE and DUNKIRK respectively.

Bn.H.Q., H.Q. and "B" Coys embarked from the beaches North of DUNKIRK under comd. Lt.-Col. L. G. WHISTLER.

*L. G. Whistler* Lt.-Col.  
Comd. 4th Bn. The Royal Sussex Regt.

List of Officers serving the Battalion  
10 May 40.

Comd.	Lt.-Col. L. G. Whistler.
2 i/c	Major. J. L. Breeds.
Adjt.	Capt. J. B. Ashworth.
I.O.	2/Lt. D. T. Davis.
Q.M.	Lt. (Q.M.) F. Angell.
"A" Coy	Major C. F. A. Nix. Lieut J. O. Lintott. 2/Lt. J. M. Drage. 2/Lt. R. E. H. Parkinson.
"B" Coy.	Capt. F. F. Haddock. 2/Lt. G. C. M. Gould. 2/Lt. A. E. Leake. 2/Lt. A. A. Roberts. 2/Lt. P. S. Hadley
"C" Coy.	Capt. J. S. Magrath. Lieut J. S. Reason. 2/LT. J. W. Gooddy. 2/Lt. R. G. Seager.
"D" Coy.	Capt. G. A. Watson. Capt. R. W. How. 2/Lt. N. H. Ormerod. 2/Lt. J. C. Callow
H. Q. Coy.	Major The Duke of Norfolk 2/Lt. A. L. Pitman (Signal Officer) 2/Lt. C. P. M. Hunting (Carrier Officer) 2/Lt. P. de L. P. Watson (Transport Officer) 2/Lt. S. C. Fordham ( A. A. Officer)
Chaplain	Capt. F. Hunter (R. A. Ch. D.)
M. O.	Lieut. F. M. Smith (R. A. M. C.)