

1st/6th BATTALION, EAST SURREY REGIMENT

1939

Appendix

September H.Q. 62 CLAREMONT RD. SURBITON

- Sep 1st 16.53 Brigade Major telephoned T.A. to be embodied. Allocation 44 Div.
H.D. scheme to be taken.
17.50 Superintendent of Police "V" Division informed that Companies were
taking over posts to act in support of Police sub-divisions as detailed under
London Area Home Defence Scheme.
Battle H.Q. Putney Police Station
Rear H.Q. 62, Claremont Rd. Surbiton.
"A" Company Wimbledon 91 present
"B" Company Putney 97 present
"C" Company Richmond 74 present
"D" Company Kingston 90 present
H.Q. Company to be in support at Surbiton 87 present
10.45 H.Q. S.W. Sub Area established at Hyde Park Police Station.
- Sep 2nd All V.P.s manned.
- Sep 3rd 11.00 War declared.
11.45 Air raid warning.
12.02 All clear signals.
- Sep 6th 132 Inf. Brigade closes at Sheldon and moves to Grey House, Sevenoaks.
06.45 Air raid warning given.
9.05 All Clear signals.
- Sep 8th 12.20 Informed by Brigade to send men to I.T.C. Kingston for training cadre.
- Sep 20th 15.10 S.W. Sub Area informed of number of men fit for foreign service.
- Sep 23rd 09.45 Warning Order from Brigade H.Q. "The following personnel to be
earmarked and to be ready to move to training area on instructions being
received: 1 Officer, R.Q.M.S., 1 clerk, 2 D.R.s, and W.O. or Sergeant from
each Company".
15.00 Quartermaster attended conference at H.Q. S.W. Sub Area. Battalion
to draw ration allowance 28/9/39 and that subsistence allowance would
cease on that date.
- Sep 26th 19.35 Message from 132 Brigade "Advance parties to proceed to training
areas 28/9/39 and 30/9/39."
- Sep 28th Sir Walter Kirke G.O.C. Home Forces called at Battle H.Q. and was received
by the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant.
19.47 Orders received from S.W. Sub Area that Battalion would concentrate
as far as possible to carry out individual training and would cease to act in
support of Police. The 1st P.L. Kensington were to reconnoitre the area
formerly occupied by our Battalion. Battalion went on rations.