1st/6th BATTALION, EAST SURREY REGIMENT

Appendix

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October **SURBITON** Oct 1st 09.00 Battn. ceased to act in support of Police "V" Division; all guards withdrawn and Battle H.Q. closed, and B Company left Putney and moved to Kingston Drill Hall. Oct 9th 15.00 Lectures on Social Hygiene given by members of British Social Hygiene Council to all Companies. Oct 10th Battalion strength 565. Brigade Commander wanted voluntary recruitment of suitable tradesmen. Oct 12th 10:00 "A" and "B" Companies, with the exception of those under nineteen, fired their annual range course at Bisley. Four Officers struck off strength and sent to Kingston Barracks. Oct 13th 10.00 "C" and half of H.Q. Coys. fired annual range course at Bisley. 13.00 Two L/Cpls. proceeded to Colchester to join Officers Training Corp. Oct 14th 10.00 "D" and half H.Q. Coys. fired annual range course at Bisley. Oct 16th Order received from War Office. Shoulder titles will no longer be worn. Oct 17th Modification of the existing regulations governing the grant of increments of pay and proficiency pay becomes operative for the period of the present hostilities. Oct 19th Orders for move of Battalion on 22/9/39 issued to all concerned. Oct 21st Draft of 163 O.Rs. to 2/6 Battn. E.S.R. LYME REGIS Oct 22nd 03.30 Bn. H.Q. closed at Surbiton and Bn. proceeded by train to Lyme Regis. 11.45_Bn. H.Q. opened at Lyme Regis. Bn. carried out individual training. Night operations every Tuesday and Thursday for two hours. A 30 yd range has been constructed by Bn. and each man will fire T.O.E.T. with rifle and L.M.G. 07.00 Leave party arrived Lyme Regis Oct 26th 16.03 Draft of 96 ORs. posted to Bn. From I.T.C. Kingston. Bn. Course of Oct 31st instruction arranged for Officers and W.O. class 3.