

**1st/6th BATTALION, EAST SURREY REGIMENT**

**1940**

**Appendix**

**August SELSEY**

Aug 2nd 14:00 Commander 5 Corps visited the beach defences at Selsey

**MID-LAVANT**

Aug 12th 13:00 Bn. relieved by 2 D.C.L.I. who take over beach defences at Selsey and West Wittering. 6 Surreys take over camp of 2 D.C.L.I at Mid-Lavant. Roles of Bn.

(i) Defence of Tangmere and West Hampnett aerodromes.

(ii) To man Div. Stop Line.

(iii) Anti-parachute.

Two Coys. will be confined to Camp Area each day and remainder will train.

15:30 Commanding Officer addressed the Battalion.

Aug 14th Air activity over Camp. Plane crashed three miles from O.P. Parachutists dropped 2 1/2 miles from O.P. L.D.V. and Police took charge of parachutists.

Aug 17th 13:00 Approximately 20 bombs dropped on Tangmere by 24 planes believed Junkers 8. Fierce air battle over 3425, large column of black smoke over Tangmere.

Aug 23rd New O.P. constructed at Trundle 313305. O.Ps at Stoke Clump and Bow Hill withdrawn.

Aug 27th/28th 11:00 Gas Spray Exercise. Whole of the Battalion took part in the two days.

Aug 28th 15:00 Gen. Sir Richard Foster K.C.B. C.M.G..D.S.O., Col. of the Regiment inspected the Battalion (see attached letter of congratulation).