

1st/6th BATTALION, EAST SURREY REGIMENT

1941

Appendix

August SOUTHAMPTON

- Aug 3rd Bde. Mortar Demonstration.
- Aug 9th - 16th Field Firing at Amesbury. 3" Mortar and M.G. Demonstrations. Pls. fired Bren, Rifle, Thomson, 69 Grenade and 2" mortar in the Scheme. Bn. marched back to Blighmont Barracks from Amesbury. 28 1/2 miles in 10 hrs. No-one fell out.
- Aug 13th - 20th 5 Corps A/T Demonstration. Composite Coy. under Capt. C.R. Barham in camp for demonstration 'How to overcome A/Tk ditch using explosives'. Tp. 'Matilda' tanks from Canadian Armoured Brigade assisted. Men of Bn. laid and fired Bangalore Torpedoes to destroy wire obstacles.
- Aug 18th 2/Lt W.G. Spencer and Pl. took over duties of Defence Pl. for H.Q. 5 Corps for a period of 14 days.
- Aug 18th - 23rd Junior Leaders Tactical Course. 18 L/Cpls and associated Privates attended.
- Aug 19th Assistance given to 7 Wilts by 9 N.C.Os of the Bn. for a period of 3 weeks.
- Aug 20th - 24th 'B' and 'C' Coys. Coy training. Inter-Coy scheme on 24.
- Aug 25th - 31st Bn. Rest Week. Inter-Pl. Football Competition won by No. 10 Pl. Visits to Cunliffe Owens Aircraft Factory and Lee-on-Solent aerodrome. Treasure hunt and General Knowledge tests held. Two picnics at Lepe. The Band attended.