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- Oct 1st Exercise 'Bumper'. Bn. remained in line Watford - Tring'.
- Oct 2nd Bn. moved by M.T. to area Puckeridge, Herts. Bn. H.Q. established in a Public House at Puckeridge.
- Oct 3rd 09:00 'Bumper Cease Fire' received.
19:30 Battalion moved by M.T. throughout night back to billets at Southampton. Route was via St Albans - Marlow - Henley-on-Thames - Winchester bypass - Chandlers Ford - Southampton.
- Oct 4th 09:30 Battalion arrived at Blighmont Barracks, Southampton. Two vehicles were slightly damaged during the night drive.
- Oct 5th Brigade Night Course commenced. Six officers of the Battalion attended. Capt G.G. Maggs M.C. was attached to 10 Infantry Brigade as instructor. The object of the course was to train a pool of instructors for the Battalion so that men of the Battalion could be trained on similar lines in the future. Programme consisted of 'Demonstration and Practice of Silent Movement by Night', 'The use of Compass', 'Art of Crawling' and 'Use of Ground for Night Movement' etc.
- Oct 6th/7th Battalion training in barracks. Detachment visited A/Tk range at Bulford. The Battalion were entertained in the evening of 7th October by an E.N.S.A. concert party.
- Oct 8th A/A Course commenced. 2 N.C.Os of each rifle company attended for instruction under P.S.M. Seaborne.
- Oct 9th Adj. made a visit to the Officer i/c records at Ashford, Middx. It was stated that the battalion records and documentation were excellent and that the Battalion Part Two orders have been and are always a model of perfection.
- Oct 10th Battalion training in barracks.
- Oct 11th A/A course terminated.
- Oct 12th Brigade night course terminated.
- Oct 13th 'A', 'D' and 'H.Q.' Companies at Romsey North range. A concert was given to the Battalion in the evening.
- Oct 14th 'D' Company proceeded on 'Exercise Hayling'. 'A' and 'H.Q.' Companies take over all duties. 'B' and 'C' Companies together with two Mortar Dets, 1/4 M/C. Section, 1 Sec Carriers and 2 S.Bs commenced Night Training on similar lines referred to above. Officers Tactical Course for 'A', 'D' and 'H.Q.' Companies commenced.
- Oct 15th Remainder of Battalion training in barracks.
- Oct 16th Officers Tactical Course terminated.
- Oct 16th - 18th Battalion training in barracks.
- Oct 19th Party of 'D' Company returned from 'Exercise Hayling'.

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- Oct 20th 'Arty' Demonstration at Senior Officers School, Arlesford. 20 Officers, W.Os and Sgts attended. Night Training for 'B' and 'C' Companies terminated.
- Oct 21st 'A' and 'D' Companies on night training with details of 'H.Q.' Company referred to above. Officers Tactical Course commenced.
- Oct 22nd 'B' 'C' and 'H.Q.' Companies at Romsey North range.
- Oct 23rd Officers Tactical Course continued.
- Oct 24th Officers Tactical Course terminated.
- Oct 25th 'B' and 'H.Q.' Companies Field Firing at Newton Heath. Commanding Officer attended conference at Brigade.
- Oct 26th Night training for 'A' and D companies terminated.
- Oct 27th Commanding Officer spoke to the Battalion, warning them the orders had been received for the Battalion to prepare for mobilisation for service overseas.
- Oct 28th Approximately 400 Officers and ORs proceeded on seven days embarkation leave. 'A' and 'H.Q.' Companies firing at Newton Heath.
- Oct 29th 'D' and 'H.Q.' Companies Field Firing at Newton Heath. Remainder of 'D' Company returned from Exercise 'Hayling'.
- Oct 30th/31st Bn. training in barracks.