

1st/6th BATTALION, EAST SURREY REGIMENT

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November	SOUTHAMPTON
Nov 1st	Bn. less Embarkation Leave Party training in barracks.
Nov 2nd	Church Parade attended by approx. 180 men.
Nov 3rd	Battalion less first embarkation leave party training in barracks.
Nov 4th	First leave party returned.
Nov 5th	Second leave party proceeding on seven days leave. Approximate number 420 officers and OR's.
Nov 6th	Battalion Band played at Trooping the Colours at the Department of Navigation, Southampton. Those present included detachments of British, Belgian and Polish Cadets. Music: Sea Shanties, National Anthems, and Airs of all the three countries.
Nov 7th	Battalion less Second Leave Party training in barracks.
Nov 8th	Gas Course for Junior N.C.Os commenced.
Nov 9th	Battalion less Second Leave Party training in barracks.
Nov 10th	Browndown Range used for Bren Firing by details of Battalion.
Nov 13th	Demonstration of grenades at Plaitford Common.
Nov 14th	All respirators in the Battalion inspected.
Nov 15th/16th	Refresher Gas Course held on for Sergeants and above.
Nov 17th	Brigadier W.C. Clutterbuck ,M.C. relinquished command of 10 Infantry Brigade, and the following letter was received by the Battalion: 'On leaving 10 Infantry Brigade to take up another command I wish to thank all Officers, W.O's, N.C.Os and men for their loyal support, enthusiasm and hard work during the period I have commanded the 10 Infantry Brigade. Since October 40 enormous progress has been made by all units, and now all that 10 Infantry Brigade asks 'Show me a Hun and we know what to do with him'. That the 10 Infantry Brigade know what to do with him and will do to him, I have no shadow of doubt. Good Luck and God Speed'.
Nov 18th	Romsey North ranges used for L.M.G. practices. Mobilisation Day. Brig. O.M. Wales M.C. assumed command 10 Infantry Brigade vice Brig. W.C. Clutterbuck M.C.
Nov 19th	2/Lt D.V. Wright gave a lecture to Officers at the Officers Mess on 'Life in the Foreign Legion'. Romsey North range used for rifle practices.
Nov 20th	Commanding Officer (Lt. Col. C.D. Armstrong D.S.O., M.C.) lectured Officers at the Officers Mess on Military Law. Junior Leaders Tactical Course commenced.

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- Nov 21st Corps Commander visited the Bn. This was a farewell visit and no special arrangements as to a programme were made.
- Nov 22nd Junior leaders tactical course terminated.
- Nov 23rd Battalion witnessed demonstration of A.W. bombs in the M.T. lines at Blighmont Barracks, Southampton.
- Nov 24th Battalion Rifle Meeting at Romsey North range. A number of prizes were awarded for good shooting, judging distance, throwing grenades etc.
- Nov 25th Commanding officer made an inspection of No. 4 Platoon.
- Nov 26th - 28th Junior Leaders Tactical course held during this period.
- Nov 29th/30th Acting upon information previously received that 4 Div. would move between 27 Nov and 2 Dec 41 into G.H.Q. Reserve and be under S.E. Command for Admn. and Trng., the Battalion made preparations to move to new area - Hartley Row, near Basingstoke, and to take over billets occupied by the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (M.G.) Regt.