

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

1942

Appendix

### MARCH

#### HARTLEY ROW

- Mar 1st Instructions issued reference operational role of the Battalion in the event of 4 Div. (G.H.Q. Reserves) being called upon to take part in active operations in the UK. See App 'A'
- Mar 4th Advance party (1 officer and 26 ORs proceeded to Inveraray. The Battalion were to proceed in a few days to carry out Combined Operations training. See App 'B'
- Mar 5th Practice landing by Battalion using artificial A.L.Cs and N.L.Cs constructed by Pioneer Pl. on Hartley Row Common. See App 'C'
- Mar 6th H.M. The King inspected the Battalion.
- Mar 7th Battalion, less details (see Appendix "B"), moved in 2 parties to Inveraray. Parties proceeded by rail and sea from Winchfield Station. Port of embarkation was: Gourock, Scotland.

#### INVERARAY

- Mar 8th Battalion arrived at Inveraray p.m.
- Mar 9th - 12th Battalion training in Dukes Camp Inveraray.
- Mar 13th Combined Operations Exercise. See App 'D'
- Mar 14th Battalion embarked on H.T. Ettrick. Copy of Ships Routine Orders attached. See App 'E' & 'F'

#### AT SEA

- Mar 15th Orders issued re. stowing of hammocks; A most important procedure on board ship. See App 'G'
- Mar 16th Orders issued re mess deck competition. See App 'H'
- Mar 19th Lt. A.G. Banks assumed appointment of Adjutant vice Capt. G.A. White relinquished. Result of mess deck competition:- H.Q. Company, 1st/6th Surrey's - 1st.
- Mar 20th Battalion Landing Exercise See App 'J'

#### INVERARAY

- Mar 21st Battalion disembarked at Inveraray from H.T. Ettrick and moved to Dukes Camp. After the final inspection of the ship by the Chief Officer the Commanding Officer (Lt. Col. C.D. Armstrong D.S.O. M.C.) had the following remarks to make:- "The Commanding Officer is very pleased to inform all ranks of the Battalion that, at the final inspection of this ship before the departure of the Battalion, the Chief Officer carrying out the inspection was extremely pleased with the very clean and tidy condition in which the mess deck, wash places, and latrines were left. The Commanding Officer wishes to congratulate all ranks on this report, and especially the mess orderlies and fatigue parties who put in a lot of hard work to achieve this result".
- Mar 26th Battalion Landing Exercise

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Mar 27th            Battalion training in Dukes Camp  
Mar 28th            Battalion dance held in Inveraray  
Mar 29th - 31st    Battalion training in Dukes camp