

1st/6th BATTALION, EAST SURREY REGIMENT

1942

Appendix

AUGUST

CARRONBRIDGE, DUMFRIES

- Aug 1st Ex. "DRYSHOD" commenced. Members of Battalion returning from leave were accommodated at @ Beds and Herts, The Barony, Dumfrieshire.
- Aug 2nd Battalion advanced in Exercise to a position near Sanquar.
- Aug 5th Battalion resumed advance to Enterkinfoot and took up positions near there for the night.
- Aug 6th Battalion resumed advance to Thornhill. Battles took place in and around Thornhill. The Battalion was put out of the Exercise at 21:00 hours.
- Aug 7th 1 Company and skeleton Battalion H.Q. restored to Exercise under Comd. Maj. Bahram. This force recaptured Thornhill and then advanced to Ford (sheet 84 map reference 374181).
- Aug 8th Force under Comd. Maj. Barham resumed advance to Auldgirth where it spent the night.
- Aug 9th 10:00 Exercise "DRYSHOD" finished. Battalion spent day in billets in Thornhill. A letter was later sent to the residents of Thornhill by the Commanding Officer thanking them for the welcome assistance rendered to members of the Battalion.
- Aug 10th G.H.Q. vacate Carronbridge Camp. Battalion marched in to take up quarters.
- Aug 11th Commanding Officer expressed through the medium of B.Os his appreciation of the marching and fighting ability of the Battalion. A letter was received from the Camp Comdt. G.H.Q. Home Forces G.H.Q. Home Forces expressing appreciation for willingness and hard work of the Rear Party during Exercise "DRYSHOD".
- Aug 17th A.A. and C.M.G. 4 Division visited the Battalion.
- Aug 18th A conference on "Exercise DRYSHOD" was held at Hamilton. Officers of the Battalion attended. Commanding Officer left to attend a discussion at Larkhill on Tactical Employment of Artillery with the Field Army. Command of the Battalion devolves on Major W.C.E. Nash during the absence of Lieutenant-Colonel H.A.B . Bruno M.B.E.