

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

1943

Appendix

July

### **BOUGIE, ALGERIA**

- Jul 1st Camp clearing and settling n. Brigadier and A.D.M.S. called. Bn. ordered to take Atebrin tablets 7 days a week for 3 weeks. Bn. awards. H. The King approved the following immediate awards: Military Cross to Major R.C. Guy and Capt. J.O. Strode. Distinguished Conduct Medal to 6142852 C.S.M. Mackenzie, P., Military Medal to 6140343 Sgt. Deane, J., 6144844 Cpl. Cudlip, J.T. and 3340502 Bandsman Whinder, T.
- Jul 2nd 'Desert Victory' shown in Bougie, and organised parties sent from Bn.
- Jul 3rd Capt. P.M. Plastow admitted 69 General Hospital with malaria.
- Jul 4th 31 ORs. reported from hospital. Week devoted to fitness, Khud races, marches etc.
- Jul 5th Major G.G. Maggs admitted 69 Gen. Hosp. with malaria.
- Jul 6th Capt. W.G. Spencer assumed command of A/Tk Pl. Capt. J.F. Edwards assumed command of "D" Coy.
- Jul 7th Comd. Offr. went to Djidjelli O.T.C. for combined training. Major J.G. Garmons-Williams assumed command of Bn. during absence of Comd. Offr. at O.T.C.
- Jul 8th Capt. J.C. Strode M.C., R.S.M. Smith and C.S.M Mackenzie P. D.C.M. proceeded to Algiers to see Major R.C. Guy M.C. Draft of 66 ORs. arrived and were posted to H.Q. Coy. Bn. marched to Sidi Aissa.
- Jul 9th Capt. L.E. Penn admitted 69 Gen. Hosp. with malaria.
- Jul 10th Div. Comd. and A.D.O.S. called. Lt. A.G. George and 36 ORs. returned from P.O.W. escort duty to U.K.
- Jul 11th Lt. Col. R.O.V. Thompson returned from O.T.C. and resumed command of Bn.
- Jul 12th 2 I/c. and 3 Captains to O.T.C. at Djidjelli. Lt. A.G. George assumed command of No 3 Pl.
- Jul 13th Div. Concert party visited camp. Well received.
- Jul 16th Bde. Comd. inspected unit's transport. 2nd party returned from Djidjelli.
- Jul 19th Corps Comd. visited Bn. during L.O.I. training. Capt. P.M. Plastow discharged from hospital and rejoined unit.
- Jul 21st Bn. Khud race.
- Jul 22nd Capt. L.E. Penn discharged from hospital and rejoined unit.
- Jul 25th Major G.G. Maggs discharged from hospital and rejoined unit.
- Jul 26th Lt. R.A. Grigg assumed command of Pioneer Pl.
- Jul 27th Capt. J.M. Strode M.C. promoted Major w.e.f. 21 June 1943. Infantry co-operation with artillery.

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Bn. Water Polo Competition commenced.