

1st/6th BATTALION, EAST SURREY REGIMENT

1943

Appendix

October

BOUGIE, ALGERIA

- Oct 1st Comd. Off. attended conference of Bn. Comds. at Division.
- Oct 2nd 3 new Immediate Emergency Commissions reported for duty from 2 North Staffs. Draft of 110 ORs. left for Philippeville.
- Oct. 3rd Conference of all Officers. Comd. Offr. informed all Officers of probable role of Bn.
- Oct 4th 4 N.C.Os. detailed as Instructors for I.R.T.D. Philippeville.
- Oct 8th Composite Platoon demonstrated to the Div. the employment of mortars firing as a battery.
- Oct 9th Week devoted to the preparation of the camp for winter. Little training done.
- Oct 15th Capt. Sloan produced a concert at the Municipal Theatre, Bougie. Cast chosen from within the Bn.
- Oct. 16th Comd. Offr., Major Strode M.C., and Capt. Nash proceeded on week's tour of the Bou Arada Battlefield, organised by Division. Command of the Bn. devolved on Major J.A. Garnons-Williams.
- Oct 20th Major Maggs M.C. and Capt. Plastow left by air for Beirut, Syria to attend M.E. Mountain Warfare Course.
- Oct 21st Capt. Sloan and Concert Party left on tour of Philippeville, Constantine and Setif, returning on 28th.
- Oct 25th Comd. Offr. and party returned from tour of the battlefield. Major Garnons-Williams relinquishes command of the Bn. on return of the Comd. Offr.
- Oct 26th 14 Officers posted to I.R.T.D. Philippeville as reinforcements. Officer strength now 15.
- Oct. 30th Comd. Offr. attended conference at Bde. Bn. strength: Officers 15, W.Os. 8, C/Sgts. 6, Sgts. 29, L/Sgts. 11, Cpls. 39, L/Cpls. 26, Ptes. 147. Total 281 all ranks. The whole month has been devoted to building our winter camp.