

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

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**Appendix**

<b>November</b>	<b>BOUGIE, ALGERIA</b>
Nov 1st	Bn. moved to the upper camp, reconstructed for occupation during the winter months.
Nov 2nd	Capt. W.C.E. Nash promoted to Major.
Nov. 3rd	Bn. W.T. Cadre supervised by Major J.A. Garnons-Williams commences. 12 Sgts. and Cpls. attended.
Nov 4th	Major A. Smart returned from membership of a F.G.C.M. held at Constantine.
Nov 5th	Div. Comd. Maj. Gen. H.J. Hayman-Joyce D.S.O. inspected the camp.
Nov 6th	Bn. soccer team beat 30 Fd. Regt. 5 – 1 in Divisional Football League. Major J.A. Garnons-Williams proceeded to Algiers to supervise training of 52 Area.
Nov 7th	Bn. Church Parade attended by Senior Chaplain, 4 Div.
Nov 8th	Christmas Committee selected to make arrangements for Christmas under Presidency of Major A. Smart. Personal message for every member of the Bn. received from General Eisenhower.
Nov 9th	Lt. V.H. Jones reported for duty from H.Q. 1 Armoured Div.
Nov 10th	Bn. Band played to French troops in the Caserne Militaire, Bougie.
Nov 11th	Bn. and Band represented the Bn. in an Armistice Day Parade at Bougie. Great ovation received from the population.
Nov 12th	Toys made by the Pioneer Pl. were auctioned in the Recreation Room. Proceeds amounting to £32-11-6d were assigned to the Bn. Prisoner of War Fund. Brains Trust held first session. Question Master Capt. H. Cooper R.A.M.C. Bn. Concert Party played at the Glacier Theatre, Djidjelli to troops of 12 Inf. Bde.
Nov 13th	Bn. beat 91 Light A.A. Regt. 2 – 0 in the Divisional Football League. Major J.A. Garnons-Williams proceeded to Senior Officers' School at Deir Suneid, Palestine. Major W.C.E. Nash assumed activities of 2 I/c.
Nov 14th	Major J.O. Strode M.C. proceeded on Coy. Commanders course at Deir Suneid, Palestine.
Nov 15th	Motor cycle training for Bde. Motor Cycle Trial commenced under direction of Capt. G. Sloan.
Nov. 16th	Bn. attended a PIAT demonstration directed by the Comd. Offr. A/Tk Pl. zeroed their 6 pdrs. W.T. Cadre Course ended. All personnel of the Bn. had their blood group determined and recorded.
Nov 17th	Bn. attended a 3" mortar demonstration on the Artillery Range, Bougie. Sgts. Mess held a dance at the Municipal Theatre, Bougie.
Nov 18th	Bn. held a W.T. day on Clausel Range. Rifle, Bren, 2" mortar and T.S.G. fired and all grenades thrown.

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- Nov 19th Letter of congratulation on the Armistice Day Parade received from M. Costa Gliolia, Commandant d'Armes, Bougie.
- Nov 20th Art Exhibition held at Bougie. Many pictures of ground over which Bn. had fought were shown. Comd. Offr. attended.
- Nov 21st Church Parade and Rest Day.
- Nov 22nd Wood collecting party organised by Major Nash produced 8 x 3 ton loads of wood. Second session of Brains Trust. Question Master Capt. G. Sloan.
- Nov 23rd W.T. Quiz arranged by Major A. Smart.
- Nov 24th Bn. W.T. Day on Clausel Range. Battle Dress issued to all ranks.
- Nov 25th Bn. gained 5th, 6th and 7th places with their three teams in the Bde. M/C. Trial which finished at Oued Marsa.
- Nov 26th Bn. made a mountain climb with loaded Everest Packs. Bn. lost 1 – 3 to 7 Fd. Coy., R.E. in the Divisional Football League. Major Nash proposed that 'Woman's place was in the home, and that after the war it should be illegal to employ female labour except in essential duties'. The motion was opposed by Capt. Ridger, and lost after an entertaining debate.
- Nov 27th Coys. at Commanders' disposal for administration. American-type shirts with attached collar issued.
- Nov 28th Church Parade. Comd. Offr. attended Bde. Conference on Divisional Mountain Warfare. Study period.
- Nov 29th Comd. Offr. attended Div. Conference on Co-operation of Inf. and Tanks. Lt. Col. Haycroft and Major B. Coleman, R.W.K. attached to the Bn. for Mountain Warfare Study week which commenced today. Major Maggs M.C. and Capt. Plastow returned from Palestine.
- Nov. 30th Clausel Range all day for Bren, rifle and T.S.M.G. Bn. Brains Trust held further session with Q.M. Capt. G. Sloan.