

2nd/6th BATTALION EAST SURREY REGIMENT

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RICHMOND

- Aug 24th 2339: Staff Officer, S.W. Sub Area; by telephone; "ALLENBY T.A."
Acknowledge – writing.
- Aug 25th 0130: Guard on Drill Hall posted; two sentries relieved each hour.
1015: S.W. Sub Area telegram from U.S.T.E.D. reference LDQ 1.
23.8.9. Programme of issue of stores from Ordnance Stores begins
1200 hrs. 25.8.9
- Aug 27th 1145: Bde. Major phoned; orders expected shortly giving authority
to call up sufficient T.A. personnel to man all initial guards and V.Ps.,
including those provided for in the London Area. Bounty will be
payable to all T.A. ORs. so called up. Volunteers to be obtained as far
as possible.
1215: London District S.W. Sub Area phoned; can we call up one
Officer and 50 ORs. to man V.Ps. in London Area. Allotment of troops
and orders for manning V.Ps. to follow shortly; - told yes.
- Aug 28th 1135: Bde. Major rang asking how we were getting on; told that all
men with exception of two had reported, and that Chertsey V.P. was
to be taken over at 1430 hrs, and Kew and Richmond at 1900 hrs.
B.M. ordered that V.P. must be in telephonic communication with Bn.
H.Q. Telephone orderly must stick by nearest civil telephone.
Telephone numbers of V.Ps. must be reported to Bde. H.Q. Report to
Bde. when guards are posted and tell them what feeding
arrangements have been made.
1430: Guard at V.P. 33 reported posted; feeding by Wade, telephone
number Chertsey 2126.
1450: Telephone message from 132 Bde. from 44th Div. H.Q. You are
authorised to embody forthwith sufficient T.A. personnel (volunteers
if possible) to guard all V.Ps. vide appendix EHDS including those in
London area. V.Ps. being guarded by Regulars and Militia taken over
first. Guards will not be provided for any V.P. for which N.D.C.
personnel will be available by 1000 hrs on 29.8.9. Militia guards on
relief will return to depots or units. All personnel so called up will be
given £5 bounty if enlisted before 0000 hrs on 24/25 August. 132 Inf.
Bde. will include V.P. 66; strength 1 Officer 2 N.C.Os. and 30 ORs.
Please acknowledge and report as each V.P. is taken over. Reported.
1735: Staff Capt. 132 Bde. by phone; call up as quickly as possible 11
Officers, 42 N.C.Os., 234 men. Adjutant to report to Bde. forthwith.
1740: C.O. to 1/6th. Reporting 1735 message.
1746: Message from Bde H.Q. Call up 14 Officers, 70 N.C.Os. 401
men. Reporting to Bde. H.Q. - impossible – numbers not available.
Suggested calling up whole Bn. and they agreed.
1800: "A" Coy. instructed by phone to call up all personnel; other
Coys. instructed verbally.
1905: Guard Commander at L.A. V.P. 10 reported guard posted;
feeding by relays at Lyons. Telephone Richmond 0775.

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1935: Guard at V.P. L.A. 9 reported posted; feeding arranged locally; telephone Chiswick 2148.

2010: Reported to Bde. H.Q. all V.Ps. occupied – feeding arrangements made – tel. nos. reported. Confirm in writing.

Aug 29th

0015: From S.W. Sub Area. Telegram by phone C.E.L.D. No. C/1194/G. Passive Air Defence scheme will be put into effect forthwith. Acknowledge by wire or in writing.

0020: 0015 message repeated to Chertsey.

0050: Richmond P.A.D. scheme in force. Chertsey reported F./A.D. sentries posted – nothing to report. To H.Q. S.W. Sub Area Welsh Guards. Acknowledge your message 0015 hrs 29.8.9, C.W.L.D. No. C/1194/G “P.A.D. scheme will be put into effect forthwith.” WOKE.

0820: Recce party left for R.V. Chatham.

0850: Reported to Bde. H.Q. 14 Officers, 450 ORs. embodied.

1305: Message from Bde. Arrangements to be made to take over the following guard from R.N. 24 Admiralty Oil and Fuelling Station Medway. 1 Officer, 6 N.C.Os., 45 Privates.

1430: “A” Coy. left Drill Hall.

1530: “B” Coy. left Drill Hall.

1600: “D” Coy. left Drill Hall.

1630: H.Q. Coy. left Drill Hall.

2045: Capt. Pullman reported all personnel arrived safely, taken on to various V.Ps. and all in process of taking over. Transport was returning to R.V. and he was remaining at R.V. for one hour more, and then proceeding to post taken over by 2/Lt. Collins. He advised C.O. that the Bde. Comd. would be telephoning Bn. H.Q. later.

2110: Reported to Bde. Personnel of this Bn. are in allotted V.Ps.

2115: Post BX reports guard in position.