

2nd/6th BATTALION EAST SURREY REGIMENT

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October RICHMOND

- Oct 4th 1230: S.W. Sub Area message: V.P. 10 will be relieved on Oct 6th by 117th Field Regt., R.A.
- Oct 5th 2330: Richmond Guard reported All's Well – One round fired by false alarm.
- Oct 6th 330: Richmond Guard reported OK. The search for any suspicious character had been continued until approx. 0300 hrs and, since nothing further had occurred, normal guards had been resumed. The guard was handed over later in the day to the 117th Field Regt., R.A. A certificate of handing over was obtained.
- Oct 7th 0900: Unit became attached to the 12th Div. and 36th Bde.
- Oct 10th 1100: G.O.C. 12th Div. called to inspect Unit.
The following movements took place at Chatham: 1. Lodge Hill Generator Station, Reservoir and Reserve guards withdrawn at 2000 hrs. 9.10.9. Replaced by R.M. Police. 2. S.M.E. Guard withdrawn at 0815 hrs 10.10.9. Personnel proceeded to Richmond at 1430 hrs. 3. Fort Amherst and Gunwharf guards withdrawn at 1100 hrs 10.10.9. Personnel proceeded to Chattenden Barracks at 1430 hrs, and thence to Port Victoria at 1730 hrs. 4. Upnor guards at Boiler House and Tanks relieved by "A" Coy. at 1400 hrs. Personnel of "D" Coy. proceeded to Richmond 1430 hrs.
- Oct 14th The following movements took place at Chatham: 1. Sharnel Street Stn. guard reduced to 2 N.C.Os. and 12 men at 1630 hrs. 2. Wainscot guard reduced to 1 N.C.O. and 6 men by night at 1530 hrs. 3. A.D.G.D. guard reduced to 1 N.C.O. and 6 men by night from 1430 hrs.
- Oct 18th 0955: 4 Officers and 87 ORs. of "B" Coy. relieved from post BX and CX and returned to Richmond where they arrived at 1500 hrs. Medway post will be taken over by "A" Coy. at 0930 hrs. 1155: "B" Coy. left Chatham area for Richmond.
- Oct 19th 1205: Lorries left for Port Victoria with "D" Coy. 1730: Mr Hobday reported accident to lorry and casualties at Port Victoria; Ptes. Bishop, Mason and Cooper killed, Comely and Booker detained in hospital. 1920: Telegrams reporting accident sent to 36th Bde. and Officer I/c Records. 1930: Isle of Grain police reported accident to lorry at Port Victoria, and asked for names and addresses of next of kin of casualties. 1940: 42 personnel of "C" Coy. arrived from Port Victoria. 82 personnel of Army Class arrived from Horsham and were taken on strength.
- Oct 20th 1355: Remainder of "C" Coy. personnel left Chatham for Richmond,

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and arrived at 1630 hrs.

1410: 24 Army Class and two N.C.Os. left Richmond for Chattenden.

Oct 21st 1000: 141 personnel of 1/6th Bn. taken on strength.

Oct 26th 0900: Unit was transferred from 36th Bde. and came under comd. of 37th Bde.

Oct 28th 1530: "D" Coy. relieved of V.P. at Port Victoria by 6th Bn. Royal West Kent Regt. 332

Oct 30th 0800: Message received from 37th Bde. Orig. No J.P.33. "Attack by parachute of aircraft landing troops or demolition parties is not unlikely. A.A. Div. being ordered to re-site A.A. L.M.G. to deal with this form of attack in addition to primary form of protection when possible. Warn all sabotage guards to be particularly on the alert at aerodromes and other similar stations" Ack.
1843: Message received from 37th Bde. J.C. dated 30th Oct "All guards will stand to half an hour before dawn to half an hour after dawn. Utmost vigilance will be maintained; this especially applies to aerodromes and D.F. stations. These instructions to be included in all Standing Orders" Ack.

Oct 31st 0030: Six transport arrived from R.A.S.C., Woolwich.
0600: Four transport arrived from R.A.S.C., Woolwich.
Defence Scheme prepared in accordance with 12th Div. Scheme – see att. copy.