

History of 1/K.O.S.B. during period 10th May to 1st. June 1940.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Event.</u>
May 10th.	Battalion moved to concentration area at WATIGNIES from its normal location at FRETIN.
May 10/11.	Moved into Belgium.
May 11th.	Battalion Bivouacs.
May 12th. 0600 hrs.	Bn. moved up to Louvain and took up a position on the left of the 9th I.B. front. The 9th I.B. had all three Bns. up, the 2 R.U.R. being on our right, and 2 Lincs. being on the right of the Brigade front.
May 12th. 1800 hrs.	Bn. relieved by the 7th Guards Brigade and went into Bde. reserve 4 miles back.
May 12th. 2000 hrs.	"D" Coy, were sent to the right of the 2 Lincs. to fill the gap between 1st. & 2nd. Corps.
May 13th.	"A" Coy, were sent up to the left of "D" Coy, and "B" & "C" Coys, came up as reserve to "A" and "D" Coys. "A" and "D" Coys, had frontages of respectively 1½ & 1 mile, but even then there remained a gap between "D" Coy, on the right and left hand elements of 2 Corps, who were the South Staffs. This gap was never completely filled only mined and patrolled.
May 16/17.	Bn. withdrew through Brussels from Louvain to concentration area by march route.
May 17th.	Bn. moved by M.T. to rest area 4 miles east of R. DENDE.
May 18th.	Bn. moved back to defensive positions on the R. DENDE. The Bn. was forward with 2 Lincs. on our right and we were the left hand troops of 3 Div.
May 19th.	Bn. carried out delayed withdrawal to the line of the river ESCAUT. Bn. was forward with 2 R.U.R. on our right and the 4 Div. on our left. (2 Beds and Herts).
May 23rd.	Night withdrawal by march route to TOURCOING. Troops on right and left of Bn. the same as in the previous position.
May 27/28.	Withdrawal by M.T. to the line of the WASSIGNTES CANAL. Bn. in Brigade reserve.
May 28th.	Bn. moved to WORRTON to form Bn. perimeter Camp.
May 29th.	Bn. moved by M.T. to FERNES. The Bn. had the Guards Bde. on their left and the 50th Div. (D.L.I.) on their right.
May 31st.	Above line held until 2300 hrs, when the Bn. started thinning out and moving to the beaches at LA PANNE.
June 1st.	Rear party clear of defensive line, and majority of Bn. embarked at LA PANNE.