

PRESS HAND OUT

The Sovereign's Parade

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

26th July, 1956

1. The Parade is taken on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen by Her Royal Highness the Princess MARGARET.

2. The Commandant of The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is Major General R.G.S. Hobbs, CB, DSO, OBE (late Royal Artillery).

The Adjutant of The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is Major J.W. Scott, Grenadier Guards, and The Assistant Adjutant is Captain A.J.R. Harrison, Scots Guards.

3. V.I.P. Guests attending the Parade:

H.M. King Faisal of Iraq  
H.R.H. The Crown Prince Abdul Ilah  
H.R.H. The Iraqi Ambassador  
Sir Gilbert and Lady Rennie  
Chief and Madame Okorodudu  
Gen Ayub Khan  
~~The Rt Hon Sir Walter Monahan and Baroness Ruthven~~  
The Rt Hon Antony Head and The Lady Dorethea Head  
Gen Sir Gerald and Lady Templer  
Mr Fitzroy Maclean  
Lord Lloyd  
Gen Sir George and Lady Erskine  
Gen Sir Robert Mansergh  
Lt Gen Sir Dudley and Lady Ward  
*Capt & Mrs Benyon (Lord Lieut Parks)*

4. (a) The winner of The Sword of Honour and of The Queen's Medal is

Senior Under Officer A.C.D. Lloyd

educated at Clifton College

and lives at 311, Hood House, Dolphin Square, London, S.W.1.

5. <sup>214</sup> There are approximately <sup>765</sup> ~~730~~ Officer Cadets on Parade of whom ~~230~~ are passing out.

6. Presentations of Awards

Details attached at Appendix 'A'.

7. The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst

A note on The Academy is attached at Appendix 'B'.

Personnel to receive awards - 26th July 1956

The British Empire Medal

Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant Ronald Ernest OLIVER,  
The Royal Corps of Signals.

Has completed fourteen years service. Served in Germany from 1945 to 1949 with 1st Royal Dragoons and Headquarters BAOR and again from 1951 - 1955 with Field Troops 6th Armoured Division. Whilst with 6th Armoured Division was in control of 106 men with no officers or senior ranks. For his outstanding services during this period he was awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List 1956.

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The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

Drill Sergeant Arthur John Hamilton SUTTLE, Scots Guards

Has completed eighteen years service. Joined the Scots Guards as a boy. Served with the Parachute Regiment in N. Africa, Italy and Palestine, and with 2nd Bn and 1st Bn Scots Guards in Malaya and Egypt respectively. Joined the Royal Military Academy in June 1955 where he is now at present serving as Drill Sergeant in the Drill and Weapon Training Wing.

Colour Sergeant Emrys HOWEL, Welsh Guards

Has completed twenty years service. Saw service with 1st Bn Welsh Guards in Egypt prior to the war. Served with 2nd Bn Welsh Guards in Europe. Joined the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in July 1955 where he is at present serving as Company Quartermaster Sergeant Headquarter Wing.

Staff Sergeant Instructor Joseph SMITH, Army Physical Training Corps

Has completed eighteen years service. Served with the Royal Artillery from 1937 to 1944 and then transferred to the APTC as an Instructor with Airborne Forces. Served in Europe with 1st Bn The Rifle Brigade. Joined the Royal Military Academy in April 1955 where he is at present serving as Staff Sergeant Instructor in the Physical Training Wing.

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The Imperial Service Medal

Mr Frederick William Malster LENTHALL

Has served the whole of his service as an electrical wireman in the department of the Garrison Engineer, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst since joining it in 1917; a period of 39 years. Although he reached the normal retiring age of 65 last October, he is still serving. He lives on the Academy estate and his devotion to duty and his example to others, has earned him the respect of all who know him.

## APPENDIX 'B'

The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is the direct descendant of two famous Cadet institutions. The Royal Military Academy Woolwich and the Royal Military College Sandhurst, amalgamated and reopened on 3rd January, 1947, as the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

The R.M.A. Woolwich, or "The Shop" as it was universally known, was founded by Royal Warrant in 1741 and was for nearly 200 years the training establishment for officers commissioned in the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers and (after 1920), the Royal Corps of Signals. The following names are but a few of the most distinguished products of "The Shop": General Gordon; The Duke of Comnaught; Lord Kitchener; Louis Napoleon, Prince Imperial of France; Lord Milne; Lord Ironside; and Lord Alanbrooke.

The R.M.C. was originally founded by the Duke of York (then Commander-in-Chief), in 1799 at High Wycombe, and was moved to Sandhurst in 1813 at the height of the Napoleonic wars. It was at Sandhurst that officers for cavalry and infantry regiments (including the Indian Army), were first trained and commissioned. Again the list of illustrious alumni is formidable, and includes Lord Roberts, Viscount Allenby, Earl Haig, Sir Winston Churchill, and perhaps the three outstanding commanders of the last war, Field-Marshal Wavell, Montgomery and Alexander.

The present Academy trains officer cadets for Regular commissions in all arms and services of the British Army, including many for the Forces of the British Commonwealth overseas. The course lasts two years, and there are at present over 800 officer cadets in training. The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is divided into Old, New and Victory Colleges. Officer Cadets are divided equally among these three Colleges, which are again sub-divided into companies and platoons.

The Charter of the R.M.A. Sandhurst is as follows:

"The object of all training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is to produce a young officer with a sound education in appropriate Academic and Military subjects, with a wide interest in the current problems of world affairs, and the enthusiasm to continue to increase his knowledge by his own initiative. He will be firmly grounded in the British Army Officer's traditional code of behaviour, responsibility and reliability, and his powers of leadership will have been developed. He will thus have been brought to the stage in Military and Academic subjects where, with the addition of special-to-arm training, he is fit to command a platoon or equivalent sub-unit."