

Your Majesty;

With humble duty we beg to tender our thanks to Your Majesty for so kindly presenting us with our New Colours.

These Colours, and indeed this day, will always be dear to our hearts.

I can assure Your Majesty that the Territorial Battalions of The Buffs will always uphold and maintain the glory and tradition of the Regiment.

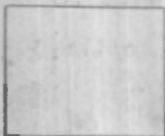
The new responsibilities that we will assume on amalgamation are no mean task, and we will make every effort to shoulder this ~~honour~~.

We thank you ^{for} ~~your~~ ^{most} ~~gracious~~ ^{gracious} words of congratulation, and have derived from them, fresh inspiration which greatly helps us in our

resolution to fit
ourselves for the
fulfillment of
these new extra
loyalties and
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H.M. King Frederik of Denmark to present
new Colours to the 4th and 5th Battalions
The Buffs (T.A.)

H.M. King Frederik IX of Denmark will present new Colours to the 4th and 5th Battalions The Buffs (TA) at St. Lawrence Cricket Ground, Canterbury, on Saturday 18th June, 1960, at 10.30 a.m. (for 11.0). King Frederik is Colonel-in-Chief of The Buffs.

The presentation Parade will be the climax of this year's annual camp when both Battalions will be at Dibgate, near Folkestone. Some 2,500 guests, both civic and military, have been invited to attend and include the Mayors of Canterbury and Ramsgate, the Lord Lieutenant of Kent (Lord Cornwallis), the Colonel of the Regiment (Major General V. Boucher) and the Danish Ambassador.

Before the Parade King Frederik will attend a civic reception at Westgate Towers, Canterbury at 10.30 a.m. He is due to arrive at Liverpool St. Station at 3.5 p.m. on Wednesday 15th June, where he will be met by the Officers commanding the 4th and 5th Battalions Buffs (T.A.), (Lieutenant-Colonel J. Tilleard and Lieutenant-Colonel R.L. Gardner-Thorpe). He will leave for Denmark again at the same place and time on Sunday 19th June, 1960.

You are cordially invited to attend this ceremony and I would be grateful if you would let me know by Monday 13th June, whether you wish to be present, and if so, I will be pleased to forward you the necessary passes.

General Information

The parade, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel R.L. Gardner-Thorpe, Officer Commanding the 5th Battalion, will be simple but impressive. After an inspection by King Frederik the Old Colours will be Marched Off for the last time and the New Colours, having been consecrated by the Assistant Chaplain-General, Eastern Command (Rev. H.L.O. Davis), will be presented to each battalion.

The Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion The Buffs are coming from Germany to play during the Ceremony. Two Yeoman Warders each ex-members of the Regiment will also take part and the parade will be watched by a 76-year-old Chelsea Pensioner who last served with The Buffs in 1903.

The Old Colours of the 4th Battalion were presented by King Edward VII at Windsor in 1909. Those of the 5th Battalion were presented at Cranbrook by the Marchioness Camden in 1922. It is appropriate to note that the new Colours are being presented in the Centenary Year of both Battalions.

The 5th Battalion which was reformed in 1956 is now the strongest Territorial Infantry Battalion in England. It has recruited rapidly to over 500 all ranks and has its own Regimental Band and Corps of Drums.

The link between The Buffs and Denmark dates back to 1689 when Queen Anne's consort, Prince George of Denmark, was Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. After his death in 1708 the connection lapsed until 1906 when King Edward VII appointed his brother-in-law, King Frederik VII of Denmark, as Colonel-in-Chief.

The link is highly esteemed and many Danes look upon The Buffs as their own regiment. During the last war a number were commissioned into it, and one, Major A.F.V.E.S. Lassen earned the posthumous ward of the VC. He had earlier won the MC with two bars whilst serving with the Commandos.

*Yeoman Warders
who provide King
to his, both
ex-Buffs. are
P. Balson and
T. Nyman*

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