

Presentation of Colours

to

The Royal Anglian Regiment

by

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Anglian Regiment

at

THE TATTOO GROUND TIDWORTH

on

12th JULY 1974

HISTORICAL NOTES

The County Regiments from which the Royal Anglian Regiment was formed were raised between 1685 and 1756. During the period 1958-1961 amalgamations of the Royal Norfolk Regiment with the Suffolk Regiment, the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment with the Northamptonshire Regiment, and the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment with the Essex Regiment took place. These amalgamations formed the 1st, 2nd and 3rd East Anglian Regiments, which in 1964 were joined by the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, and on 1st September 1964 they became the four regular battalions of the Royal Anglian Regiment. This was the first Large Regiment of Infantry to be formed in the British Army.

The Colours being presented today, nearly ten years after the Regiment's formation, are the first Colours to be presented to Battalions of the Royal Anglian Regiment, and replace in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions the East Anglian Regiment Colours that have until now been carried, and which were presented:

1st Battalion Colours presented to 1st Battalion the First East Anglian Regiment on 30 June 1963 by Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret at Felixstowe.

2nd Battalion Colours presented to 1st Battalion the Second East Anglian Regiment on 1 June 1962 by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester at Osnabruck.

3rd Battalion Colours presented to 1st Battalion the Third East Anglian Regiment on 30 May 1959 by Her Majesty Oueen Elizabeth The Oueen Mother at Warley.

The Colours presented to 1st Battalion the Royal Leicestershire Regiment on 27 July 1954 by Lieutenant General Sir Colin Callander, then Colonel of the Regiment at Iserlohn, are today safeguarded by Tiger Company of the 4th Battalion, which was reduced to company strength in 1970.

The 5th (Volunteer) Battalion which was formed on 1 April 1967 has not previously received Colours. The policy for the carrying of Colours by the 6th (Volunteer) and 7th (Volunteer) Battalions has not yet been decided.

THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

Colonel-in-Chief:

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

Deputy Colonels-in-Chief:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET,
COUNTESS OF SNOWDON
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER

Colonel of The Regiment:

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR IAN FREELAND, GBE, KCB, DSO, DL

Deputy Colonels of The Regiment:

MAJOR-GENERAL G. R. TURNER-CAIN, CB, CBE, DSO BRIGADIER P. W. P. GREEN, CBE, DSO MAJOR-GENERAL M. W. HOLME, CBE, MC COLONEL M. ST. G. PALLOT

1st Battalion

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. C. THORNE REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR W.O.1 J. J. BUFFINE, BEM

2nd Battalion

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL M. E. THORNE, OBE REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR W.O.1 D. H. GREENFIELD

3rd Battalion

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL M. A. ARIS REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR W.O.1 H. S. BULLOCK

4th Battalion Tiger Company Major F. A. H. Swallow

5th (Volunteer) Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel P. D. L. Hopper Regimental Sergeant-Major W.O.1 A. J. Prudence

6th (Volunteer) Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. B. Swayne, TD Regimental Sergeant-Major W.O.1 D. F. Knight

7th (Volunteer) Battalion
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. G. WALLACE, OBE, TD
REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR W.O.1 C. C. McCOLGAN

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Guards march on						
Arrival of the Colonel of the I	Regin	nent				.
Arrival of the Colonel-in-Chie	f					
The Inspection		······		<u>.</u>		
Parade forms hollow square. I	Piling	of Dru	ıms	·····•		
New Colours march to position The Consecration Service	on				······	
Presentation of Colours						
Her Majesty addresses the Par						
The Colonel of the Regiment	-	es				
Drums are removed. Reform	line			•••••		
The Colours are received into	the I	Parade				
March past						
Advance in Review Order						·····
The Troops on parade will The Colonel-in-Chief	_	Three		for H	Ier Ma	jesty
Parade marches off						

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in uniform salute. Gentlemen remove hats.

SPECTATORS MOSIC Sambre et Meuse Seated. General Salute Cavalry Brigade Stand. Royal Salute National Anthem Stand. Officers salute and gentlemen remove hats. All Kinds of Everything Seated. Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head Love Story Flirt The Middy Seated. Lincolnshire Poacher Seated. Seated. Stand. Remain standing. Seated. Seated. The Middy Seated. National Anthem Stand. Officers salute and gentlemen remove hats. Slow Time Grenadiers' Slow March Regimental Slow March Stand as the Colours pass. Quick Time La Mandolinata All ranks in uniform salute. Regimental Quick March Gentlemen remove hats. Romaika. A Hunting Call **British Grenadiers** Stand. Officers salute. National Anthem Gentlemen remove hats. Remain standing The Regimental March Seated. Stand as the Rule Britannia and Speed Colours pass. All ranks

the Plough

The Queen's and Regimental | Colours of the 1st Battalion



COLOUR. REGIMENTAL

The Colours of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th (Volunteer) Battalions

are identical to the above except for the numerals

On Parade

Parade Commander

Parade Second-in-Command Parade Adjutant Parade Regimental Sergeant Major

No. 1 Guard

MAJOR D. R. BAILY
2ND LIEUTENANT T. J. ANDERSON
2ND LIEUTENANT T. R. WILKES
WARRANT OFFICER CLASS II D. WADE

No. 3 Guard

CAPTAIN M. K. GOLDSCHMIDT
2ND LIEUTENANT J. A. B. BORTHWICK
2ND LIEUTENANT J. C. B. PRESCOTT
WARRANT OFFICER CLASS II J. FLETCHER

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. C. THORNE

MAJOR A. J. G. POLLARD
CAPTAIN M. J. D. WALKER
WARRANT OFFICER CLASS I
J. J. BUFFINE, BEM

No. 2 Guard

MAJOR G. R. CONNER
CAPTAIN J. E. TILLEY
2ND LIEUTENANT J. C. MCCOLL
WARRANT OFFICER CLASS II J. WATSON, BEM

No. 4 Guard

CAPTAIN C. A. S. MATHER
LIEUTENANT P. M. L. FERRARY
LIEUTENANT K. M. RYAN
WARRANT OFFICER CLASS II A. SPRASON

Regimental Sergeant Majors

1st Battalion Warrant Officer Class I J. J. Buffine, BEM
2nd Battalion Warrant Officer Class I D. H. Greenfield
3rd Battalion Warrant Officer Class I H. S. Bullock
5th (V) Battalion Warrant Officer Class I A. J. Prudence

Bandmasters

1st Battalion Warrant Officer Class I J. Cherry
2nd Battalion Warrant Officer Class I G. E. Joseph, ARCM
3rd Battalion Warrant Officer Class I S. A. Watts

Drum Majors

1st Battalion Staff Sergeant D. J. May
2nd Battalion Warrant Officer Class II T. R. West
3rd Battalion Staff Sergeant K. B. Wilcox

ADC to The Colonel-in-Chief
CAPTAIN J. DUNCAN MILLAR, BLACK WATCH

ADC to The Colonel of The Regiment
CAPTAIN T. B. THOMAS

Officers Attending The Colours

1st Battalion

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. C. THORNE MAJOR A. J. G. POLLARD CAPTAIN R. JENNS, OUARTERMASTER

2nd Battalion

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL M. E. THORNE, OBE MAJOR A. E. THOMPSON, MBE, MC CAPTAIN R. J. POND, QUARTERMASTER

Ensigns

LIEUTENANT W. R. MOORING LIEUTENANT C. G. STALLARD LIEUTENANT A. P. DEED LIEUTENANT K. HODGSON

Escorts

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS II J. BECKETT COLOUR SERGEANT R. CARPENTER COLOUR SERGEANT D. PRYCE WARRANT OFFICER CLASS II P. KEAL COLOUR SERGEANT A. J. UNDERWOOD, MM COLOUR SERGEANT D. WHITEHEAD

3rd Battalion

L:EUTENANT-COLONEL M. A. ARIS MAJOR M. D. FRANKS CAPTAIN N. H. P. JENKS, MBE, MM, QUARTERMASTER 5th (Volunteer) Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel P. D. L. Hopper

MAJOR R. C. TOMKINS, TD

MAJOR J. W. DENNY, OUARTERMASTER

Ensigns

LIEUTENANT P. W. FIELD LIEUTENANT G. D. DUTHOIT CAPTAIN P. V. B. GEORGE LIEUTENANT A. B. CARR

Escorts

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS II D. GRAHAM COLOUR SERGEANT R. LOWE COLOUR SERGEANT D. W. BRYANT

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS II J. BURGESS COLOUR SERGEANT B. C. LEE COLOUR SERGEANT K. E. LACEY

The Royal Army Chaplains' Department

Officiating Chaplain:

THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON P. MALLET, QHC
CHAPLAIN-GENERAL TO THE FORCES

Assisted by

THE REV. H. F. N. BALL DACG SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

THE REV. A. K. CLUDERAY
RC CHAPLAIN, TIDWORTH GARRISON

THE REV. R. E. WILLIAMS
CHAPLAIN 1ST BATTALION

THE REV. K. F. BELBEN
CHAPLAIN 5TH (V) BATTALION

CONSECRATION SERVICE

The Officer Commanding the Parade shall say:

Venerable Sir, on behalf of the Regiment we ask you to bid God's blessing on these Colours.

The Chaplain-General shall then say:

We are ready so to do.

Forasmuch as men in all ages have made for themselves signs and emblems of their allegiance to their rulers, and of their duty to uphold those laws and institutions which God's providence has called them to obey; we, following this ancient and honoured custom, stand before God this day to ask His blessing on these Colours, and to pray that they may be an abiding symbol of our duty towards our Sovereign and our Country, and a sign of our resolve to guard, preserve, and sustain the great traditions of bravery and self-sacrifice of which we are the proud inheritors.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, from whom all power and wisdom are derived; we humbly beseech Thee to bless Thy servant our gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth. Let Thy grace enlighten her, Thy goodness confirm her, and Thy providence protect her; and grant that she, and all who are in authority under her, may advance Thy glory, and the welfare of her people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Our God, who from Thy throne beholdest all the Kingdoms of the earth, have regard unto our land, that it may continue a place and a people to serve Thee to the end of time. Guide the Governments of this great Commonwealth and grant that all who live beneath our flag may be so mindful of that threefold cross, that they may work for the good of others, according to the example of Him who died in the service of men, Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

Remember O Lord what Thou has wrought in us, and not what we deserve, and as Thou has called us to Thy service, make us worthy of our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Parade will be called to attention, and the Chaplain-General, laying his hand on the Colours, will say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do consecrate and set apart these Colours, that they may be a sign of our duty towards our Queen and our Country in the sight of God. *Amen*.

The Consecration ended, the Parade will be stood at ease.

Let us pray.

All present shall join in saying the Lords Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Chaplain-General:

O Lord, who rulest over all things, accept, we beseech Thee, our service this day. Bless what we have blessed in Thy Name. Let Thy gracious favour rest on those who shall follow the Colours now about to be committed to their trust. Give them courage, and may their courage ever rest on their sure confidence in Thee. May they show self-control in the hour of success, patience in time of adversity; and may their honour lie in seeking the honour and glory of Thy great Name. Guide the counsels of those who shall lead them, and sustain them by Thy help in the time of need. Grant that they may all so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that they fail not finally to obtain an entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom, through the merits of Thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REGIMENTAL COLLECT OF THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

O Lord God, who by the brightness of a star didst lead men to the Saviour of mankind, give Thy Grace to the Royal Anglian Regiment, that trusting in Thee as our strong Rock and our Castle we may, in unity with Thee and one another, rightly serve our Sovereign and our native land, and at last be led by Thy mercy to Thy Heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and ever more. *Amen*.