



The Warrant Officers and Sergeants
1st Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment
request the pleasure of the company of

Sgt. & Mrs. L. Edeas.

St George's ^{to} Day Ball.

commencing at 2100 hrs on 23 April 1960

Dress: Formal
Informal

R.S.V.P.

A Howard CSM
President
Sergeants' Mess



CEREMONY FOR
TROOPING THE COLOUR
ON THE OCCASION OF
ST. GEORGES DAY
23RD APRIL 1960
BERLIN

1ST BATTALION THE YORK AND LANCASTER REGIMENT

NOTICE TO SPECTATORS

1. Spectators are requested to stand on the following occasions:
 - (a) On the arrival of the GOC,
Major General R. Delacombe, CB, CBE, DSO.
2. Spectators are requested to stand and those in uniform to salute on the following occasions:
 - (a) When the Regimental Colour passes during the march past.
 - (b) When the Regimental Colour is marched off parade.

TROOPING THE COLOUR

Reviewing Officer:

MAJOR GENERAL R. DELACOMBE, CB, CBE, DSO

Parade Commander:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL A. D. R. SAUNDERS, MBE

Parade Second in Command:

MAJOR R. W. D. WYNTER, MC

Parade Adjutant:

MAJOR P. T. J. TIDMAN

Parade Warrant Officer:

RSM J. M. HALL, MBE

Bandmaster:

WO I R. R. GREENING

Drum Major:

DRUM MAJOR H. E. BLACK

No 1 Guard: (Escort for the Colour)

Major R. P. J. DOBNEY

Captain E. E. CORNUT

2 Lieutenant P. J. WILLIS (Ensign for the Colour)

CSM A. BRINT

No 2 Guard:

Captain D. L. EMERY

Lieutenant H. R. GOBLE

2 Lieutenant C. R. DAY

CSM A. GOVER, MM

No 3 Guard:

Major B. F. WATTS

Captain E. G. BOWER

Lieutenant E. J. THROSSELL

CSM J. HUTCHINSON

No 4 Guard:

Captain M. G. FIFE

Captain M. H. SHARPE

Lieutenant D. H. SKINNER

CSM H. A. HOWARD

St. George's Day 1915

On 22 April 1915 the Germans attacked the Allied front at the junction of the French and British line and the Second Battle of Ypres had begun.

Using gas for the first time the Germans broke through the line and advanced on Ypres. The 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment were ordered to fill the gap. In the early hours of 23 April the Battalion moved forward into reserve trenches. They were then ordered to make an attack at dawn to re-establish the position where the Germans had broken through. At first light the Battalion advanced up an open slope towards the enemy's positions, in the face of a hail of rifle and machine gun fire. Companies were reduced to half and then quarter of their normal size, some losing all their officers and sergeants. But, pushing on by rushes, the remnants of the Battalion got within yards of their objective. The Commanding Officer was mortally wounded, and the Second-in-Command was killed with about twenty men with whom he had advanced right up to the enemy's barbed wire.

The Battalion dug in and though reduced now to little more than one company they held the position under heavy and almost continuous shelling for 3 days until 26 April before being relieved.

The Official History says the attack had been a magnificent display of discipline and courage. It had the effect of stopping the enemy's advance in this quarter, but the price had been very heavy. The total casualties were 463 members of the Battalion killed, wounded or missing during the 4 day battle.

65th 1st Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment 84th

Colonel of the Regiment — Brigadier C. G. ROBINS C.B.E.

A second battalion of the 12th foot was raised in Suffolk in 1756 at the outbreak of the Seven Years War and in 1758 this battalion became a separate regiment and was numbered 65.

The 65 Foot, first saw service in the West Indies and took part in the capture of Guadaloupe and was also part of a force sent to seize Martinique and Cuba.

After service in India and Arabia from 1802—1822 the Regiment was granted the right to bear on its Colours and appointments the figure of the Royal Tiger with the word "India" superscribed and the word "Arabia" beneath the figure and the number of the regiment. From its badge the regiment became known as "The Tigers".

The 65th was then sent to New Zealand in 1846 and remained there for nineteen years. In the Maori Wars of 1863 two members of the Regiment were awarded the Victoria Cross.

In 1881 the 65th became the 1st Bn The York and Lancaster Regiment. The Regiment gave distinguished service at the 'Relief of Lucknow' where six members of the 2nd Battalion gained the Victoria Cross.

In 1884 the 1st Battalion was on its way home to England from Aden when it was sent to the Sudan, where it took part in the battles of El Teb and Tamaai. The late Field Marshal Lord Plumer served as Adjutant of the Battalion during this period.

After service in the South African War where it took part in the 'Relief of Ladysmith' the 1st Battalion went to India where it relieved the 2nd Battalion. On leaving India the 2nd Battalion served in Ireland, Egypt, where it earned the battle honours "Tel-el-Kebir" and "Egypt 1882", and later served in Bermuda and Nova Scotia.

During the Great War of 1914—18 the number of Battalions was increased to twenty two. Fifty nine battle honours were awarded and of these, ten were selected to be borne on the King's Colour. Four members of the Regiment won the Victoria Cross. Eight thousand, Eight hundred and fourteen officers and men gave their lives. On St. George's Day 1915 at the second battle of Ypres the 1st Battalion was sent to fill a gap in the British line after a breakthrough by the enemy. After severe fighting in which although the Battalion was reduced to less than the strength of a company it held its position for three days until relieved. It is in memory of this event that St. George's Day is commemorated in the 1st Battalion.

Between wars the Regiment saw service in Egypt, Sudan and Palestine.

In World War II the Regiment was engaged on all fronts where the British Army fought. Amongst the Fifty Seven Honours awarded for this period are included Tobruk, North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Minturno, Italy, Crete, North Arakan, Burma, Chindits 1944. The Regiment's 13th Victoria Cross was won in Holland 1944.

In the post war years, after serving for a period with the British Army of the Rhine the 1st Battalion saw service in Sudan, Egypt, Aden, and also took part in the Suez Canal landings.

In 1947 whilst serving in Calcutta the 2nd Battalion was placed in suspended animation.

The Colours carried on parade today were presented to the Battalion by the Earl of Scarborough KG., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D., at Dover on 22nd June 1957.

ST GEORGES DAY BALL
23RD APRIL 1960



WARRANT OFFICERS & SERGEANTS
1ST BATTALION
THE YORK & LANCASTER REGT.

1. QUICK STEP
2. SNOW BALL
3. QUICK STEP
4. SLOW FOX-TROT
5. QUICK STEP (ELIMINATION)
6. WALTZ
7. QUICK STEP
8. SLOW FOX-TROT
9. RHUMBA • TANGO • SAMBA
10. WALTZ
11. SLOW FOX-TROT
12. QUICK STEP
13. INTERVAL WALTZ

INTERVAL

1. QUICK STEP
2. SLOW FOX-TROT
3. OLD FASHIONED MEDLEY
4. WALTZ
5. QUICK STEP
6. SLOW FOX-TROT
7. GAY GORDONS
8. SPOT WALTZ
9. QUICK STEP
10. SLOW FOX-TROT
11. VALETA and MILITARY TWO-STEP
12. QUICK STEP
13. OLD FASHIONED WALTZ
14. PALAISE GLIDE
15. QUICK STEP
16. LAST WALTZ

THE QUEEN
