



# Trooping of The Colour

by the

## 1st Battalion The Queen's Regiment

to commemorate

## The Glorious First of June 1794

at

## Albuhera Barracks Werl

## 1st June 1979

## **1st BATTALION THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT**

**Allied Colonels-in-Chief: HM Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.**

**Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark.**

**Colonel of the Regiment: Major General RSN MANS, CBE.**

The Battalion traces its origin to 1661 when, on 14th October of that year, the 2nd Regiment of Foot had its first muster in London on Putney Heath. It is thus the descendant of the oldest and most senior English Infantry Regiment of the Line in the British Army. Originally, the 2nd of Foot had been raised for the defence of Tangier, the port acquired by King Charles II from the King of Portugal as part of the contract for marrying his daughter, Princess Catherine of Braganza. Some three months after its first muster the Regiment set sail to become The 1st Tangier Regiment of Foot.

The 2nd Regiment of Foot was later to become The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) and until on 14th October 1959, the 298th anniversary of the muster on Putney Heath, when it amalgamated with the East Surrey Regiment to form The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

The present Queen's Regiment formally came into being on 31st December 1966 and The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment became its 1st Battalion.

Since that day, the Battalion has served in Munster W. Germany - Lingfield UK - Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf - Berlin - Bulford UK - and relieved its sister Battalion in West Germany. During the period from August 1969 to November 1978 the Battalion has been to N. Ireland on 7 Emergency Tours.

ON PARADE  
1st BATTALION THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT

Inspecting Officer:

HE The British Ambassador  
Sir Oliver WRIGHT GCVO KCMG DSC

Commanding Officer:

Lieutenant Colonel JC HOLMAN

Adjutant:

Captain DR POLLARD

Regimental Sergeant Major:

RSM D JAMIESON

No 1 Guard:

Holland (Kirke's) Company  
Major PV PANTON  
Lieutenant R WALKER  
Lieutenant H BEESTON

No 2 Guard:

Tangier Company  
Major R GANCZ  
Lieutenant JA BICKERDIKE  
Lieutenant ME COWAN-ASTON

No 3 Guard:

Sobraon Company  
Major CM JOINT  
Captain MJ FEATHERSTONE  
Lieutenant AJ COOPER  
CSM WOII BUDGEN

No 4 Guard:

Quebec Company  
Major JD JONKLAAS  
Captain PAD STORIE-PUGH  
Lieutenant LSP MANS

Officer for the Colour - Lieutenant H BEESTON

Colour Party:

CSgt PG DOBSON  
CSgt M SMITH

Drive Past:

Major SM DOWSE

**ORDER OF CEREMONY  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECTATORS**

The Guards March on and form up in line under the RSM	Remain seated.
The RSM hands over to the Adjutant Warrant Officers March to the front	
The Officers fall in as the Drums beat Assembly	
The Adjutant hands over to the Commanding Officer	
Arrival of The Colonel of the Regiment Maj Gen RSN Mans CBE General Salute	All stand. Officers salute Gentlemen uncover
The Inspecting Officer HE The British Ambassador Sir Oliver Wright GCVO KCMC, DSC General Salute	All stand. Officers salute Gentlemen uncover
Inspection and Presentation of LS and GC Medals	
The Band and Corps of Drums Troop	
The Escort for The Colour receive The Colour The Colour is Trooped	All stand. Officers salute Gentlemen uncover as The Colour passes the front
The Guards March Past in slow and quick time	As The Colour passes the front, all stand and salute or uncover
Drive Past	
Advance in review order	British Grenadiers
General Salute	
The Colour is marched off parade	As The Colour passes the front, all stand and salute or uncover
The Guards inarch off parade	Remain seated

## PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

Presented by The Band and Corp of Drums of  
The 1st Battalion The Queen's Regiment

Bandmaster PE HILLS FLCM  
Drum Major WO II C SMITH

March on	The Queensman
Warrant Officers to the front	Dashing White Sergeant (Drums)
The Assembly	Assembly (Drums)
Officers join their Guards	Scipio
Arrival of the Inspecting Officer	General Salute
Inspection	Hey Look Me Over
	Sailing
	Heart of Oak
Band and Drums Troop	Les Huguenots
	Glorious First of June
	Drummers Call
Escort for the Colour	British Grenadiers
Salute to the Colour	The Caledonian (8 bars)
Troop the Colour	Grenadiers Slow March
March past in slow time	The Huntingdonshire March
	Men of Kent
	The Rousillion
	The Caledonian
March past in quick time	Sir Manley Power
	Paddy's Resource
	The Royal Sussex
	The Queen's Own Buffs
	Braganza
	Lass O'Gowrie
	Sweet Lass of Richmond Hill
	Soldiers of the Queen
Advance in review order	British Grenadiers
Inspecting Officer	General Salute
March off the Colours	Point of War
	Braganza
March off	A Life on the Ocean Wave
	Soldiers of the Queen

## THE GLORIOUS FIRST OF JUNE 1794

During the War against the French Republic 1793 - 1801. The Queen's sailed with the Fleet and took part in the great sea battle which was fought in mid Atlantic. To this day the Battalion celebrates the Glorious First of June every year to commemorate the famous Naval engagement which took place on that day.

France had declared war against England in 1792, and this action in 1794 was the first really decisive defeat of the French Navy. A total of 15 Officers, 17 Sgts, and 446 Cpls and Ptes were embarked on the following Men O'War.

HMS Queen Charlotte (The Flagship under command of Admiral Lord HOWE)	HMS Royal George
HMS Defence	HMS Majestic
HMS Russell	

HMS Queen Charlotte, at dire cost to herself, shattered and routed the French Flag Ship Montague. During the engagement one officer and seven soldiers were killed and it is that officer's death which is immortalised in the painting, 'The Death of Lieutenant Neville', a copy of which hangs in the Officers Mess.

The casualties inflicted on the French were heavy: 7 ships were captured, and many were severely damaged. The loss of life was enormous.

There was a general rejoicing in England as a result of the battle and honours were awarded to many of those who took part. We now carry the Naval Crown on our Colours in honour of the part the Regiment played on board these ships.

'There is no longer an HMS Queen Charlotte. However, the Naval Gunnery School at Whale Island, Portsmouth, HMS Excellent, has inherited all her proud traditions, and each morning at divisions, plays our Regimental March "Braganza" in honour of the part the Regiment played on this Glorious First of June 1794.

## THE COLOURS

From the earliest times, men have carried into battle some token to serve as a rallying point and for identification in the field. The banners of Knights and Barons carried at battles such as Greyc and Agincourt, are examples.

In the seventeenth century each Company carried its own colour. In 1747 however, the colours were reduced to two; The Queen's and Regimental Colours. The former is based upon the Union Flag and the latter (being trooped today) is based on a plain colour, the blue silk indicating that the forerunners of today's Regiment were Royal Regiments.

The colours were always carried into battle and before any engagement with the enemy, were trooped through the ranks. Every soldier could thus recognise his rallying point during the heat of battle." Although no longer carried into battle, the Colours are the Regiment's most sacred possessions, enshrining in the battle honours emblazoned upon them the courage, sacrifice and steadfastness of our forebears.

In 1835 orders were issued which forbade Regiments to carry more than two Colours on Parade. This Regiment, however, had a dispensation to retain its third Colour and this honour has been carried forward. Today, the third Colour is known as the Colonel's Colour and never leaves the Officer's Mess.

The Parade today is formed up into guards by the Regimental Sergeant Major, who then hands over to the Adjutant. The Officers at this point are not on parade, and this signifies the trust placed in the Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers. The Band and Corps of Drums troop across the front of the guards, before the escort for the Colour march forward, to receive the Colour. After the Subaltern for the Colour receives it, the Regimental Sergeant Major draws his sword and salutes the Colour - the only time on parade that he ever does this. The Colour is then trooped through the ranks, after which the guards march past in slow and quick time.

The Regimental Colour on parade today was presented by Queen Margrethe II of Denmark on May 4th 1974, at Armoury House London.