

Presentation of New Colours

TO THE 1ST BATTALION
THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT

By HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON K.G.

CHISLEDON

25 MAY, 1956

On Parade

Commanding Officer : LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. DE LA H. MORAN, O.B.E.

Adjutant : MAJOR D. C. ROBERTS

Field Officers for the New Colours :

MAJOR L. B. B. BEUTTLER, O.B.E. MAJOR J. H. DAVIS

Old Colour Party :

Second-Lieutenant J. R. P. CUMBERLEGE
Second-Lieutenant R. J. M. BIRCH
Colour-Sergeant R. S. BATTY
Sergeant J. SARGEANT
Sergeant G. W. EVANS

New Colour Party :

Lieutenant C. R. HUKTABLE
Lieutenant E. J. H. DASENT
Colour-Sergeant P. SHEEHAN
Colour-Sergeant A. ARUNDEL
Sergeant A. SPRING

Escort for the Colour :

Major J. E. V. BUTTERFIELD
Captain E. M. P. HARDY
Colour-Sergeant W. BURKE

No. 2 Guard :

Captain W. BLAKEY
Lieutenant T. D. LUPTON
Second-Lieutenant H. M. P. MILES
Company Sergeant-Major W. ROBINS

No. 3 Guard :

Captain D. W. SHUTTLEWORTH
Lieutenant J. E. PELL
Second-Lieutenant M. A. RUSSELL
Company Sergeant-Major J. C. JOBLING, M.M.

No. 4 Guard :

Major R. E. SUGDEN
Lieutenant M. J. CAMPBELL LAMERTON
Second-Lieutenant J. H. GLADWIN
Company Sergeant-Major J. CLARK

Regimental Sergeant-Major : Regimental Sergeant-Major G. CORKE

Drill Sergeant : Company Sergeant-Major H. RANDALL

Bandmaster : Bandmaster D. SEED, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.

Drum-Major : Drum-Major J. BRYAN

Programme of Music

The Battalion marches on ..	Duke's March	The Troop	Grenadier's Slow March
The Officers take post.. ..	"Destiny"	The Old Colours march off parade	"Auld Lang Syne"
Inspection	"My Girl's a Yorkshire Girl"	New Colours received on parade	National Anthem
	"I'm Ninety Five"	March past in slow time	
Slow March by Band and Drums	"Logie O'Buchan"		"Mollendorf's Parade March"
Quick March by Band and Drums	"Ilkla Moor"		"Scotland the Brave"
Escort for the Colour takes Station		March past in quick time ..	"The Wellesley"
	"British Grenadiers"	Colours march off parade ..	"Point of War"
Old Colours received on parade	National Anthem	The Battalion marches off parade	"Ilkla Moor"



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HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON AND THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Address by His Grace The Duke of Wellington, K.G.

Officers, Non - Commissioned Officers and Men
of the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment

NO other Regiment in the British Army bears the name of a person who was not a member of the Royal Family. The Wellington family have, therefore, always been very proud of their connexion with the Regiment, and it was a very great honour for me when I was invited to present these Colours. That the name of the great Duke should be for ever connected with the Regiment is appropriate, for he did nearly all his regimental soldiering with the old 33rd Regiment, the ancestor of the 1st Battalion. Previously he had been for a time a subaltern in the old 76th, the ancestor of the 2nd Battalion. When he became a Divisional Commander, he wrote that there was nothing about which he was personally so much interested as the proper equipment of the 33rd. This interest never flagged during his long life and even ten years before his death it was suggested that the Regiment should be known as "the Duke of Wellington's Regiment," a title conferred on it by Queen Victoria on June 18, 1853, the first Waterloo Day after the Duke's death.

The 6th Duke, a great great grandson of the 1st Duke, was a serving officer in the Regiment. He was killed in September, 1943, at Salerno, when attached to No. 2 Commandos. My father, the 4th Duke, presented Colours to the 2nd Battalion in 1906.

The Colours which I have just presented bear the battle honours of the late war gained in N.W. Europe, N. Africa, Italy and Burma. It is difficult to pick out one as being more glorious than another. Perhaps the greatest courage was shown during the four months' pounding when the British Army doggedly clung to the little beach at Anzio. But who shall say whether the 2nd Battalion, who endured the hardships and privations, the murders and drowning in the bitter fighting in Burma, did not display an equal heroism?

The old honours epitomised the military exploits of this country during the last 200 years. A very rare and unusual distinction is that of the 3rd Afghan War in 1919.

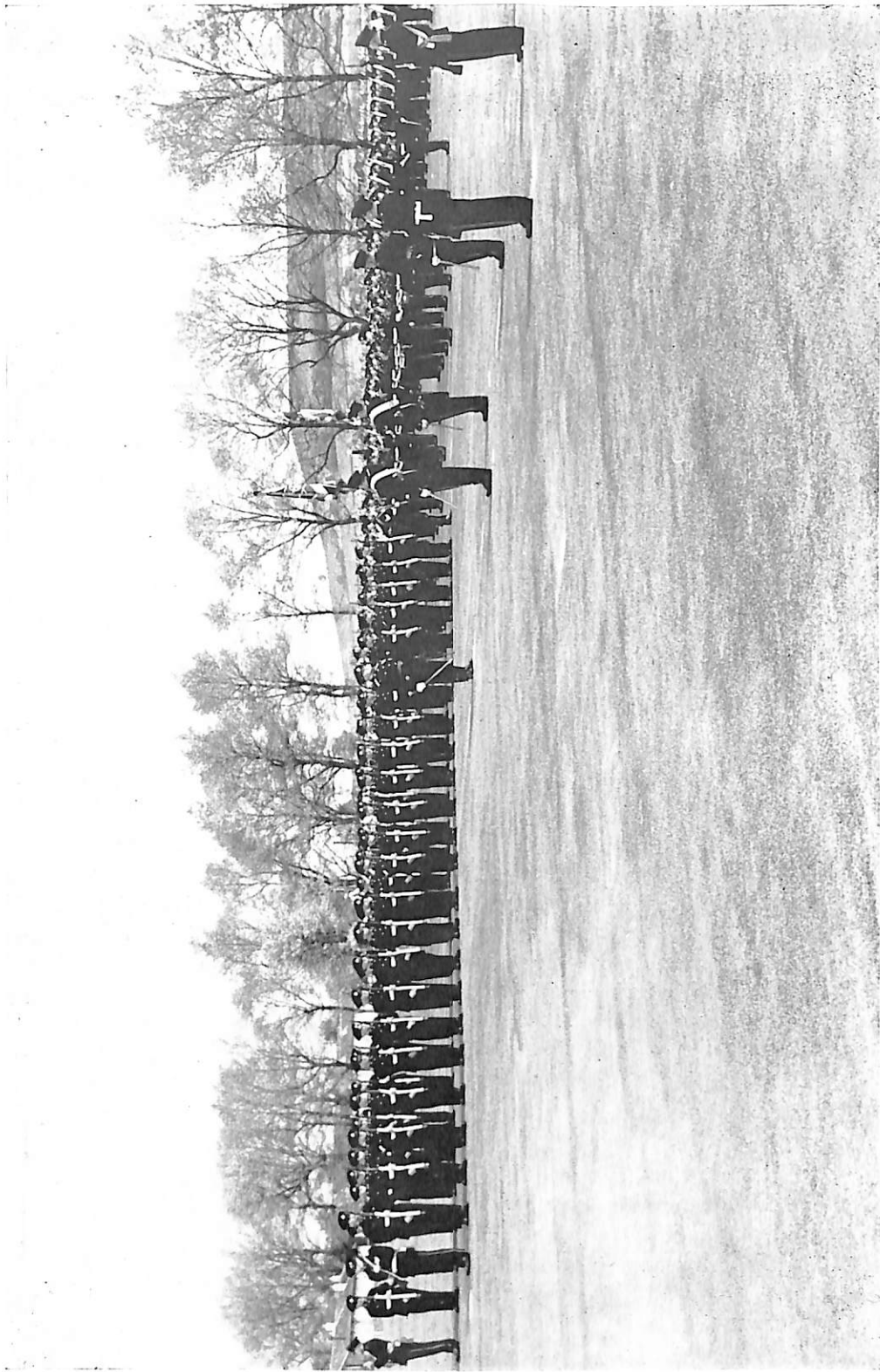
You young soldiers here today are now the guardians of the great traditions and the splendid record handed down to you by your fathers and grandfathers. From what I have seen on this parade I, as one of a much older generation, am confident that if ever the need should again arise, which please God it will not, then you will not be found wanting.

Reply by Lt.-Col. R. de la H. Moran O.B.E., Commanding 1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

YOUR GRACE, My officers, non-commissioned officers and men are deeply honoured that you, whose family have had such close connections with the Regiment, have come this day and presented us with new Colours.

We thank you for the kind words with which you have addressed us.

You may rest assured, Sir, that this Regiment, proud of its great name, and its traditions, will always uphold the honour of the Colours. Its spirit is high, and I know that on the next occasion that the Battalion is called to service, the young soldiers whom you see before you here will acquit themselves as nobly as the veterans to whom we owe the battle honours already inscribed on the Colours.



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THE COLOURS' ESCORT TAKING OVER THE OLD COLOURS

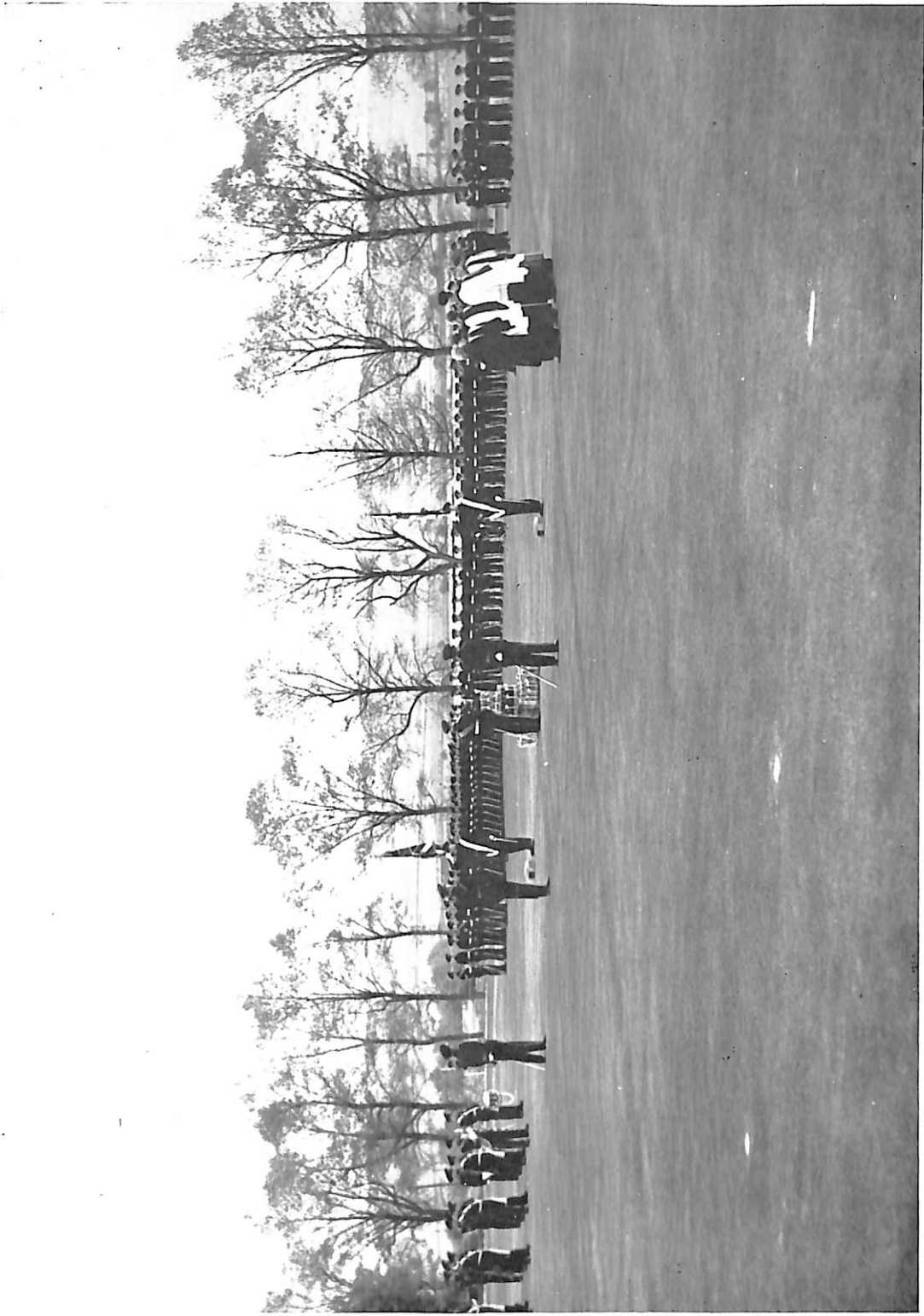


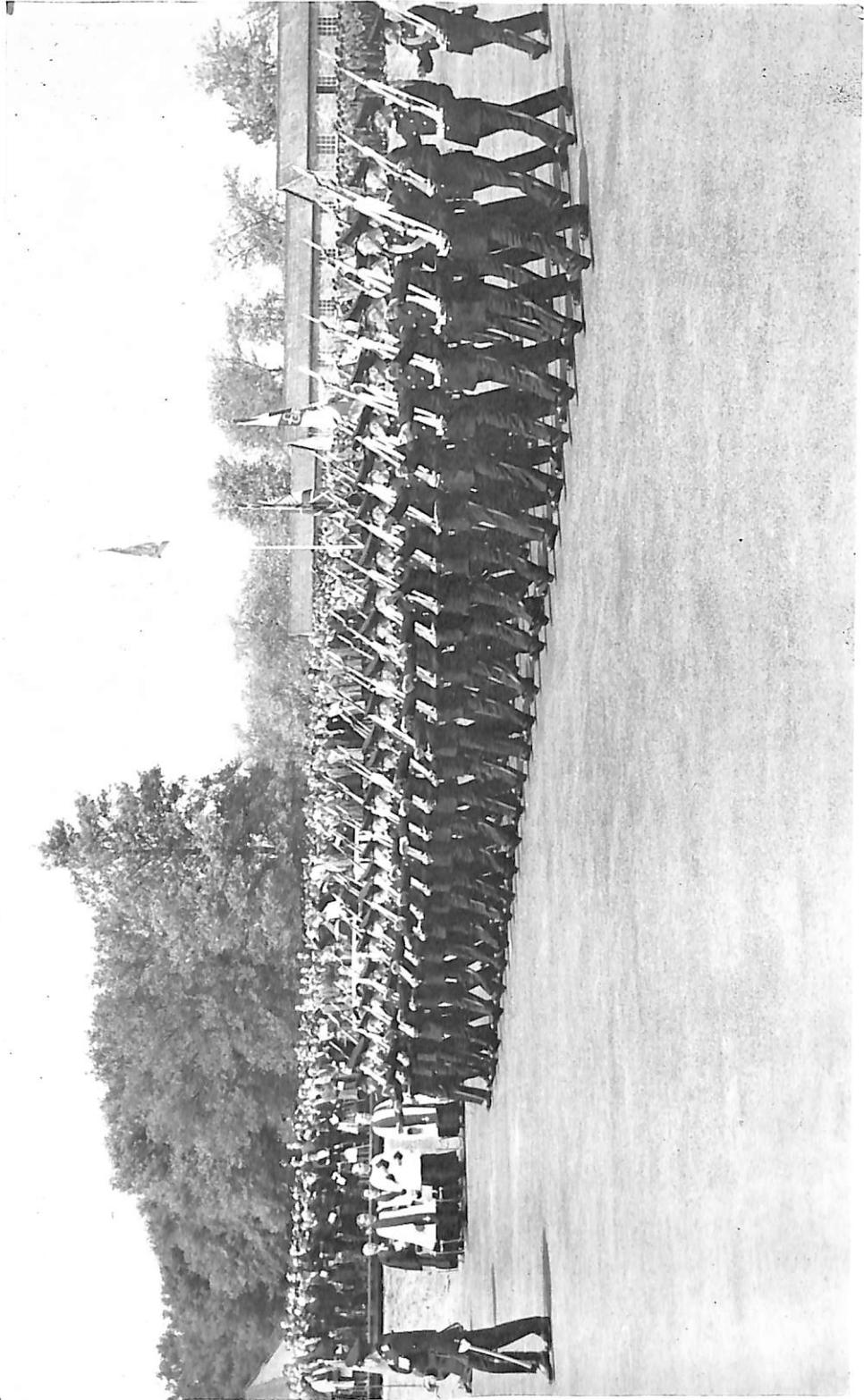
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HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON ADDRESSING THE BATTALION



MARCH PAST IN SLOW TIME

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MARCH PAST IN QUICK TIME

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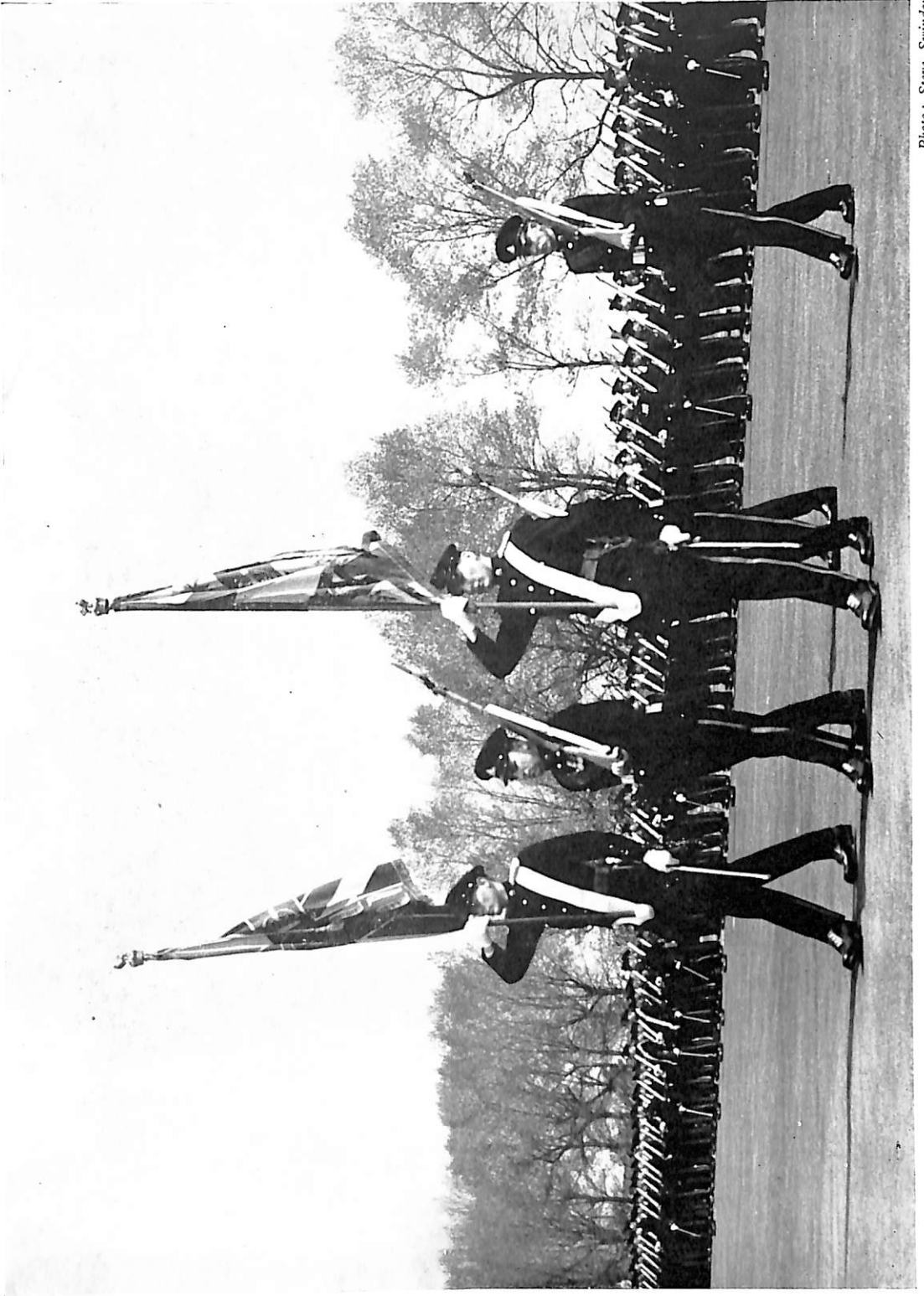


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THE OLD COLOURS MARCHING OFF PARADE



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THE NEW COLOURS DURING THE ADDRESS

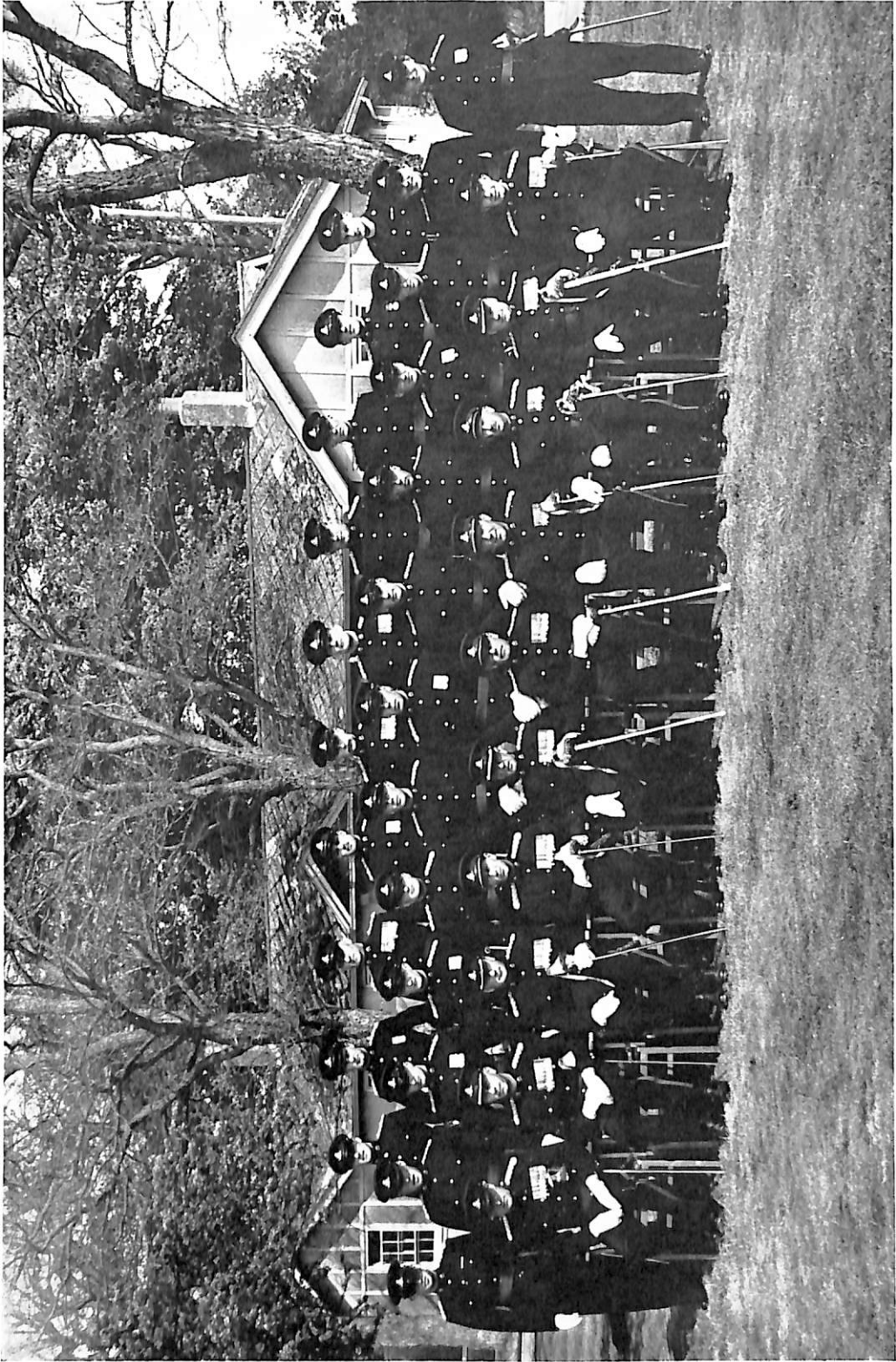


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THE OFFICERS — 1ST BATTALION

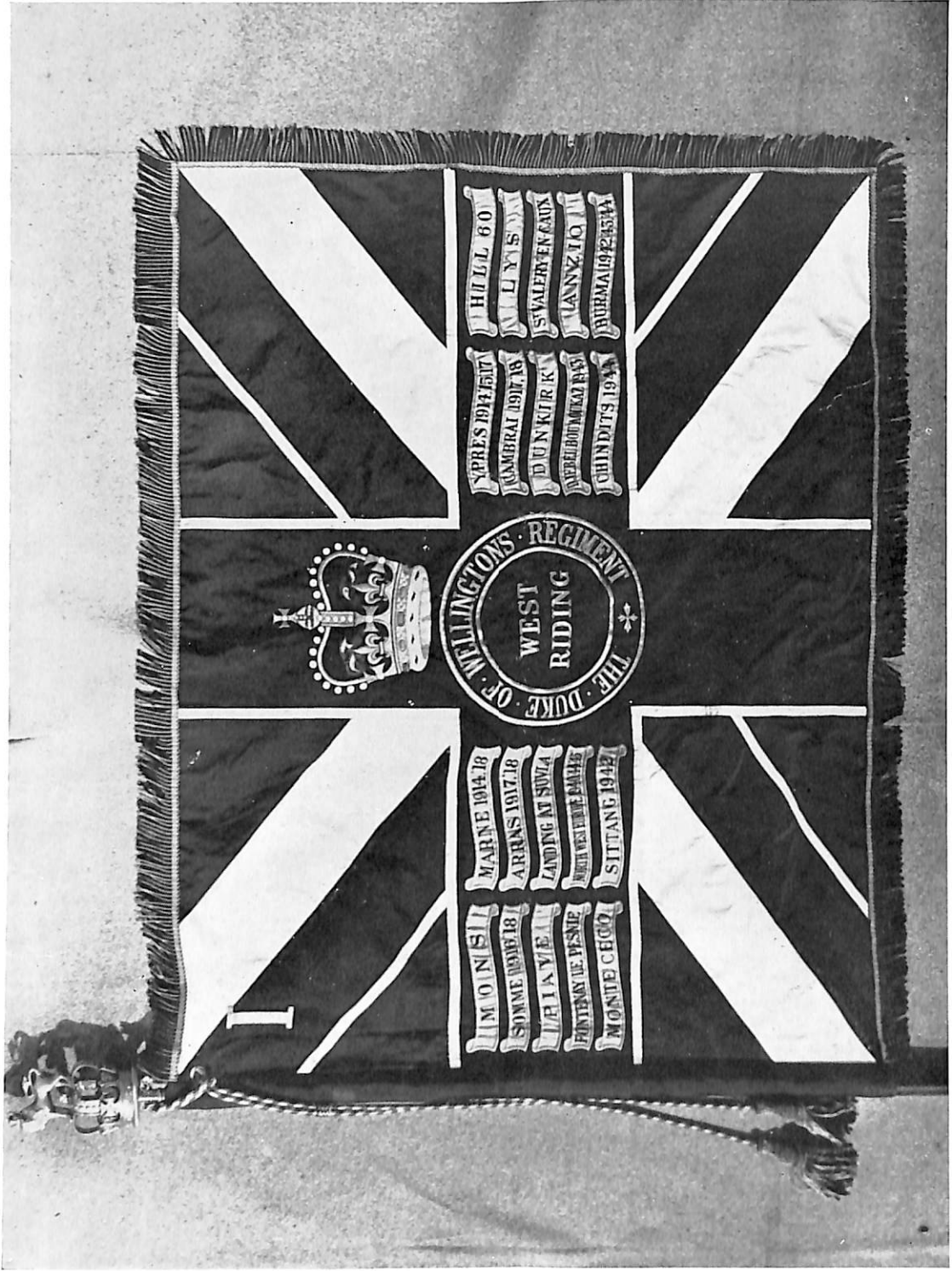


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THE NEW QUEEN'S COLOUR



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THE NEW REGIMENTAL COLOUR