

Operation LONDON BRIDGE

14th - 19th September 2022



**THE LYING IN STATE, STATE FUNERAL
AND THE COMMITTAL
OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**



**Her Majesty The Queen
21st April 1926 – 8th September 2022**



**Colonel-in-Chief Welsh Guards
6th February 1952 – 8th September 2022**

HM Queen Elizabeth II at the gates of Buckingham Palace taking the salute after the 1981 Queen's Birthday Parade
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**Operation LONDON BRIDGE - OVERVIEW
September 2022**

by Colonel G R Harris DSO OBE, Regimental Lieutenant Colonel

The article below by Major Tom Spencer-Smith sets out in detail the Battalion's and the wider Regimental involvement in Op LONDON BRIDGE and I commend it to you. Although not on the Blue Line I was pleased that the Regiment were so heavily involved in all aspects of Her Majesty's Lying in State and the Funeral thereafter. The Second in Command's article lays out in detail who in the Regiment were involved, whether serving or retired.

For the many who were involved it was and will always remain an unforgettable experience as well as a privilege to have played a part. The Regiment acquitted itself very well in the performance of all its varied duties as befitting the Sovereigns Personal troops and in memory of our late Queen and for our new King who although now Colonel-in-Chief, remains our Colonel until further notice.

The manner in which the Regiment executed its duties says a lot about who we are and what we stand for, the strive for excellence in all we do and at the heart our sense of belonging as a family Regiment. For all those who were on duty in this unique occasion, whether on the front line or in support, thank you all for the dedication and the professionalism you displayed at all times.

**Operation LONDON BRIDGE
8th to 19th September 2022**

by Major T C Spencer Smith, Battalion Second in Command

The Battalion and the rest of the UK started work on Thursday 8th September assuming it would be any normal day, instead our nation would be rocked by the most profound news of a generation. As we sat through the morning, listening to news reports concerning the health of Her Majesty and watching the convergence of family members at Balmoral, it was clear Her Majesty was indeed, very unwell. Early in the afternoon Huw Edwards changed into a dark suit and black tie and at the same time, the BBC Website and news channel changed from its usual crimson to black; it was clear we were all but waiting for the official signal. Minutes before the 6 O'clock news, the Battalion were officially made aware that Operation LONDON BRIDGE had been called.



CSM Cunningham and DSgt Evans on parade in Windsor as part of the Windsor procession of HM The Queen's funeral

We always knew that the Regiment and the Division would rise to the occasion, but the work that followed over the coming days was nothing short of astounding. From Lieutenant Colonel Charles Richards working within the Royal Household to the most junior Guardsman in Battalion, every individual strived to deliver perfection for Her Majesty The Queen and King Charles III.

Within the 1st Battalion, activity went into overdrive at daybreak on Friday 9th September. Capt Gould, our Plans Officer, took the lead printing the colossal amounts of paperwork that made up the orders for the various phases and sub-operations, before spending the rest of the day interrogating them and finding evermore commitments for 1WG. Further down the corridor the

Drill Sergeant and Company Sergeant Majors started the laborious task of pulling together nominal rolls to ensure the Commanding Officer could offer up as many personnel as possible to support the operation. Meanwhile the Second in Command and Adjutant departed for Regimental Headquarters to assist Col Bonas with the names of those who were going to

be involved with the Lying-In-State at Westminster Hall, Op MARQUEE as it was to be called. WO2 Wilks, the Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant, watched in alarm and mild panic as the same three officers took an unhealthy interest in the stores, particularly the availability of tunics, bearskins and all the other accoutrements required to cloth these officers!



DSgt Evans before the funeral procession steps off

During this time The Commanding Officer took the opportunity to address the Battalion and said the following.

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We find ourselves here under exceptional circumstances. I think many, if not all of you share my sentiment in hoping that this event would never happen, despite the laws of nature. However, with the Queen's death, the eyes of the Army, the eyes of the country and the eyes of the world have descended on the Household Division.

So once again the spotlight is on this Battalion and this Battalion's role in one of the most important events in this nation's history, outside of war. As we go forward into the next few days, until the funeral on the 19th, there's going to be a lot of ups and downs, a lot of changes - we are all going to have to be patient.

As a battalion off State Ceremonial and Public Duties we have been directed

to provide a marching detachment and one Half-Company, but my intention at this point is to get as many Welsh Guards plumes on parade as we possibly can. I intend to honour Her Majesty with six. And we'll achieve that as a battalion only recently back from the Op SHADER commitment in Iraq and Op CORDED in Zambia. A battalion that has got troops deployed across the world, that's had troops on Askari Storm in Kenya, that is preparing for Belize, another deployment to Kenya and Uganda, and that is already preparing for Ex Red Stripe in Jamaica, concurrent with most of our Sgt's Mess training Ukrainians under Op INTERFELX. That is a hell of an ask, but I make no apologies for it, because this battalion always works best when it is under that kind of pressure. And I don't think there's a Soldier in this Battalion that doesn't want to be part of what is I would say, one of the most significant events, outside war to happen to this country, certainly in this century, if not since the last death and coronation.

Gdsm Taylor awaiting the final inspection before marching to the Mall



What do I expect of you all as we go forward over the next few days? I expect nothing less than the standards of the Household Division, layered on top of that - how we do things as the Welsh Guards. The Sergeant Major will no doubt speak to his Mess after this about the standards he expects them to drive. But, as Guardsmen, look at yourselves, don't just wait to be pushed, push yourselves. For many of you this is your first encounter with an event such as this and you will find yourself training with other cap badges and Services. They will not know or care about your previous experience. Everyone who



LSgt Everett stood at ease outside Buckingham Palace with Palace staff in the background

doesn't wear the Household Division Flash on their shoulder will be looking at those of us who do, no matter how junior you are. People from the other services will look at the 'Blue Red Blue' and look for you to set the standard.

Her Majesty's death marks the beginning of a significant change, not just for the life of this country but for what we will engage in over the next year. We will also be expected to lean into what will be a Coronation, the first troop under HM The King and other events alongside, all the while, our deployments will continue. But that dual role of excellence in green and excellence in scarlet is what we do, so I don't expect any man or woman here to have any issues switching between the two, from the most junior guardsman right up to me as your commanding officer. This involves you and requires you to have the flexibility and a proactive approach to switch between the two.

What we do now over the next few hours, days and weeks, and our ability to deal with pressure and complexity, sets the tone for the next year and

more, I'm very clear on that! If we approach this without enthusiasm and without attention to the highest standards, we are setting ourselves up for a fall over the next year and we are also not doing our duty. We have all heard that word, duty, used hundreds of times referring to Her Majesty, well it refers to you as much as it did not only to Her Majesty, but also to our new King.

When we finish up here and leave this room, there is going to be quite a lot of ups and downs, quite a lot of messing around and quite a lot of 'hurry up and wait!'. Stick with it, be patient. Because at the end of this, make no mistake, you will all be part of history. That is a phenomenal privilege. I would hope this is why you joined the Household Division; this is what we do. As we move forward into this, I wish you the very best of luck,

I expect the very highest of standards and remember – at all times, you're not only representing the Army, but you're also representing the Household Division and this Battalion. As you conduct your business, make sure you do so

as if the eyes of the world are upon you, because very soon, they will be.

*Signed;
Lieutenant Colonel J D Livesey
Commanding Officer*

God Save the King

Over the next three days efforts were centered on Battalion Headquarters as the Plans Officer and Second in Command pushed and cajoled Headquarters London District and 11 SFA (Security Force Assistance) Brigade to confirm our exact commitment. Everything else stemmed from

this, and planning for success, the Quartermaster and his team digging through the Home Service Clothing Stores to locate all the tunics and bearskins they could, whilst the Drill Sergeant formed half-companies from anyone he could find. The effort from across the Battalion was astounding and the lights of offices and rooms burnt late into the night and often the early hours of the morning. This was particularly so in the Tailors Shop where the requirement to be at full capacity immediately was imperative. With LSgt Putty at the helm, supported by Gdsm Murphy and LSgt Horrell in the Home Clothing Stores,

LSgt Roos and LSgt Moseley inspect one another before they step off





The Commanding Officer, Lt Col John Livesey, Adjutant, Capt Jonny Leonard and DSgt Evans inside Windsor Castle

they set about working through the fittings. No sooner had Op BRIDGE been announced, Headquarter Company Commander received a call from WO2 Steve Shields (Retd) offering to come to Windsor and assist the Tailor's Shop. With such a mammoth task ahead of us we gladly accepted, and he joined us the next day to bolster the team.

On Friday 9th September, D-Day, the Honorable Artillery Company (HAC) were tasked with delivering the Death Gun Salute. As the Sergeant Major of the HAC, WO1 (RSM) Heath took the lead for the short turn-around from announcement to firing at HM Tower of London. Unsurprisingly there were no difficulties in finding volunteers to undertake this task and the training commenced within Finsbury Barracks that morning. By dusk all 96 rounds were fired in honour of Her Majesty. As it happens WO1 (RSM) Heath had to immediately conduct the recce for the Proclamation at the Royal Exchange. As with the Death Gun Salute, the HAC were heavily involved, which meant much of the

planning and rehearsals fell to the Sergeant Major. Another smooth delivery to the sound of God Save The King! As it echoed around the city. With the proclamations made at St James's Palace and in the City of London, tri-service teams descended on each capital to support the proclamations across the Union. Op KINGFISHER in Edinburgh, Op SHAMROCK in Belfast and of course Op DRAGON in Cardiff took place the following day. With the Regimental Support Team (RST) in position, Capt Oli Powell and WO2 (RQMS(T)) Hughes made best speed to Maindy Barracks. After some hasty rehearsals and drilling the remainder of the parade into shape, they too delivered a faultless proclamation with a street lining task from Cardiff Castle to where the proclamation was to be made. Capt Powell noted that for the first time the proclamation of a new sovereign was carried out in both English and Welsh which added a uniqueness to proceedings and the crowd were in high spirits but unsurprisingly with a tone of loss.

The Commanding Officer, Adjutant and Sergeant

Major had their own role to play in the Proclamation at Windsor. Although no formal part to play and mercifully no rehearsals to attend, nonetheless the attendance of both Commanding Officers and Coldstream Guards was a key moment for the town of Windsor and the home of Her Majesty The Queen. By Sunday night, the Regiment had already taken part in every major element of Op BRIDGE providing key personnel in each location.

Regimental Headquarters was firing on all cylinders over the weekend with RQMS Wilks and LSgt Bishop corralling

officers from across the globe to come in for tunic fitting and kit collection. Because we were not 'on the line' much of our kit had justifiably been borrowed (pilfered!) by other regiments, fortunately for us, Mr Kim Hibberd, the Regimental Stores Manager, had managed to retain enough to ensure that we were just about kitted out in everything we needed. All of this kit was then shipped back to Combermere Barracks to be set upon by a team of Orderlies driven hard by LSgt Lucas, the Officers' Mess Manager.

Inevitably some mishaps happened along the way, fortunately they were of little consequence and Maj Spencer-Smith and Maj Davies were both called in for the briefing and recce to move the coffin from Buckingham Place to Westminster Hall, fortunately the Brigade Major realised they had been called forward in error before they spent 2 hours walking the ground, but it was a close-run thing! Back in Battalion Capt Gould and the Drill Sergeant were furiously coordinating the Troops to Task and building spreadsheets that would make a grown man

Lt Felix Syms





weep, whilst next door the Adjutant had the unenviable task of working out who would be committed to each Watch (a six-hour period for which a single regiment has responsibility) and the circa 18 Vigils within each Watch.

As the battalion settled into the start of a new week and a sustainable battle rhythm, the Second in Command and Plans Officer spent much of their days liaising and negotiating with Horse Guards and 11 Brigade over what our commitment would be, whilst the Warrant Officers worked to provide as many half companies to the Commanding Officer as possible. One must not forget that we had teams deployed in Kenya, (See the ATMIS article in the Regimental Magazine), and imminently preparing to deploy to Uganda to deliver an STTT (Short Term Training Team) and Support Company deploying to Belize for Ex MAYAN WARRIOR. The Operations Officer returned from Canada and thankfully 'ran with' all existing activity. All of this

activity was supported by the enablers across Battalion, The Quartermasters department tirelessly liaising with other regiments to find Bearskin caps, the Catering Platoon feeding not just the Battalion, but the 200+ 'waifs and strays' that had descended on Windsor for Op BRIDGE and of course the Mechanised Transport Platoon who kept the whole thing moving. Special mention should be made of CSgt Evans, Trigger, who despite having every possible serial thrown at him, remained admirably calm and regardless of how tight the corner he was in, always seemed to find a solution.

As we pushed on through the week the Concentration Areas filled with members from across the Armed Services and supported by a significant Commonwealth contingent. For the Household Division this meant a call to furnish the Army School of Ceremonial with additional instructors. From the Welsh Guards, we sent three Warrant Officers and two Sergeants to assist. Training for the London Procession took place in



Field Marshal The Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank GCB GCVO OBE DL preparing to move.

Pirbright and in Longmoor for the Windsor Procession. Once again, the Household Division reached into its cohort of extraordinary Warrant Officers and identified leads for each location; WO1 (RSM) Heath, now free from duties in London, took on the training at Longmoor.

no less than absolute excellence would be accepted. I can honestly say that all troops involved conducted themselves in an exemplary fashion

The only hitch to this training was that all the officers on the parade were also on the vigil. This came to a head after the early morning rehearsal in London when four members of the Watch came straight from the Mall to commence training at Hyde Park Barracks. Fortunately, the watch was from midday to six o'clock, but all the officers concerned were feeling somewhat fatigued having been awake since the previous morning.

I briefed all on the plan for the week, and we started the next day (D+4). The focus for the training was on Lining the Route. We had x7 half Companies from the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards that would all be within the grounds of Windsor Castle and x3 half Companies from the Adjutant General Corps (AGC), Engineers and Intelligence Corps that would line the route on the Long Walk. I ensured the training was progressive and enjoyable, ensuring all fully understood that

From D-Day, Friday 9th, we were aware that The Welsh Guards would conduct a vigil with The King, The Princess Royal, The Duke of York, and The Earl of Wessex and the decision was made

Lt The Hon George Cadogan and Maj Alex Major, the Commander and Second in Command of the marching detachment





by the Regimental Adjutant and Commanding Officer to have officers from the Battalion on the vigil. With no news on the format this very unique vigil would take, the training commenced at Hyde Park Barracks as planned. It was only as half of the officers on the watch had boarded the transport, that the five officers on the vigil were called back to the practice room to rehearse the changes. Fortunately they were minimal, and we rushed through central London to Westminster Hall to start the Welsh Guards second watch. At 7.30 pm the officers mounted the Catafalque, the public unaware of what they were about to witness. A much longer vigil than normal, we settled into our duty. At precisely 7.40 pm, Col Bonas tapped his scabbard three times, signaling that The King's Vigil should start. We could hear the slow steps down the staircase as they slowly made their way to the Catafalque. Once in position a further three taps echoed

around the hall, emphasising the absolute silence that had descended, and with that the Royal vigil commenced. Within a blink of an eye the Vigil was over and The King, The Princess Royal and their brothers returned up the steps, drawing to a close a quite extraordinary moment in history. In an equally extraordinary turn of events the Welsh Guards also conducted the Vigil alongside the Queen's grandchildren 24 hours later. Majors Campbell, Charles-Jones, Dunlop and Young with Lt Col J Salusbury commanding the Vigil alongside The Prince of Wales and the Queen's Grandchildren standing Vigil like their parents had the night before.

By the second weekend we were well rehearsed with the Vigil and attention once again returned to the Funeral. Throughout Saturday and Sunday final rehearsals were conducted at both Longmoor and Pirbright to ensure every minute of the procession was



Major Guy Charles-Jones who took on Marshalling duties at the funeral procession with just 24 hours' notice

known to every person on parade. Despite this there were still last-minute changes and Maj Dinwiddie, Marshal to the Uniformed Civilian Services, had to rush home

for the birth of his first child. Fortuitously Maj Charles-Jones, who had only flown in from Oman 36 hours before, was available and rudely awoken by the Second in Command at 7am on the Sunday. Rolled out of the door with a cup of tea in hand and a vague understanding that he was to be a Marshal, he arrived in Pirbright to find the entire parade formed up. With WO1 (RSM) Peters as his secondary Marshal, Maj Charles-Jones was in good hands and was given a hasty precis of the parade before his only rehearsal!

All troops were dismissed by midday to allow for kit preparation and critically to allow everyone the chance to rest before descending on Wellington Barracks. The parade, the largest in living memory, required a diverse and exact transport plan,

FM The Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank GCB GCVO OBE DL, accompanied by (L-R); Lt Jonathan Hunt Royal Navy Police, LSgt Roberts 25 WG, LCpl James Cheung Royal Military Police





Number 33 Half Company

especially when it came to getting through innumerable police blockades and road closures. So large was the burden that trains were commandeered as troop trains to bring personnel from the concentration areas into London. For the Welsh Guards, who had returned to Windsor, we were moved to Wellington Barracks by coach, but had to depart inordinately early, only to be held at Heston services before being called forward. On arrival we were treated to an exceptional breakfast, an enormous field kitchen had been setup in the basement of Wellington barracks

catering for the 2500 troops that were getting ready to step off.

As Sector one Commander, Maj Davies departed Wellington Barracks extremely early. He was responsible for the area between Westminster Abbey and The Mall, tasked with ensuring all half-companies were in position, liaison with the police regarding security of the route and on hand to provide Command and Control in case of an incident. Shortly thereafter, The Sergeant Major and LSgt Roberts 25 departed, the latter escorting

Field Marshal Lord Guthrie to the funeral. Expecting to guide the Field Marshal to his seat and return to the waiting area at the rear of the Abbey, no one was more surprised than LSgt Roberts when he was told to sit with the Field Marshal for the duration of the funeral service, only a few rows from the front – an incredible honour. The Sergeant Major joined the other Foot Guards Sergeant Majors, alongside the Academy Sergeant Major and 1st London Guards Sergeant Major at the entrance of the Abbey where they guided guests to their seats. Once

everyone was seated, they all joined the parade as Marshals and marched with the procession to Wellington Arch.

Back in Wellington Barracks, the remainder of the Welsh Guards were not on parade until the coffin of Her Majesty had been moved to Westminster Abbey. Once in place, the slow form-up took place under the guidance of Commander London Central Garrison. With so many half companies and marching detachments to step-off, it required the utmost coordination and to keep everything on track. At 1150 am the nation held a period of two minutes silence, followed by the national anthem. Shortly thereafter the funeral procession stepped off and escorted Her Majesty on her final journey from London to Windsor. Despite not being 'on the line' the Welsh Guards Half-Companies were exceptional and had the tricky job of lining the route around the Queen Victoria Memorial. Likewise, the Welsh Guards marching detachment, led by Maj Alex Major was at the front of the Foot Guards detachment and were as smart as anyone on parade. It is worth remembering

Number 34 Half Company





L-R: Yeoman Terry Jones (71) - Yeoman of the Guard of The King's Body Guard, Lieutenant Colonel Guy Stone LVO - Procession Marshal to the Royal Family, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Richards CVO - Deputy Master of the Household, Lieutenant Colonel Rhodri Traherne - His Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms

Windsor. Despite the very long and convoluted journey home, they were all immensely proud of being part of the Military's final act for our Sovereign.

Meanwhile in Windsor, the Commanding Officer and Adjutant, were in Windsor Castle as the Sector Commander and Sector Adjutant. Tasked with ensuring all half-companies were correctly positioned and timings were adhered to, they were supported by the Drill Sergeant and CSM Cunningham within the castle walls.

As we reflect on the entirety of Op BRIDGE and, in the Commanding Officers' words, we were "all part of history" and it was a phenomenal privilege. Once again, the Household Division stepped up to the plate and delivered in exceptional circumstances to the very highest of standards and the Battalion and Regiment played a central role in our final tribute to Her Majesty The Queen.

Cymru Am Byth!

God Save the King!



WO2 (RQMS) L Wilks was a Marshal at the Palace of Westminster on the day that Her Majesty was moved from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall to commence the Lying in State. He also acted as a Marshal at both Wellington Barracks and Wellington Arch on the day of the State Funeral

that very few of the Welsh Guardsmen on parade had conducted any public duties, let alone something as significant as this. As Guardsman Osman said

“ The day itself was also a long one. For us in the Welsh Guards it was a shock, as we had a lot of new Guardsmen on the parade who had never done any ceremonial events before... We all had a glass of port in remembrance of the Queen. Finally, we headed back to Windsor to hand our weapons back in and get some rest after a long but memorable day. It was a proud day for us and one that I'll remember for the rest of my life.

As the funeral procession moved by road from The Wellington Arch to Windsor, those in London returned to barracks, and thereafter to



The Household Division Sergeant Majors for the State Funeral of Her Majesty The Queen, the first time all have paraded together. Back Row (L-R): WO1 D Bailey RSM 1 GREN GDS, WO1 L Paxton RSM 1SG, WO1 D Cope RSM 1WG, WO1 C Lavery RSM LONDON GDS, WO1 D Griffiths RSM 1IG, WO1 R Dacey RSM 1COLDM GDS. Front Row (L-R): WO1 C Kirkwood SG, AcSM RMAS, WO1 A Stokes MVO COLDM GDS, GSM Londist, WO1 D Roper GREN GDS, Supt Clk H Div



The Officers taking part in the London Procession of HM The Queen's funeral. Left to Right. Front Row: Major Tom Spencer-Smith, Lt Col Tom Smith, Col Tom Bonas, Maj Guy Charles-Jones, Maj Alex Major. Middle Row: Lt George Cadogan, Capt Simon Burfiend, Lt Cameron Clarke, Lt Felix Syms. Rear Row: 2Lt William Moss, 2Lt Tom Allan



Vigil Team 1 - Left to Right. Front Row; Lt Col Henry Bettinson, Lt Col Guy Stone LVO, Lt Col John Livesey, Col Giles Harris DSO OBE, Lt Col Mark Lewis. 2nd Row; Maj Joseph Dinwiddie-Choat, Maj Tom Spencer-Smith, Maj Christopher Fenton, Maj Charlie Beare, Maj Euan Mathieson. 3rd Row; Capt Jonathan Leonard, Capt Edward Andersen, Capt Aaron Gould, Capt Simon Burfiend, Lt Felix Syms. Rear Row; 2Lt William Moss, Lt Cameron Clarke, 2Lt Tom Allan



Vigil Team 2 - Left to Right. Front Row; Lt Col Christopher Sargent, Lt Col Henry Llewelyn-Usher, Col Tom Bonas, Lt Col John Livesey, Lt Col Mark Lewis, Lt Col Tom Smith. 2nd Row; Maj David Luther-Davies, Maj Chris Davies, Maj James Marsden, Maj Tom Spencer-Smith, Maj Alex Major, Maj Darren Pridmore. 3rd Row; 2Lt Will Comaish, Capt Jonny Leonard, Capt George Davidson, Capt Tom Haines-Henderson. Rear Row; 2Lt William Jones, Capt Theo Haynes



Vigil Team 3 - Left to Right. Front row: Maj Andrew Dunlop, Lt Col Julian Salusbury, Maj Guy Charles-Jones, Maj Andy Campbell, Maj James Young, Maj Ben Figgures-Wilson. 2nd row: Maj James Marsden, Lt Col Christopher Sargent, Capt John Parkinson, Capt Tom Minihan, Maj Tom Evans, Capt Oliver Powell. Rear row; Lt Robert Cross, Capt Andrew Griffiths, Capt Joseph Wilkinson, Maj Carl Taylor, Lt George Cadogan, Lt Tom Brown



Vigil Team 4 - Left to Right. Front Row: Lt Col Tom Smith, Lt Col Mark Lewis, Lt Col Julian Salusbury, Second Row: Capt John Parkinson, Maj Adam Smith, Maj R Rhydian Emlyn-Williams, Third Row: Capt Mike Parry, Capt Jack Owen, Maj Tom Campbell-Schofield, Fourth Row: Capt J Phillips, Lt Will Jones, Capt Tom Haines-Henderson, Back Row: 2Lt Will Moss, Lt Tom Brown, Capt George Davidson, Lt Rob Cross, Capt Joe Wilkinson



Welsh Guards Half-Companies marching onto the Mall



Yeoman Warren Williams (25) outside Westminster Palace prior to taking up his position to guard the coffin of Her Majesty during the Lying-in-State in Westminster Hall.



Major Simon Treadgold, Exon of The King's Body Guard at Westminster Abbey.



Sgt Doyle from 31 Half Company Street Lining in the Reverse Arms position.



Ex-Battalion Master Tailor WO2 Steve Shields provided vital support to the Battalion Tailors Shop. L-R; LSGT Putty, Mr Shields, Gdsm Murphy



Either side of Colonel TCS Bonas, the Regimental Adjutant is Major G Charles-Jones and Major T Spencer-Smith, both Majors commissioned together, commanded companies together and have served together on nearly every Battalion deployment from 2006-2022 and hold identical medal groups.



Op BRIDGE NOMINAL ROLL

Death Notice Gun Salute

WO1 (RSM) Heath

Proclamation London

WO1 (RSM) Heath

Proclamation Windsor

Lt Col J D Livesey
Capt J D E Leonard
WO1 (RSM) Cope

Proclamation Cardiff

Capt O M F Powell
WO2 Hughes
Sgt Lewis 88
LSgt Davies 35
LCpl Jackson
LCpl Morgan 29
Gdsm Furminger
Gdsm Hathaway

LYING-IN-STATE

Gentlemen at Arms

Lt Col R L Traherne

The King's Body Guard

Maj S J N Treadgold (Exon)
Yeoman Warren Williams 25
Yeoman Terry Jones 71

Serving Officers

Col T C S Bonas
Col G R Harris DSO OBE
Col H S Llewelyn-Usher
Lt Col H G C Bettinson
Lt Col M L Lewis
Lt Col J D Livesey
Lt Col J D Salusbury
Lt Col C T Sargent MBE
Lt Col T A Smith
Lt Col G C G R Stone LVO
Maj C H L Beare
Maj A Campbell
Maj T R Campbell-Schofield
Maj G C F Charles-Jones
Maj C J P Davies
Maj J O Dinwiddie-Choat
Maj A J H Dunlop
Maj R Emlyn-Williams
Maj T W J Evans
Maj C S N Fenton
Maj B J Figures-Wilson
Maj D Luther-Davies
Maj A L Major
Maj J P Marsden
Maj E S Mathieson
Maj D Morgan

Maj D W Pridmore
Maj T C Spencer-Smith
Maj C Taylor
Maj J M Young
Capt E W D Andersen
Capt S Burfiend
Capt G Davidson
Capt A Gould
Capt A L Griffiths 96
Capt T Haines-Henderson
Capt J D E Leonard
Capt T S Minihan
Capt J Owen
Capt J Parkinson
Capt M Parry
Capt J J D Phillips
Capt O M F Powell
Capt J Wilkinson
Lt C Clarke
Lt T B J Brown
Lt G E C Cadogan
Lt T R P Haynes
Lt F Syms
2Lt T Allan
2Lt W Comaish
2Lt W Jones
2Lt W Moss

Willington Barracks Marshal

WO2 (RQMS) L Wilks

Visit to Cardiff by His Majesty The King

Capt O M F Powell
WO2 Hughes
Sgt Lewis 88
LSgt Davies 35
LCpl Jackson
LCpl Morgan 29
Gdsm Furminger
Gdsm Hathaway

THE FUNERAL

Westminster Abbey

Field Marshal The Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank GCB GCVO OBE DL

Lt Col A C Richards CVO
Col G R Harris DSO OBE
Westminster Abbey Marshals
WO1 (RSM) D Cope
LSgt Roberts 25

Wellington Arch Marshal

WO2 (RQMS) L Wilks

FUNERAL PROCESSION – LONDON

Col G R Harris DSO OBE
Sector Commander
Maj C J P Davies

Marshals

Col T C S Bonas
Lt Col A C Richards CVO
Lt Col G C G R Stone LVO
Lt Col T A Smith
Maj T C Spencer Smith
Maj G C F Charles Jones
WO1 (RSM) Cope
WO1 (RSM) Peters

Foot Guards Marching Detachment

Maj A L Major
Lt The Hon G E C Cadogan
CSgt Small
Sgt Shapland
Gdsm White
LSgt Jones
LCpl Divavesi
LCpl Harrison
LCpl Ryan
Gdsm Armstrong
Gdsm Colins
Gdsm Davies 12
Gdsm Dean
Gdsm Edwards 43
Gdsm Evans 29
Gdsm Gurung
Gdsm Hewitt
Gdsm Hill
Gdsm Hollows
Gdsm Howarth
Gdsm Howard
Gdsm Jackson
Gdsm Jenkins 82
Gdsm Jones 78
Gdsm Jones 71
Gdsm Kinsey
Gdsm Laqeretabua
Gdsm Lewis-Webb

No. 30 Half Company

2Lt T Allan
Sgt Rowlands
LSgt Evans 94
LSgt Morgan 14
LSgt Morgan 60
LSgt Stirling
LCpl Hughes
LCpl Rowlands-Bell
LCpl Todd
LCpl Tucker
LCpl Wilkinson



Gdsm Allen
 Gdsm Bastable
 Gdsm Berry
 Gdsm Bouguenon
 Gdsm Clarke
 Gdsm Morgan 71
 Gdsm Morris
 Gdsm Nolan
 Gdsm Parker
 Gdsm Thomas 42
 Gdsm Williams

No. 31 Half Company

Capt S Burfiend
 Sgt Doyle
 LSgt Griffiths 86
 LSgt Prothero
 LCpl Sanders
 Gdsm Antink
 Gdsm Ball
 Gdsm Blackstone
 Gdsm Cassidy-Ballard
 Gdsm Davies 82
 Gdsm Evans 53
 Gdsm Hamer
 Gdsm Johnstone
 Gdsm Manuku
 Gdsm Marshall
 Gdsm Morgan 35
 Gdsm Owen 63
 Gdsm Phillips
 Gdsm Podmore-Criddle
 Gdsm Stubbings
 Gdsm Stutton
 Gdsm Wass-Williams

No. 32 Half Company

2Lt W Moss
 Sgt Forde
 LSgt Jones 88
 LSgt Pritchard
 LSgt Siviter
 LCpl Williamson
 Gdsm Bradshaw
 Gdsm Chamayere
 Gdsm Davies 97
 Gdsm Griffiths 06
 Gdsm Hughes 21
 Gdsm Jones 62
 Gdsm McBride
 Gdsm Miles
 Gdsm O'Brien
 Gdsm Osman
 Gdsm Smith 26
 Gdsm Smith 46
 Gdsm Stringfellow
 Gdsm Taylor-Garmey
 Gdsm Thomas 04
 Gdsm Twaite

No. 33 Half Company

Capt C Clarke
 Sgt Davies
 Sgt Bloxham IG
 Sgt Majkut COLDM GDS
 LSgt Roos
 LSgt Buretini
 LSgt Williams 88
 LSgt Williams 91
 LSgt Duval
 LSgt Everett
 LSgt Moseley
 LCpl Davies 14
 LCpl Davies 37
 LCpl Lee
 LCpl Pitt
 LCpl Toombs
 Gdsm Sinclair
 Gdsm Taylor
 Gdsm Williams 45
 Gdsm Roberts 300
 Gdsm Edwards 60
 Gdsm Roberts 50

No. 34 Half Company

Lt F Syms
 CSgt Pheasey
 Sgt Viavalevu
 LSgt Retallick
 LCpl Dennis
 Gdsm Adams
 Gdsm Hughes
 Gdsm Hughes 61
 Gdsm Hutin
 Gdsm Jones 20
 Gdsm Oram
 Gdsm Olsen
 Gdsm Parry 13
 Gdsm Purnell
 Gdsm Rowberry
 Gdsm Smith 85
 Gdsm Stott
 Gdsm Thompson
 Gdsm Tweddle
 Gdsm Wall
 Gdsm Watkins
 Gdsm Williams 46

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 Lt Col G C G R Stone LVO

Sector Commander and Adjutant

Lt Col J D Livesey
 Capt J D E Leonard

WO2 (DSgt) Evans
 WO2 (CSM) Cunningham

Medical Support

Maj N Faerstrand
 LSgt Wiffen
 LCpl Lillie

Household Division Training Teams

WO2 Green
 WO2 Thomas
 WO2 Cunningham
 Sgt Frowen
 Sgt Potts

Tailors

LSgt Putty
 Gdsm Murphy
 Mr S Shields

Orderlies

Sgt Lucas
 LSgt Bishop
 LCpl Asamoah
 LCpl Dyer
 LCpl Goss
 Gdsm Griffin
 Gdsm Griffith
 Gdsm Herbert
 Gdsm Hopkins
 Gdsm Nagata
 Gdsm Odonovan-Cronin
 Gdsm Owen 48
 Gdsm Ryan 57
 Gdsm Salmon
 Gdsm Sandiford
 Gdsm Tabuanira
 Gdsm Underhill
 Gdsm Walker
 Gdsm Williams 02

MT Drivers

CSgt Evans
 LCpl Asamoah
 Gdsm Brooks
 Gdsm Byron
 Gdsm Evans 16
 Gdsm Hoyle
 Gdsm Jones 30
 LCpl Turner
 Gdsm Weldon



Media Coverage

TV and Media Coverage around the globe was like no other and the BBC alone reported viewing figures of 32.5 million, with an estimated peak of 37.5 million Britons watching the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, across all channels. The funeral was broadcast on more than 50 UK channels, including all the main terrestrial channels and Sky and was streamed live online by various carriers. The figure 37.5 million, which accounts for half the UK's population, marks the biggest audience for a UK broadcast in history. Worldwide, the global TV audience figures were estimated to be around 4 billion.

The BBC had a live stream available 24 hours a day for the full duration of the Lying in State of Her Majesty at Westminster Hall, which saw over 250,000 people queue over the 4 day period to pay their respect and walk past Her Majesty's coffin, draped in the Royal Standard and adorned with the Imperial State Crown, the Imperial Orb and the Imperial Sceptre.

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Devotion to duty

Thousands endure 24-hour queue to honour Queen's lifetime of service as king and his siblings stand vigil

By Hannah Furness ROYAL EDITOR

THEY face a 24-hour wait to pay their respects, but still their legs on coming. Undaunted, uncomplaining and dressed for duty, Queen Elizabeth II's people vowed to do her proud in their slow, shuffling procession to see her coffin lying in state.

At one point, an scenes that would delight observers of British eccentricity, there was a queue for the queue to get in the main queue. And by the evening, at 7.45pm, the patience of a lucky few was repaid in spectacular fashion, as they filed through Westminster Hall to find themselves joining the King and his family.

There, amid hundreds of members of the public who happened to be walking through at the same time, the King, Princess Royal, Duke of York and Earl of Wessex stood in silent tribute to their mother. Members of the public, dressed

variously in anything from formal black mourning clothes to T-shirts and anoraks, paused and bowed their heads to let her take position at four sides of the late Queen's coffin.

As the extended family, including the Tudor and Phillips daughters, watched from a platform, the four siblings clasped their hands and lowered their eyes for their 15 minutes of duty. The King blinked, as if remembering his loss all over again in the midst of a testing 10-day schedule of his own.

For the first time since the death of his mother, Prince Andrew was permitted to wear the military dress uniform of a Vice Admiral of the Navy, the only military rank he still holds. The King wore the uniform of the Admiral of the Fleet, Princess Anne as Colonel of the Blues and Royals in her specially adapted version of Mounted Review Order (Disarmoured); and Prince Edward in No 1 Dress (Ceremonial) as Royal Colonel Wessex Yeomanry.

At 10pm last night, a member of the Queen's coffin lay in state. The individual was allegedly taken to the floor by Met Police officers and arrested. The Met told ITV they "detained a man in

Westminster Hall following a disturbance. He was arrested for an offence under the Public Order Act and is currently in custody."

Earlier, Buckingham Palace had announced details of the late Queen's final journey to rest in Windsor, designed to allow as many people as possible the opportunity to say goodbye on Monday, the day of her funeral. The Queen's coffin will take the long route over a 25-mile, two-hour journey to allow millions of well-wishers to line the road sides.

Starting at Wellington Arch, the cortege will travel along the A4, A30 and the A309 to Windsor between 1pm and 3pm for the committal service followed by private burial.

The Government is drawing up plans to close the queue for Westminster Hall tomorrow morning, to allow it to finish by 6.30am on Monday when funeral preparations begin in earnest.

Tonight, a lucky few are expected to be filing through Westminster Hall as their own vigil, the first of its kind for a monarch lying in state. The Prince of Wales, Duke of Sussex, Princess Beatrice, Prince Eugene, Peter Phillips, Zara Tindall, Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn will form their own silent guard for 15 minutes.

Last night, the King held a gathering of faith leaders in which he pledged to protect the multiple faiths of a diverse Britain "no less diligently" than Christianity as head of the Church of England, and promised to "protect the space for faith itself".

At the Royal family made a series of public appearances yesterday, the Prince of Wales spoke of his belief that his late grandmother would be "looking down" at her funeral service.

Visiting the Army Training Centre Farnham in Surrey yesterday with the Princess of Wales, he spoke to Commonwealth troops preparing for the procession and emphasised over the "lack of sleep" anyone had been getting.

One member of the New Zealand Defence Force said the Prince had told him "The Queen... would be interested in the detail of the soldiers, how the drill is carried out, its precision, our dress, things like that".

Meanwhile, the King was said to have expressed concerns about the cost of living crisis to Mark Drakeford, the Welsh First Minister, told Talk

'The Queen... interested in the detail of the soldiers, how the drill is carried out, its precision, our dress'

TV: "The King... mentioned the impact of the cost of living crisis here in Wales. He is concerned as to how people will manage through what is going to be a difficult winter."

Mourners coming to London are being offered the chance to sit or sleep in empty carriages at Charing Cross and Victoria stations before catching the first train home. Heads of state are to be taken to Westminster Abbey by bus in a major security operation, with foreign dignitaries shunted from the airport by an operator using Britain's "first and only" anti-aircraft coaches.

The Metropolitan Police is staging the biggest operation in its history in the lead-up to the funeral, with 35 people arrested so far for a "range of offences".

Spirits remained high among the committed royalists still facing up to 24 hours waiting in a queue.

David Beckham, the former footballer, was spotted among them, waiting in what was nicknamed the "Elizabeth Line" before a second "queue for the queue" became the QELI.

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India rebukes Putin for Ukraine invasion

Vladimir Putin was yesterday publicly upbraided over his invasion of Ukraine by India's prime minister, who told him now "is not an era for war". Narendra Modi said he had "spoken to [Putin] on the phone" about the need to end the war, as the two met in Uzbekistan. Mr Putin replied that he "understood" Mr Modi's concerns and wished to end the war as soon as possible. It came as Ukraine struck Russia's headquarters in occupied Kherson with a missile attack during a meeting of top officials.

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Energy discount for all firms planned

Businesses will be offered a blanket discount on energy bills to prevent a wave of bankruptcies under proposals being considered by Boris Johnson, the Chancellor, ahead of next week's main Budget. Officials are leaning towards a scheme in which companies get a fixed reduction to the rate they pay per kilowatt hour - a different mechanism to the one used for households, where the maximum that energy companies can charge is capped instead.

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NEWS

Two police officers stabbed in London

A female police officer has been left with potentially life-changing injuries after she and a male colleague were stabbed in central London. They had been on patrol in the Leicester Square area early yesterday. The man was subdued by other officers using Tasers, pepper spray and batons, and arrested. Both officers were taken to hospital, where they were in a stable condition last night.

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MATT

This queue is dead, but we can offer you two complimentary places in our private queue!

BUSINESS

Moore: I hope Eddie knew that I loved him

Brian Moore today pays tribute to Eddie Butler, the "voice of rugby", who died this week aged 65. The former England hooker and Daily Telegraph columnist, who shared a commentary box with Butler for two decades, says he thought about writing a poem in the weeks leading up to the funeral - "what is the point in trying to out-wit a workaholic?" Moore writes: "It is never the wrong time to say that you love somebody. I just hope he knew."

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OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

I am writing to thank you for the important part you played in helping to deliver the London Bridge plan for our Country. We formed a great team, the Nation had high expectations, the focus of the world was on us but we carried it off superbly.

We produced a faultless display of ceremonial and pageantry to honour the reign of our much loved Queen, one of the greatest Monarchs in our long history. We provided the setting for The King to launch his new reign, a responsibility which fell to others but which also captivated the Nation. Many of you will now join me in the planning for his Coronation which will take place next summer.

But let me also say this, the success of London Bridge and Spring Tide have reminded us that our system of Constitutional Government is looked up to throughout the World. It delivers freedom of speech, inclusion of all faiths, honesty and integrity in Government and security and compassion to all our citizens. The events of the last two weeks have allowed our Country to rediscover our National pride and leave us with a renewed sense of hope for the future. I would like to thank each and every one of you for the important part you have played. Over four billion people worldwide watched the State Funeral last Monday, let us hope The Queen's legacy is remembered for many years to come. Please do copy this letter of thanks to others in your team.

My best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eddie Nash".

The Duke of Norfolk
Earl Marshal



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