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GOODEYE SERGEANT-MAJOR

The King witnesses the largest passing out parade ever assembled at Sandhurst. For the first time its ranks include future officers of every branch of the British Army.

To onlookers and cadets alike, a moving part of the ceremony comes as the Academy's Regimental Sergeant-Major steps smartly to the dais to be invested by the King as a member of the Royal Victorian Order. R.S.M. Brand was described by Field Marshal Montgomery as the perfect Sergeant-Major. This is his last parade. At fifty-two, after thirty-three years unbroken military service, R.S.M. Brand retires. The King returns his last parade salute. The senior cadets march off parade to mount the steps of the Grand Entrance as their last ceremonial act as officer cadets.

With thousands who have gone before them they will carry throughout life that pride in discipline which is exemplified in a British Regimental Sergeant-Major.