

IPSWICH HONOURS SUFFOLKS

The First Battalion the Suffolk Regiment march through Ipswich to the parade ground at Christchurch Park where they are to receive an official welcome from the borough. Already they have been granted the freedom of the town, but this is a special occasion: it is to celebrate their return from Malaya where they were stationed for three years fighting the jungle terrorists.

Many old comrades who were in the First Battalion during World War I are present to watch the ceremony. The parade waits for the order "General Salute" as the Mayor of Ipswich walks onto the dais.

The parade orders arms and the ceremony of welcome continues with an inspection by the Mayor. During their duty in Malaya, the First Battalion killed or captured the record number of 196 Red terrorists, including the notorious bandit leader "Bearded Terror." Now the parade is addressed, on behalf of the people of Ipswich, by the Mayor:

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Two silver bugles are presented to Brigadier Backhouse, Commanding Officer of the Regiment, who in turn hands them to the buglers. They are a tribute from the townspeople to the fighting Suffolks.

The day's celebrations end with the Mayor taking the salute outside the Town Hall as the Suffolks march past through the streets.

Many thousands of people line the route to give their own welcome home to the men of the First Battalion the Suffolk Regiment.