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*Contact - Lt Commander Jones.
on arrival - 1-30 p.m.*

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SPEECH BY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER AT TIDWORTH
PRESENTING A GUIDON TO THE 9TH QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS

Saturday, 23rd July, 1960

Colonel Laurie, Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers
and Troopers of the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers:

It gives me particular pleasure to be with you as
your Colonel-in-Chief on this your last Parade as the
9th Lancers, and I would like to congratulate you all on
your outstanding smartness and bearing.

I am especially pleased to see so large a gathering
of Old Comrades, for I know that it is not always easy
for them to make the journey from their homes. Their
loyalty and support, which has been such a source of
strength in the past, has been confirmed yet again by
their presence on the Parade today.

Since the Regiment was raised 245 years ago, it has
won distinction throughout the world by many glorious
achievements, and has served our country with fortitude
and courage.

The Guidon which I have presented to you today
marks the revival of a tradition which lapsed more than
a 100 years ago. For, since the Napoleonic Wars, the
9th Lancers have not carried a Guidon, and your Fattle
Honours were emblazoned on the Drum Banners, which I

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saw borne so proudly on parade this morning. The Guidon is a symbol of chivalry and an emblem of loyalty to your Queen, your Country, and your Regiment.

I entrust this Guidon to your safe keeping, and I am certain that you will carry it with honour and pride, and guard it with courage and devotion.

The British Army, as has so often happened in the past, is undergoing great changes, and it has been found necessary to amalgamate my Regiment with the 12th Lancers.

The merging of two famous Regiments, each with its own history, traditions and pride, will call for a great degree of tolerance and understanding. I feel certain that all of you - and not least the Old Comrades - will work loyally, so that from the amalgamation there will emerge one Regiment - new in name, but seasoned in character - embodying the great traditions of both.

And now to all 9th Lancers, both past and present, I would offer my very warm good wishes for the future, and say how very proud I am that I shall continue my association with the new Regiment as your Colonel-in-Chief.

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1. GUIDON PRESENTATION BY THE QUEEN MOTHER
TO 9th QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS

2. ARMY AIR CORPS DAY

by (please say whether writer or photographer or both):

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Number travelling by 7.22 am from Waterloo and
requiring transport from Andover to 1 (above)

Number for luncheon

Number of tickets required for 1 (above)

Signature

Appointment 1.....

FACILITIES for Saturday, 23rd July 1960

- 11 a.m. 1. QUEEN MOTHER VISITS 9th QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS, Busigny Barracks, Perham Down, Tidworth, Hants.
- 2.30 p.m. 2. ARMY AIR CORPS DAY, Middle Wallop, Hants.

Rail Travel

Transport for 1 (above) will meet the following train at Andover Station:

WATERLOO 7.22 a.m. arr ANDOVER JUNCTION 9.17 am

The same transport will be on hand after luncheon to take the Press party on to Middle Wallop for the Army Air Corps Day, and after the afternoon event it will leave Middle Wallop to connect with the 5.24 pm train from Andover which is due at Waterloo at 6.40 pm.

Film Delivery

A car will leave Perham Down after 1 (above) to take film to the 1.08 pm train from Andover Junction due at Waterloo at 2.34 pm.

Road Travel

Busigny Barracks, Perham Down, are a mile-and-a-half east of Tidworth. From Andover follow A.303 (towards Amesbury) for 8½ miles and then turn right-handed for Shipton Bellenger and Tidworth. The route to the Barracks will be signposted from Tidworth.

The Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop, is four miles south west of Andover on A.343 - to Salisbury.

Car Labels

Car labels for the Queen Mother's visit to the 9th Lancers will be sent to you on receipt of the application form.

Luncheon

Writers and photographers are cordially invited to drinks and luncheon with the 9th Lancers at Busigny Barracks.

Please indicate on the acceptance form the number requiring luncheon.

QUEEN MOTHER'S VISIT TO 9th LANCERS - only

A rehearsal will take place:

Thursday, 21st July 11 a.m.

Queen Mother presents Guidon
to 9th Queen's Royal Lancers
at TIDWORTH
Saturday, 23rd July 1960

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, their Colonel-in-Chief, is to present a Guidon to the 9th Lancers at a ceremony to be held at Busigny Barracks, Perham Down, Tidworth, at 11 am on 23rd July.

In October the regiment is to amalgamate with the 12th Royal Lancers to form a new regiment, the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's).

In 1835 it was decided that light cavalry would not carry a Guidon but would carry their battle honours on the drums and drum banners.

This decision was reversed in 1956 and, as a result, the 9th Lancers will receive their first Guidon which has been made by Messrs Hobsons Ltd of London.

The present drums and drum banners were presented to the Regiment in 1913.

The Ceremony

The Queen Mother will arrive by car on the parade ground where she will be met by Colonel of the Regiment (Brigadier C.H.M. Peto, DSO, who is also Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Wiltshire).

The Regiment, with 16 officers and 220 other ranks under their commanding officer (Lt Col D.A. St.G Laurie, MC) will receive Her Majesty with a Royal Salute. After the inspection of the parade the ceremony of the Presentation of the Guidon will commence with the piling of the drums in the centre of the parade ground.

The Guidon will then be brought on parade by Major(QM) E.R. Donnelly, MBE and Captain (QM) A.J. Bennett, MB who will uncase it and lay it on the drum pile.

The Guidon will be consecrated by the Assistant Chaplain General, Southern Command (The Rev. B.D.M. Price, MA) who will be assisted at the short religious service by:

The Rev. C.B. McKenna, OBE, TD (Roman Catholic)

The Rev. G.E. Hope (Church of England)

The Rev. J.S. Robson, MA (Church of Scotland)

The Rev. G.F. Harker (Methodist)

The Queen Mother, assisted by Major (QM) Donnelly, will then hand the Guidon to RQMS J. James, the Guidon Bearer who will receive it kneeling beside the drums. She will make an address to which the Commanding Officer will reply.

Trooping the Guidon

The Guidon will be received by the Regiment and it will be trooped through the ranks on parade.

The Regiment will march past, advance in review order and give a Royal Salute; the ceremony finishes at about 12 noon with the 9th Lancers marching off parade escorting their Guidon for the first time in their long history.

Old Comrades

After the Regiment has marched off, the Queen Mother will inspect the Old Comrades who will have travelled from all parts of the United Kingdom to be present on this historic occasion. She will then sit in group photographs of the Corporals, Sergeants and Officers.

After a short visit to the Sergeants' Mess she will go to the Officers' Mess for luncheon.

It is expected that the Queen Mother will depart at about 3 pm.

Press arrangements

The Press Liaison officer will be Major P.E. Mugliston, who will provide Press representatives with a list of V.I.P.s and a programme which will include the details of the parade, personalities taking part and a brief history of the Regiment.

All facilities have been notified separately with the covering letter to this press notice which is being issued together with a notice dealing with the Army Air Corps day at Middle Wallop during the afternoon of 23rd July. It is hoped your representative will be able to travel on to this event after luncheon with the 9th Lancers.

Dress Rehearsal

The final rehearsal will take place at Busigny Barracks, Tidworth on Thursday, 21st July at 11 am. If you wish to be represented will you please let us know by telephone (Salisbury 6222 ext 323).