

## Officers – 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen Victoria's Rifles Calais May 1940

- Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel John Arthur Mowbray ELLISON-MACARTNEY	
T.D.	1895 – 1940
12 March 1903	Born, son of the Right Honourable Sir William Grey ELLISON-MACARTNEY, K.C.M.G. and Lady ELLISON-MACARTNEY. Father was the Governor of Tasmania 1913 – 1917 and Western Australia 1917 – 1920.
	Educated in Tasmania and Eton.
4 April 1923	Commissioned in the 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn. The London Regiment in the rank of Second Lieutenant (26061)
4 April 1925	Promoted Lieutenant.
7 December 1929	Promoted Captain.
17 February 1934	Attached to the University of London Contingent (Infantry Unit) Senior Division with the pay and allowance of a Lieutenant.
1 April 1936	Promoted Major.
28 August 1939	Promoted Lieutenant Colonel.
28/08/39 – 26/05/40	Commanding Officer, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen Victoria's Rifles. As Lieutenant Colonel, T.A. Defence of Calais.
Sept 1939 – May 1945	Served in the Second World War. 1939 – 45 Star, 1939-45 War Medal with M.I.D. Oakleaf, Coronation Medal 1953,
May 1940 – Apr 1945	Prisoner of War, latterly at Oflag 12B at Hadamar, Germany.
20 September 1945	M.I.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Defence of Calais in May 1940.
1947 – 1967	Chairman of the Board of Governors, St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.
18 September 1951	Awarded the T.D. with the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Clasps.
13 June 1965	Awarded the C.B.E. (Civil)
25 October 1985	Died at Rustington, Sussex.

Having been advanced to Lieutenant-Colonel in August 1939, Ellison-Macartney commanded the Q.V.R. at the defence of Calais in May 1940. But his unit's strength was seriously depleted when the War Office shamefully requisitioned its 22 scout-cars. As ELLISON-MACARTNEY said: *'The Battalion left for Calais, shorn of its mobility and customary means of communication. It fought in a role divorced from its training and practice: it dived straight into battle. And in common with the regular Battalions the 60<sup>th</sup> Rifles and the Rifle Brigade, found itself fighting against impossible odds: one of the more memorable stories to circulate P.O.W. camps after the fall of France was that concerning a French coastal gun hastily brought into action by the men of the Q.V.R. – the barrel fell off when it was fired for the first time in anger at an advancing German tank, causing a 'roar of laughter from the Q.V.R. that rose along the northern rampart'.*

Second-in-Command

Major Theodore Livingston TIMPSON

		1901 – 1965
21 January 1901	Born in Red Hook, New York, U.S.A.. Eldest son of Captain Lawrence TIMPSON, from New York, and his wife Katherine TIMPSON (nee LIVINGSTON) One sister: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine Livingston TIMPSON (19 February 1903 – 1993), born in Barrytown, New York, U.S.A.</li> </ul>	
	Educated at Stone House School, Broadstairs, Kent.	
16 July 1920	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (17697).	
16 July 1922	Promoted Lieutenant.	
30 December 1929	Promoted Captain.	
28 April 1935	Arrived at London from Rangoon, as Captain, with wife and son.	
1936 – 1939	Served in Palestine. M & Cl.	
11/02/37 – 10/02/39	Brigade Major, 159 <sup>th</sup> (Welsh Border) Infantry Brigade, Western Command. As Captain. Was living at Portskewett House, Portskewett, Monmouthshire.	
1 August 1938	Promoted Major (Bank Holiday Major).	
May 1940	Second-in-Command, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen Victoria's Rifles. As Major. Defence of Calais.	
28/05/40 – Apr 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany.	
20 September 1945	M.i.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services at Calais.	
9 January 1946	Promoted Acting Lieutenant Colonel.	
9 April 1946	Promoted Temporary Lieutenant Colonel.	
21 November 1948	Retires on retired pay and granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel.	
10 March 1965	Died in Knysna, South Africa, aged 64 years. Lived at Water Farm House, Twyford, Winchester, Hampshire. Estate of £14,999.	
	Married (1) 11 September 1928, Kensington, London – Catherine M. LEVERS (1901 – 1960). One son: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard Lionel TIMPSON (6 November 1932 – 1993), born in London.</li> </ul> Married (2) 2 April 1967 in Boston, Massachusetts.	



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The other officers in the battalion at the time of landing at Calais were:

- Adjutant – 72459 Captain (Acting) Peter John Emile MONICO
- Quarter-Master – 71561 Lieutenant (Q.M.) Frederick TRENDALL
- Intelligence Officer – Second Lieutenant S. J. SAUNDERS, T.A.
- Signals Officer – 76453 Second Lieutenant Richard Anthony RAIKES, T.A.
- Reinforcement Officer – Second Lieutenant R. HIGGINS
- Medical Officer – Lieutenant E. GARTSIDE, R.A.M.C.
- Chaplain – Reverend R. G. HEARD
- R.S.M. – Warrant Officer Class I 6840450 G. E. CHAPMAN
- R.Q.M.S. – Warrant Officer Class II HARBUTT
  
- H.Q. Company – 39717 Captain (Acting) 39717 John Reginald Grylls PALMER, (Territorial Army Reserve of Officers)
- Scout Platoon – 69294 Captain (Acting) Alan Noel Latimer MUNBY
- Scout Platoon – Second Lieutenant P. G. BARR, T.A.
- Transport Officer – Second Lieutenant T. G. FIELD-FISHER, T.A.
- C.S.M. – Warrant Officer Class II J. W. JOHNSON
- C.Q.M.S. – Company Quarter-Master Serjeant WALTER
  
- 'B' Company – 65132 Captain Geoffrey Price BOWRING, T.A.
  - 2 i/c – Second Lieutenant J. M. COURTENAY
  - 5 Platoon – Second Lieutenant J. M. DIZER, T.A.
  - 6 Platoon – Second Lieutenant G. F. NELSON
  - 7 Platoon – Warrant Officer Class III A. P. LANGLEY
  - C.S.M. – Warrant Officer Class II WORSFOLD
  - C.Q.M.S. – Company Quarter-Master-Serjeant THOMAS
  
- 'C' Company – 36469 Major John Austin BROWN, T.A.
  - 2 i/c – Second Lieutenant D. P. HAMILTON
  - 8 Platoon – Second Lieutenant Timothy Stoyin LUCAS
  - 9 Platoon – Second Lieutenant R. W. J. ALLEN
  - 10 Platoon – Second Lieutenant F. B. BANBURY, T.A.
  - C.S.M. – Warrant Officer Class II AUSTIN
  - C.Q.M.S. – Company Quarter-Master Serjeant GRAINGER
  
- 'D' Company – 69442 Lieutenant Harry Victor Edwards JESSOP, T.A.
  - 2 i/c – Second Lieutenant A. R. JABEZ-SMIT
  - 11 Platoon – Second Lieutenant R. W. SNOWDEN
  - 12 Platoon – Second Lieutenant E. A. B. BREWESTER
  - 13 Platoon – Second Lieutenant M. H. GLAZIER

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Peter John Emile MONICO

T.D.	1914 – 1985
25 August 1914	Born in Hampstead, London. Son of Emile Joseph MONICO, born in Villa Monico, Lugano, Switzerland (1882 – 1968) and Elsie Mary WAKELY (1881 – 1954). Married on 10 December 1910 in Westminster. Children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Richard Adolphe MONICO (1908 – 1983)</li> <li>• Miriam Louisa MONICO (1912 – 1992)</li> <li>• Peter John Emile MONICO (1914 – 1985)</li> </ul>
	Educated at Canford School. Member of the Contingent Junior Division, O.T.C., as Cadet Serjeant.
25 July 1937	Commissioned in the Queen Victoria's Rifles in the rank of Second Lieutenant (72459).
05/11/39 – 26/05/40	Adjutant, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen Victoria's Rifles. As Second Lieutenant.
18 April 1940	Promoted Acting Captain.
May 1940	Adjutant, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen Victoria's Rifles. As Acting Captain. Defence of Calais.
	Prisoner of War, Germany.
25 July 1940	Promoted W/S Lieutenant.
25 July 1945	Promoted Captain (LG 8 March 1946)
20 September 1945	M.i.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Defence of Calais in May 1940.
29 April 1955	Awarded the Territorial Efficiency Decoration (T.D.) as Captain.
25 August 1964	Reached age limit and ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers.
July 1985	Died at Lewes, Sussex. Lived at 29, Dane Heights, Seaford, Sussex. Estate no exceeding £40,000.
	Married (1) April 1948 in Yeovil, Somerset – Kathleen M. WALE (1925 – 2015). Three children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie Mary MONICO (1959 – ??) in Eastbourne.</li> <li>• Private</li> <li>• Private</li> </ul>

## Lieutenant (Q.M.) Frederick TRENDALL

	1890 – 1940
June 1890	<p>Born in Notting Hill, London. Son of Thomas TRENDALL (1855 – 1936) and Agnes TRENDALL (nee SHARP) (1857 – 1936). Siblings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas John TRENDALL (1881 – 1938)</li> <li>• Agnes Eliza TRENDALL (1884 – 1966)</li> <li>• Edith Sarah TRENDALL (1885 – ??)</li> <li>• Annie Elizabeth TRENDALL (1888 – 1889)</li> <li>• Frederick TRENDALL (1890 – 1940)</li> <li>• Minnie Benham TRENDALL (1893 – 1984)</li> <li>• Annie Beatrice TRENDALL (known as 'Beatie') (1895 – 1965)</li> <li>• Victoria TRENDALL (1897 – 1971)</li> <li>• Frances TRENDALL (1899 – 1978)</li> <li>• Grace TRENDALL (1903 – 1975)</li> </ul>
1891	Living at 21 Rackham Gardens, Kensington, in a large house with two other families. Father's occupation Corn Dealer.
1901	Living at 781 Romford Road, East Ham, Essex. Father still a Corn Dealer, and eldest son Thomas also now a Corn Dealer, aged 18 years.
1911	Now living with Henry and Agnes MARTYR, at 16, Warwick Road, Sidcup, Kent. Tom also living at the address, aged 29 years, and an Insurance Agent, and Fred was visiting and was now working as a shop assistant aged 21 years.
Fourth Quarter 1913	Married Nellie D. PARROCK in West Ham, Essex.
23 February 1914	Birth of son, Frederick Alfred TRENDALL (1914 – 1983) in Essex.
27 April 1937	Received a Quarter-Master's Commission in the 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn. The London Regiment in the rank of Lieutenant.
May 1940	Quarter-Master, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. Queen Victoria's Rifles. As Lieutenant (Q.M.). Defence of Calais.
25 May 1940	Killed in action by shell or mortar fire, aged 50 years. Buried in the Calais Southern Cemetery, Special Memorial, Plot K, Grave 1.

Lieutenant Sidney James SAUNDERS

T.D.	
6 January 1909	Born in St. Marylebone, London. Son of James Richard (49 years in 1911) and Jessie Mary SAUNDERS (31 years in 1911). Father a picture dealer, and lived at 65, Great Portland Street, London.
	Educated at St. Lawrence College, member of Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C., as Cadet Company Serjeant Major.
12 January 1938	Commissioned in the Queen Victoria's Rifles, in the rank of Second Lieutenant, T.A. (73933)
24 August 1939	Mobilised.
May 1940	Signals Officer, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. The Queen Victoria's Rifles. As Second Lieutenant. Defence of Calais.
26/05/40 – May 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany. P.o.W. No. 855, Oflag VII-B, Eichstatt, Bavaria.
1 January 1941	Promoted W/S Lieutenant.
16 March 1951	Awarded the Territorial Efficiency Decoration (T.D.)
23 May 1959	Having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, retaining the rank of Lieutenant.
16 November 1993	Died. Lived at 9, Leinster Mansions, Langland Gardens, Hampstead. Estate £1,132,858.
	Married (1) Circa February 1948 Verona Eve MAXWELL-LYTE (1908 – 1974). Died in Lincoln. (2) November 1990 Patricia Innes JACKSON