

Officers – 2nd Bn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps
Calais May 1940

• **Commanding Officer**

Lieutenant Colonel Euan Alfred Bews MILLER. M.C., *p.s.c.*

Lieutenant General <u>Euan</u> Alfred Bews MILLER	
K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., <i>p.s.c.</i>	1897 – 1985
5 July 1897	Born. Son of Dr. A. E. MILLER
	Educated at Wellington College and Royal Military College, Sandhurst.
17 April 1915	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps (60 th Rifles) in the rank of Second Lieutenant (11736)
Apr 1915 – Nov 1918	Served in the Great War. France and Belgium 26/05/15 – 14/11/15, Greek Macedonia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Turkey 20/11/15 – 01/06/18; France and Belgium 04/07/18 – 11/11/18. M.I.D. 11/06/18. 1914-15 S., B.W.M., V.M., M.C.
23 October 1916	Promoted Lieutenant.
03/08/17 – 27/04/19	Adjutant, 14 th Bn. K.R.R.C. Promoted Acting Captain with pay and allowances as a Lieutenant.
3 June 1919	Awarded the M.C. for services in connection with military operations in France and Flanders with 14 th Bn. K.R.R.C.
22 January 1921	Promoted Captain.
1926 – 1927	Attended the Staff College, Camberley. <i>p.s.c.</i>
03/09/28 – 14/12/30	G.S.O.3, Northern Ireland District. As Captain.
15/12/30 – 30/09/32	Brigade Major, Southern Command. As Captain.
1 July 1933	Promoted Brevet Major.
06/03/34 – 16/01/36	G.S.O. 2, War Office. As Brevet Major.
30 October 1934	Promoted Major.
17/01/36 – 20/01/39	G.S.O. 2, Staff College. As Local Lieutenant Colonel. (With ALLFREY – compare careers)
1 July 1936	Promoted Brevet Lieutenant Colonel.
16/06/39 – 31/08/39	G.S.O. 2, War Office. As Local Lieutenant Colonel.
3 September 1939	Promoted Acting Lieutenant Colonel.
01/09/39 – 02/01/40	G.S.O. 1, B.E.F., France. As Acting Lieutenant Colonel.
3 December 1939	Promoted Temporary Lieutenant Colonel.
02/01/40 – 26/05/40	Commanding Officer, 2 nd Bn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps. As Acting Lieutenant Colonel. Defence of Calais – Prisoner of War.
27/05/40 – Apr 1945	Prisoner of War.
19/07/45 – 20/02/46	G.S.O. 1 (Ops). As Temporary Lieutenant Colonel.

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20 September 1945	Awarded the D.S.O. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Defence of Calais in May 1940. <i>No citation available.</i>
11 December 1945	Promoted Colonel (seniority from 1 st July 1939)
21 February 1946	Promoted Acting Brigadier.
21/02/46 – 1946	Deputy Military Secretary. As Acting Brigadier.
1946 – 1948	Aide-de-Camp to H.M. The King.
21 August 1946	Promoted Temporary Brigadier.
5 April 1948	Promoted Brigadier.
01/09/48 – 17/09/48	General Officer Commanding, Hanover District As Temporary Major General. West Germany.
18 September 1948	Promoted Temporary Major General.
27 October 1948	Promoted Major General (seniority from 8 th January 1944)
18/09/48 – 10/05/49	Commanding Officer, 7 th Armoured Division. As Major General. West Germany.
14/06/49 – 15/03/51	Chief of Staff, Middle East Land Forces. As Major General. Cyprus.
15 March 1951	Promoted Lieutenant General.
15/03/51 – 23/12/54	Military Secretary to the Secretary of State for War. As Lieutenant General.
7 June 1951	Created K.B.E. and knighted.
10 June 1954	Created K.C.B.
29 March 1955	Retired on retired pay.
30/06/54 – Nov 1958	Colonel Commandant, 1 st Bn. The K.R.R.C.
1958	Deputy Lieutenant, County of Kent.
01/11/58 – 10/09/60	Lieutenant of H.M. Tower of London.
30 August 1985	Died, aged 88 years. Lived Portobello, Brenchley, Kent.
	Married (1) Margaret Petrena BROCKLEBANK. One son and two daughters.

Second-in-Command

Major Oswald Segar OWEN

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		1900 – 1940
1 July 1900	Born. Son of Segar and Edith SEGAR-OWEN. Christened as Oswald SEGAR-OWEN (but served as Oswald Segar OWEN).	
	Educated at ??	
17 December 1919	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (333).	
1919 – 1921	Served in Waziristan (M & Cl.)	
17 December 1921	Promoted Lieutenant.	
21 January 1929	Promoted Captain.	
28/02/30 – 27/02/37	Attached to the Sudan Defence Force.	
26 December 1934	Promoted Local Major.	
1 August 1938	Promoted Major (Bank Holiday Major).	
May 1940	Second-in-Command, 2 nd Bn. The K.R.R.C. As Major. The Defence of Calais.	
25 May 1940	Killed in action, aged forty years. Commemorated on Panel 117 of the Dunkirk Memorial.	
20 September 1945	M.I.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services at Calais.	
	Married (1) Katherine SEGAR-OWEN of South Kensington, London.	

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Adjutant

Captain Edward Alexander Wilmot WILLIAMS

Major General Edward <u>Alexander</u> Wilmot WILLIAMS (Known as 'Alick')	
C.B., C.B.E., M.C.	1910 – 1994
8 June 1910	Born, son of Captain WILLIAMS of Dorchester, Dorset. Educated at Eton and Royal Military College.
28 August 1930	Commissioned into The King's Royal Rifle Corps.
28 August 1933	Promoted Lieutenant.
28 August 1938	Promoted Captain.
21 January 1939	Adjutant, 2 nd Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps. As Captain.
1939 – 1944	Service with the K.R.R.C.
May 1940	Adjutant, 2 nd Bn. The K.R.R.C. As Captain. The Defence of Calais – Escaped.
3 September 1940	Awarded the M.C.
26 May 1941	Promoted Acting Major.
26 August 1941	Promoted Temporary Major.
25/03/42 – 30/07/42	G.S.O. II, Senior Officer's School, Sheerness. As Temporary Major.
31/07/42 – 18/04/43	Brigade Major. As Temporary Major.
19 April 1943	Promoted Acting Lieutenant Colonel.
19/04/43 – 30/01/44	G.S.O. I, ?? Division. As Acting Lieutenant Colonel.
19 July 1943	Promoted Temporary Lieutenant Colonel & W/S Major.
31 January 1944	Commanding Officer, 1 st Bn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps. As Lieutenant Colonel.
8 March 1945	G.S.O. I, Allied Forces H.Q. As Temporary Lieutenant Colonel.
24 March 1945	Promoted Acting Brigadier.
24/03/45 – 19/04/45	Brigadier General Staff (Special Duties) As Acting Brigadier.
20 April 1945	G.S.O. I, As Temporary Lieutenant Colonel.
13 June 1946	Awarded the O.B.E.
1 July 1946	Promoted Major.
08/09/47 – 21/12/49	Assistant Adjutant-General, War Office. As Major.
1950	Promoted Brevet Lieutenant Colonel.
22/09/49 – 08/06/52	Directing Staff, Joint Services Staff College.
1954 – 1955	Commanding Officer, 2 nd Bn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps. As Lieutenant Colonel.

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13 October 1953	Promoted Lieutenant Colonel.
16/01/56 – 1957	Commanding Officer, 2 nd Infantry Brigade. As Temporary Brigadier and Colonel.
1958	Attended Imperial Defence College.
8 June 1958	Promoted Brigadier.
12 June 1958	Awarded the C.B.E.
1959	Brigadier Author, War Office.
8 February 1960	Promoted Temporary Major General.
08/02/60 – 20/02/62	General Officer Commanding, 2 nd Infantry Division. As Temporary Major General. B.A.O.R. Germany.
13 February 1960	Promoted Major General.
01/06/62 – 09/11/62	Chief of Staff, Far East Land Forces. As Major General.
1 January 1962	Awarded the C.B.
09/11/62 – 10/11/63	District Officer Commanding, Singapore Base District. As Major General.
1964	Chairman of Vehicle Committee, Ministry of Defence. As Major General.
28 January 1965	Retired.
9 November 1994	Died at Herrington, Dorchester.
1970	Appointed High Sheriff of Dorset.
	Married (1) Sybilla Margaret ARCHDALE.

Headquarter Company – Officer Commanding
 Captain Edward Robin Thomas DUNCANSON

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M.C.		1909 –
8 November 1909	Born.	
	Educated at Cambridge University.	
1 October 1929	Commissioned on the General List (University Candidate) Officer Cadet Corporal Edward Robin Thomas DUNCANSON, Cambridge University Contingent, for service with the infantry unit of that contingent.	
29 August 1931	Commissioned from the General List, T.A. in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (seniority from 30 January 1930) (44760)	
1931 – 1936	Served in India with 1 st Bn. K.R.R.C.	
30 January 1933	Promoted Lieutenant.	
1 August 1938	Promoted Captain (Bank Holiday Captain)	
1936 – 1939	Adjutant, K.R.R.C. Depot, Winchester. As Captain.	
May 1940	Officer Commanding, Headquarter Company, 2 nd Bn. K.R.R.C. As Captain. The Defence of Calais – Prisoner of War.	
May 1940	Commanding Officer, Headquarter Company, 2 nd K.R.R.C.	
26/05/40 – Aug 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany.	
20 September 1945	Awarded the M.C. in recognition of his gallant and distinguished services in the Defence of Calais. <i>No Citation Available.</i>	
25 March 1946	Placed on half pay.	
19 October 1946	Retired.	



Captain E.R.T. DUNCANSON, M.C.

Robin Duncanson was born in 1909 and educated at Harrow and Sandhurst. He was commissioned in The King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1930. He then spent five years with the 1st Battalion in India and Burma before returning to England in 1936 to be Adjutant of The Rifle Depot, Winchester. In 1939 he was posted to the 2nd Battalion, KRRC.

Captain Duncanson was in command of Headquarter Company during the heroic defence of Calais in May 1940. During the fighting on Sunday 26 May, he was with a small group of men seeking to prevent the Germans crossing Pont Faidherbe, one of the canal bridges giving access to the old town. It was here that the Battalion Second-in-Command, Major 'Puffin' Owen, had been killed on the previous day. In his book *The Flames of Calais*, Airey Neave wrote:

At 10 a.m. [on 26 May] a tank attack was launched on the Pont Faidherbe. It was closely supported by mortars and German infantry who accompanied one of the tanks on to the bridge. They were driven back by Captain Duncanson and Lance-Corporal Pickett. Firing an anti-tank rifle and Bren gun they killed six German infantrymen and the tank withdrew. Both men were already wounded.

By late afternoon on 26 May the defenders of Calais had been overwhelmed and forced to surrender. Captain Duncanson spent the rest of the war as a POW. On 20 September 1945 *The London Gazette* announced the award of a Military Cross to him for his gallantry at Calais. He died in 1989.

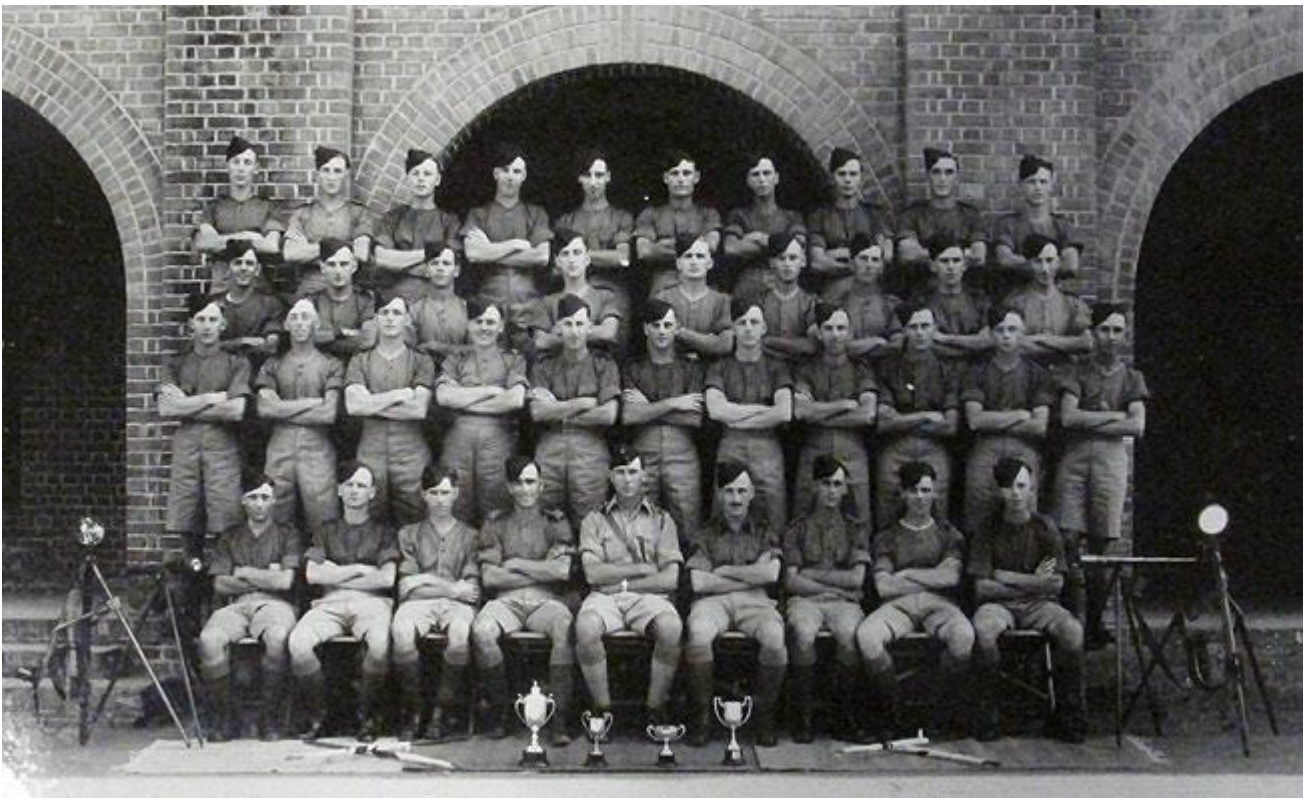


Photo of Signal Section 1 KRRC in Calcutta, 1934-5. Capt E.R.T. Duncason is the officer in the centre of the front row.

Lieutenant J.P. Duncanson

Jerome (Jerry) Duncanson was a brother of Robin Duncanson (see above). He was born in 1913 and educated at Radley College and Cambridge University. He was gazetted into The Rifle Brigade from the General List (Territorial Army) on 31 August 1935, with his commission ante-dated to 1 February 1934.

Lieutenant Martin John GILLIATT

Major Martin John GILLIATT	
M.B.E.	
8 th February 1913	Born.
2 nd February 1933	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant.
2 nd February 1936	Promoted Lieutenant.
May 1940	Served with 2 nd Bn. K.R.R.C.
2 nd February 1941	Promoted Captain.
May 1940	As Captain. The Defence of Calais – Escaped
26/05/40 – Aug 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany.
21 st August 1945	Promoted Acting Major.
21 st November 1945	Promoted Temporary Major.
1 st July 1946	Promoted Major.
20 th September 1945	M.I.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Defence of Calais.
14 th November 1946	Awarded the M.B.E.

Lieutenant C. S. MADDEN

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31 January 1938	Promoted Lieutenant.
May 1940	Headquarter Company, 2 nd Bn. K.R.R.C. As Lieutenant.
24/25 May 1940	Injured in motorcycle accident in Calais. Taken to hospital. Captured by the Germans on 26 May, transferred to a German Military Hospital.
	Prisoner of War, Oflag IX-A/H (Schloss Spanenberg, Germany).
September 1943	Released as P.o.W. due to injuries. Repatriated.

Lieutenant Peter Ronald FRASER

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	1916 –
8 April 1916	Born in London.
	Educated at Gesham's School. Cadet Serjeant, O.T.C.)
20 July 1938	Commissioned in the Supplementary Reserve, Category B, in the King's Royal Rifle Corps, in the rank of Second Lieutenant (76538)
May 1940	Headquarter Company, 2 nd K.R.R.C. As Lieutenant. Defence of Calais.
26 May 1940	Prisoner of War. Taken to Oflag VIIC, Laufen (P.O.W. number 777)

Lieutenant Sir David Henry HAWLEY, Bt.

Major Sir David Henry HAWLEY, Bt.	
B.A.	1913 –
13 May 1913	Born, son of Captain Cyril Francis HAWLEY and Ursula Mary St. JOHN, of Gayton Manor, Leybourne, in the County of Northampton. Succeeded to title of 7 th Baronet on 18 th November 1923.
	Educated at Eton College and Magdalene College, Cambridge. Graduated with a B.A. in 1935.
20 July 1934	Commissioned in the Territorial Army, General List as University candidate in the rank of Second Lieutenant.
31 August 1935	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps from the General List, T.A. (University Candidate) in the rank of Second Lieutenant (63000) (seniority from 1 st February 1934)
1936 – 1939	Served in Palestine. M & Cl.
1 February 1937	Promoted Lieutenant.
May 1940	Headquarter Company, 2 nd Bn. K.R.R.C. As Lieutenant. The Defence of Calais
26/05/40 – Aug 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany
1 February 1942	Promoted Captain.
20 September 1945	M.i.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services at Calais.
1 February 1947	Promoted Major.
6 December 1948	Retired as Major. Received a gratuity.
1949	Returned to Magdalene College, graduated with M.A.
9 May 1952	Deputy Lord Lieutenant for the County of Lincolnshire.
	Fellow, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.
1959	Sheriff for the County of Lincolnshire. Major Sir David Henry Hawley, Bt., of Tumble Lawn, Mareham-de-Fen, Boston.
1962	High Sheriff of County of Lincolnshire.
1988	Died.
	Married (1) 28 September 1938 Hermione GREGSON. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Henry Nicholas HAWLEY, b 26/11/39, 2. Margaret Serena HAWLEY, b 10/07/46, 3. Penelope Marion HAWLEY, b 29/07/48.

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Quarter-Master

Lieutenant (Q.M.) A. E. BARKER

Major (Q.M.) Alfred Edward BARKER	
	Regimental Serjeant Major, K.R.R.C.
31 October 1938	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps as a Quarter-Master in the rank of Lieutenant (78530)
May 1940	Quarter-Master, 2 nd Bn. K.R.R.C. As Lieutenant (Q.M.). Defence of Calais.
31 October 1944	Promoted Captain (Q.M.)
20 September 1945	M.i.D. The KING has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Defence of Calais in May, 1940.
2 October 1946	Promoted Major (Q.M.).
7 January 1949	Having attained the age limit for retirement, is placed on retired pay.

Lieutenant J. PERKINS, R.A.O.C. (Brigade Ordnance Officer)

Lieutenant Albert John PERKINS	
	1907 – 1940
1907	Born in Bridgend, Glamorgan (unconfirmed).
26 August 1939	Commissioned in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in the rank of Lieutenant (Ordnance Mechanical Engineer 4 th Class) (95853)
May 1940	Brigade Ordnance Officer, 30 th Infantry Brigade. As Lieutenant. Defence of Calais.
26 May 1940	Killed in action at Calais, aged 33 years. Buried in Grave 4, Plot L, Calais Southern Cemetery, France.

Chaplain

Captain MORGAN, A.C.F.

May 1940	Chaplain, 2 nd Bn. The K.R.R.C. As Chaplain to the Forces 4 th Class (Captain). Defence of Calais.

Medical Officer

Captain STALLARD, R.A.M.C.

May 1940	Medical Officer, 2 nd Bn. The K.R.R.C. As Captain. Defence of Calais.

- **'A' Company – Officer Commanding**

Brevet Major Frederick Liddell TROTTER, (Reserve of Officers, T.A.)

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		1898 –
13 February 1898	Born.	
1 May 1917	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (15144)	
1 November 1918	Promoted Lieutenant.	
22/03/26 – 22/03/30	Adjutant, 9 th Bn. The London Regiment in the rank of Temporary Captain, but with the pay and allowances of a Lieutenant.	
25 September 1926	Promoted Captain.	
4 April 1935	Retired in the rank of Captain.	
1 September 1939	Promoted Brevet Major, Regular Army Reserve of Officers.	
May 1940	Commanding Officer, 'A' Company, 2 nd Bn. K.R.R.C. As Brevet Major. France.	
26/05/40 – Aug 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany. Moved to Oflag IX A/H. In April 1945, all the prisoners of war held in this camp near Kassel were moved east on foot to prevent their liberation.	
20 September 1945	M.i.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Defence of Calais in May 1940.	
4 June 1948	Having exceeded the age limit for liability to recall, ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers.	

'A' Company – Second-in-Command

Captain Edward Charles STANTON

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		1912 – 1940
7 June 1912	Born in Eton, Buckinghamshire, only son of Colonel Edward Alexander (1867 – 1947) and Isabel Mary STANTON (1875 – 1960), of Barrington, Somerset.	
	Educated at Eton College and Royal Military College, Sandhurst.	
28 January 1932	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (50963)	
28 January 1935	Promoted Lieutenant.	
1939	Lived at The Manor House, Amesbury, Wiltshire with mother. Home of Major General Roger EVANS.	
28 January 1940	Promoted Captain.	
May 1940	Second-in-Command, 'A' Company, 2 nd K. R. R. C. As Captain. Defence of Calais.	
25 May 1940	Killed in action aged 28 years. Commemorated on Column 117 of the Dunkirk Memorial. Probate record states lived at Brownhill Court, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Estate of £3,529 0s 9d to parents.	

Platoon Commanders

Lieutenant N. L. PHILLIPS

Lieutenant A. L. WIGAN

Second Lieutenant A. M. SINCLAIR

Second Lieutenant R. V. ASHFORD

Lieutenant Norman Lewis PHILIPS

1916 – 1940	
24 March 1916	Born on London, son of Brigadier-General Lewis Francis PHILIPS, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., (1870 – 1935) and Margaret Aline PHILIPS of Hill Grove, Bembridge, Isle of Wight (1882 – 1971). Siblings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John William PHILIPS (1910 – 1912), • Anna Laetitia PHILIPS (1913 – ?) • Margaret Frances PHILIPS (1917 – 2000).
30 January 1936	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (67185)
31 January 1939	Promoted Lieutenant.
May 1940	Platoon Commander, 'A' Company, 1 st K. R. R. C. As Lieutenant. Defence of Calais.
28 May 1940	Killed in action, aged 24 years. Buried in Plot J, Grave 17 of the Calais Southern Cemetery.
	Married (1) Eat Dereham, Norfolk – Elizabeth Margaret PHILIPS (nee BARCLAY), of Windsor, Berkshire.

Lieutenant Alan Lewis WIGAN

		1913 – 1996
19 August 1913	Born in Northumberland. Second son of Sir Roderick Grey WIGAN, 3 rd Baronet of Clare Lawn and Purland Chase, and his wife, Hermina Mary GRAHAM (1889 – 1977), of Glendale, Northumberland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frederick Adair WIGAN (1911 – 1979), • Joan Yvonne WIGAN (6 December 1914, Glendale, – 1980)
	Educated at Oxford University. Officer Cadet, Oxford University Contingent, O.T.C. Senior Division.	
11 March 1936	Commissioned in the Supplementary Reserve, Category B, in the King's Royal Rifle Corps, in the rank of Second Lieutenant.	
11 March 1939	Promoted Lieutenant.	
1939	Family lived at Forest Park, Winkfula Road, Windsor, Berkshire.	
24 August 1939	Mobilised, joined 2 nd Bn. The K.R.R.C.	
May 1940	Platoon Commander, 'A' Company, 2 nd Bn. The K.R.R.C. As Lieutenant, Supplementary Reserve. Defence of Calais.	
May 1940 – May 1945	Prisoner of War.	
16 January 1954	Death of father, Sir Roderick Grey WIGAN, 3 rd Baronet of Clare Lawn and Purland Chase.	
January 1979	Death of brother, Sir Frederick Adair WIGAN, 4 th Baronet of Clare Lawn and Purland Chase (1911 – 1979). Alan became 5 th Baronet.	
3 May 1996	Died at Deben, Suffolk, aged 82 years.	
	Married (1) 26 October 1950, Westminster – Robina Mary COLQUHOUN (1922 – 2015).	

Lieutenant Albert Michael SINCLAIR

D.S.O.	1918 – 1944
1918	Born, son of Colonel Thomas Charles SINCLAIR, C.B.E., and Iris Lucy SINCLAIR, of Winchester, Hampshire.
	Educated at Winchester College and Cambridge University.
1 July 1938	Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, (General List) Territorial Army, University Candidate.
26 July 1939	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (75265), seniority from 27 January 1938.
May 1940	Platoon Commander, 'A' Company, 2 nd Bn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps. As Second Lieutenant. Defence of Calais.
May 1940 – Sept 1944	Prisoner of War. Latterly held at Oflag VIC at Colditz Castle.
1 January 1941	Promoted Lieutenant.
3 September 1943	Shot in the chest during attempt to escape.
10 January 1944	Recaptured near Holland on second escape attempt.
25 September 1944	Shot and killed while making a brave and desperate attempt to escape in daylight. Aged 26 years. Buried in Grave 10. L. 14., Berlin 1939 – 1945 War Cemetery, Germany.
19 April 1945	M.i.D. for services in the field.
20 September 1945	M.i.D. (since died) for gallant and distinguished service in the Defence of Calais (May 1940)
29 August 1946	<p>Awarded the D.S.O.. Citation:</p> <p>Lieutenant A. M. SINCLAIR, K.R.R.C.</p> <p><i>From the moment he was taken prisoner at Calais in 1940, until he was shot in attempting to escape in daylight on 25 September 1944, Lt SINCLAIR devoted the whole of his energies to the task of escaping and so returning to continue the fight. He never deviated from this set purpose and, in spite of setbacks and the hardest of luck, his courage and determination never wavered.</i></p> <p><i>In all he made no fewer than seven great attempts to escape, each one having been planned to the smallest detail, entailing months of preparation and careful calculation. Even after being wounded in September 1943, during one of these magnificent efforts, he never gave up but began to prepare for his next attempt almost before he had recovered from his wound.</i></p> <p><i>On four separate occasions, he was successful in getting out of the camp – a most difficult and hazardous undertaking from Oflag IVC, which was a 'Straflager' for persistent escapers – and he spent more months of freedom in Germany and other occupied European countries than any other Prisoner of War. On each of these four occasions, when complete freedom seemed to be within his grasp, he was dogged by just that bit of bad luck that turned the scales against him.</i></p> <p><i>The benefit of his experience was always available to any fellow Prisoner of War wishing to escape and many successful escapers have testified to the great help he gave them in their planning.</i></p>

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	<p><i>No less than fourteen Senior Officers (including Gen FORTUNE) have recorded in their official reports that Lt. SINCLAIR was the most outstanding escaper they had known. His sustained gallantry and courage, his never-failing enthusiasm and his steadfastness of purpose were an inspiration to all.</i></p> <p>Recommended for the D.S.O. by Major General V. M. FORTUNE, on 16 June 1946.</p>
	<p>Brother, John Henry Lund SINCLAIR also died on service. Inscription on grave reads: <i>'AND WHITHER I GO YE KNOW, AND THE WAY YE KNOW'</i></p> <p>Brother 176764 Captain John Henry Lund SINCLAIR, 1st Bn. Scots Guards. Died 8 February 1944, aged 23 years, at Anzio. Buried in grave XX.D.12., Beah Head War Cemetery, Anzio, Italy. Same grave inscription from John, XIV, 4.</p>

Second Lieutenant R. V. ASHFORD

Second Lieutenant Ronald Vernon ASHFORD	
	1905 – 1982
14 September 1905	Born in King's Norton, Birmingham, Warwickshire. Youngest son of Albert Ernest (1869 – 1922) and Elizabeth Jane ASHFORD (1871 – 1961). Siblings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellen Kate ASHFORD (1901 – 1965) • Arthur William Henry ASHFORD (1903 – 1949) • Tolson Murray ASHFORD (1904 – 1976) • Ronald Vernon ASHFORD (1905 -
1911	Living at 30, Fountain Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Father a Gold Chain Manufacturer. Two servants, Annie Alberta FARLEY, aged 21 years and Ethel MEACHEM, aged 15 ears.
20 July 1922	Father died at King's Norton.
1935	Living at Bloomsbury House Club in Cartwright Gardens, London.
11 February 1940	Granted an Emergency Commission in the Kings Riyal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (117835).
May 1940	Platoon Commander, 'A' Company, 2 nd Bn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps. As Second Lieutenant. Defence of Calais.
May 1940 – May 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany.
19 December 1982	Died at Lower Kingswood, Surrey, aged 77 years.
	Married (1) December 1948 Kensington, Zella Margaret CAMPBELL (1912 – ?)

• **'B' Company – Commanding Officer**

Major John Sanderson POOLE, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (Captain, Reserve of Officers)

Major John Sanderson POOLE

D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.		1895 –
16 September 1896	Born in Tooting Common, London, son of Arnold Henry POOLE.	
1 November 1896	Baptized at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, London.	
1901	Lived at a house called 'Fairmile', on Cobham, Surrey with relatives.	
	Educated at Rugby School.	
10 November 1914	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (60226). On 11 November 1914 (D.S.O. book)	
Nov 1914 – Nov 1918	Served with the 4 th Bn. the K.R.R.C. France & Belgium. Wounded, captured, and escaped through Holland.	
1 August 1915	Promoted Lieutenant.	
15 February 1917	Awarded the D.S.O. as Second Lieutenant, for distinguished service in the field, with effect from 1 January 1917.	
17 February 1917	Promoted Captain.	
15 June 1917	Seconded to the Royal Flying Corps.	
28/09/18 – 22/09/19	Staff Captain.	
11 December 1919	Transferred to the Reserve of Officers in the rank of Captain (seniority from 17 February 1917)	
	Became a Lloyds underwriter, emigrated to Rhodesia. Then a District Officer in the Sudan. Whilst in hospital met and married a nurse.	
1 November 1938	Promoted Major, 70 th (Sussex) Searchlight Regiment. Brighton.	
24 August 1939	Mobilised in the Regular Army Reserve of Officers. In line with War Office policy, had to return to his parent regiment, so reverted to the rank of Captain and sent to K.R.R.C. training centre at Chisledon.	
5 December 1939	Relinquished commission in the T.A.	
	Whilst at Chisledon sent by the commanding officer of the training centre to visit the battalion to find out about up-to-date motor battalion tactics. Intention to learn and then return to training centre, but on arrival, Major OWEN went from 'B' Company to Second-in-Command, so POOLE was retained as interim company commander. His relief had been nominated but had not arrived before the battalion left for Calais. In Presence of My Foes P.5	
May 1940	Commanding Officer, 'B' Company, 2 nd Bn. The K.R.R.C. As Major. Defence of Calais.	
26/05/40 – Aug 1945	Prisoner of War. Suffered permanent damage to health and his marriage.	
20 September 1945	M.I.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Defence of Calais in May 1940	
6 June 1946	M.i.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in the field. Citation:	

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	<p><i>I wish to recommend Major J POOLE, R.A. and 60th Rifles for a Mention in Dispatches for his work in captivity in Germany during the years 1940 to 1945. I served with Major Poole in camps VII C, VII D, VI B and IX A/H. In all of these, Major Poole was a very good influence, especially with the younger officers. He had been a prisoner during 1914/18 and had escaped from a German prison camp. He was in all the above camps on the Escaping Committee, and his knowledge of Germans made him a very valuable asset in all the efforts for escape. The young officers had a great opinion of him and great confidence in his decisions, and was invaluable in all the plans for escaping in 1940-43 when I knew him.</i></p> <p><i>In Camp A/H especially where we surrounded by a moat, he was invaluable in planning escapes which necessitated a great knowledge of the sentries' activities and planning very accurately their movements to a few seconds. He was largely responsible for the escape of Lieut-Colonel Snook and Major Loraine from this camp. He was too old to actually endeavour to escape himself, though he frequently made application to do so, but my opinion was that whilst there were young officers willing and available the older men must stand down. Irrespective of escaping he was a very good influence on the younger officers in maintaining their morale to a high standard and by keeping up the offensive spirit in every camp.</i></p> <p>Recommended by Major General V. M. FORTUNE</p>
4 June 1948	Having exceeded the age limit for liability to recall, relinquished commission and granted rank of Honorary Major.
6 July 1966	Died at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart in London. Lived at Flat 2, 68, Elm Park Gardens, London S.W.10. Estate of £15,561 to Olive POOLE, spinster.
	Married (1) 1938 in Lewes, Sussex – Audrey Fairless Dampier PALMER (1903 – 1970)

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 Date: 7 October 1919 Issue number: 31591 Page number: 12511
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'B' Company – Second-in-Command

Major H. J. A. MakD. SCOTT, 11th of Gala

Major Henry John Alexander MakDougall SCOTT, 11th of Gala

		1901 – 1940
6 February 1901	Born, second son of Hugh James Elibank SCOTT-MakDOUGALL and Agnes Harriette SCOTT MakDOUGALL (nee JENKINSON) of Gala House, Galashiels, Selkirkshire. First son, John Henry Alexander SCOTT-MAKDOUGALL was born in 1899, but died as an infant. Second son christened as Henry John Alexander SCOTT-MakDOUGALL, but he changed his name to the above by deed pool on 2 April 1935. Also, one younger sister.	
	Educated at Eton College and Royal Military College, Sandhurst.	
24 December 1920	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (12838)	
24 December 1922	Promoted Lieutenant.	
15 May 1930	Promoted Captain.	
15/12/32 – 01/04/36	Adjutant, 16 th (County of London) Bn. The London Regiment (The Queen's Westminsters	
1934	Father – Hugh James Elibank SCOTT-MakDOUGALL died.	
1 April 1936	Retired as Captain.	
	Deputy Lieutenant, County of Selkirkshire.	
15 August 1939	Promoted Major, T.A. (Captain, Reserve of Officers), King's Own Scottish Borderers.	
24 August 1939	Mobilised.	
May 1940	Second-in-command, 'B' Company, 2 nd Bn. K.R.R.C. As Major, T.A.,	
26 May 1940	Killed in Action, aged 39 years. Buried in Plot L. Grave 3, Calais Southern Cemetery.	
	Commemorated on the Eton College War Memorial, and the War Memorial at Galashiels.	

'B' Company – Platoon Commanders

5 (Scout) Platoon – Second Lieutenant Edward Grismond Beaumont DAVIES-SCOURFIELD (Known as 'Gris')

Brigadier Edward Grismond Beaumont DAVIES-SCOURFIELD

C.B.E., M.C., <i>p.s.c.</i>		1918 – 2006
2 August 1918	Born in Patching, Sussex.	
	Educated at Winchester School and Royal Military College, Sandhurst. (King's Medal and the Anson Memorial Sword)	
25 August 1938	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (77674).	
May 1940	Commanding Officer, 5 (Scout) Platoon, 'B' Company As Second Lieutenant. Calais.	
26/05/40 – Aug 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany (including Colditz).	
1 January 1941	Promoted Lieutenant.	
22 August 1945	Promoted Acting Captain.	
14 September 1945	Reverted to the rank of Lieutenant.	
13 October 1945	Reganted the rank of Acting Captain.	
13/10/45 – 26/09/46	Staff Captain, War Office. As Acting Captain.	
20 September 1945	Awarded the M.C. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the defence of Calais in May, 1940.	
19 December 1945	Promoted Temporary Captain.	
14 November 1946	<p>M.i.D. as Prisoner of War. Citation:</p> <p><i>Captured on 27 May 1940, Lt. DAVIES-SCOURFIELD was imprisoned in various camps in Germany.</i></p> <p><i>He first attempted to escape in May 1941 whilst at Oflag IVC (Laufen). He and two companions left the camp hidden in a refuse cart and made their way to Warsaw, where they remained in hiding for eight months, but in January 1942, whilst attempting to reach Switzerland, he was recaptured by German Police.</i></p> <p><i>In October 1943, Lt. DAVIES-SCOURFIELD was carried into the German part of the camp in a rubbish cart, and dressed in a German uniform walked out of the camp. He was recaptured, however, two days later in the village of Elze.</i></p> <p><u><i>Between April 1943 and September 1944 on many occasions Lt. DAVIES-SCOURFIELD sent valuable information to the War Office by secret means.</i></u></p> <p><i>He had been commended for this work by General FORTUNE and also by a colleague.</i></p> <p>It is requested that, in the event of this citation being published, the portion sidelined (underlined in this account) should be omitted.</p>	
1 July 1946	Promoted Captain.	
1946 – 1948	Served with the 2 nd Bn. The K.R.R.C. in Palestine.	
20 February 1947	Promoted Acting Major.	

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20 May 1947	Promoted Temporary Major.
1948 – 1949	Attended the Staff College, Camberley, R.M.A.S., p.s.c. As Temporary Major.
07/04/49 – 01/02/51	G.S.O. 2 (Intelligence), H.Q. Malaya District. As Temporary Major.
25 August 1951	Promoted Major.
1951 – 1953	Served with 1 st Bn. The K.R.R.C.
27 April 1951	Awarded the M.B.E. Citation: <i>Major DAVIES-SCOURFIELD has served as General Staff Officer Grade 2 (Intelligence) for the past year. The work that he has done had been outstanding. He had never spared himself. By his tact, patience and capacity for hard work, he had produced excellent reports. He had worked long hours cheerfully and willingly. In my opinion this officer had calibrated targets to any successes achieved by the military forces in the emergency. I Strongly Recommend him to become a Member of the British Empire.</i> Recommended by Lt. Col. T. C. PRESTON, G.S.O. I, H.Q. Malaya on 22 December 1950. Strongly Recommended by Brigadier COTTRELL-HILL, Chief of Staff, Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, and Recommended by Major General R. E. URQUHART, G.O.C. Malaya.
26/11/53 – 13/10/55	D.A.Q.M.G. (Ops), Northern Army Group, B.A.O.R. As Major.
1955 – 1957	2 i/c Rifle Depot.
03/10/57 – 11/05/60	G.S.O. 2, War Office (Military Operations) As Major.
1 July 1960	Transferred to the Rifle Brigade and promoted Lieutenant Colonel.
01/07/60 – 01/02/62	Commanding Officer, 1 st Bn. The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own) As Lieutenant Colonel. Germany – Cyprus.
02/02/62 – 30/07/62	Commanding Officer, 3 rd Bn. The Royal Green Jackets. As Lieutenant Colonel. Germany – Cyprus.
1 August 1962	Promoted Temporary Colonel.
01/08/62 – 06/02/64	Brigade Colonel, Green Jackets Brigade. As Temporary Colonel.
31 May 1963	Promoted Colonel.
1 July 1963	Supernumerary to the establishment.
6 February 1964	Promoted Local Brigadier.
12 February 1964	Promoted Temporary Brigadier.
13/02/64 – 18/03/66	Commander, British Joint Services Training Team, Ghana. As Temporary Brigadier.
11 June 1966	Awarded the C.B.E.
19 May 1966	Reverted to the rank of Local Brigadier.
6 June 1966	Promoted Temporary Brigadier.
23/08/66 – 1969	Deputy Commander, Cyprus District & Commander British Troops on Malta. As Brigadier.
31 December 1966	Promoted Brigadier.
1969 – 1973	Commanding Officer, Salisbury Plain Area. As Brigadier. U.K.
2 August 1973	Retired.
1984	Deputy Lieutenant, County of Hampshire.

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20 November 2006	Died in Alton, Hampshire.
	Married (1) 1945 Diana DAVIDSON one son (Captain R.G.J. 1978 – 1990) and one daughter.

6 Platoon – Second Lieutenant Richard Oswald SCOTT

Second Lieutenant Richard Oswald SCOTT	
	1920 – 1940
1920	Born, son of Oswald Arthur SCOTT, D.S.O., and Hermione Monica SCOTT, of South Kensington, London.
	Educated at Royal Military College, Sandhurst.
3 July 1939	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (95645)
May 1940	Commanding Officer, 6 Platoon, 'B' Company. As Second Lieutenant. Calais.
26 May 1940	Killed in action at Calais, aged 20 years. Buried in Plot K, Grave 25 of the Calais Southern Cemetery, France.
2 October 1942	Brother – 115515 F/O Thomas Roland SCOTT, R.A.F.V.R., killed on active service. Buried in Porthmadog Public Cemetery, Caernarvon.

7 Platoon – Second Lieutenant Wallace Stuart FINLAYSON

Second Lieutenant Wallace Stuart (Douglas) FINLAYSON	
	1911 – 1990
15 August 1911	Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Son of Robert Barnett (1888 – 1979) and Emmeline Marcia FINLAYSON (1884 – 1955). Father an Army Officer. One elder brother and one younger sister. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Douglas FINLAYSON (1909 – 1999) • Cynthia Emily FINLAYSON (21 April 1918, Tynemouth – 2000)
February 1916	Sailed from New York to Liverpool, arrived 12 February 1916.
21 November 1929	Arrived in Seattle, U.S.A. as Actor.
1933	Lived with family at Ardenrun Farm, Lingfield, Surrey.
1939	Lived at 12A, Cygnet House, King's Road, Chelsea.
11 February 1940	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (117845)
May 1940	Commanding Officer, 7 Platoon, 'B' Company. As Second Lieutenant. Defence of Calais.
May 1940 – May 1945	Prisoner of War.
13 November 1946	Departed Southampton for New York, arrived 20 November.
8 August 1990	Died at Coldwaltham, Pulborough, Sussex. Lived at Brook House, Brook Lane, Coldwaltham. Estate not exceeding £115,000.
	Married (1) 1 December 1937 at Chelsea, London – Peggy Mary Clotilde BAGOT-CHESTER (1914 – 2004). One child. (2) Philippa Avril KENNEDY (1904 – ?). One child. (3) 31 August 1953, Marylebone, Middlesex – Imelda Anne CRAWFORD (1920 – 1956). Died at St. Pancras, London on 17 October 1956. (4) 1958 Pamela A. FROST.

8 Platoon – Second Lieutenant Martin Stuart WILLAN

Second Lieutenant Martin Stuart WILLAN	
	1918 – 1940
October 1918	Born in Bedfordshire, son of Brigadier Robert Hugh WILLAN, D.S.O., M.C. and Violet Constance Eyre WILLAN of 'Bridges', Teffont Evias, Wiltshire.
	Educated at Eton College, and Cadet Lance Corporal, Eton College Contingent, Officer Training Corps.
2 September 1939	Commissioned in the Supplementary Reserve, Category B, in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (104269)
May 1940	Commanding Officer, 8 Platoon, 'B' Company. As Second Lieutenant. Calais. K.I.A.
25 May 1940	Killed in action during artillery bombardment, aged 21 years. Buried in Plot L. Grave 17. of the Calais Southern Cemetery.

- **'C' Company – Commanding Officer**
Captain Maurice Alan JOHNSON

Major Maurice Alan JOHNSON

		1909 –
2 July 1909	Born.	
	Educated at ??	
30 January 1930	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant.	
30 January 1933	Promoted Lieutenant.	
1936 – 1939	Served in Palestine, M & CI.	
1 August 1938	Promoted Captain (Bank Holiday Captain).	
May 1940	Commanding Officer, 'C' Company, 2 nd Bn. K.R.R.C. As Captain. Defence of Calais.	
26/05/40 – Aug 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany.	
20 September 1945	M.I.D. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Defence of Calais.	
26 February 1946	Promoted Acting Major.	
26 May 1946	Promoted Temporary Major.	
1 July 1946	Promoted Major.	

Second-in-Command

Captain Joseph Benedict <u>Everard</u> Henry RADCLIFFE	
	1910 –
13 th March 1910	Born.
	Educated at ??
28 th August 1930	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant.
28 th August 1933	Promoted Lieutenant.
21/05/36	A.D.C.
28 th August 1938	Promoted Captain.
May 1940	Second-in-Command, 'C' Company, 2 nd K.R.R.C. As Captain. Defence of Calais.
20 September 1945.	Awarded the M.C. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the defence of Calais.

Platoon Commanders

Colonel Philip PARDOE

		1919 – 1987
15 May 1919	Born in Winchester, Hampshire.	
	Educated at Hollis Hill, Eton College, and Royal Military College, Sandhurst.	
26 January 1939	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (85672).	
May 1940	Commanding Officer, No. 9 (Scout) Platoon, 'C' Company. As Lieutenant. Defence of Calais.	
1 January 1941	Promoted Lieutenant.	
1 November 1945	M.i.D. in recognition for gallant and distinguished services in the field.	
1 July 1946	Promoted Captain.	
26 January 1952	Promoted Major.	
3 July 1961	Promoted Lieutenant Colonel.	
3 July 1964	Supernumerary to the Establishment in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.	
	Royal Green Jackets.	
19 November 1966	Promoted Colonel (seniority from 4 August 1965)	
	Military Attaché to Washington.	
	Military Attaché to Buenos Aires.	
5 July 1969	Retires on retired pay.	
1985	Deputy Lieutenant, County of Hampshire.	
1 September 1987	Died in fishing accident in the River Lochy aged 68 years. Lived at 'Meadows' Martyr Worthy, Winchester, Hampshire. Buried in the village's churchyard.	
	Married (1) June 1945 in Westminster, Rolline McMORROUGH-KAVANAGH (1920 – ??). Two children, Caroline and Harry.	

Major Peter Henry PARKER

M.A.		
27 January 1938	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (88374).	
	Educated at University.	
16 September 1939	Commissioned from the General List, T.A. (University Candidate) to be a Second Lieutenant, King's Royal Rifle Corps, with seniority from 27 January 1938.	
1 January 1941	Promoted Lieutenant.	
27 January 1946	Promoted Captain.	
27 January 1951	Promoted Major.	
15 March 1961	Retires on retired pay.	
9 March 1968	Having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers.	

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K.R.R.C.—2nd Lt. Peter Henry Parker (Univ.Candidate) from Gen. List, T.A., to be 2ndLt. i6th Sept. 1939, with seniority27th Jan. 1938, next below 2nd Lt. A. M.Sinclair.Rifle Bde.—Maj.

Second Lieutenant Pat SHERRARD

24 November 1939	Granted an Emergency Commission (Regular Army) in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant	

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- 'D' Company

Commanding Officer – Major, The Lord CROMWELL, M.C. (Reserve of Officers);

Major Robert Godfrey Wolseley BEWICKE-COPLEY, Lord CROMWELL

D.S.O.	1893 – 1966
23 May 1893	Born, son of Brigadier-General Sir Robert Calverley Alington BEWICKE-COPLEY, K.B.E., C.B., and Selina Frances WATSON-COPLEY. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Gladys BEWICKE-COPLEY – Died 13 Jan 1957 2. Sybil BEWICKE – died 20 April 1888 3. Hon. Dorothy Albreda Bewicke-Copley 4. Captain Redvers Lionel Calverley BEWICKE-COPLEY – Born 17 September 1890 and died 21 December 1916 5. Robert Godfrey Wolseley BEWICKE-COPLEY, 5th Lord Cromwell – Born 23 May 1893 and died 21 October 1966
	Educated at Eton College and Trinity College, Cambridge.
16 December 1914	Granted an Emergency Commission in the 5 th Bn. K.R.R.C. as a Temporary Second Lieutenant (on probation) (5879).
Dec 1914 – Nov 1918	Served in the Great War. Served in Salonika. Wounded. M.I.D. 28/11/17. M.C., B.W.M., V.M.
25 May 1915	Promoted Temporary Lieutenant.
4 October 1915	Granted a Regular Army commission (seniority from 16 September 1915)
16/05/16 – 18/11/19	Seconded for service with the Machine Gun Corps
11/08/16 – 12/04/18	Acting Captain whilst commanding a company.
17 th February 1917	Promoted Lieutenant.
13/04/18 – 21/10/19	Officer Commanding, 80 th Machine Gun Company. As Acting Major.
3 June 1918	Awarded the M.C. for <i>'distinguished service in connection with Military Operations in Salonika.'</i>
16 January 1920	Awarded the Bronze Medal for Military Valour (Italy) <i>'for distinguished services rendered during the campaign'</i> .
16 July 1923	Created 5 th Baron CROMWELL (after 426 years lapsed).
13 November 1924	Promoted Captain.
23 January 1926	Retired receiving a gratuity and granted the rank of Major.
14 January 1933	Deputy Lieutenant, County of Leicestershire.
28 August 1939	Re-employed as Major (Reserve of Officers).
May 1940	Officer Commanding, 'D' Company, 2 nd K.R.R.C. As Major, Reserve of Officers. Defence of Calais – seriously wounded.
26/05/40 – 1943	Prisoner of War, Germany.
1943	Repatriated due to injuries sustained at Calais.
3 February 1944	Awarded the D.S.O. <i>'in recognition of gallant and distinguished services during and prior to captivity'</i> . No citation available.
8 October 1945	Ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers.
1949 – 1965	Lord Lieutenant of County of Leicestershire.

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	Director of Martin's Bank Ltd..
	Honorary Treasurer, British Legion.
	County Alderman for County Leicestershire
	Colonel Commandant, Leicestershire Army Cadets
21 October 1966	Died, aged 73 years.
	Married (1) 12 February 1925 Freda Constance CRIPPS, daughter of Major Sir Frederick William Beresford CRIPPS and Constance Agnes WYKEHAM.

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 Date: 29 October 1915 Issue number: 29346 Page number: 10748
 Date: 11 May 1917 Issue number: 30063 Page number: 4579
 Date: 13 November 1917 Issue number: 30382 Page number: 11794
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 Date: 9 December 1919 Issue number: 31679 Page number: 15272
 Date: 13 January 1920 Issue number: 31736 Page number: 705
 Date: 25 January 1925 Issue number: 33014 Page number: 518
 Date: 22 January 1926 Issue number: 33126 Page number: 537
 Date: 1 February 1944 Issue number: 36358 Page number: 619
 Date: 5 October 1945 Issue number: 37297 Page number: 4936

He was educated at [Eton College, Windsor, Berkshire, England](#).¹ He fought in the First World War, where he was mentioned in despatches and was wounded.¹ He was decorated with the award of the Military Cross (M.C.).¹ He held the office of Deputy Lieutenant (D.L.) of Leicestershire.¹ He held the office of Justice of the Peace (J.P.) for Leicestershire.¹ He succeeded to the title of *5th Lord Cromwell [E., 1375]* on 16 July 1923.¹ On 16 July 1923 the abeyance of the Barony Cromwell was terminated and he summoned to Parliament by writ.¹ He gained the rank of Colonel in the service of the Royal Army Reserve of Officers.¹ He fought in the Second World War, where he was wounded and became a POW.¹ He was decorated with the award of the Companion, Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) in 1944.¹ He held the office of Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire between 1949 and 1966.¹ He was invested as a Knight, Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (K.St.J.).¹

Children of Robert Godfrey Wolseley Bewicke-Copley, 5th Lord Cromwell and Freda Constance Cripps

1. [Philippa Selina Bewicke-Copley](#)² b. 5 Dec 1925
2. [David Godfrey Bewicke-Copley](#), 6th Lord Cromwell⁺² b. 29 May 1929, d. 18 Aug 1982

Second-in-Command

Captain Lionel <u>Claude</u> BOWER	
	1908 – 1940
25 September 1908	Born, son of Maurice Syndercombe BOWER and Geraldine BOWER. Father born on 1 August 1875 at Fontmell Parva in Dorset. Educated at Radley and Cirencester Agricultural College. Married (1) 1 August 1901, Geraldine HALLIBURTON (d. 24 May 1946). Children: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kathleen Margaret BOWER, b 05/10/02; 2. Maurice Brenton BOWER, b 19/09/06 of Bagber, Sturminster Newton, Dorset. Educated at Winchester and Pembroke College, Cambridge. Squadron Leader, R.A.F.; 3. Lionel Claud Syndercombe BOWER, b 25/09/08; 4. Nigel Charles Fitzgerald BOWER, b ?? Educated at Malvern and Pembroke College, Cambridge.
	Father worked in Argentina in agriculture.
13 January 1919	Father died on active service as Lieutenant, R.A.S.C.. Buried in Sofia War Cemetery.
	Educated at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.
31 January 1929	Commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps in the rank of Second Lieutenant (41083)
31 January 1932	Promoted Lieutenant.
21 January 1938	Promoted Captain.
May 1940	Second-in-Command, 'D' Company, 2 nd K.R.R.C. As Captain. Defence of Calais
26 May 1940	Killed in action at Calais. Commemorated on the Special Memorial, Plot J., Grave 18, of the Calais Southern Cemetery.

Platoon Commanders

Lieutenant Richard Patrick WARRE	
	1919 – 1940
2 nd Quarter 1919	Born in Kensington, son of Felix Walter and Marjorie WARRE of Kensington, London. Father was an architect. One sister: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Marjorie WARRE (1920 – 1990) – Born 1 March 1920.
	Educated at Eton College. Member of the O.T.C., Eton College Contingent, with rank of Cadet Company Serjeant Major.
22 June 1938	Commissioned in the Supplementary Reserve in the rank of Second Lieutenant (76102).
1939	Parents living at 'Wytherston', Beaminster, Dorset.
	Promoted Lieutenant
May 1940	Commanding Officer, Scout Platoon, 'D' Company, 2 nd Bn. K.R.R.C. As Lieutenant. Defence of Calais.
26 May 1940	Killed in action aged 21 years, Calais. Buried in Plot K. Grave 22 of the Calais Southern Cemetery.

Lieutenant Francis Trelawny WILLIAMS

	1915 – 1977
6 February 1915	Born in Penair, Truro, Cornwall. Son of Henry Harcourt WILLIAMS (1869 – 1927), died 8 September 1927 at Truro. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gerald Cecil WILLIAMS (1916 – 2005) Born 14 March 1916.
	Educated at Eton College (Cadet Corporal Eton College O.T.C.)
1935	Travelled to the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico, and in February 1939, New Zealand.
1939	Living in a hotel in London, occupation private means.
2 September 1939	Granted a commission in the Supplementary Reserve of Officers in the King's Royal Rifle Corps with the rank of Second Lieutenant (98911)
May 1940	Platoon Commander, 1 st Bn. The K. R. R. C. As W/S Lieutenant.
May 1940 – May 1945	Prisoner of War, Germany.
2 March 1941	Promoted W/S Lieutenant.
2 September 1949	Granted a commission in the Regular Army Reserve of Officers in the rank of Lieutenant.
1954	Lived at 172, Park Lane, London.
6 February 1965	Reached age limit relinquished commission as Lieutenant.
1977	Died.
	Married (1) 1953 Elizabeth Frances Mary Louise BAYLEY (1924 – 2016)