

Junior Squadron – Winter Term – 15th September to 15th December 1964

Thanks to all from the intake and staff who have contributed photos and documents

Extract from the Wire – Dec 64

The start of the Christmas term was noted by the arrival of the largest intake ever to this Unit. One hundred and twenty-seven recruits arrived at Denbury on 15th September 1964, and what was more remarkable every single one joined on the right day, which was another record. Boys came from all over Great Britain and as usual it was raining on intake day. After some initial homesickness in a number of cases, the intake has settled extremely well and up to press not one boy has purchased his discharge. The merry team of Drill Sergeants Dobson, Loveday, Evans, Mathieson, Kelly and Batten, under the eagle eye of WOII Stuckey, have quickly put the boys through their paces and all promises well for a high standard at the end of their first term.

An enjoyable weekend camp was spent at Churston Cove near Brixham within two weeks of the start of term. Here the boys have their first taste of living under canvas, an event which is eagerly awaited. This intake promises a good all round standard of sport and all are now heavily engaged competing for the Squadron sports trophy.



"The Merry Team of Drill Sergeants"

From Left to right – Sergeant Loveday, Sergeant Evans, Sergeant Dobson, Sergeant Mathieson, Sergeant Batten, S.S.M. Stuckey, Sergeant Kelly

Officer Commanding
2IC & Education Officer
Civilian Lecturers

Capt CS Ward, Royal Signals
Capt DH Hodson, RAEC
Mr MA Grant & Mr DJ Mann

Junior Squadron Sergeant Major
Junior Sergeant
A Troop – Sgt J Kelly
B Troop – Sgt John Loveday
C Troop – Sgt Charlie Batten
D Troop – Sgt Harry Dobson
E Troop – Sgt Tom Evans
F Troop – Sgt Ron Mathieson

JSSM Dave Naden
JSgt John Spencer
JCpl Mick Glennon
JCpl Mick Henry
JCpl Peter Whitfield
JCpl Brian King
JCpl Dennis Benfold
JCpl Roy Foy JLCpl Chris Robertson

WELCOME TO DENBURY

This term we welcome 129 new recruits to the ranks of the Junior Leaders now under training at Denbury. This is as large a number as we have ever had before and indicates the success of the recruiting policy now adopted by the Ministry of Defence.

Among the newcomers are three brothers of already established Junior Leaders, including the present Junior Regimental Sergeant-Major. The staff of 'Junior Mercury' extends its own welcome to the new boys, and offers then the columns of this journal for any comments they may have to make regarding their new way of life.



Caught while descending from the Regimental 'bus' are four of the newest arrivals from the North. They are J/Signalmen Fishwick from Blackpool, Maloney from Oldham, Topping from Bolton and Collinson from Bramwell
(by A. Cooksley)

- A. Adams Heywood
- A. Air Wednesbury
- N. Barnard Beccles
- E. Berry Edinburgh
- E. Bellerby Gosport
- F. Brown North Shields
- M. Black Liverpool
- R. Bone Glastonbury
- F. Bell Helensburgh
- S. Blain West Hartlepool
- M. Buckler Coventry
- R. Burrows Littlehampton
- B. Carter Llanhilleth
- M. Crosby Blackpool
- C. Campbell Aberdeen
- T. Calver Wissett
- P. Cork Northampton
- R. Cole Guildford
- B. Cumberpatch Northampton
- J. Collinson Bramwell
- J. Cunningham Newcastle
- K. Dyer Old Windsor
- J. Duff Aberdeen
- C. Dixon Sunderland
- G. Davies Gorleston-on-Sea
- P. Davies Southampton
- I. Dommitt Nailsea
- D. Denning Bridgwater
- K. de la Haye Jersey
- K. Durkin Brecon
- M. Ellis Taunton
- S. Etches Ferndown
- M. Evans Amersham
- E. Evans Doncaster
- R. Forster Wohurst Sands
- M. Freedman London N.W.1
- J. Fishwick Blackpool
- A. Fawcett 28 Signal Regt., B.F.P.O. 34
- G. Forster Newcastle
- M. Garratt Thatcham
- M. Gardner Torquay
- R. Gates Wakefield
- P. Haddock Grimsby
- D. Howe Oulton
- J. Haydock Leicester
- I. Hamilton Buckhaven
- B. Hunter Workington
- M. Howie Fort George
- P. Honey Guernsey
- D. Hild Chipping Sodbury
- E. Hewson Rednall
- H. Hebden Harrogate
- R. Haynes Kings Norton
- P. Holt Carlisle
- B. Hewitt Hoole
- A. Howard Sunderland
- R. Hooper St. Mary Cray
- J. Harper London W.2
- S. Hartrey Barnstaple
- K. Jamieson Newcastle
- I. Johnson Lerwick
- A. Jobson Farnham

- J. Kelly Dundee
- R. Keen Hindhead
- S. Kent Camelford
- M. Knights Bournemouth
- A. Kilner Acombe
- B. Lawrence Towchester
- H. Leslie Grangemouth
- P. Lewry Ubbeston
- P. Martin Northallerton
- C. Margan Shawbury
- J. Maloney Oldham
- D. McClelland Barrow-in-Furness
- F. McArdle Helston
- M. Moffatt East Dereham
- D. Miles Mathewstown
- R. Martin Chatham
- M. Mitchell Totton
- A. McClumpha Egham
- P. McMohan Liverpool
- O. McArdle Peterlee
- B. McClean Sunderland
- T. Owens Somersford
- M. Orell Wigan
- N. Park Richmond
- E. Plant Keighly
- F. Pickering Sparkhill
- M. Penney Portsmouth
- D. Proctor Basildon
- R. Purden Jersey
- B. Richardson Newton Abbot
- E. Rose Gillingham
- E. Ridell Dalton-in-Furness
- G. Roberts Liverpool
- G. Rumsey London E.7
- D. Ross Staines
- G. Reeves Saltash
- S. Smith Droylsden
- S. Sparnon Deal
- P. Sherwin Wakefield
- A. Smith Usk
- R. Spry Bude
- J. Stead Eastville
- R. Sparks Redcar
- R. Spriggs Christchurch
- J. Topping Farnworth
- L. Tullett Coiling by Sea
- P. Tharme Barry
- G. Thompson St. Albans
- G. Watson Newcastle
- W. Whitelaw Forres
- K. Whincup Whitley Bay
- K. Waddell Stirling
- R. Wilce Merthyr
- R. Williams Blaby
- M. Webster Nottingham
- A. Wooley Birmingham
- J. Whittaker Newark
- J. Waddingham Northampton
- S. Wright Taunton
- M. Williams Waste
- S. Walls Shipton
- M. Waring Featherstone
- R. Wainwright Ramsgate
- G. Wilkinson Market Rasen
- S. Young Alves
- A. Young Clifton

A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE JUNIOR SQUADRON.
THE JUNIOR LEADERS REGIMENT ROYAL SIGNALS.

"GO TO IT "

1. INTRODUCTION.

A recruit Junior Leader joins Junior Squadron for his first term in the Regiment. Whilst in Junior Squadron the recruit is transformed from a schoolboy into a Junior Leader who can take his place in his Troop and Squadron for all Regimental activities. The culmination of training in Junior Squadron is ceremonially portrayed on the Graduation Parade when the Squadron marches into the ranks to replace the Junior Leaders who have graduated to Man Service.

2. STAFF.

- (a) OC. Squadron - Captain. C.S. Ward, Royal Signals.
2IC Education Officer - Captain. D.H. Hodson, R.A.E.C.
Civilian Lecturers - Mr. M.A. Grant LLB(Hons) Dip 'Edn.
Mr. D.J. Mann.

SSM, WOII S. Stuckey, Royal Signals.

Tp. Sgt's (One Sergeant 21 boys.)

A. Troop. Sgt. Kelly	D. Troop. Sgt. Dobson
B. Troop. Sgt. Loveday.	E. Troop. Sgt. Evans.
C. Troop. Sgt. Batten.	F. Troop. Sgt. Mathieson.

The Intake this term is 126 Boys.

- (b) In addition there is a number of Junior NCO's (who are specially selected from their troops). These Junior NCO's each have one barrack room and they assist the Group Instructors during the evening and off Duty Hours.
- (c) There is at all times a number of the staff on duty in Junior Squadron Members to supervise the Junior Leaders during their first vital term. Each boy rises at 0630Hrs reveille and lights out are at 10p.m. daily.

3. TRAINING.

Training is divided into two main aspects.

(a) MILITARY TRAINING

This includes the following subjects: Drill, PT, Games, Regimental Organisation (including some Corps History), First Aid. An introduction to Trades and Trade Training, a little Fire Prevention training and a few other lectures e.g. Pay and Army Health etc.,

(b) EDUCATIONAL TRAINING.

Boys from many parts of the country and many types of schools with varied levels of ability arrive in Junior Squadron each term. The task of the educational staff of Junior Squadron is to grade these boys into convenient groups and commence their further education. Those boys with high natural ability are exempt the lower grade of Junior educational tests and are prepared for those classes in Academic Wing whose course is most appropriate. Those boys with fundamental weakness in the basic skills are placed in a group which will concentrate on the basic skills of calculation. These classes are kept to the smallest economic size and should average no more than 20 Boys per group.

4. OUTLINE PROGRAMME - FIRST SIX WEEKS.

During the first few days the Junior Leader receives a medical and dental inspection, a complete issue of kit (and of course a haircut) He takes an examination to place him in a suitable academic class. The emphasis of training for the first six weeks is on drill and education. The aim being to qualify as a Junior Leader by "Passing off the Square" This entails the following.

- (a). The minimum educational standard (Junior Test)
- (b). A thorough knowledge of all basic drill movements.
- (c). A kit inspection to check :-
 - (1) Completeness,
 - (2) Marking,
 - (3) Neatness,
 - (4) Cleanliness.

The qualified Junior Leader is then granted certain privileges :-

- (a) He is permitted to leave camp in off duty hours.
- (b) He may wear a Regimental Stable Belt.
- (c) He will remove White Bar from his troop flash.
- (d) He will not make a bed pack except on Inspection mornings.

5. OUTLINE PROGRAMME / SECOND HALF OF THE TERM.

The second half of the term the Junior Leader is prepared for his future training in his Troop/Squadron.

Educational training continues as before but the number of drill periods is reduced in favour of external Leadership Training. There are other subjects taught and these include First Aid - Hygiene, Fire Training and an introduction to Signals equipment and trades. Junior Squadron also take part in the Regimental Hobbies during the second half of the term.

6. RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

Each boy receives a period once a week of Religious training from a qualified Padre of his own Faith. Each boy is also required to attend one service at his own church. Confirmation and Church Membership classes are held Regularly and boys may be confirmed at the end of each term.

7. SUMMARY.

The motto of Junior Squadron is :-

"GO TO IT".

8. GRADUATION DAY.

A Graduation Parade is held at the end of each term and parents of boy's in Junior Squadron are encouraged to visit the Regiment for two days at the period. Assistance can be offered to arrange accommodation. Invitations are sent out with further details.

Churston Cove – D Troop



E Evans - Taffy ? - **Cpl Brian King**
Pete Pickering - 5 - **Andy Wooley**
Jim 'Joe' Brown - **SHW 'Sieggie' Hebdon** - **Dick Spry**

B Troop – Alexander Squadron



Rear row: **W 'Jock' Whitelaw** - 2 - **Mike Freedman** - **Gordon Air** - **B 'Tiny' Hunter** - 6 - 7
Trevor 'Wacker' Calver - **Shelty Johnson**

Centre row: 10 - 11 - 12 - **Sgt John Loveday** - **JCpl Mick Henry** - 15 - 16 - **Derek McClelland**

Front row: **Geoff Watson** - **Barry Maloney** - 20 - **Colin Campbell** - 22 - 23

A Troop – Alexander Squadron



Rear row: **K 'Jamie' Jamieson** - **Pete Martin** - **John Topping** - **Ken Dyer** - **John Berry** - **B Richardson**
Keith Whincup - **Pete 'Fishy' Haddock** - **Terry 'Jonah' Owen** - **A Adams** - **John Haycock** - **Kenny Waddle**
 Front row: **J 'Jock' Kelly** - **Brian 'Taff' Carter** - **Bob Forster** - **Mark Ellis** - **Sgt J Kelly** - **JCpl Mick Glennon**
Derek Howe - **Colin Morgan** - **Bob Wilce** - **M 'Bing' Crosby**

B Troop – Alexander Squadron



Rear row: **B 'Tiny' Hunter** - **Jess Harper** - **Trevor 'Wacker' Calver** - **W 'Jock' Whitelaw** - **Derek McClelland**
S Etches - **George Wilkinson** - **Steve Smith** - **Mike Freedman** - **Gordon Air**
 Front row: **Ernie Lawrence** - **E Bellerby** - **Geoff Watson** - **Colin Campbell** - **Sgt John Loveday**
Ian 'Angus' Hamilton - **Larry Tullett** - **Roly Park** - **Barry Maloney** - **Shelty Johnson**

C Troop – Montgomery Squadron



Rear row: **Frank McArdle** - M Webster - Gordon 'Scouse' Roberts - **Pete Tharme** - **Bob Cole** - **Scouse McMahon**
Gus Honey - **Mick Howie** - **Bob Keen** - MF or RM Williams - **J Fishwick** -

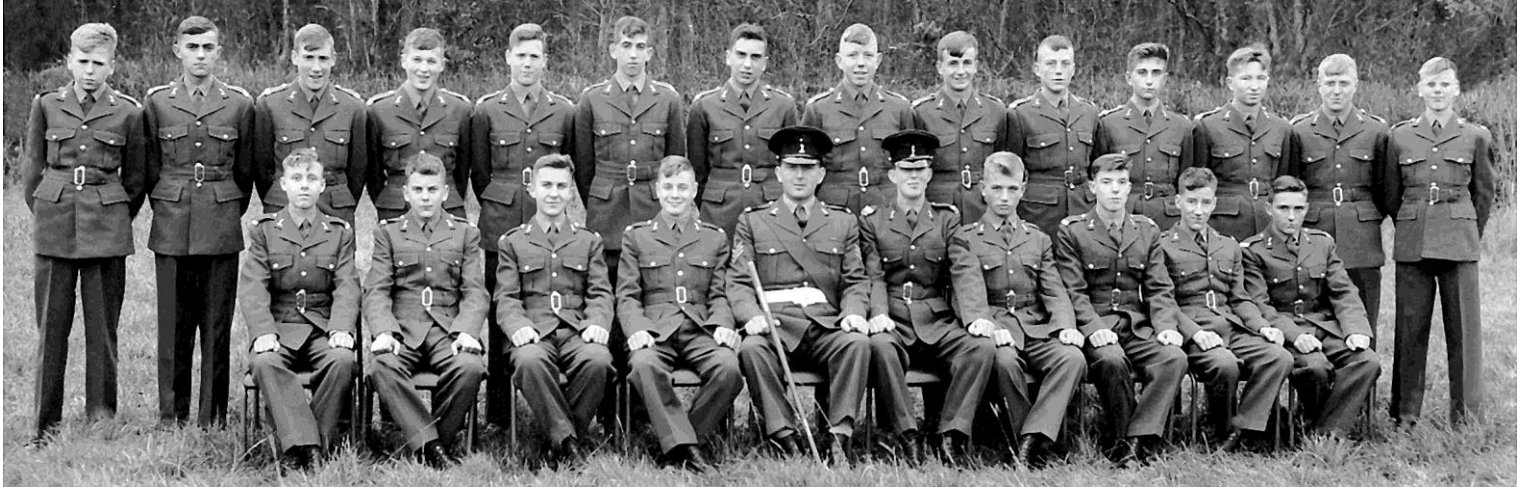
Front Row: **Arthur Young** - Keith 'Daisy' Plant - **Nev Barnard** - **Mick Moffat** - Geordie Dixon
 Sgt Charlie 'Rats' Batten - **Mick Evans** - **Phil Cork** - R Bone - **Mick Leslie**

D Troop – Montgomery Squadron



Rear row: **Andy Wooley** - **E Evans** - P Davies - **Ian 'Acker' Dommitt** - **Phil Rumsey** - 6 - **Dave Hild**
John Whittaker - Geoff Thompson - S Young - **Pete Pickering** - **Frank 'Jock' Bell**

Front row: Philip Lewry - **Brian Cumberpatch** - **Dick Spry** - **SHW 'Sieggie' Hebdon** - Sgt DH Dobson
 Tim Robertson - **Ted Hewson** - **Pete Sherwin** - **Jim 'Joe' Brown** - **Steve Kent**

E Troop – Slim Squadron

Rear row: **Jim Waddingham** - **Mick Penny** - D 'Alex' Ross - **Pete Holt** - M 'Mitch' Mitchell - **George Davies**
John Buckler - **Bev Hewitt** - **Mick Knights** - **Steve Wright** - **Andy Smith** - R 'Brummie' Hayes
B 'Sandy' McLean - **Dave Proctor**

Front row: 15 - **Tony McClumpha** - **Dave Denning** - J Collinson - Sgt Taff Evans - Jcpl Benny Benfold
 21 - 22 - **Scouse Black** - **Mark Gardner**

F Troop – Slim Squadron

Rear row: **Roger Burrows** - **Roger Spriggs** - **Bob Hooper** - **Roger Purden** - **Bill Forster** - **Steve Walls**
Peter Hartrey - **Kevin 'Flash' Durkin** - **Glen McArdle** - **Mick Orrell** - **Andy Jobson** - **Roger Sparks**
Graham 'Jim' Reeves

Front Row: **Mick Waring** - **J Stead** - **Steve Blain** - **Roger Gates** - Sgt Ron Matheson - JLCpl **Chris Robertson**
Jim Cunningham - **Bob Wainright** - **Tony De La Haye** - **Allan 'Tich' Howard**

Extract from the Junior Mercury – Nov 64: **FIRST IMPRESSIONS** by J/Sig Jobson of Junior Wing

The train pulled in to Aldershot station and it was time to set off for Newton Abbot. I shook hands with Dad as he gave me a few words of advice about how to get on in the army, words which I had heard many, many times before. I stepped into the doorway of the train just as the hooter blew its warning call, and I stuck my head out of the window to exchange waves with Dad, now getting rapidly further and further away.

Well," I thought to myself, "You're in now. There's no turning back. You've made your decision and that's it." Within three hours I was in Newton Abbot and my first impression was not good, except for the fact that it had stopped raining and the sun was shining which it hadn't been in Aldershot. There was a bus waiting outside the station for the new recruits as they arrived, and after a long wait for the next train to come in, we set off for our new home.

I must confess that my first view of the camp sent a few shivers down my spine for it did not look in the least hospitable, rather like a colony of little black huts perched on a windswept hill and reminiscent of an open prison I once saw featured in a film. But inside the impression was quite different and I remember thinking to myself that I could enjoy it here if only I make up my mind to settle down quickly.

After we had alighted from the coach a sergeant came up to us and directed us to a spider – to non-military people this is a large, six roomed hutment where we were given a bed, and a Junior Lance Corporal showed us how to lay out our sheets and blankets in the traditional army fashion.

There were lots of little jobs to do than like the handing in of Income tax forms and other such bits of paper, before we were finally taken to the Quarter Master's store where we were issued with the most enormous pile of kit imaginable. I just couldn't see the use of it then now I do, I didn't talk to many people at first for I think we were all pretty nervous, but soon the ice broke and the room became a hive of chatter and noise as we told each other of our previous existences and advised each other on the best way to get a really good shine on our boots.

The next day we were up at six-thirty which I must confess did not suit me very much since I have had always been very fond of my bed, more especially at nine o'clock in the morning.

After breakfast we were bounced backwards and forwards between the QM and the MO like yoyos, and then swung sharply in the direction of the barber where I soon learned how that gentleman got his name. Although discipline was slack in the first few days, it became more strict as we gradually learned what soldiering was about. But I liked it, especially when we got on to more interesting things, and now after six week's training I think I can safely say that I am settling down well to the life of a Junior Leader.



Geoff Watson - Joe 'Jock' Kelly - Steve 'Smithy' Smith

4 - Bob Wilce - John 'Topper' Topping

George 'Wilky' Wilkinson - Neville 'Roly' Park

10 - Barry Maloney - Ian 'Frazer' Hamilton

B Troop



Jim Cunningham - Ian Hamilton
Colin Campbell - Mick Freedman

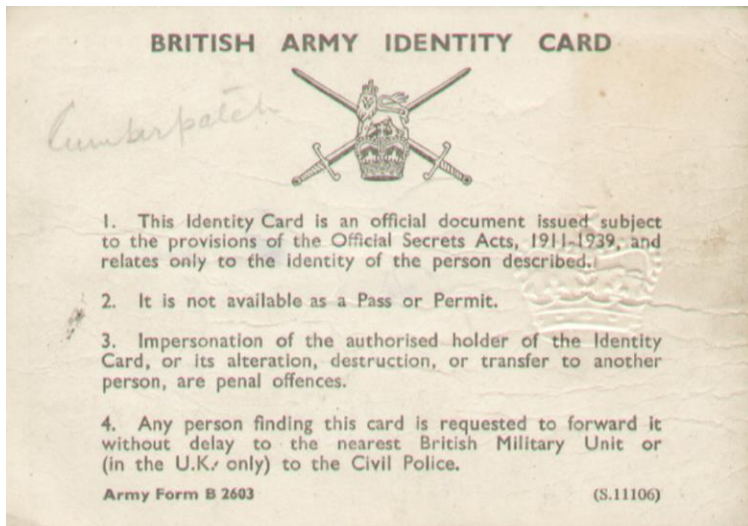


Geoff Watson - Colin Campbell - Mick Freedman

D Troop



1 - Brian Cumberpatch - 3 - Steve 'Titch' Kent



	P/Army No. 24018445 B	237410
	Surname CUMBERPATCH	
	Christian (or Fore Name(s)) BRIAN	Rk. T/Ldr
	Signature of Holder <i>Brian Cumberpatch</i>	Sex Male
	Signature of Issuer <i>[Signature]</i>	
	Rk. of Issuer <i>[Signature]</i>	Date of Issue 19/11/1964
Personal Description		Changes of Rank
Height 5.4 ft. 4 ins.	Colour of eyes Blue	New Rank
Date of Birth 14/8/49	Colour of hair Fair	Date
Other visible distinguishing marks Scar on Right Hand		Authority



Steve Wright - Roger Sparks



Miss Kathy Kelly WVS - **Joe 'Jock' Kelly**

Toc H visit of Rev Tubby Clayton 29 Nov 64



Steve Blain - Steve Walls - Allan Howard - **Steve Smith** - Roger Sparks - 6 - 7 - Roger Spriggs
John Berry - Geoff Watson - **Derek McClelland** - 12 - **Mick Knights** - 14 (stick man so not our intake)



Roger Sparks



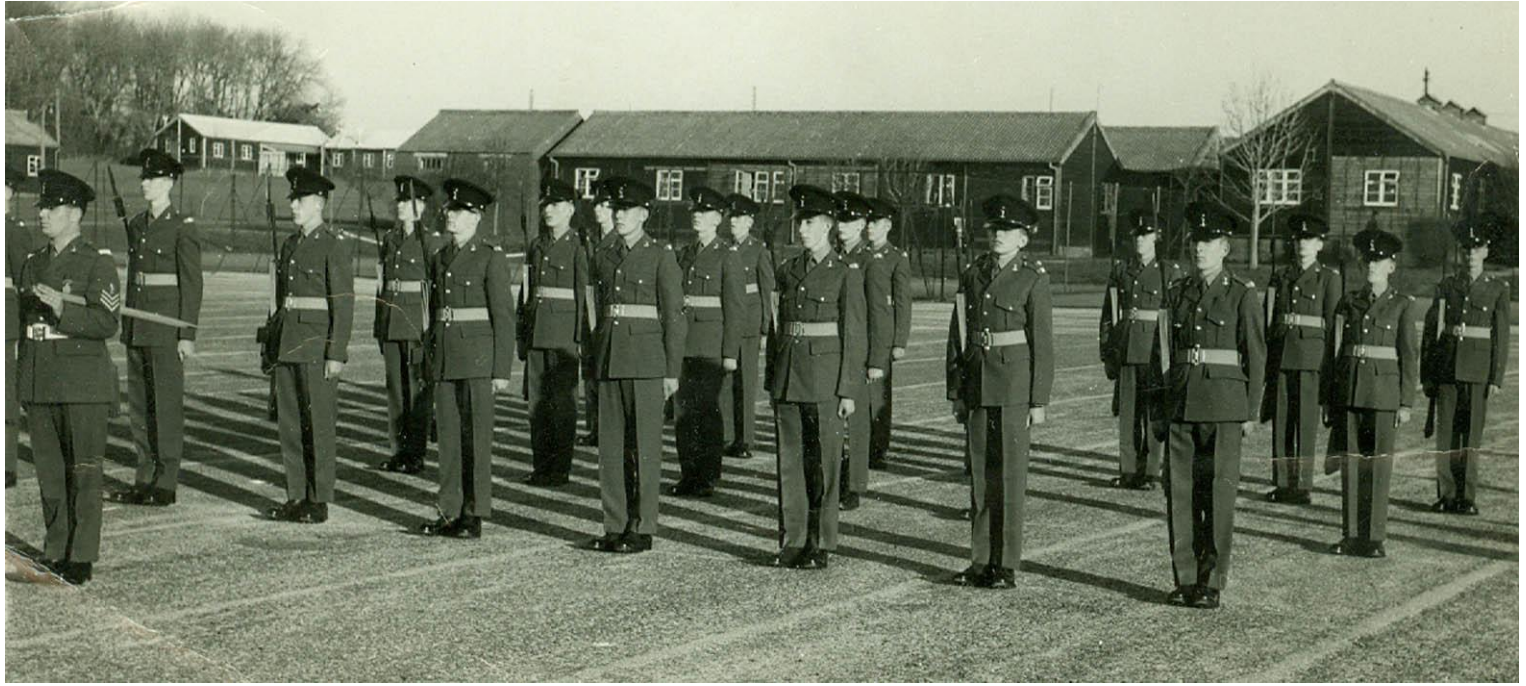
Dick Spry



Trevor 'Wacker' Calver

Graduation Day 15th December 1964

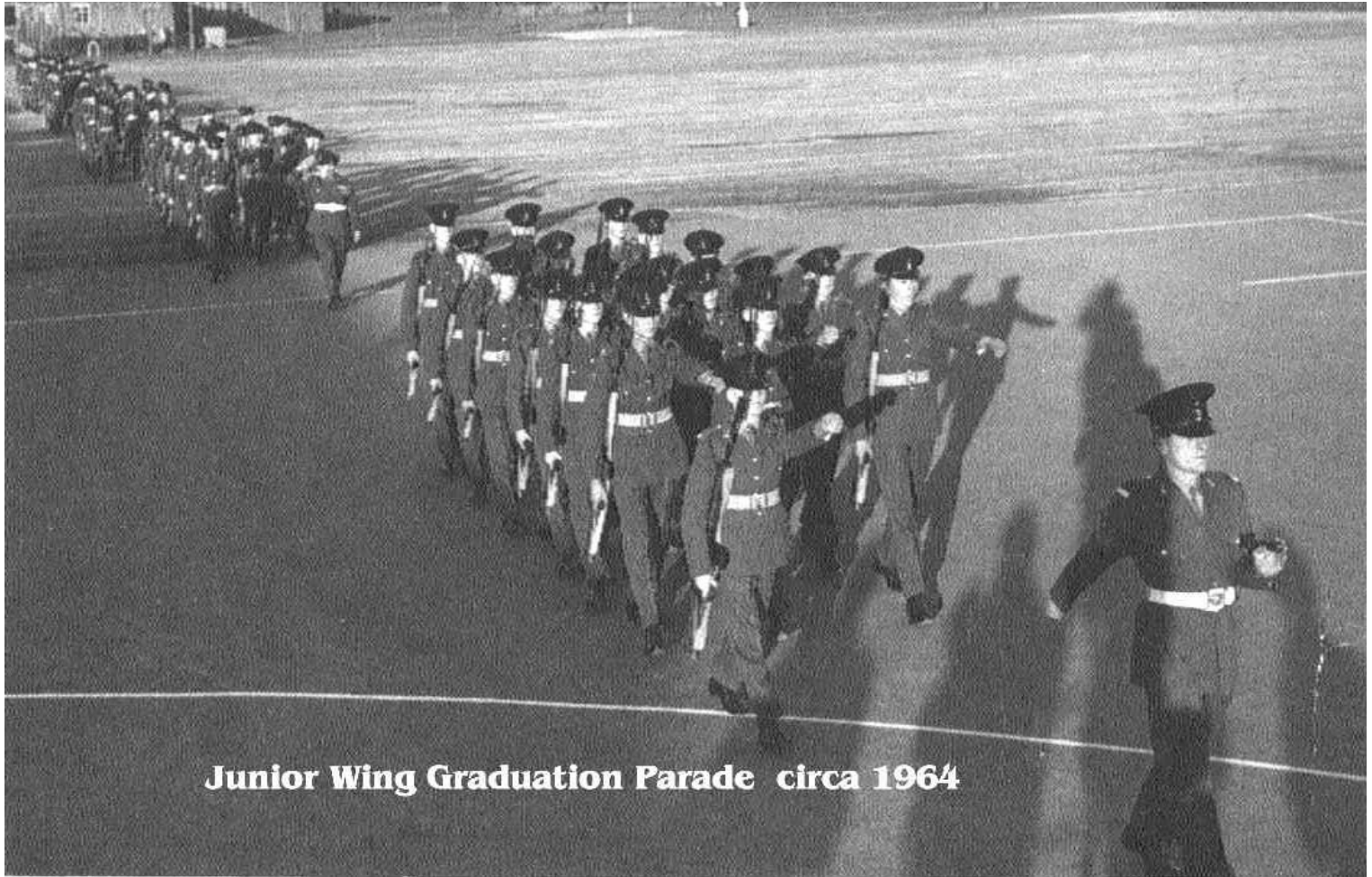
A Troop



B Troop



B Troop leading



Junior Wing Graduation Parade circa 1964

D + E + F Troops



Note the **Jerboa** + **Iron** flashes with white bands

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