

Eric,

I promised to let you have something about the book that I am writing on the badges and insignia of The King's 1958-2006 for the Newsletter. I hope that the attached is not too long.

As you will read I have expanded the scope of my research to produce a source book on all aspects of the regiment, not just its badges. I hope that by sending you my incomplete research into holders of the LS&GC I may be able to make contact with more veterans who would be interested in the project.

Thank you.

Robin Hodges

THE KING'S REGIMENT THE CITY REGIMENT OF MANCHESTER AND LIVERPOOL 1958-2006

Some months ago I visited 2 LANCS, my first return to The Regiment in 17 years. I was struck by how much interest there was in the history of our regiment and how easily the memory of that regiment might slip away. I asked the Colonel to be my patron for a small book I would write about the badges and insignia of The King's from 1958-2006. He very kindly agreed to support me and provided an excellent photograph of five officers wearing three different orders of dress. (No change there then).

With help from Gordon Tufnell, who has examples of the first badges issued in 1958 and photographs of the Band in various orders of dress, plus advice from Colonel Malcolm Grant Haworth, Colonel Martin Amlôt and Major Tommy Meacock I was able to put together a small pamphlet. However I remain very short of photographs of others apart from myself wearing our uniform. I thought an answer would be to copy the photographs of former Commanding Officers which are still held by 2 LANCS. Major Paul Tingey arranged for me to spend a day at Weeton but I discovered that some of the officers did not leave photographs of themselves in regimental dress. So the pamphlet is not finished as I still need to copy photographs of Kingsmen from 1958-2006. Can you help? Please email me at 729hodge@armymail.mod.uk if you have a suitable image that I could include.

I was then approached to expand the scope of the pamphlet to be a factual record of our regiment which would be useful for researchers and historians in the future. I had to do some of that research anyway for the badge pamphlet so I cracked on gathering the information from the Regimental Magazine and the London Gazette. I now have names and dates for most Commanding Officers, RSM, QM and Bandmasters, dates of commissions for most Late Entry officers, and most Honours and Awards published in the London Gazette.

Unfortunately long service awards were not listed until 1997 and the register that I have managed to put together so far does not have many entries.

I wonder if you can help complete the register of holders of the MSM and LS&GC?

Please email me at 729hodge@armymail.mod.uk with any names and dates that you can remember.

Register of Holders of the Meritorious Service Medal

The MSM was instituted in 1845 to reward "good, faithful, valuable and meritorious service, with conduct judged to be irreproachable throughout". A Commanding Officer may recommend a soldier of the rank of sergeant with at least twenty years' service who has the LS&GC. The number of MSMs awarded annually is limited to no more 89 although in practice many fewer awards are made.

Higgins, S/Sgt MA (3524582)	1960
Hutchinson, CSgt Ron	1990
Redmond, WO 2 KJ	1992
Smith, WO2 T	1992

Register of Holders of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military)

The Army LS&GC medal was instituted in 1830. The medal was originally awarded to soldiers of good conduct who had completed 21 years' service in the infantry or 24 years in the cavalry. In 1870, this qualifying period was reduced to 18 years for both Arms. In 1930 the title of the medal was changed to the Long Service and Good Conduct (Military) Medal. The same medal now rewarded long service in all three Services and across the dominion countries; Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India and South Africa.

During World War II a large number of regular soldiers were commissioned and they could also be awarded the medal if they had completed at least 12 of their 18 years' service in the ranks.

On 1 December 1977 the qualifying time was reduced to 15 years.

With effect from 25 March 1997 all recipients of the LS&GC were notified in The London Gazette, previously only the names of those who had qualified having been commissioned were included.

Clasp to the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

A Clasp to the LS&GC was introduced in 1940 awarded for an additional 15 year's service. When the ribbon alone is worn on a uniform a silver rosette denotes the award of the Clasp. An officer is eligible for the award of the Clasp if 22 or more of the 30 years of their service has been in the ranks.

Bartley, Sgt AV, 24378430	2006
Gannon, Kgn (Nippy)	1960
Smith, WO2 T (Tommy)	1994

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

The qualifying time was 18 years until 1 December 1977 when it was reduced to 15 years.

Aldridge, CSgt PJ, 24815167	2004	Clarke, Lt H	1970
Atkins, Sgt AJ, 24772683	2002	Cockram, CSgt PTI, 24818862	2006
Attwood, Dave		Cooper, Cpl S, 24869121	2006
Bevan, Sgt PA, 24815169	2006	Copland, Cpl G, 24593646	1997
Brady, Sgt P, 24763733	2001	Courtnage, Cpl RC, 24546949	1996
Brodie, LCpl M, 24763792	2002	Critchely, Sgt BR, 24830838	2005
Buckley, Cpl JA, 24738694	2001	Daly, Band S/Sgt J	1961
Burniston, Sgt PE, 24900830	2006	Devlin, CSgt MJH, 24823525	2006
Byrne, CSgt Brian	1991	Devonport, Cpl P, 24578529	1996
Camozzi, CSgt GR, 24498809	1997	Donkin BEM, WO2 (DMaj) SA (Steve),	1981
Carrington, Cpl JA, 24632060	1998	Donohue, CSgt AJ, 24578485	1996

Downey, WO1 A, 24593857	2006	McManus, Sgt PJ, 24676496	1998
Edwards, Cpl JA, 24558177	1998	McNab, CSgt RS, 24788789	2004
Flanagan, LCpl C, 24826844	2004	Mellor, Sgt B, 24513693	1996
Francis, Sgt CJ, 24797459	2004	Molyneux, Cpl LP, 24841612	2004
Gayle, Sgt EJ, 24599474	1996	Molyneux, Cpl PI, 24801842	2002
Hamley, Sgt LA, 24788223	2002	Moore, Cpl RA, 24828608	2005
Hesketh, Cpl G, 24876939	2007	Nolan, Sgt DR, 24817867	2002
Hewitt, Cpl LD, 24802405	2002	Norris, Cpl SM, 24788221	2002
Hilton, Cpl JD, 24565458	1995	Oakley, PS	1977?
Hodson, Cpl PT, 24856605	2004	Perkins, Major (QM) NJ	1980
Hollingsworth, Tony		Piercy, Captain SJ	2003
Holloway, Sgt SE, 24830566	2005	Pottinger, LCpl A, 24870147	2006
Hunt, Mick		Reid, CSgt RJ, 24472802	1998
Hutchinson, Ron, 23928046	1977?	Robertson, WO1 (BM) Douglas	
Jobes, Lt John J	1977	Talbot, Cpl SI, 24752399	2002
Johnson, Sgt MA, 24513183	1995	Taylor, Captain P	1970
Jones, LCpl T, 24896856	2007	Theaker, Cpl G, 24599060	1995
Jordan, WO2 G, 24772653	2002	Thomas, Sgt CD, 24460104	1997
Larsen, Les		Thorne, WO2 AM, 24463088	1999
Ledden, Sgt CR, 24626997	1997	Threlfall, Cpl K, 24877300	2006
MacKenzie, Cpl N, 24676133	1999	Vickers, Sgt Colin	1991
Mather, Cpl PJ, 24738523	2001	Vout, Cpl LR, 24898139	2007
Mayes, Sgt GS, 24828384	2004	Wilkinson, Sgt J, 24905936	2006
McCowan, Cpl PW, 24689039	1999	Wilson, Cpl WSS, 24760464	2006
McGinn, Cpl ASJ, 24896382	2006	Wright, Sgt KJD, 24713041	