



THE COMPANY OF OFFICER CADETS  
OFFICER CADET SCHOOL

*Presentation*  
OF THE  
*Queen's and Regimental Colours*

BY

Field Marshal

His Royal Highness the Prince Philip

Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT, GBE

AT

**SOUTH MELBOURNE**

**SATURDAY, 1st JUNE, 1968**



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## THE COLOURS

Since earliest times, warriors have carried standards or flags as a distinguishing mark and to serve as a rallying point during battle. To lose the standard often meant that the leader was lost and thus the standard became symbolic of the spirit and tradition of the group to which it belonged.

Arising from this ancient tradition units of today are allowed two Colours — Queen's Colour and Regimental Colour. The Queen's Colour is a reminder to all ranks of their loyalty and duty to their Sovereign and their Country. The Regimental Colour is a symbol of Regimental tradition and of the duty owed by each Member to the Regiment. The Colours are highly valued, carefully guarded and treated with great respect.

Until 1881 the Colours were taken to war and were carried at the head of each Regiment by young officers called Ensigns. History records many acts of bravery performed in order to prevent the Colours falling into the hands of the enemy. However, with the introduction of more modern weapons the casualty rate amongst Colour and Standard Bearers became so high that, since the Boer War, when a unit departs for active service, the Colours are entrusted to the care of the Civic Authorities or placed in a Cathedral or local Church until the troops return.

Before being presented, the Colours are always consecrated at a religious ceremony on parade when God's blessing on them is asked. This dates back to the Battle of the Standard in 1138 when the Yeomen of Yorkshire, fighting the Scots, took with them consecrated banners from York Cathedral, and fought so fiercely to save the banners that they defeated heavy odds.

Today the Company of Officer Cadets is to be presented with its new Colours in continuance of this ancient military tradition.





Colonel B. L. Bogle  
*Commandant, Officer Cadet School, Portsea*

*Previous Commandants, Officer Cadet School*

Colonel J. W. Harrison, OBE	5th January, 1952	— 31st May, 1954
Colonel T. F. Cape, MBE, DSO	1st June, 1954	— 28th November, 1956
Colonel D. R. Jackson, DSO	29th November, 1956	— 12th December, 1957
Colonel J. G. Ochiltree, OBE	13th December, 1957	— 13th December, 1960
Colonel S. T. G. Coleman, OBE	14th December, 1960	— 28th December, 1964
Colonel H. G. Bates, OBE	29th December, 1964	— 4th January, 1968

# ON PARADE

*General Officer Commanding Southern Command*  
Major General R. W. Knights, CBE

*Commandant, Officer Cadet School*  
Colonel B. L. Bogle

## THE COMPANY OF OFFICER CADETS

*Battalion Sergeant Major*  
Senior Under Officer H. A. Weatherhead

*Second in Command*  
Under Officer R. J. Matthews

*Ensigns for the Colours*  
Under Officer D. G. Tyson  
Under Officer D. T. Read

*Guard Commanders*  
Sergeant P. T. Grant  
Sergeant P. Bergmann  
Sergeant R. A. Wigney  
Sergeant C. J. Phillips

*Regimental Sergeant Major*  
Warrant Officer Class 1 A. F. Timms

*Troops holding ground are from the Army Apprentices School, Balcombe  
under the command of Major T. F. H. Walker.*



# ORDER OF PARADE

The Company of Officer Cadets marches on to the parade ground and forms up on the inspection line.

The Commandant, Officer Cadet School, Colonel B. L. Bogle arrives and is received by the parade.

The General Officer Commanding Southern Command Major General R. W. Knights, CBE, arrives and is received by the parade.

Distinguished Guests arrive and are received by the parade.

Field Marshal His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT, GBE arrives and is received by the parade.

His Royal Highness inspects The Company of Officer Cadets and The Massed Bands of Southern Command and the Royal Australian Armoured Corps.

The Company forms a hollow square, drums piled in the centre to form an altar.

The New Colours of The Company are uncased by the senior and junior Majors, and placed on the piled drums.

The Commandant leads The Company in a service of dedication in which all members re-affirm their allegiance to their Queen and Country.

The Chaplains-General consecrate, bless and dedicate the Colours.

His Royal Highness presents the Colours to the ensigns of the Colour Party.

His Royal Highness addresses the Parade.

The Commandant, Colonel B. L. Bogle responds.

The Company of Cadets reforms line and salutes the Colours.

The Colours are slow-marched into The Company.

The Company of Officer Cadets marches past in slow and quick time, reforms on the inspection line, and advances in review order.

His Royal Highness departs the Parade.

Distinguished Guests depart.

Major General Knights departs.

The Commandant departs.

The ceremony concludes with The Company of Officer Cadets marching off the Parade.

## NOTES FOR VISITORS

It is customary to stand, and for Gentlemen to remove their hats on the following occasions:

- a. On the arrival and departure of His Royal Highness.
- b. During the playing of the National Anthem, and during a Royal Salute.
- c. During the Consecration of the Colours by the Chaplains-General.
- d. During the March Past, when the Colours pass the immediate front of a spectator.

All ranks attending the Parade in uniform, stand to attention and salute:

- a. During the playing of the National Anthem.
- b. When the Colours pass during the March Past.

# THE CONSECRATION SERVICE

*When all is ready, the Commandant, Officer Cadet School, shall say:*

Forasmuch as men at all times have made for themselves signs and emblems of their allegiance to their rulers, and of their duty to uphold those laws and institutions which God's providence has called them to obey; we, following this ancient and pious custom, and remembering that God Himself led his people into Israel by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day, are met together before God to ask His Blessing on these Colours, which are to represent to us our duty towards our Sovereign and our Country. May they never be unfurled, save in the cause of justice and righteousness; and may God make them to be, to those who follow them, a sign of His presence in all dangers and distresses, and so increase their faith and hope in Him, Who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

*The Commandant and Officer Cadets shall then say:*

Commandant: To the Service of God and the hallowing of His Holy Name;

All: We dedicate ourselves afresh.

Commandant: To the love of our Queen and Country, and to the welfare of mankind;

All: We dedicate ourselves afresh.

Commandant: To the maintenance of honour and sanctity of man's plighted word;

All: We dedicate ourselves afresh.

Commandant: To the protection of all those who pass to and fro on their lawful occasions;

All: We dedicate ourselves afresh.

Commandant: To the preservation of order and good government;

All: We dedicate ourselves afresh.

Commandant: To the hallowed memory of our comrades, whose courage and endurance add undying lustre to our emblems;

All: We dedicate our Colours.

Commandant: In continual remembrance of our solemn oath and in token of our resolve faithfully and truly to keep it to the end;

All: We dedicate our Colours.

*The Company of Officer Cadets will be called to attention, the spectators standing, gentlemen removing headdress. The Commandant shall then say to the Chaplains-General:*

Reverend Sirs, on behalf of The Company of Officer Cadets, we ask you to bid God's blessing on these Colours.

*Each Chaplain-General on the Parade will then in turn move forward to Consecrate, Bless or Dedicate the Colours.*



Chaplain-General A. E. S. Begbie, E.D., Church of England, laying his hand on the Colours, shall say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do consecrate and set apart these Colours, that they may be a sign of our duty towards our Queen and our Country in the sight of God. Amen.

Chaplain-General J. A. Morgan, E.D., Roman Catholic, blessing the Colours, shall say:

Bless, O Lord, these Colours which we bless in Thy Name, that those who follow them, may be ever mindful of Thy Presence, guided by Thy Will, and guarded by Thy Providence.

Making the Sign of the Cross over the Colours he continues:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

The Colours are now sprinkled with Holy Water.

Chaplain-General H. Cunningham, E.D., Protestant Denominations, laying his hand on the Colours, shall say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do dedicate and set apart these Colours, that they may be a sign of our duty towards our Queen and our Country in the sight of God. Amen.

*The Company of Officer Cadets will be stood at ease.*

Then all on Parade shall say after the Chaplain:

Who beholdest all the kingdom of the earth; have regard unto our land; that it may continue a place and a people; who serve Thee to the end of time.

Grant that all who live beneath our flag; may be so mindful of its crosses; that they may work for the good of others: according to the example of Him; Who died upon a cross in the service of men.

Let Thy gracious favour rest on all; who shall follow the Colours now about to be committed to our trust. May our courage ever rest: on success: and patience: in the name of adversity.

May our honour lie: in seeking the honour and glory of Thy Great Name: through Jesus Christ: our Lord, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

*Spectators may now resume their seats.*

## OFFICER CADET SCHOOL STAFF

### *Commandant*

Colonel B. L. Bogle, Australian Staff College

### SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS

<i>Major In Charge of Administration</i>	Major L. T. Mangan, Royal Australian Infantry Corps
<i>Quartermaster</i>	Captain J. H. Dent, Royal Australian Infantry Corps
<i>Administrative Officer</i>	Captain G. A. Quail, Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps
<i>Regimental Sergeant Major</i>	Warrant Officer Class 1 A. F. Timms, Royal Australian Infantry Corps

### THE COMPANY OF OFFICER CADETS

<i>Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor Major Training Co-ordination</i>	Lieutenant Colonel G. Hollings, Royal Australian Infantry Corps Major J. L. Macpherson, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery
<i>Adjutant</i>	Captain M. P. Blake, Royal Australian Infantry Corps

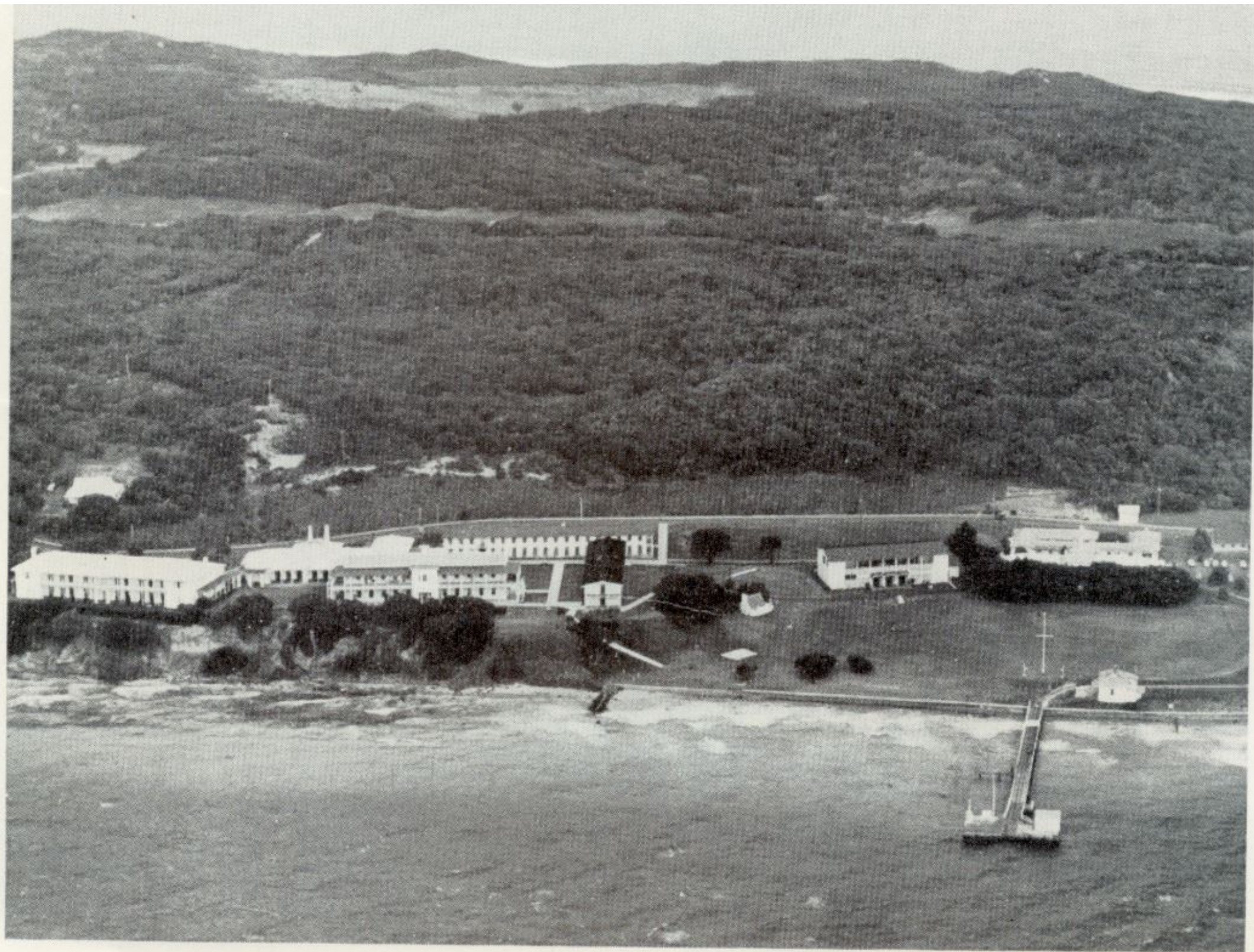
### FIELD WING

<i>Senior Instructor</i>	Major I. C. Teague, Royal Australian Infantry Corps
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain M. J. Carroll, Royal Australian Infantry Corps
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain D. B. Ferguson, Royal Australian Army Service Corps
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain G. D. Hoffman, Royal Australian Infantry Corps
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain R. J. Ivey, Royal Australian Infantry Corps
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain B. J. Marshall, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain G. F. Walker, Royal Australian Infantry Corps
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain P. J. Schuman, M.C., Royal Australian Infantry Corps

### MILITARY ARTS WING

<i>Senior Instructor</i>	Major G. H. Bindley, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain R. G. Elder, Royal Australian Corps of Signals
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain D. H. Fraser, MA, DIP ED., Royal Australian Army Education Corps
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain W. L. Rutledge, Royal Australian Armoured Corps
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain E. W. Simpson, Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain P. N. Wailes, Royal Australian Engineers
<i>Instructor</i>	Captain W. Weir, Royal Australian Army Education Corps





*An aerial view of the Officer Cadet School, Portsea*



# OFFICER CADET SCHOOL

## HISTORICAL NOTES

School Motto: Loyalty and Service

School Marches: Quick March: "Portsea"

Slow March: "By Land and Sea"

The Officer Cadet School was established at Portsea, Victoria, in 1951, when, with the Army's rapid growth, more officers were required than the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and other sources could provide. The first Commandant was Colonel J. W. Harrison, CBE, now Major General Harrison, CB, CBE, GOC Eastern Command.

The School opened with a class of 71 cadets on 5th January, 1952, and at the first graduation parade on 6th June, 1952, 61 cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants. Since the School's establishment, 1306 officers have graduated, of whom 1106 were Australian, 137 from New Zealand, 29 from Malaysia, and 12 from the Philippines. Several other countries have at some time sent young men for officer training at the School including Singapore, Brunei, Nigeria, Fiji and Thailand. In addition the School has produced seven officers for the RAAF.

From 1952-4 cadets completed a six month course before graduation, but in 1955 this was extended to twelve months with two intakes each year. At present 132 cadets are undergoing training of whom 64 are in the Senior Class and 68 are in the Junior Class. The course is designed primarily to produce regimental officers for all Arms and Services of the Army. Cadets enter the school from service and civilian sources in January and July each year.

Several graduates of the Officer Cadet School have distinguished themselves in their later service by acts of outstanding courage and heroism. Major Peter Badcoe's VC awarded posthumously after an engagement with the enemy in Vietnam leads an impressive list of awards including nine Military Crosses, a DFC and an MBE, bestowed on graduates of the School.

In the sixteen years since its foundation the Officer Cadet School has proved itself as a source of the highest ideals in the Australian Army and the Australian nation, capably meeting the challenge of its motto—"Loyalty and Service."



# PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

by

The Combined Bands of  
SOUTHERN COMMAND

and the

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMOURED CORPS

Bandmaster — Lieutenant I. C. Fischer

Drum Major — Warrant Officer Class 2 E. Trotter

The Company of Officer Cadets  
Marches on Parade

*"Light of Foot"*

Royal Salute

*National Anthem*

Inspection

*"Queen's Parade"*

Salute to the Colours

*National Anthem*

March Past in Slow Time

*"By Land and Sea"*  
*OCS Regimental March*

March Past in Quick Time

*"On the Quarter-Deck"*  
*"Portsea" — OCS Regimental March*

Advance in Review Order

*"Advance Australia Fair"*

Royal Salute

*National Anthem*

Royal Salute for Departure  
of His Royal Highness

*National Anthem*

March Off the Colours

*"Point of War"*  
*"The Standard of St. George"*

Company Marches off Parade

*"The Thin Red Line"*