



ST. GEORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN

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Dear Friend and Member,

November, 1983.

The November Meeting will be held as follows:-

Date: Friday Evening, November 18th, 1983, at 8.00 p.m.

Place: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Princes Highway, Rockdale.

Business: General.

Syllabus Item: Mr. Hammond, Public Relations Officer, Police Department, will speak on the 'History of the Police Force' and will illustrate his talk with slides.

Supper Roster: Captain. Miss Dunsmore, with Miss Wilding and Mrs. Mendoza.

Ladies please bring a plate.

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"Ah! When shall all mens good be each man's rule, and Universal Peace lie like a shaft of light across the land?"

.....Alfred Lord Tennyson.

A cheerio for Members who are not so well - we hope to see you at the meetings soon.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The St. George Historical Society is pleased to announce that the following books, Nos. 1 - 7 written and illustrated by the late Gifford H. Eardley for the Society, have been reprinted and are now available. Books Nos. 8 and 9 have been compiled by Mrs. Bronwyn Perkins.

No. 1	"The Wollli Creek Valley" (Re print now available))	
No. 2	"Kogarah to Sans Souci Tramway")	Price
No. 3	"Saywells Tramway - Rockdale to Lady Robinson's Beach)	\$2.50
No. 4	"Arncliffe to Bexley Tramway")	Plus Postage
No. 5	"Our Heritage in Stone")	
No. 6	"All Stations to Como")	
No. 7	"Tempe and the Black Creek Valley")	
No. 8	"Early Churches of the St. George District"		
No. 9	"Early Settlers of the St. George District" now available,		
	Price \$4.00 plus postage.		

For your copy of the above books, please contact one of the following:-

Mrs. E. Wright - Phone 599.4884, Miss B. Otton - Phone 59.4259 (after 8 p.m.)
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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

Annual Subscription due July, 1983. Single Sub. - \$5.00
Family Sub. - \$7.00

If your Sub. has been paid, please disregard this notice.

FINAL NOTICE: Bulletin will discontinue from November, 1983.

2NBC-FM STEREO 90.1 - ST. GEORGE SOCIETY SEGMENT.

Tuesday Evenings 6.30 p.m. - 6.45 p.m.

Tape 28 - 15th November, 1983 - History on Tap at those Corner Pubs.	D. Sinclair.
Tape 29 - 22nd November, 1983 - The Collins Family	J. Faulkner.
Tape 30 - 29th November, 1983 - The Banks' Papers in the Mitchell Library	D. Sinclair.
Tape 31 - 6th December, 1983 - Cameos of Development	J. Faulkner.
Tape 32 - 13th December, 1983 - Trams	D. Sinclair.
Tape 33 - 20th December, 1983 - Free Cream for Christmas Day and Sanitation.	D. Sinclair.
Tape 34 - 27th December, 1983 - St. George - Patron Saint of England	E. Eardley

Tape 35 - 3rd January, 1984 - The Bexley Ladies' College	J. Faulkner.
Tape 36 - 10th January, 1984 - Fire & Fire Brigades.	E. Eardley.
Tape 37 - 17th January, 1984 - Turner Bros., Kogarah.	B. Perkins.
Tape 38 - 24th January, 1984 - The Fitzgerald Family and Fitzgerald Hill	A. Ellis.
Tape 39 - 31st January, 1984 - Collecting Material for Local History	B. Perkins.
Tape 40 - 7th February, 1984 - The Girrawheen Park, Earlwood	A. Ellis.
Tape 41 - 14th February, 1984 - Rocky Pt. Rd. - P. Geeves.	B. Perkins.
Tape 42 - 21st February, 1984 - The Proposed Georges River Water Supply Scheme.	A. Ellis.

THE ST. GEORGE'S ENGLISH RIFLE REGIMENT -

36th BATTALION -

- supplied by :R K Cooper
N.S.W. Military Historical
Society -
12 Irvine Crescent Ryde 2112.

- taken from: Australian Army
Lineage Book by A.N.Festberg
1965 - pages 137 & 138.

In submitting the following information, the N.S.W.
Military Historical Society requests:

"any further information on -

- a. the areas and/or locations from which the unit was recruited, had its depots and paraded.
- b. names and ranks, and addresses if still living, of men who served in the unit at any time.
- c. the present location of any records of the unit and/or details of where any records may have been placed.
- d. the location of any 'laid-up' colours of the Regt. with details of the 'laying-up' ceremony and date(s) thereof."

- . 7th N.S.W. Infantry Regiment (St. George's Rifles)
now St. George's English Rifles Regiment Volunteers -
GO 269/1903
- . St. George's English Rifle Regiment now 1st Battalion
St. George's English Rifle Regiment - MO 87/1908
- . Honorary Distinction: "South Africa 1901-02" to be
borne for 7th Regiment NSW Infantry - MO 123/1908
- . Honorary Banner awarded for South African service -
MO 132/1909
- . Parts of 1/ St. George's English Rifle Regiment and
1/1st Australian Infantry Regiment now 31st Infantry -
MO 277/1912
- . 31st Infantry now 31st (Leichardt) Infantry - MO 493/913
- . 31st & 29th Infantry now 2nd Battalion 36th
Infantry Regiment
31st & 29th Battalion Senior Cadets now 3rd
Battalion 36th Infantry Regiment - MO 364/1918

- . Parts of 2/36th & 5/4th Infantry Regiment and 5/53rd Infantry Regiments now 36th Battalion -
MO 95/1921
- . Battle Honours for World War 1 awarded:
Messines 1917, Ypres 1917, Polygon Wood,
Broodsbinde, Poelcappelle, Passchendaele,
Somme 1918 - France and Flanders 1916 - 1918 -
AAO 112/1927
- . Territorial Title: "St George's English Rifles"
& Mottor: "St. George for Merrie England" approved -
AAO 132/1927
- . Alliance to the Worcestershire Regiment approved -
AAO 132/1930
- . Territorial Title & Motto - re-confirmed -
AAO 175/1937
- . 36th Battalion now 36th Aust. Infantry Battalion -
Disbanded - 21st July 1945.
- . Alliance to The Worcestershire Regiment - terminated
AAO 47/11/1951
- . Battle Honours for World War 2 - awarded:
Buna-Gona, Sananda Road, Liberation of Australian
New Guinea, South West Pacific 1942-45 -
AAO 135/1961

From "Despatch" - Journal of the N.S.W. Military
Historical Society - Dec.1978 -

"and many men - perhaps all men at certain times - felt
ready to lose a leg or an arm in exchange for a permanent
return to Blighty.

Reference: 1. "The Long Trail. Soldier's Songs & Slang
1914-18" John Brophy & Eric Partridge "
(First Sphere Books edition, 1969).

St. George's English Rifles.

Captain J.C. Neild - commanding
Captains F Farnell, H.J.Stibbs & J.C.Waine
Lieutenants: W Morgan, T.A.Smith & J.A.S. Perry
Second-Lieutenants: W H Piddington, C Collins
& J W Neisigh.

The full-dress uniform of the corps was as follows:
Scarlet tunic with buff facings on collar,
shoulder straps and cuffs, blue cloth trousers,
with scarlet welt, busby as worn by 66th Rifles (Imperial).
The busby was discarded for a white helmet having a
buff colored puggaree with a scarlet centre, on March 27
1903. Regimental badge: St. George and **Dragon**.

The field service uniform consisted of a brown jacket, with buff facings with scarlet piping round shoulder straps and scarlet mohair braid around the cuffs; a felt hat, with a puggaree of three pleats of Royal blue; with half-inch piping of buff between each pleat. A scarlet wing feather was worn on the left side of the hat.

On June 3, 1897, the establishment of the corps was increased to six companies, and the commanding officer was given the substantive rank on major on the 20th of the same month.

The 16th February in the following year saw another important change, the corps being gazetted as the 7th Volunteer Infantry Regiment (St. George's Rifles), to take effect from the date of its original formation as a corps, viz., June 20, 1896. The commanding officer was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-colonel on April 27, 1898.

During the period from October 3, 1899, to July 1, 1902, 3 officers, 5 non-commissioned officers, and 67 privates of the regiment served in the South African war. No.60, Private Belton Andrew Halley, was killed at Elansdorp on October 1, 1900 whilst serving with the N.S.W. Mounted Infantry contingent. The regiment was awarded the King's Banner, inscribed -

"South Africa, 1900-1".

The regiment was represented at the opening of the first Commonwealth Parliament by the Duke of Cornwall and York by a selected Unit, consisting of 2 officers and 52 non-commissioned officers and men, under the command of Captain J.W. Gosbell and Lieutenant G.K. Kirkland.

The establishment of the corps was increased to 8 companies on March 27, 1903, by the transfer of 2 companies from the 8th Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

On the transfer of the State troops to the Commonwealth the number of the regiment was abolished, the corps being designated as the "St. George's English Rifle Regiment", and subsequently as the "1st Battalion St. George's English Rifle Regiment". The full dress remained as before, save that a scroll, bearing the title of the regiment, was added to the badge. The old field service uniform gave place to the Commonwealth pattern as now worn. The present strength of the regiment is 509.

On January 1 of the present year, this regiment (together with the other volunteer units) was transferred to the militia forces of the Commonwealth.

The following officers form the regimental staff at present:

Lieutenant-Colonel G. K. Kirkland, commanding;
Major F J Gallagher, Major M Jacob, Adjutant;
Lieutenant H A Binstead, Quarter-Master,
Colonel J C Neild (retired list) is the honorary colonel of the regiment.

The other officers are the following:

Captains Healey, Rook, Nock, Blake, Newton,
Purser and Terrett;
Lieutenants Longmuir, Chapman, Longhurst, Robins,
Davey, Radley and Steel;
Second-Lieutenants Mathews, Ferguson, Collins,
Miller, Kean, Toyer, Harkness, Watkins, Crooker
and Stelling.

Colonel Kirkland was born at Derby (Eng) on May 5, 1863, and educated at the Grammar School of his native town. He adopted engineering as a profession, and served seven years in the 1st Battalion Derbyshire Volunteer Regiment. He left England for Sydney in 1884, and in the Queen City of the South engaged in business as electrical engineer. He joined the N.S.W. military forces on March 29, 1899, when he received his first appointment (second-lieutenant) in the corps which he commands. He was promoted lieutenant in 1901, captain in 1903, major in 1906, and lieutenant-

colonel in 1908, passing all his examinations with credit. He qualified at the following Schools of Instruction:

Infantry drill, Classes A & B, topography, engineering and musketry, and he also underwent a special University course in 1908. He was militia adjutant from September 1, 1902, to January 16, 1906; and has commanded the regiment since January 17, 1906. Standing 6 ft. 2½" in his stockings, the Colonel is one of the tallest men in the service. He is an ardent soldier, and personally deservedly popular. One of his prominent characteristics is thoroughness, and he is an utter disbeliever in half-measures, not only in military affairs, but in matters generally.

The motto of the regiment is "St. George for Merrie England".

Orders for Dress & Clothing - Extracts from Military Forces of the Commonwealth 1906 - embodying amendments made up to 31-5.1912.

The St. George's English Rifle Regiment. Full Dress.

433. Helmet - as described in para 418. Furniture to be in silver.

434. Puggaree - Silk 2½" in width, in 3 pleats; the centre pleat scarlet; the upper and lower, buff.

435. Tunic - Scarlet cloth, 7 Commonwealth buttons (39 lines) down the front, collar and cuffs, buff. Royal blue piping down front and at the opening behind, with a scarlet flap on the back of each; flaps edged round with silver Russian braid; 3 Commonwealth buttons (39 lines) on each flap, and 2 Commonwealth buttons (39 lines) at waist. The collar ornamented with 5/8" silver Russian braid along the lower edge. Shoulder straps of twisted silver cord, lined with buff, with badge of rank in gold.

Cuffs: Lieutenants - Pointed with 1/2" silver lace round the top, extending to 7½" from bottom of cuff, and a tracing of silver Russian braid above and below the lace; the lower braid having a crow's foot and eyes, the upper braid having an Austrian knot extending at top to 9" from bottom of cuff.

Captains: Braiding on sleeves same as for Field Officers, excepting that the tracing is plain, without eyes.

Collar as for Lieutenants. Field Officers - have a row of silver braid eyes below the lace on the collar. Two bars of lace along the top of cuff, and the silver braiding in the form of eyes above and below the lace for Colonels & Lieutenant Colonels, and above the lace only for Majors. Lace to extend 8" and Austrian knot to 10" from bottom of cuff.

- 436. Button) as described in Appendix IX(a)
- 437. Badges)
- 438. Trousers) see para.24; blue cloth with 1/4"
- 439. Pantaloon) scarlet welt down wise seams.
- 440. Sash - crimson silk.
- 441. Boots - Patent leather, Wellington or black ankle boots. When mounted, black butcher boots.

Approved patent leather leggins and lace boots may be worn by all arms, in lieu of butcher boots, black with blue pantaloon, brown with cord pantaloon.

- 442. Spurs - Steel as described in para 21.
- 443. Spur Straps - black leather.
- 444. Sword & Scabbard - As described in Appendix VII(c)

- 445. Sword Belt & Slings - Of white patent leather; polished silver-plated square buckle, on the centre of which is mounted in gilt, the badge of the State, viz. a wreath of waratahs surmounted by a crown, enclosing a cross bearing a star on the end of each arm, and having the figure of a lion in its centre.

Sword Knot - Cord and acorn of silver with scarlet thread worked in.

Gloves - White doeskin.

- 418. Helmet - ...Regimental badge will be worn.
- Furniture - Militia in gilt or gilding metal; Volunteers - silver.
- Spike of bright metal mounted on a bright dome base, dimensions -
- Height of spike from place of insertion in dome - 2 3/4"
- Total height of spike & dome - 3 1/4"
- Diameter of spike at point of contact with dome - 1"
- Diameter of dome - 1 7/8" full
- Circumference of dome at point of contact with helmet - 5 7/8".

General Instructions - Officers.

Hat - Khaki felt - looped up on left side with hook and eye; socket for plume; Commonwealth or regimental badge on outside of rim, looped up; leather chin-strap;...inch broad, with adjusting buckle.

Helmet - Universal Pattern (except Headquarters and District Staffs) - Cork, covered with white cloth in six seams, bound with buff leather at the bottom; above the ... and going round the helmet, a buff leather band 1" wide, stitched top and bottom. The head piece let in with zig-zag ventilator, a back peak to centre of crown 12"; front peak to centre of crown, 10 3/4"; side to centre of crown, 9" , side hooks, curb chain, the links 1/8" wide; the chain lined with white leather. At top of helmet a collet riveted on to a collar 3/8" wide to receive spike or ball and base. A hook at side to which the chin-chain is attached when not required to be worn under the chin. Helmet badge to be worn. For furniture, mountings and puggaree, see under respective units.

Trousers - Blue serge, red cloth welt 1/4" wide on outside of each leg, from waist band, top pocket on right side only; light lining on waist band; strong lining at back of all buttons.

Boots - black, ankle.

The St. George's English Rifle Regiment. Full Dress.

Helmet - As described in para.32. Furniture to be of white metal. Spike mounted on a dome base.

Puggaree - 2 1/2" in width, in 3 pleats, the centre fold scarlet, upper and lower, buff.

Tunic - Scarlet cloth, 7 Commonwealth buttons (39 lines) down front, 7th button-hole seamed, not worked; shoulder straps of buff cloth, lined with scarlet cloth, 1 small button-hole and button. Stand collar, 1 1/2" high, of buff cloth, 1/8" blue cloth at seam on tunic, edges at top and ends of collar have 3/4" white braid. Black patent leather tab at collar, with metal hook and eye to fasten collar. One large button sewn on each top

of skirt behind. One $1\frac{1}{2}$ " brass hook on each side of skirt seam. Three large buttons on each top pleat at back below waist, each top pleat has $\frac{1}{2}$ " blue cloth edging at top, buttons back edge not on front edge. Blue cloth edging $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide down front of tunic from collar to bottom of front on the button-hole side. Scarlet cloth at front of tunic, has scarlet edge on button side; lining of brown Italian cloth, to the seam at waist, and from waist seam to $\frac{1}{2}$ " of bottom edge, scarlet Indian cloth, canvas lining about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide all round at waist seam under the brown and scarlet Indian cloth; sleeves light lining; inside pocket at lining on button-hole side, from second button-hole, nearly to fifth button-hole.

Buttons & Badges - as described....

Trousers - blue serge, $\frac{1}{4}$ " scarlet welt down outside seam of each leg, top pocket on each side.

Sash -(Sergeant's) - Silk or worsted, with tassels.

Boots - black ankle.

Any reader who has any further information may wish to contact the N.S.W. Military Historical Society, c/- Mr R K Cooper of 12 Irvine Crescent, Ryde, N.S.W. 2112, direct.
