



British Guiana.

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## BRITISH GUIANA VOLUNTEER FORCE

FOR THE YEAR

1961



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PART 1

1. GENERAL

This report covers the period 1st January to 31st December, 1961, during which time the Force was commanded by Lt. Colonel C.L. deFreitas, E.D.

2. TRAINING

The training period commenced on 9th February and ended on 12th November.

(a) The following pre-Camp Training was carried out during period 6th July to 14th September, 1961:

- (i) Route March.
- (ii) Officers Tactical Cadre on Signal Training.
- (iii) Warrant Officers and Sergeant's Cadre on Map Reading.
- (iv) Junior N.C.O's Tactical Cadre.
- (v) Ceremonial Drill - All ranks.
- (vi) Officers - Sword and Colour Drill.

(b) Recruit Training commenced on 6th March, and ended at Camp with a passing out Parade.

(c) CAMP

The Annual Training Camp was held at "Haywood Camp", Tacama, from 16th to 30th September. A Total of 430 Officers and men attended, also 2 Officers and one Platoon The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

(d) During this period the following training was carried out:-

- (i) Trained Men: - Fieldcraft - Demonstration Platoon - Organisation and Platoon Fire Power - Weapon Training - Assault Course - Field Exercises by Companies - Battalion Drill - Open Range Firing.
- (ii) Specialist Training: By Mortar and Signal Platoons.
- (iii) Recruit Training: - Weapon Training - Elementary Fieldcraft - Platoon and Company Drill - Miniature and Open Range Firing - Field Exercises.

Company Exercises were also held in the Field for 18 hours duration.

(e) Other Camp activities included the Annual Inspection by the Commanding Officer, Lt-Col. C.L. deFreitas, E.D., a Sports Meeting of Track and Field events, Inter-Company efficiency and Drill Competitions and a Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess Annual shoot for the Worcestershire Cup and Spoon.

3. CEREMONIAL

His Excellency the Governor presented Efficiency Medals and Clasps to 42 members of the Force at a Parade on April 20.

The Force took part in the Parades to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty The Queen on April 21 and Remembrance Day, November 12.

A Guard-of-Honour was provided for the Governor at the opening of the new Legislature on October 6.

The Force took part in the Torchlight Parade arranged in connection with the British Guiana Festival in October.

PART 11

PERSONNEL

1. PERSONNEL

(i) ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH

The Establishment of the Force for the year 1961 and the strength on 31st December 1961, were as follows:-

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>STRENGTH ON</u> <u>31/ 12/ 61.</u>
Lieutenant Colonels	1	- 1
Major (Second-in-Command)	1	- 1
Majors (Company Commanders & Staff Officer)	8	- 8
Captains	10	- 7
Subalterns	19 - 39	- 8 - 25
<u>OTHER RANKS</u>		
Warrant Officers Class I	2	- 3
Warrant Officers Class II	9	- 9
Colour Sergeants )	44	- 44
Sergeants )		
Corporals	67	- 65
Lance Corporals	61	- 77
Privates	378 - 561	330 - 528
	- 600	- 553

(ii) RECRUITMENT

During the year 164 Other Ranks were brought on strength.

2. DISPOSITION

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>OR's</u>	<u>Total All Ranks</u>
(i) <u>Georgetown:</u>			
Bn. HQ.	7	35	42
HQ. Coy.	3	96	99
2 Rifle Coys.	11	177	188
(ii) <u>New Amsterdam:</u>			
1 Rifle Coy. & Band	2	123	125
(iii) <u>Mackenzie:</u>			
1 Rifle Coy.	2	97	99
	25	528	553

3. MORALE AND EFFICIENCY

The morale of the Force continued to be high during the period under review.

4. QUEEN'S COLLEGE CADET CORPS

(i) The present strength of the Queen's College Cadet Corps is as follows:-

Captains	1
Lieutenants	2
2nd Lieutenants	-
Coy. Sergeant Major	1
Coy. Quartermaster Sergeant	1
Sergeants	2
Corporals	5
Lance Corporals	7
Cadets	<u>53</u>
	<u>72</u>

(ii) TRAINING

Normal Training was continued under Instructors from The British Guiana Volunteer Force, and N.C.O's from Queen's College Cadet Corps.

65 Recruits enlisted for Training during the year.

(iii) CAMP

The Annual Camp was held at Haywood Camp, Tacama, Berbice River, in August and was very well attended.

36 Cadets took the Basic Examination and of these 2 gained Credits while 21 others passed.

(iv) GENERAL

A team of 4 Cadets under Lieutenant Clarke took part in the Clementi Challenge Cup Shooting Competition and 15 Cadets shot for the British Caribbean Cadets Hundred Roll.

PART III

EQUIPMENT:

All items of equipment necessary for the upkeep of the Force are procured annually through the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations and by local purchase. The cost of such requirements is met from annual recurrent votes provided by the Government.

TRANSPORT

The Force is equipped with the following vehicles:-

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TYPE OF VEHICLE	ON THE ROAD	BEYOND REPAIR
3-Ton Trucks, Bedford	2	-
15-cwt. Land Rovers	3	1
Motor Cycles	1	2

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PART IV

COST

1. TOTAL VOTE AND ANNUAL EXPENDITURE:

(a)	The total vote under Head 49 - Volunteer Force for 1961 was:-	- \$ 110,404:	
	Supplementary Provision	- <u>2,958</u>	- \$ 113,362.00
	Total expenditure for the same period		- <u>112,315.27</u>
			<u>1,046.73</u>

2. DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE:

Sub-Head	Item	Amount Voted	Amount Spent
1	Personal Emoluments (Fixed Establishment)	\$ 36,591:	\$ 35,346.65
	Personal Emoluments (Unfixed)	50,923:	53,353.69
2	Transport & Travelling	6,350:	6,888.16
3	Ammunition, Arms & Equipment	5,000:	4,503.97
4	Fuel & Lighting	600:	699.65
5	Sanitation & Labourers Tools	250:	246.51
6	Maintenance - Transport	200:	496.37
7	Miscellaneous	300:	289.75
8	Uniforms	8,000:	8,661.25
9	Training Grant	250:	225.76
10	Maintenance of Furniture	240:	231.34
11	Maintenance of Band	400:	400.00
12	Upkeep, Haywood Camp, TACAMA	1,000:	972.17

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DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR CAMP 1961

Camp Pay	\$33,000.00
Rations	7,477.00
Travelling	3,169.00
Freight on Stores	772.00
Sundries	2,700.00
Total:-	<u>\$ 47,118.00</u>

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PARADE PAY

Parade Pay for period:- 1/1/61 to 30/11/61 was:-

\$ 5,829.00

C.L. deFreitas, Lt. Col.  
Commanding,  
The British Guiana Volunteer Force.