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Regimental History

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Major General Richard Neville Anderson CB CBE DSO

Born 28 April 1907. From Royal Military College. 2nd Lieutenant 2nd Battalion, 1 September 1927. Lieutenant 1 September 1930. Served with 2nd Battalion in Rawalpindi, Khartoum, Lichfield and Aldershot. Adjutant, Regimental Depot 1 February 1935. Captain 28 December 1936. Adjutant 2nd Battalion, Palestine, 30 March 1937 to December 1939. Mention in Despatches 15 June 1939. Staff College 1940. Brigade Major, 199 Infantry Brigade 1 May 1940.

Temporary Major 27 July 1940. Deputy Assistant Military Secretary, Military Secretary 1, War Office, 2 September 1940. GSO 2 (O) 8th Corps, 26 May 1941. 2nd In Command, 12th Battalion Devon Regiment, 26 February 1942. Acting Lieutenant Colonel Mountain and Snow Warfare School 8 May 1942. War/Substantive Major and Temporary Lieutenant Colonel 8 August 1942. 2nd In Command 1st Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment, 16 June 1943. Acting Colonel Deputy Director Special Equipments (War Office) 17 August 1943. War Substantive Lieutenant Colonel 17 Feb 1944. Joined 1st Battalion on embarking for Italy, 23 March 1944. Wounded 1944. DSO 1944. Commanding Brigade 3 June 1944. Commanding 1st Battalion, Taranto. Major 1 September 1944. Acting Brigadier 14 July 1944 to 8 August 1944. 1st Battalion 9 August 1944 till Acting Brigade 2nd Infantry Brigade, 1st Division, Palestine, 18 October 1944. Bar to DSO, 1945. Temporary Brigadier 23 March 1945 to 18 October 1947. GSO1 (DDMI) War Office 5 January 1948. Temporary Colonel 3 March 1948. Chief Instructor Joint Services Staff College, January 1949. CBE 1949. Imperial Defence College, January 1951. Brigadier 1 January 1956.

BGS HQ Eastern Command 8 January 1952 to 3 February 1955. Local Major General 1 April 1955 to 5 May 1955, General Officer Commanding, Ghurkha Division, 6 May 1955. Temporary Major General 6 May 1955 to 11 Apr 1956. Supernumery to establishment 31 December 1955. Major General 12 April 1956. Awarded CB 1956. Appointed Colonel of the Regiment 1 September 1957.

Relinquished Appointment General Officer Commanding 17 Ghurkha Division, 4 May 1958. Remains on full pay 31 May 1958.

Appointed Vice Adjutant General, 15 September 1958. Relinquish appointment as Colonel of the Regiment, 1 Oct 1959. Relinquish appointment as VAG 29 February 1960. Lieutenant General 15 May 1960. General Officer Commanding Middle East Land Forces, 8 May 1960. Appointed Colonel of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment, 31 May 1961. Awarded KCB, 1961.

Appointed General Officer Commanding in Chief, Northern Ireland Command, 1 January 1963 to 24 April 1965.

Retired 22nd May 1965.



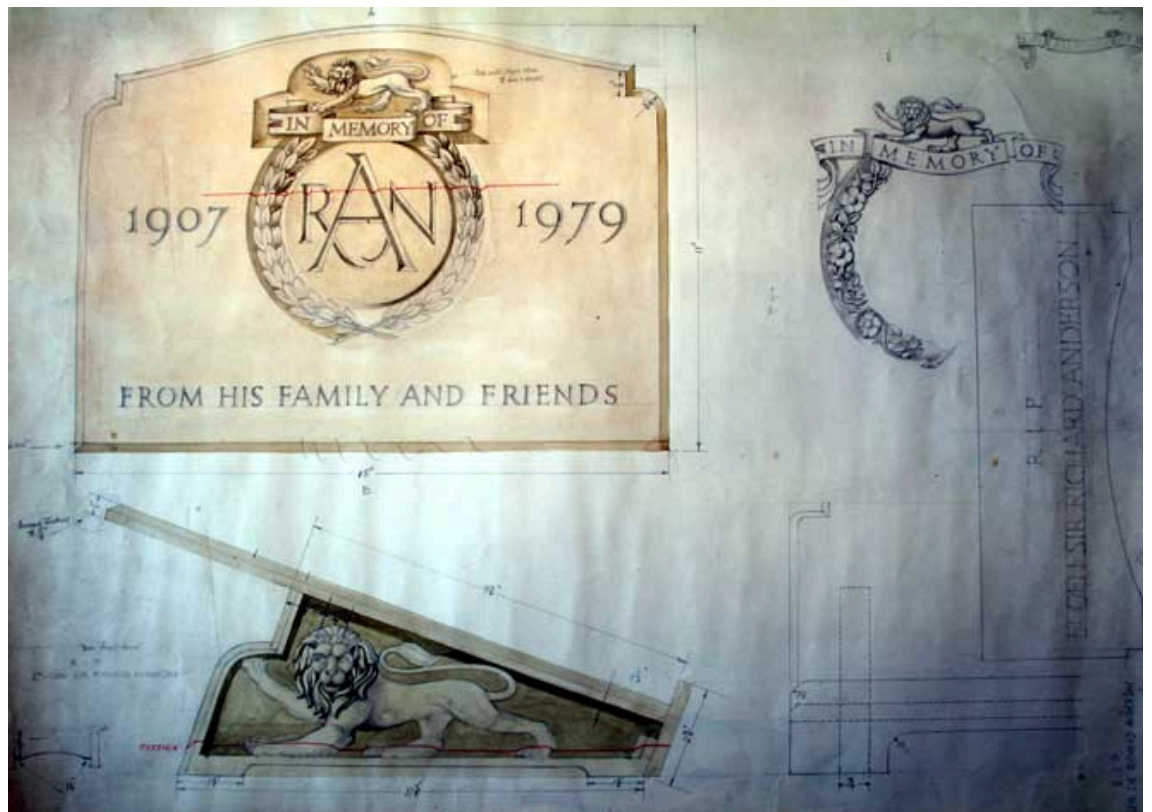
Major General Richard N Anderson, the last Colonel of the King's Own Royal Regiment, and second Colonel of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment.
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John Darlington, Tottie Anderson, and John Brough
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Conductor's Baton presented to "Major General R N Anderson DSO CBE by Band Master P Russell and the Regimental Band, The King's Own Royal Regiment, Hong Kong, January 1956." With case.
KO2834/01



Design for Memorial to General Anderson.
Accession number: KO1287/01

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