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PART I

1. GENERAL

This report covers the period 1st January to 31st December, 1960, during which time the Force was commanded by Lt. Col. C.M. Bernard, O.B.E., E.D.

ROYAL VISIT

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal visited British Guiana during January and was provided with a Guard-of-Honour by the Force on her departure on 31st January.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The year was marked by two notable events: i.e. the celebration of an Alliance with the Worcestershire Regiment on 23rd January, and the granting of the Freedom of the City of Georgetown to the Force by His Worship the Mayor of Georgetown on 19th November.

2. TRAINING

The training period commenced on 11th January and ended on 9th December.

(a) CAMP

The Annual Training Camp was held at 'Haywood Camp' Tacama, from 1st to 15th October. A total of 336 officers and men attended, including 1 Officer and 1 Warrant Officer from the Dutch Regular Army in Suriname.

(b)

During this period the following training was carried out:-

- (i) Officers and Senior N.C.Os. - Weapon training - Signal training - Range firing - (IMG - SMC - 2-in Mortar)
- (ii) Junior Officers and N.C.Os. - Battle Procedure and Tactical Exercises
- (iii) Junior N.C.Os and Men - Weapon training - all weapons - Fieldcraft - Section in assault - Platoon in attack - Field Firing.
- (iv) Company Training: - Advance to contact - Quick attack - Withdrawal.

Company and Battalion exercises were also held in the Field including one of 18 hours duration.

(c) Other Camp activities included the Annual Inspection by the Hony. Colonel Sir Frank McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E., and a sports meeting of track and field events. There were also Inter-Company Efficiency and Drill Competitions.

(d) During the remainder of the year the following training was carried out:-

- (a) Cadres:
 - (i) Officers - Signals Training - Map Reading
 - (ii) N.C.Os. - Drill - Weapon Training.

/(b) General:

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(ii) Ohs. - Progressive Weapon Training - Tests of
Elementary Training - Range Firing -
Battalion Drill - MMG & Signal Training.

(c) Recruits - Foot and Arms Drill - weapon Training.

(c) Recruit Training

Recruits in camp were trained in Foot and Arms Drill, Weapon training, Tests of Elementary Training, Miniature Range and Elementary fieldcraft.

3. CEREMONIALS

The Force provided Guards of Honour on the occasion of the departure from the Colony of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal on 31st January and for the opening of the Fourth Session of the Legislative Council on 9th December.

The Force took part in the parades to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty The Queen on 21st April and Remembrance Day on 13th November.

The honour of becoming freemen of the City of Georgetown was granted to the Force and a parade was held on 19th November to celebrate this great event which created history, as it was the first time that such an honour was bestowed in the life of the City and in the annals of Voluntary Forces of the Colony.

The Force also took part in a joint torch-light parade with the Royal Hampshire Regiment on the occasion of the British Guiana Festival Week on 31st October.

4. ALLIANCE WITH THE WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT

A Parade to celebrate the Alliance with the Worcestershire Regiment was held on 23rd January.

PART II

PERSONNEL

1. PERSONNEL

(i) ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH

The Establishment of the Force for the year 1960 and the Strength on 31st December 1960, were as follows:-

	<u>ESTABLISHMENT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
		on 31/12/60
<u>OFFICERS</u>		
Lieutenant Colonels	1	- 1
Major (Second-in-Command)	1	- 1
Majors (Company Commanders & Staff Officer)	8	- 7
Captains	10	- 10
Subalterns	19	- 12
	<u>39</u>	<u>31</u>
<u>OTHER RANKS</u>		
Warrant Officers Class I	2	- 2
Warrant Officers Class II	9	- 10
Colour Sergeants)		
Sergeants)	44	- 41
Corporals	67	- 59
Large Corporals	61	- 50
Privates	378	- 489
	<u>561</u>	<u>489</u>
	- 600	- 520

(ii) RECRUITMENT

During the year 3 Officers and 70 Other Ranks were brought on strength.

2. DISPOSITION

During the year the disposition of the Force was as under:-

		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Ors</u>	<u>Total All Ranks</u>
(i) <u>Georgetown:</u>	Bn. I.W.	9	34	43
	Hq. Coy.	6	118	124
	2 Rifle Coys.	10	172	182
(ii) <u>New Amsterdam:</u>	1 Rifle Coy. & Band	4	84	88
(iii) <u>Mackenzie:</u>	1 Rifle Coy.	2	81	83
		<u>31</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>520</u>

3. MORALE AND EFFICIENCY

The morale of the Force remained high during the period under review, and was further boosted by the honour of being granted the Freedom of the City.

4. QUEEN'S COLLEGE CADET CORPS:

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

Captains	1
Lieutenants	1
2nd Lieutenants	-
Coy. Sergeant Major	1
Sergeants	2
Corporals	4
Lance Corporals	5
Cadets	50
Recruits	35
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(ii) TRAINING:

Training was done under British Guiana Volunteer Force Instructors and Queen's College Cadet Corps N.C.Os.

77 Recruits joined the Corps for the year and commenced training in foot and arms drill.

Cadets are being trained to take the Basic & Proficiency Tests in August 1961.

16 Cadets were selected in preparation for the Caribbean Small Bore Shoot.

(iii) CAMP

The Annual Camp was held from 31st July to 7th August at Eve Leary, Georgetown.

Training in Basic and Proficiency Tests were carried out and the Camp ended with a field day which included a 16 mile march on the East Coast, Demerara.

(iv) GENERAL:

Although the number on roll has decreased slightly the general keen-ness in the Corps was maintained.

PART III

EQUIPMENT:

All items of equipment necessary for the upkeep of the Force are procured annually through the Crown Agents for Overseas 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:-

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)	Force for 1960 was:-	The total vote under Head 49 - Volunteer	- \$ 114,168:
	Supplementary Provision		- \$ 114,168.00
#	Total expenditure for the same period		- 104,656.19
			<u>9,511.81</u>
#	Extraordinary - Purchase of Land Rover (included)		3,261.52

2. DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE

Sub-Head	Item	Amount Voted	Amount Spent
1	Personal Emoluments (Fixed Establishment)	\$ 36,855:	\$ 33,728.34
	Personal Emoluments (Unfixed)	50,923:	46,312.87
2	Transport & Travelling	6,350:	6,236.81
3	Ammunition, Arms & Equipment	5,000:	4,676.30
4	Fuel & Lighting	600:	587.81
5	Sanitation & Labourers Tools	250:	246.74
6	Maintenance - Transport	500:	432.60
7	Miscellaneous	300:	264.05
8	Uniforms	8,000:	7,124.27
9	Training Grant	250:	212.13
10	Maintenance of Furniture	240:	192.51
11	Maintenance of Band	400:	381.39
12	Upkeep, Haywood Camp, TACAMA	1,000:	998.85
13	EXTRAORDINARY: Purchase of Land Rover	3,500:	3,261.52

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DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE FOR CAMP 1960

Camp Pay	\$26,385.00
Rations	5,858.00
Travelling	2,920.00
Freight on Stores	529.00
Sundries	2,500.00
Total:-	<u>\$38,192.00</u>

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PARADE PAY

Parade Pay for period:- 1/1/60 to 30/11/60 was:- \$4,681.00

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OTHER EXPENDITURE:

Freedom of the City	\$1,427.00
Guard of Honour	163.00
Alliance	1,757.00
	<u>\$3,347.00</u>

C.L. deFREITAS
Lt.Colonel,
Commanding,
The British Guiana Volunteer Force.