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1153A/2 457 (WESSEX) HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT REGIMENT
ROYAL ARTILLERY (TERRITORIAL ARMY)

INTRODUCTION

The Regiment began in 1860 when the 2nd Hampshire Volunteer Artillery was formed. This force had developed from the Portsmouth Artillery Corps which consisted chiefly of Officers and men of the Customs, Gunwharf and Victualling Departments who performed regular duties when the Garrison was short of troops. Their first Drill Hall was at Governors Green, but in 1898 their headquarters moved to St Paul's Road. In 1871 the Dockyard Artillery Corps was absorbed into the 2nd Hampshire Volunteer Artillery.

With the creation of the Territorial Force in 1908 the corps became known as the 1st Wessex Brigade Royal Field Artillery, and went on to serve in India, Mesopotamia and Palestine during World War I. In 1920 the Brigade was re-formed as the 54th (Wessex) Field Brigade Royal Field Artillery (TA) with Batteries in Portsmouth, Gosport and Cosham, and when the Brigade took over Anti-Aircraft Defences in 1932 its name was changed to 57th (Wessex) Anti-Aircraft Brigade Royal Artillery (TA).

During the Second World War the Brigade served in Italy and North Africa as well as maintaining defences at home. In 1947 it was re-formed as the 457 Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment RA (TA). Princess Beatrice's Isle of Wight Rifles and 428 HAA Regiment RA (TA) were amalgamated with 457 Regiment in 1955 on the disbandment of AA Command.

The Regiment was given approval in 1957 to use the following Regimental and Battery titles:

- 457 (Wessex) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment RA (TA)
- P/457 (Princess Beatrice's Isle of Wight) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery RA (TA)
- Q/457 (Portsmouth) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery RA (TA)
- R/457 (Gosport) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery RA (TA)

1153A/2 1 Books and Papers

1. Record of Service of 54 (Wessex) Field Brigade RA (TA) 1883-1937
2. Record of Service of 214 (Hants) Field Battery RA (TA) 1904-1945
3. Newscuttings Book re 457 HAA Regt., c1936-1960
4. The Royal Artillery Commemoration Book 1939-1945 presented to 57 (Wessex) Regt. by Lt. Col. S. Barnes
5. Envelope containing correspondence and newscuttings re wartime activities, training and recreation, 1936-1951

2 Photographs of Honorary Colonels and Commanding Officers of the Regiment

1. Colonel Edwin Galt
(2nd Hants. Artillery, died 1900)
2. Lt. General Sir George Willis, CMG
(Honorary Colonel)
3. Earl Roberts, VC
(Honorary Colonel)
4. Colonel Sir William Dupree, Bart.
(Honorary Colonel, 1947-51)
5. Major General M. N. Dewing, CB, CBE, DSO, MC
(Honorary Colonel, 1951-)
6. Colonel G. E. Twiss
(Commanding Officer, 1894-99)
7. Colonel C. L. Reynolds, VD
(Commanding Officer, 1899-1902)
8. Colonel Sir William Dupree, Bart., KCB, CH, VD,
DL, JP
(Commanding Officer, 1902-10)
9. Lt. Colonel A. E. Cogswell, TD
(Commanding Officer, 1910-14)
10. Colonel E. G. Cheke
(Commanding Officer, 1914-16)

1153A/2 2 Photographs of Honorary Colonels and Commanding Officers of the Regiment [continued]

11. Colonel Powell
(Commanding Officer, 1916-18)
12. Lt. Colonel E. Flowers, TD
(Commanding Officer)
13. Colonel O. S. Cameron, DSO
(Commanding Officer, 1920-21)
14. Colonel P. J. House, TD
(Commanding Officer, 1921-28)
15. Colonel M. N. H. House, DSO, TD
(Commanding Officer, 1928-36)
16. Lt. Colonel L. W. White, TD
(Commanding Officer, 1936-40)
17. Lt. Colonel S. Barnes, OBE, TD
(Commanding Officer, 1940-43)
18. Lt. Colonel E. C. Pollit, DSO, TD
(Commanding Officer, 1943-45)
19. Lt. Colonel R. H. Willis, OBE, TD
(Commanding Officer, 1947-52)
20. Colonel E. Waddington, OBE, MC, TD
(Commanding Officer, 1952-56)
21. Lt. Colonel K. A. J. G. Bermingham, OBE,
TD RA(TA)
(Commanding Officer, 1956-)
22. Lt. Colonel N. L. T. Green, TD
(Commanding Officer IOW Battery, 1950's)
23. Sir Dymoke White
(Hants. Carabiniers)

3 Photographs of the Regiment

1. 1st annual training camp of 214 Battalion/57 HAA
Regt. at Watchet 1933 [3 copies]
2. Officers of 57 HAA Regt. at Watchet, July 1934
3. 57 HAA Regt. at Watchet, 1934
4. 57 HAA Regt. at Watchet, August 1936

1153A/2 3 Photographs of the Regiment [continued]

5. Football Dinner at Newport, IOW,
57 HAA Regt. v 219 Battalion, December
1936
6. Officers of 57 HAA Regiment RA at
Blandford, February 1942 [2 copies]
7. 457 HAA Regt. RA, summer camp at Bude,
1947
8. Officers of 457 HAA Regt. at Bude,
1947
9. Officers of 457 HAA Regt. at Towyn,
August 1952 [2 copies]
10. Officers of 457 HAA Regt. at Bude,
June 1953
11. Officers of 457 HAA Regt. at Weybourne,
August 1954
12. Officers of 457 HAA Regt. at Towyn,
1955
13. Officers of 457 HAA Regt. at Towyn,
1957
14. Officers of 457 HAA Regt. at Westdown
Camp, 1958
15. Officers of 457 HAA Regt. at Penally
Camp, 1959
16. Officers of (?) Regt. at Penally Camp,
1960
17. Officers of (?) Regt. September 1966
18. H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II inspecting
(?) Regt., 1966

4 Miscellaneous

1. Challenge Shield presented by Brigade HQ
and awarded 1928-1938