

## **ROLLS OF HONOUR AND MEMORIALS** **IN THE ROYAL GARRISON CHURCH, ALDERSHOT**

### **ROLLS OF HONOUR**

1. Second World War 1939 – 1945. The Roll of Honour “To the Glorious Memory of the Officers and Men who gave their lives whilst serving with The Parachute Regiment and 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion during the Second World War 1939 – 1945.” Is placed beside the pulpit. It was originally located in St Martin-in-the-Field. It contains the names of 2,192 Officers and Men of The Parachute Regiment and 130 Officers and Men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion. A page is turned each week by the Church Warden. The format used is that of a daily calendar. The Roll of Honour is placed in a wooden cabinet.
2. Roll of Honour Since The Second World War. Situated in the South East corner of the Church, this Roll of Honour, which is in a locked wooden cabinet, contains the names of all the Officers and Men who have died whilst serving in the Parachute Regiment. The names are listed in the year in which they died. A page is turned each week by the Church Warden.
3. 12<sup>th</sup> (Yorkshire) Battalion Roll of Honour. The Roll of Honour “to the Glorious Memory of the Officers and Men of the 12<sup>th</sup> (Yorkshire) Battalion The Parachute Regiment who gave their lives in North West Europe during the Second World War 1939 – 1945” records the names of 163 Officers and Men in Alphabetical Order. This is an exact replica, both of the Roll of Honour and wooden cabinet, of the originals which are in St Mary’s Church, Richmond.

### **MEMORIALS**

4. There are 49 memorials in the Church. Forty six of the memorials are in the form of pew ends carved in wood to units and formations which have association with Airborne Forces. These are listed in Table One. Details of the other 3 are as follows:
  - a. Memorial to General Browning. On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1968 at a Church Parade following Airborne Forces Day the memorials to all the formations and units were dedicated. At the same time a bronze tablet bearing the “Pegasus” Airborne Forces badge, enamelled in light blue and maroon, and the inscription “In Memory of Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick (Boy) Browning GCVO KBE CB DSO, Grenadier Guards, 1896 – 1965 Founder and Commander of the Airborne Forces in the Second World War,” was dedicated. It is placed on the pillar adjacent to the pulpit.
  - b. The Parachute Regiment Memorial. The memorial was dedicated on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1983. It is a bronze plaque carved to fit the central pillar above the lectern and shaped to match the Browning Memorial. At the top of the plaque there is a silver leaf Parachute Regiment badge backed on maroon, below which is superimposed a bronze Parachute Regiment soldier. The following words are inscribed on the plaque: “To the glory of God and in memory of all ranks who gave their lives whilst serving with the Parachute Regiment.” Utrique Paratus. The fixing screws at the corner of the plaque are decorated with the Tudor Rosette, the Scottish Thistle, the Welsh Leek and the Irish Shamrock.
  - c. MMG PI 2 PARA Memorial. An unofficial memorial plaque to 5 members of the MMG PI, 2 PARA killed at Warrenpoint hangs near the Browning Memorial.
  - d. Colours. Details of the locations of all Regimental Colours, including those in the Royal Garrison Church are in Part 1, Annex H, Appendix 1, of the Historical Record