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BADGE NOTES

The badges of the new regiments continue to proliferate. Shortly after the formation of The Queen's Royal Hussars, the regimental pipers took to wearing in the caubeen the other ranks pouch badge, the silvered "QO" monogram with the harp and Royal Crest in gilt superimposed thereon. This has now been superseded by a larger version of the regimental badge 3³/₄ins high.

The new badges promised in past issues are still awaited although I have actually seen one of the larger King's Regiment badges which must be a good sign. The Dorset Yeomanry's badge continues to be beset by controversy: the badge is to be basically of nickel, with a gilt crown above, the circle to be inlaid in blue. The central area is to be voided but the crossed weapons are now to be specifically the 1908 pattern cavalry sword and the Enfield cavalry carbine, c1890. The regiment passed its first anniversary wearing the embroidered badge and present lack of progress suggests that they may well reach the second in the same state.

In addition to the Military Provost Guard Service mentioned several times in recent issue of the **Bulletin**, there would now appear to be the MoD Guard Service who are also to have a new badge. Whilst the MPGS is a khaki clad body of soldiers on a home-service commitment, the MoD Guard Service would appear to be a "blue" organisation, although how they differ from the MoD Police (ModPlod) is not clear. Notwithstanding their status, they are to have a new badge, the customary circular police badge format, the circle inlaid in blue with, in the centre, a blue anchor, crossed swords with scarlet hilts and a golden eagle. The wording on the circle is to be "M.O.D." at the top and Guard Service at the bottom .

Pursuing my previous problem with the red-and-yellow Indian cavalry title, I have to report that on a recent private visit to India, I noted that the 61st Cavalry, below the brass "61C" on the epaulette, now wear a yellow-on-red embroidered title reading "Horsed Cavalry". The 61st shares ceremonial duties with the President's Bodyguard so that they clearly feel it necessary to distinguish themselves from the other armoured cavalry regiments. Whilst in the Indian arena, I am seeking some information on a badge recently acquired: it is 1³/₄ins high, a monogram "IE", a five-pointed star above it and a scroll "Indian Engineers" below, all in brass. It has a pin fastening, possible for a pagri. India became a republic in 1950, after which date, the word "India" vanished from most regimental badges. Any enlightenment on the badge described above will be most welcome.

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