



**Bristol University Officers' Training Corps (BUOTC) was formed in 1910 and has had a long and distinguished history.**

Training in the early days consisted of infantry skills with musketry playing an important part. As training evolved a compulsory "Field Duty" was introduced, one being held in the winter term and another in the spring term. Annual camp was undertaken collectively with the other university contingents, until about 1928 after which training took place separately.



In 1932 when the annual camp was cancelled, a voluntary camp was organised. It was well attended and all those who participated agreed to share the cost. Discipline was probably stricter too - in one year, when a number of Officer Cadets absented themselves from camp at a cost to the unit of some 6 guineas a head, the Officer Commanding sought approval to recover 2 guineas from each "for failing to make themselves efficient".

In 1925, when new buildings at Bristol University were opened by King George V and Queen Mary, BUOTC provided a 100-man Honour Guard. A letter of appreciation was received from Windsor Castle to mark the occasion.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, 21 Officer Cadets applied for immediate emergency commissions and 80 volunteered for further training. The remainder of the contingent assisted in the running of No 5 Reception unit until its closure in 1940, or helped in the training of the Home Guard.

In 1958 our first Honorary Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel O D Kendall, was appointed. Today the appointment is held by General Sir Mike Jackson GCB,CBE, DSO, DL

Over the years, as the unit developed, in addition to the Infantry Company a Signals Troop was formed in 1936, followed in 1963 by a Royal Engineers Troop, a Royal



Armoured Corps Troop in 1967 and a Royal Artillery Troop in 1973.

BUOTC recruits from three major universities - Bristol, Bath and the University of the West of England (UWE).

The cap badge is that of the Coat of Arms of Bristol University. The centre is the coat of arms of the City of Bristol. The other icons of the sun, dolphin and horse relate to the great families of Bristol.