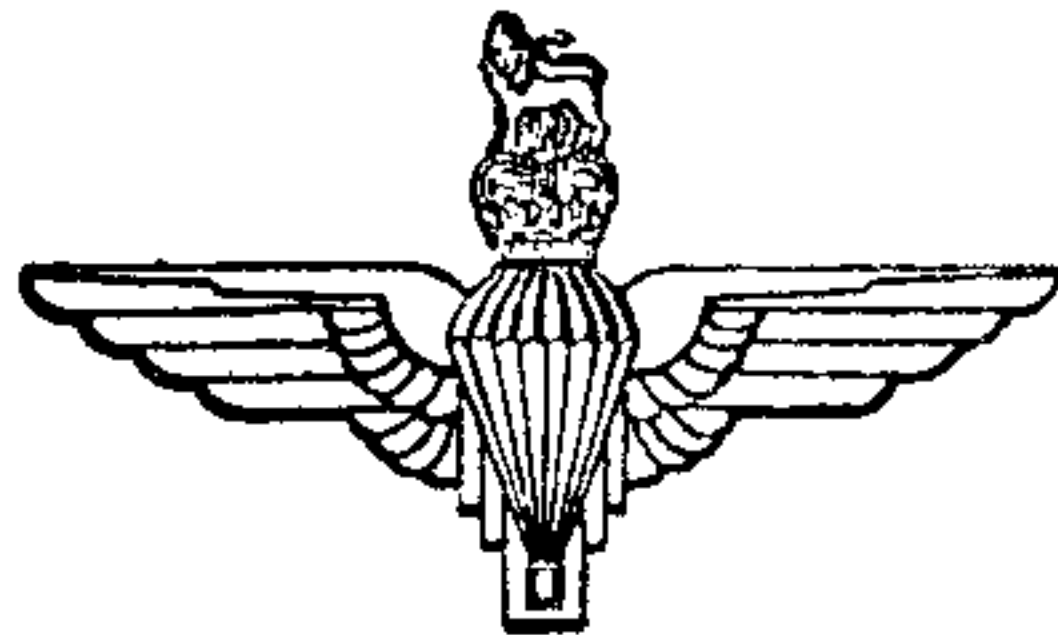




16th Parachute Brigade Group  
Depot, The Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces  
38 Group, Royal Air Force



19th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem



Order of Service

Tuesday 17th September 1963 : Aldershot Military Stadium  
1100 hrs

*"Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends"*  
St. John 15, v 13.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by the Reverend D. A. Dennis C.F. and the Reverend F. J. Preston C.F.

### HYMN

*(Congregation standing)*

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.
2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

During the hymn the Colours of the First and Third Battalions will be laid upon the drums.

Major General J. D. FROST, DSO, MC, who commanded 2 PARA at the time,  
recalls the battle of Arnhem.

*(Congregation seated)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Congregation standing)*

“They went with songs to the battle, they were young  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds un-numbered.  
They fell with their faces to the foe.  
They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.”

All repeat: “We will remember them.”

LAST POST

SILENCE

REVEILLE

PRAYERS

*(Congregation seated)*

## **CONFESSION** *(said by all)*

O God our Father, we have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed. We have not loved Thee with all our hearts; we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. Have mercy upon us we beseech Thee; cleanse us from our sin, and help us to overcome our faults. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

## **PRAYERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the Glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

## **HYMN**

*(Congregation standing)*

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might!  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race through God's  
good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
3. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
4. Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

## **LESSON**

Read by The Brigade Commander  
*(Congregation seated)*

## **HYMN**

*(Congregation standing)*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Ever more his praises sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our father in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Father-like, He tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Saints triumphant bow before Him,  
Gather'd in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## **SERMON**

*(Congregation seated)*

The Rt. Rev. F. F. JOHNSTON, CBE, MA, HCF.

## HYMN

*(Congregation standing)*

1. For all the Saints who from their labours rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesu, be Thou for ever blest,  
Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness, still their one true Light.  
Alleluia!
3. O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia!
6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.  
Alleluia!
7. But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia!
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia!

(During this Hymn there will be a collection for the Airborne Forces Security Fund)

(At the conclusion of the Hymn the Colour Parties will receive the Colours)

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

### AIRBORNE FORCES COLLECT *(said together)*

*(Congregation standing)*

May the defence of the Most High be above, around and within us, in our going out and our coming in. In our rising up and in our coming down, all our days and all our nights until the dawn when the Son of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings for the peoples of the world;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING