

BRIGADIER GERALD GEORGE CARTER MBE OSS (S41-44)

He was born on 17 June 1927 and was the third Carter brother to attend Framlingham. Shortly after leaving he was involved in a shooting accident while rabbiting with a friend and spent many months in hospital. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1946.

After three years on the Gold Coast he returned to England to attend a degree course at the Royal Military College, Shrivenham, before going to the Young Officers Course at Chatham.

A posting to 9 Training Regiment was followed by a return to the Gold Coast in 1956 where he was seconded to the Gold Coast Regiment. Living conditions were fairly primitive particularly for his wife Brenda and young daughter Marcia, indeed Brenda was the only white woman on the station where the married quarters consisted of thatched mud huts. 1958 saw them back in England for a further course and a posting to the Royal Armament Research Establishment at Horsham.

In 1963 he was posted back to regimental duty commanding 75 Malayan Field Squadron, Royal Engineers in Singapore and was engaged in active service in Borneo during the confrontation with Indonesia. Gerald was awarded the MBE and made an Officer of the Star of Sarawak, a rare distinction for a British officer and only the fourth British recipient. Shortly after his death the family received a letter from Kailas Chidambaram, an officer of the Malaysian Engineers who wrote, "Gerald was one of the finest officers I have met. He was instrumental in re-training the squadron in the difficult early days of Malaysia and moving it into active operations in Sarawak in 1964 and 65. The squadron distinguished itself as part of 99 Ghurka Brigade due to Gerald's leadership and ability to inspire his officers and men".



He was promoted to Lt. Col. in 1965 and, after various appointments, to full Colonel in 1972. In 1975 he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier becoming Director of Light Weapons Projects at the MOD.

He retired from the Army in 1978 after 32 years service, entered the defence industry, worked for a component manufacturer and then became a Director of International Systems, which was an agent between manufacturers and customers. When this company eventually closed he became a consultant to the defence industry and continued working into his late seventies.

Gerald was a high achiever and this is well illustrated by the fact that he gained his private pilots licence when in his early seventies.

He died on 18 April 2009 at the age of 81.