

MAJOR DENIS BURTON *MMus FLCM ARCM psm*
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTAL BAND OF THE ROYAL WELSH

Major Burton enlisted into the army as a trombonist and he quickly established himself as the principal in the Staff Band of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He was selected for the Bandmaster course and passed out as top student, winning six first prizes including the Worshipful Company of Musicians Silver Medal.

His appointments as Bandmaster were to The Second Battalion the Light Infantry, The Light Infantry Salamanca Band and in The Training Development Team at Kneller Hall. As Director of Music he was to lead the Band of the Royal Lancers, the Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers and as Chief Instructor at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall. His final appointment in regular service was as Director of Music, Grenadier Guards achieving world-class standards of excellence in performance and high profile state ceremonial.

His career has certainly been ubiquitous with service and performances throughout the World. As well as touring extensively throughout Europe, he has also toured North, Central and South America, the Middle East, and Australia. He is the composer of five army regimental marches and has compositions and arrangements published by companies in the United Kingdom and Europe. He has been a music lecturer, examiner and teacher and continues to write for groups from full symphony orchestra, wind and brass bands to beginner groups and ensembles. He is president of a number of musical groups.

Although not originally from the principality Major Burton has settled close to Cardiff and is delighted to have the opportunity to be the first Director of Music of the Regimental Band of The Royal Welsh.