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## **Grenadier Day Lille Barracks, Aldershot**

As usual, the sun was well and truly shining down on us retired Grenadiers and visitors representing other regiments and arms. The usual 'suspects' came to put together a fine display of ex-Mil radio, weaponry and vehicles.



**VMARS Members Ian Underwood M0YMK, Robin Maddison G0GNE, Carolyn Underwood, Jane Marshall, Les Thacker 2E0IBN, Anne McKinnon M3TBI and Stuart McKinnon G0TBI. Photo G0TBI**

This year, Grenadier Day was a 'special' event as it was opened up to the local community to see what happens in a Guards barracks and we had quite a stream of interested visitors. I was fortunate in being helped again by Ian our Chairman M0YMK (Royal Air Force), Les 2E0IBN (The Royal Green Jackets) and Robin G0GNE (Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment) as the stand had a non-stop queue of adults and children wanting to know about the various exhibits on display.



**We were very busy on the stand. Photo G0GNE**

My thanks to Anne M3TBI, the station manager, Carolyn Underwood for the marvellous bill of fayre and Jane for helping to put it all together, and for supplying us lads with a cool drink every half hour or so. We had the Loyal Toast at the start (HM The Queen is the Colonel-in-Chief) and, later, a toast for all the fallen Grenadiers, particularly poignant as this year marks the centenary of the start of WWI.



**Members of Queen's Company relaxing after winning the tug-of-war. Photo G0GNE**

It was nice to meet up with our new President of the Grenadier Guards Assn Colonel REH Aubrey-Fletcher, formerly Grenadier Guards a mere Subaltern when I was in, spending a short time with us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, and most in the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Regimental Band made an impression as usual, even when having to compete with the Farnborough International Air Show. On previous occasions the Air Show has been week or so earlier or later.



**There was considerable interest from the public.**

A great day as you might have expected.

**Stuart McKinnon G0TBI**