

THE SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO 1950

DRILL DISPLAY by Mauritian, Rodriguais
& Seychellois Guard Companies
Royal Pioneer Corps.

MUSIC

By the band of the Royal Sussex Regiment conducted
by Mr. JPC BAILEY LRAM ARCM.

Entry : "Old Comrades"

Exit : "Royal Pioneer Corps March"

Mauritian, Rodriguais And Seychellois Guard Companies

The personnel taking part in the Drill Display are recruited from the Islands of MAURITIUS and its dependencies.

MAURITIUS is a small Island situated in the Indian Ocean, 550 miles East of MADAGASCAR and 1,555 miles from DURBAN. It is 36 miles long and 28 miles broad, but in spite of its size accommodates a population of 410,000 of which 12,000 are of European descent, mostly French.

Many small Islands, situated from 250 to 1,250 miles away are dependencies of MAURITIUS. The largest of these is RODRIGUES, on which several of the Drill Display Squad live.

SEYCHELLES is a group of 92 Islands in the Indian Ocean, some 950 miles from the East coast of AFRICA just South of the Equator, self governed under British rule. Most of the population of 35,000 live on the largest Island called MAHE.

Approximately 8,000 Mauritians, Rodriguais and Seychellois are employed in various units in this Command, including Guard Companies, Fire Brigades, Signals, Motor Transport Companies and Hospitals.

The main language is Creole, and French is also used a great deal.

These troops gained a good record in the recent War, serving in AFRICA and EUROPE with distinction, and continue to maintain that record.