

DRILL DISPLAY by the Mauritian Guard
Companies, Royal Pioneer Corps.

MUSIC

Entry : "Old Comrades"
Exit : "Royal Pioneer Corps March"

MAURITIUS GUARD COMPANIES

The personnel taking part in the Drill Display given by Mauritian Guard Companies, are recruits (some of less than 12 months service), from the Island 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.

Mauritians and Rodrigues 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.