

Northumberland Fusiliers in North-West Europe and transferred to The Essex Regiment after the war. Since then much of his time has been spent in the Far East, including tours of duty in Korea, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. His last appointment before coming to Taunton was as Defence Adviser to the British High Commission in Malaysia, when he was closely concerned with the withdrawal from the Far East and assisting the Malaysian forces to assume responsibility for their own defence.

As Deputy Commander, South West District, he has particular responsibility for the TAVR, of which he has direct experience gained from three tours of duty with the TA, the latest as commanding officer of the 4th/5th Bn. The Essex Regt.

He will also act as Director of the Army-sponsored Ten Tors expedition on Dartmoor, which this year takes place on 18th and 19th May.

Brig. Randall is married and has a married daughter and two sons, aged 16 and 15. He lives at West Hatch, near Taunton. He enjoys golf and is a member of the Royal Commonwealth Society.

The Army's South West District comprises Gloucestershire, Avon, Somerset, Wiltshire, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall and a small portion of Hampshire.

## NEW C.O. FOR 6 (V) QUEEN'S

**L**T.-COL. John Hewson, MC is the new Commanding Officer of the 6th (Volunteer) Bn. The Queen's Regt. which has its Headquarters in Wandsworth, S.W.18 and four companies in the London area. He takes over from Lt.-Col. D. G. Wilson, TD who is now retiring after 23 years service with the TAVR.

*Lt.-Col. John Hewson, new CO for 6 (V) Queen's.*



Lt.-Col. Hewson, a regular officer of the Queen's Regt. is aged 41 and married with one son. He was educated at Mill Hill, and commissioned from Sandhurst in 1955 into the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (DCO). He spent three years in Cyprus as a rifle/mortar platoon commander and was awarded the Military Cross in 1958. He then did a three-year tour with the 3rd Bn. The Parachute Regt. where he represented them at Bisley, and was selected for the Army Hundred. He completed his tour as a company commander.

In 1962 he rejoined the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt (DCO) as Adjutant and served with them in Lydd and Gibraltar. Then a move to the Staff as GSO 3 (Trg) in HQ Cyrenaica Area in Benghazi. In 1966 he rejoined the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt. (DCO) as a Company Commander in Ireland, and spent a year with them—now renamed 4 Queen's (Middlesex)—as demonstration battalion at the School of Infantry, then back to the Staff again in 1969 as DAMS in the Ministry of Defence.

In 1971 he moved to Canterbury as Training Major 5th (Volunteer) Bn. The Queen's Regiment where he has been for the past three years.

Serving with Volunteers is no surprise to him as his father, Lt.-Col. A. S. Hewson, MBE, TD, was in the 9th Bn. The Middlesex Regt. (DCO) for many years.

## CHANGE OF COMMAND FOR SEARCHLIGHT SAPPERS



*Maj. John Kennedy, the new officer in command of the Army's only searchlight unit, 873 Movement Light Squadron, RE (V).*

**M**AJOR John Kennedy, TD, MA, RE(V) has assumed command of 873 Movement Light Sqn., Royal Engineers (TAVR). The squadron, based in Acton, is the Army's only searchlight unit, which gives Maj. Kennedy (35) a unique appointment in the British Army. He has taken over from Maj. David Mitchell, TD, MA, FCIS, RE(V).