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Proud to be British :

**The eight young men who
stood tall for Her Majesty**



On an unprecedented day in our nation's history, the world held its breath, as eight brave young men assumed the awesome burden of responsibility for carrying the coffin of Her Late Majesty in arguably the greatest State Funeral of all time.

CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – pays tribute to the eight young men of the Queen's Guard who acted as pall bearers to our Late Sovereign on a historic day and to their regiment, The Grenadier Guards, the Sovereign's most senior regiment of Foot Guards.

The summary is below and the [full report is now available here.](#)

Yesterday was an emotional day for millions of people, not the least of whom being His Majesty King Charles and the members of the Royal Family. However, eight young men serving the Crown carried an additional burden.

Amongst the 2,702 military personnel who took a public role in the greatest state funeral the world has ever seen - and the thousands more in the armed forces who backed them up - eight Guardsmen took on the heaviest responsibility.

These eight young soldiers were talismans for the entire contribution of the armed forces in making a sad day special and we pay tribute to them and to all those who took part.

SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MONARCH

The Grenadier Guards' relationship with Her Majesty The Queen during her remarkable reign was a special one.

Whilst the troops of the Household Division were charged with guarding Her Majesty and her palaces through her reign, it is the Queen's Company who oversee the transition from one monarch to the next and undertake the exceptional role of guarding Her Majesty's body in death too. Their 12 very best soldiers were selected to provide the bearer party at Her Majesty's funeral.

REAL SOLDIERS WHO GO INTO BATTLE

The operational duties of the Grenadiers extend way beyond the ceremonial:

The Guardsmen who carried the Queen's coffin yesterday are active soldiers who were called back from duties in the Middle East for this sombre duty.

They then rehearsed day and night until they were able to carry out their duties to perfection. And perfection it was.



A RICH HISTORY

Prior to the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, the Regiment's title was The First Regiment of Foot Guards. They took on the title of Grenadier when the Regiment's 2nd Battalion defeated the Grenadier Regiment of the French Imperial Guard. Not only did the Regiment assume the name of Grenadier they also earned the right to adopt the French Imperial Guards' headdress for the whole regiment.

OBSERVATIONS

Yesterday the world stopped for a moment as it paid homage to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

With the eyes of the world upon them, the brave Guardsmen who carried Her Majesty's coffin so many times yesterday also carried the pride of an entire nation. They are 'the Best of British', representing the professionalism of all of the UK's armed forces from all the services.

Gentlemen, we salute you and all members of the military who took part. You did Her Majesty proud.

God save the King.

For editors and journalists

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Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it's time for the next chapter.