

George Pearson Chambers

George Chambers was born in 1911 in Newcastle upon Tyne and, after he left Newcastle Royal Grammar School in 1928, went to work for a bank.

In July 1939, with war imminent, George Chambers joined the 8th Battalion DLI – part of the Territorial Army - and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. When 8 DLI moved to Oxfordshire in October 1939 to train for active service with the British Expeditionary Force in France, George Chambers became the battalion's Signals Officer.

Over the next five years, George Chambers saw active service with the 8th Battalion DLI in France 1940, North Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Belgium and Holland, ending the war in 1945 as a Major commanding 'S' Company. Wounded at El Alamein in November 1942, the only major battle of the Second World War he missed involving 8 DLI was at Mareth in March 1943.

After the war, George Chambers returned to banking, rising to be a Regional Manager. He also rejoined 8 DLI and served as a Territorial Army officer until 1961. Following his retirement, George Chambers moved to Alnwick, where he died in May 1990.

George Chambers was interviewed for the Imperial War Museum in 1988.