

THE SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO 1950

THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS

The Regiment was raised in Exeter in 1688 and was named XX Foot, The East Devonshire Regiment. Its name was changed to XX The Lancashire Fusiliers in 1881.

The Regiment won their first battle honour at Dettingen in 1743 and fought later in Europe throughout the 7 years war, when it won immortal fame at Minden in 1759.

It fought against the armies of Napoleon in Holland; Egypt, where it was granted the honour of bearing the Sphinx on the colours, and in Italy at Maida. It took part in the famous retreat to Corunna and later joined Wellingtons, Army in Portugal, when it won six further battle honours. On the completion of the war, the Regiment guarded Napoleon at St.Helena.

In the Crimean War the Regiment fought at Alma, Inkerman and Sevastopol and during the Indian Mutiny took part in the relief of Lucknow in 1858.

In Africa the Regiment fought under Kitchener's command at Omdurman and later in the South African War, where it took part in the battles of Spion Kop and the relief of Ladysmith.

In the 1914-18 War, Battalions of the Regiment fought in France, Flanders, Gallipoli Mesopotamia, Salonika and Palestine, gaining 18 V.C's 6 of which were won in the landing at Gallipoli.

In the 1939-45 War, Battalions of the Regiment fought in Flanders, North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Burma and the Invasion of Europe.