

THE LOYAL REGIMENT (NORTH LANCASHIRE)

On 3 January 1741 King George II ordered the raising of the Regiment and seven years later it became the 47th Regiment of Foot.

Having taken part in suppressing the rising in SCOTLAND in 1745, in the conquest of CANADA and in the AMERICAN War of Independence, the Regiment returned to ENGLAND and was stationed in LANCASTER. Here in 1782 the 47th became the Regiment of the County Palatine. His Majesty ordering them to "take the county name of...The LANCASHIRE Regiment".

The 47th (The LANCASHIRE) Regiment served throughout the Peninsula and Crimean Wars.

Meanwhile the 81st Regiment (The Loyal Lincoln Volunteers) was fighting NAPOLEON in SICILY and ITALY followed by service in BURMA and INDIA.

But in 1881 the 47th and 81st were linked together to form the LOYAL NORTH LANCASHIRE Regiment.

The Battle Honours "Defence of KIMBERLEY" and "KILL-MANJARO" won respectively by the 47th and 81st made the Regiment unique in that both its Regular Battalions have Battle Honours distinct unto themselves.

In 1921 as a mark of appreciation of the services of the 21 Battalions of the Regiment during the Great War, His Majesty was pleased to approve the title of the Regiment being changed to The LOYAL Regiment (NORTH LANCASHIRE).

During the 1939-1945 war Battalions of the Regiment served in NORTH WEST EUROPE, MALAYA, NORTH AFRICA, ITALY and BURMA.