

MESSAGE FROM  
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The Amalgamation of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of our Regiment, involving as it does the temporary elimination of the 2nd Battalion, will inevitably bring some sadness to the minds of many of us who have served a part, or the whole, of our time, with the 2nd Battalion. But we must remember that a Battalion is only part of the team that makes up a Regiment, and it is to the Regiment as a whole that we owe our loyalties. Indeed in these days, with many officers and men serving in units other than their own, our loyalties have to be spread even wider, to the Group, which is itself but part of the great team which makes up the British Army.

And so, although we regret the passing of the 2nd Battalion which has added such lustre to the history of our Regiment, we know that its spirit and traditions will be kept alive and faithfully guarded by you in the new 1st Battalion. When the time comes, as it surely will, for the rebirth of the 2nd Battalion, then, the Officers and men who have the honour to re-form the Battalion will have the glorious records of the old "2nd" as a firm base on which to build.

I very much regret that I am unable to be with you today but send my best wishes to all ranks of the amalgamated 1st and 2nd Battalions.