



SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. H. L. OULTON
COMMANDING

1st BATTALION THE ROYAL LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT

Today, the 28th October, 1948, the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment are amalgamated to become the 1st Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

A Ceremonial Parade will be held on which the Colours of both the 1st and 2nd Battalions will be carried.

Lieutenant General R.N. GALE, C.B., DSO., OBE., MC., G.O.C. British Troops in Egypt and Mediterranean Command will then inspect the Battalion and read the following message from the Colonel of The Regiment, Major General J.A.A. GRIFFIN, DSO. :-

"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 a 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 re-birth of the 2nd Battalion — then, the Officers and men who have the honour to reform 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".

The Regimental Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment will then be trooped.

On completion of this ceremony the 1st Battalion will march past the G.O.C. in Column of Threes.

The Drums will then play Retreat.

The names of all those taking part in the Parade are published as an Annexure to this Order.

R. H. L. Oulton

EL.-BALLAH
28th October, 1948.

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding 2nd Bn. The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.