

FANFARE by Trumpeters of the 1st Battalion

The Royal Sussex Regiment.

THE ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT

The Royal Sussex Regiment was raised in 1701 by the 3rd Earl of Donegall. Originally known as Donegall's Own it became the Sussex Regiment in 1804 being granted the distinction 'Royal' by William IV in 1832.

In 1759 the Regiment fought with great distinction under Wolfe at the Battle of Quebec. It was there opposed by the French Roussillon Regiment and in recognition of its victory over them won the right to wear the Roussillon Plume.

The Regiment is sometimes called the 'Orange Lilies' after the colour of its first facings and was nicknamed the Iron Regiment by the Germans during the 1914-18 War.

The origin of the Regimental Slow March 'Royal Sussex', the 1st and 2nd Battalions quick marches 'Roussillon Air' and 'Lass of Richmond Hill' respectively is obscure.

The well known march 'Sussex by the Sea' is common to all Battalions of the Regiment and is played before the Regimental Marches.