



## **Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)**

The **Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)** was a line infantry regiment of the British Army, in existence from 1881 (as the **Royal Highland Regiment (Black Watch)**) until 2006. The regiment was created under the Childers Reforms of 1881, as the **Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)**, by the amalgamation of the 42nd (Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot and the 73rd (Perthshire) Regiment of Foot.

**History;** -The Black Watch was formed as part of the Childers Reforms in 1881 when the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment (The Black Watch) was amalgamated with the 73rd (Perthshire) Foot to form two battalions of the newly named **Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)**.

### **20th century**

During the First World War the 25 battalions of Black Watch fought mainly in France and Flanders, except for the 2nd Battalion which fought in Mesopotamia and Palestine, and the 10th Battalion which was in the Balkans. Only the 1st and 2nd battalions were regulars. A number of authors state that the regiment was given the nickname "Ladies from Hell" ("*Die Damen aus der Hölle*") by German troops, allegedly on account of their kilts and fighting qualities.