



## **King's Own Scottish Borderers**

The King's Own Scottish Borderers was an infantry regiment of the British Army, part of the Scottish Division. On 28 March 2006 the regiment was amalgamated with the Royal Scots, the Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment), the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), the Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders to form the Royal Regiment of Scotland, becoming the 1st Battalion of the new regiment.

### **World War I**

During the Home Rule Crisis in 1914, the Borderers were stationed in Dublin. They killed four civilians and wounded 38 after opening fire on a group of unarmed civilians on the day of the Howth gun-running.<sup>[4]</sup> Later, during the First World War, the regiment was enlarged to nine battalions and served in notable campaigns such as Gallipoli and the Somme.

### **Restructuring of the infantry**

Until 2004 the regiment was one of five in the line infantry never to have been amalgamated, the others being The Royal Scots, The Green Howards, The Cheshire Regiment and The Royal Welch Fusiliers. However, in 2004, as part of the British Government's defence review, it was announced that the Scottish Division would lose an infantry battalion. On 28 March 2006 the regiment became the King's Own Scottish Borderers Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Scotland. Then on 1 August 2006 the King's Own Scottish Borderers Battalion merged with the Royal Scots Battalion to form the Royal Scots Borderers Battalion. This single battalion became known as the 1st Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland.