



Royal Scots Fusiliers

The **Royal Scots Fusiliers** was a line infantry regiment of the British Army that existed from 1678 until 1959 when it was amalgamated with the Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) to form the Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) which was later itself merged with the Royal Scots Borderers, the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) to form a new large regiment, the Royal Regiment of Scotland, with the Royal Highland Fusiliers becoming the 2nd Battalion of the new regiment.

History

The Earl of Mar's Regiment of Foot ('Mar's Grey Brecks')

The regiment was raised in Scotland in 1788 and was converted to fusiliers in 1689, but didn't receive the title officially until 1695. It was nicknamed the "Duke of Marlborough's Own" for its excellent

Childers Reforms of 1881

The regiment did not suffer the indignity of being amalgamated, as it already had two regular battalions. However, it did become the County Regiment of Ayrshire, Dumfriesshire, Kirkcudbrightshire, Roxburghshire, Selkirkshire and Wigtownshire in South-West Scotland. This made them a Lowland Regiment and forced them to adopt trews. It also had to lose its numbering, becoming the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

First World War

The Royal Scots Fusiliers served during the First World War. It raised many service battalions and Territorial Force battalions. The regiment bore the brunt of many battles on the Western Front, serving with distinction. The Battle of

Loos proved to be a taxing episode on the regiment's fighting strength and morale.

This period in the regiment's history is particularly notable, as its 6th Battalion was commanded on the Western Front, by future Prime Minister Winston Churchill.