



Royal Warwickshire Regiment

The **Royal Warwickshire Regiment**, previously titled the **6th Regiment of Foot**, was a line infantry regiment of the British Army in continuous existence for 283 years. The regiment saw service in many conflicts and wars, including the Second Boer War and both World War I and World War II. On 1 May 1963 the regiment was re-titled, for the final time, as the **Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers** and became part of the Fusilier Brigade.

History

The regiment traces its origins to the 17th century. In the Netherlands in 1674 the government retained two regiments of English troops, two of Scots and one Irish. In 1685 when James II requested their services during the Duke of Monmouth's rebellion he organised them into two units, given the precedence as the 5th and 6th Regiments of Foot.

First World War

During the Great War the Royal Warwickshire Regiment raised 30 battalions. Three of these, 14th, 15th and 16th (Service) battalions were raised in September 1914 from men volunteering in Birmingham. These units were additionally entitled 1st, 2nd and 3rd City of Birmingham battalions, and were known as the Birmingham Pals.

The Somme, Amas, Lys and the Hindenburg Line were among numerous actions which involved the 6th in 1918. In addition to the Western Front, battalions of the 6th also saw action in Italy 1917-18, at Gallipoli 1915-16, Mesopotamia 1916-17 and Persia 1916-19, where they formed part of the Dunsterforce and participated in the Battle of Baku. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment won six Victoria Crosses during the First World War.