



York and Lancaster Regiment

The **York and Lancaster Regiment** was a line infantry regiment of the British Army that existed from 1881 until 1968.

History

It was formed on 1 July 1881 through the amalgamation of two regiments of foot and a militia regiment:

- 65th (2nd Yorkshire) Regiment
- 84th (York and Lancaster) Regiment
- 3rd West York Light Infantry Militia (two battalions)

Under the original scheme of amalgamation announced in March 1881 the title of the new regiment was to be **The Hallamshire Regiment**. The proposed title was unpopular with the amalgamating units, who sought a more "suitable title... which at the same time would identify the Regiment with the county (Yorkshire), which the word 'Hallamshire' entirely fails to

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First World War

The regiment raised 22 battalions for service in the Great War,¹ of which eight saw action on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. During the war it suffered 48,650 casualties out of 57,000 men serving, with 8,814 killed or died of wounds (72 out of every 100 men being either wounded or killed). The regiment won four Victoria Crosses and 59 battle honours, the largest number for any English regiment during the war.

During the Battle of the Somme the Yorks and Lancs' eight battalions that went over the top on the first day suffered huge casualties, the three Pals battalions; 12th (Sheffield City), 13th and 14th Barnsley Pals Battalions, in particular

suffering heavily. Eleven battalions of the regiment fought during the Somme offensive.

Following the armistice troops from the York's and Lancaster Regiment were involved in a mutinous riot at the Clipstone Camp, Nottinghamshire, following disquiet at the slow rate of being demobilised.