



## **Royal Norfolk Regiment**

The **Royal Norfolk Regiment**, originally formed as the **Norfolk Regiment**, was a line infantry regiment of the British Army. The Norfolk Regiment was created on 1 July 1881, as part of the Childers Reforms, as the county regiment of Norfolk.

The Norfolk Regiment fought in the Great War on the Western Front and in the Middle East. After the war, the regiment became the **Royal Norfolk Regiment** on 3 June 1935.

### **History**

#### **First World War**

The Norfolk Regiment entered the First World War with two regular, one reserve and three Territorial Force battalions (one of cyclists), with the regiment expanding to nineteen battalions.

The Norfolk Regiment also raised many service battalions during the war who were a part of Lord Kitchener's New Armies.

The total number of men raised during the war and who served with the Norfolk Regiment amounted to 32,375 of whom 5,576 were killed and many thousands wounded.

#### **Victoria Cross**

During the war, Lieutenant Colonel Jack Sherwood Kelly, a Norfolk Regiment officer, was awarded the Victoria Cross while leading a trench assault by Irish troops during the Battle of Cambrai in 1917.