

**Farewell Dinner
To
1st Bn The King's Royal Rifle Corps**

*We meet to part, and part to meet
over and over again.*

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TO

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ON DEPARTURE TO EGYPT

BY

**KHAN SAHIB S. ABDULLA BROTHERS
(Army Contractors)**

IN HONOUR

OF

LONG ASSOCIATIONS

FROM

1890 to 1938

The address delivered by Mr Mohamed Ibrahim Abdulla at Hill Barracks, Mandalay on 30th October 1938:-

“Captain White, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are meeting here today with mingled feelings of pain and pleasure - pain because we are on the eve of parting, pleasure because of the memory of our happy relations for the past forty years and over. A long undisturbed connection for three generations should naturally engender mutual feelings of love and respect and to part company after such close association is indeed a painful affair. We have to solace ourselves with the thought that the contingencies of service cannot yield to human sentiments, but I may assure you that the name of the K.R.R.C. will always remain a family treasure with us. I may also tell you that Khan Sahib S. Abdulla, who has spent all his active life with your Regiment, feels this severance of connections very keenly and writes to me to pay his respects to you all and regrets his inability to be present here today, to wish you all farewell, on account of infirmity. But if anything can lessen this sorrow of parting, it is the expression of goodwill and sympathy consistently evinced by the Officers and men of this Battalion; to feel that one will be missed is a consolation, though a selfish one.

Gentlemen, I thank you all, on behalf of my firm, for the magnificent gift of a shield and I may assure you that it will always be amongst the treasured possessions of the family.

And how can I thank you for the cherished gift of a medal to me personally? I need hardly tell you that I shall prize it as long as my life lasts, but more than it do I value the sentiment that prompted you to make it. All I can say of myself is that I have only tried to do my duty. I take no credit for it. It is the constant sympathy and support of the Officers of the Regiment and the unswerving loyalty and goodwill of my subordinates that have made the path of duty an easy and pleasant one - too pleasant perhaps, for otherwise I might have felt less regret at this parting.

Believe me, wherever you may be, not only myself but the whole family of S. Abdulla Bros., will be watching with pride the fortunes of the 60th Rifles and we hope and pray that you will always maintain the great traditions of the Regiment built up during the last two centuries.

Now, Gentlemen, I have only to add this - wherever you may go you take with you our goodwill and our friendship, whenever you return you will find us ready to welcome you; and in conclusion you will permit me to mark the end of my intimate, active participation in your affairs by saying

GOODBYE, GOD BLESS YOU.“