

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTERS



Queen's Westminster Rifle Volunteers
(13th Bn Middlesex Regiment) 1860-1908

Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifle Volunteers
(12th Bn Middlesex Regiment) 1859-1908

Queen's Westminster Rifles
(16th Bn London Regiment) 1908-1921

Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles
(15th Bn London Regiment) 1908-1921

Queen's Westminster & Civil Service Rifles 1922-1938
Queen's Westminsters (KRRC) 1938-1946
Queen's Westminsters (KRRC) (TA) 1947-1961
Queen's Royal Rifles (TA) 1961-1967

Battle Honours

Second World War:

North-West Europe:

Mont Pincon, Roer, Rhineland, Kleve, Goch, Rhine, North-West Europe 1944-45

North Africa:

El Alamein, North Africa 1942

Italy:

Italy 1943-44

Other:

Athens, Greece 1944-45

ROYAL TITLE OF THE QW & CSR: ORIGINS EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING ORDERS 1912 OF THE QWR

1779.

By the express permission of His Majesty King George III, the London and Westminster Light Horse Volunteers were raised.

Honoured by the gift of a "King's Standard of Light Dragoons" from HM King George III (to mark its service in the Riots of 1780).

1795.

By His Majesty's special direction two six-pounders and a detachment of Royal Artillery were permanently attached to the Regiment, and after the need for their services had passed away the guns remained with the Regiment as a peculiar mark of distinction on the part of the Sovereign. When the Regiment was disbanded in 1830 the guns came into the possession of their last Commanding Officer and were presented by his grandson, Mr CRB Bosanquet, to the Queen's Westminster Volunteers in 1902; they are now mounted in front of the Drill Hall of B Coy 4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets in Fulham.

From 1787 onwards a number of Volunteer Corps were raised in Westminster viz.

1787 Royal Westminster Volunteers

1797 The St James's Loyal Volunteers

1797 The Westminster Volunteer Cavalry

1797 The St Martin's Volunteers (honoured by the title of the Prince of Wales's)

1797 The St Clement Danes Volunteers

1798 The St Margaret and St John's Volunteers

1798 The Pimlico Armed Association.

1803 Renamed to The Queen's Royal Volunteers

All infantry corps disbanded in 1814; cavalry disbanded in 1829.

1859 Volunteer Corps re-raised. Pimlico raised six companies, and Queen Victoria was graciously pleased to honour this Regiment with the special title of "The Queen's Rifle Volunteers".

On 13th January 1860 the Queen's Rifle Volunteers amalgamated with the several Companies raised in the Parishes of St John, St Margaret, St Mary le Strand, St Anne Soho, St Clement Danes and subsequently with the Company formed in King's College, under the Names of "The Queen's (Westminster) Rifle Volunteers".

Inspected in 1860 by Queen Victoria.

1908 Transferred to the new Territorial Force as the Queen's Westminster Rifles.

1921 Amalgamated with the Prince of Wales's Own Civil Service Rifles to form the Queen's Westminster and Civil Service Rifles.

1938 Re-titled The Queen's Westminsters, The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

1940 Absorbed into The King's Royal Rifle Corps as 11th and 12th Battalions The King's Royal Rifle Corps (Queen's Westminsters).

1947 Re-raised as The Queen's Westminsters, The King's Royal Rifle Corps (TA)

It has been the privilege of the Regiment to form a guard of honour to the Sovereign on many great occasions of State.

1882 Opening of the Royal Courts of Justice by Queen Victoria

1893 Marriage of HM King George V

1901 Funeral of Queen Victoria

1902 Coronation of King Edward VII

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1911 Procession Day after the Coronation of King George V

2011 The two six-pounders are now in pride of place at the front entrance of G Coy, 7 Rifles Drill Hall in West Ham, East London.