

"Blenheim,"
 "Ramillies,"
 "Oudenarde,"
 "Malplaquet,"
 "Mandora,"
 "Corunna,"
 "Martinique, 1809,"



"Gundaloupe, 1810,"
 "Sevastopol,"
 "Lucknow,"
 "Abyssinia,"
 "South Africa, 1846-7 1877-9,"
 "South Africa, 1899-1902,"
 "Relief of Ladysmith,"

1st Battalion The Camerons



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THAT staunch old Corps the 26th (Cameronians) Regiment of Foot, which now forms the 1st Battalion of the Cameronians, owes its popular designation to those sorely persecuted sectaries known as Cameronians, who, during the religious persecutions of the latter Stuart days, looked upon themselves as "the remnant that had not bowed the knee to Baal." At any rate, they kept alive in the north the stern spirit of resistance to arbitrary power, of which later generations have enjoyed the fruits. A body of these people, the Cameronian Guard, were the self-appointed guards of the "Lords of Convention" at the time the Revolution of 1688 was progressing south of the Tweed. From the same sources were enrolled later (within the space of twenty four hours, on 19th April, 1689, by James, Earl of Angus, acting under an order of the Scottish Parliament), twenty companies of sixty men each, which were known then and thereafter as the Cameronian Regiment of Foot. It is recorded that one of the conditions under which these men took service, was that the regiment should have a chaplain of their own persuasion, and that each company should be provided with an elder, in order that piety might be promoted and evil-doers rebuked. Their first engagement was at Dunkeld, where their gallant defence was the theme for universal praise. In 1691 it went to Flanders and fought bravely at Steinkirk and Landen; its grenadiers were part of the storming party under Lord Cutts at Terra Nova during the famous siege of Namur. It served with much distinction through Marlborough's campaigns. At Blenheim their Brigadier, the gallant Row, in whose division they were, led them right up to the palisades, which he struck with his sword before giving the order to "Fire!" It fought at Ramillies; at the sieges of Dendermond and Ath; at Wynendale, Oudenarde, and Malplaquet; at Douay, and at the attack on the enemy's lines at Pont a Vendin.

After serving in England for a few years the Regiment was ordered to the defence of Gibraltar in 1726-7, after which it went to Minorca, and was there stationed until 1748. In 1767 it was ordered to Canada, and fought throughout the American War of Independence. It embarked for Egypt in 1801, and took part in the siege of Alexandria, after which it returned home. In 1805 it embarked for Hanover, when part was lost on the Goodwin Sands while outward bound. In 1808 it embarked under Baird with reinforcements for Sir John Moore's army in Spain and was present at the battle of Corunna, a victory which fitly closed a masterly retreat in the depths of winter, and in the face of superior forces of the enemy. The Regiment was in the Walcheren expedition, where it suffered very severely indeed; and in 1811 it joined Wellington's army on the Coa, and took part in the preparations for the siege of Ciudad Rodrigo; but the sickly state of the battalion, due in great measure to its sufferings at Walcheren, caused it to be sent back to Lisbon, and thence to Gibraltar, where it remained until 1822. In 1828 it proceeded to India and served there until 1841, when the battalion embarked for China, and served with much distinction throughout the first Chinese War. Its services there are commemorated by the badge of the Chinese Dragon. It formed part of the Abyssinian Expedition in 1868, and guarded the base during the advance on Magdala. Since the Abyssinian War, though duty has been ever well performed, and the credit and high standing of the battalion well and thoroughly maintained, no foe has called for the stern lessons which these successors of the old Covenanters know so well how to give.

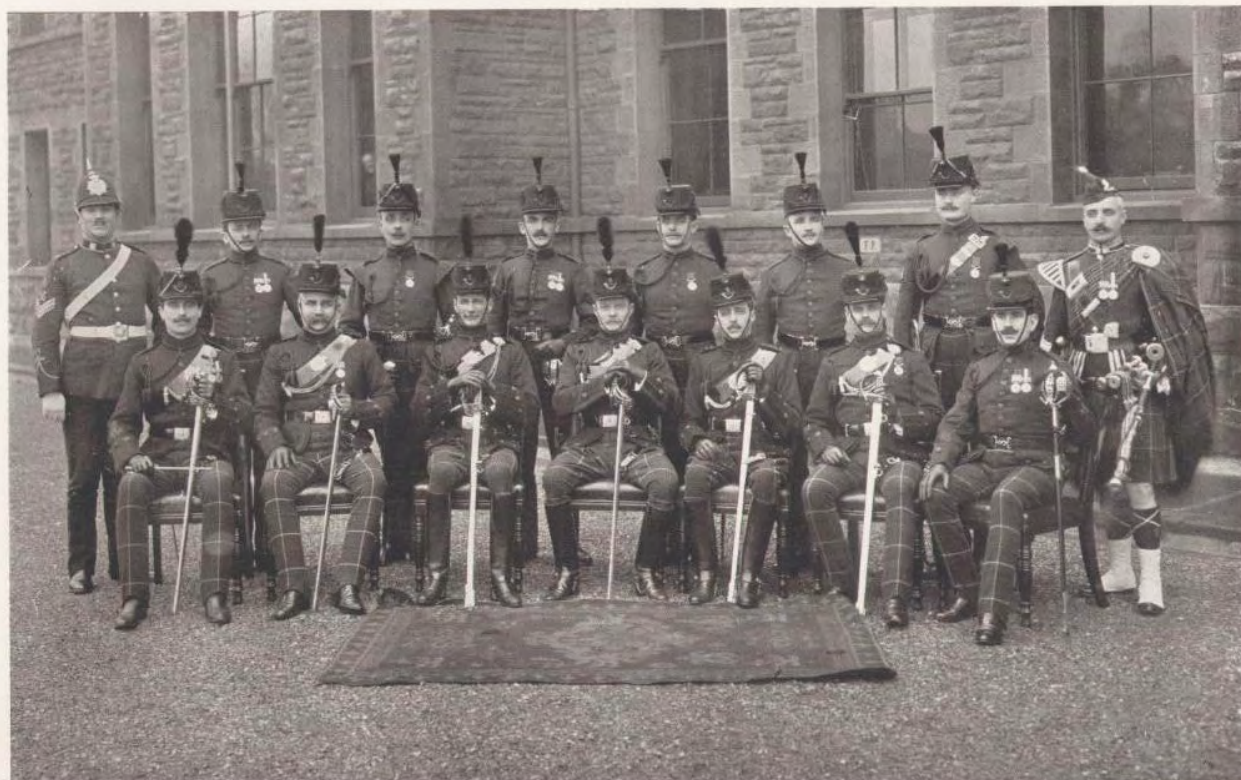




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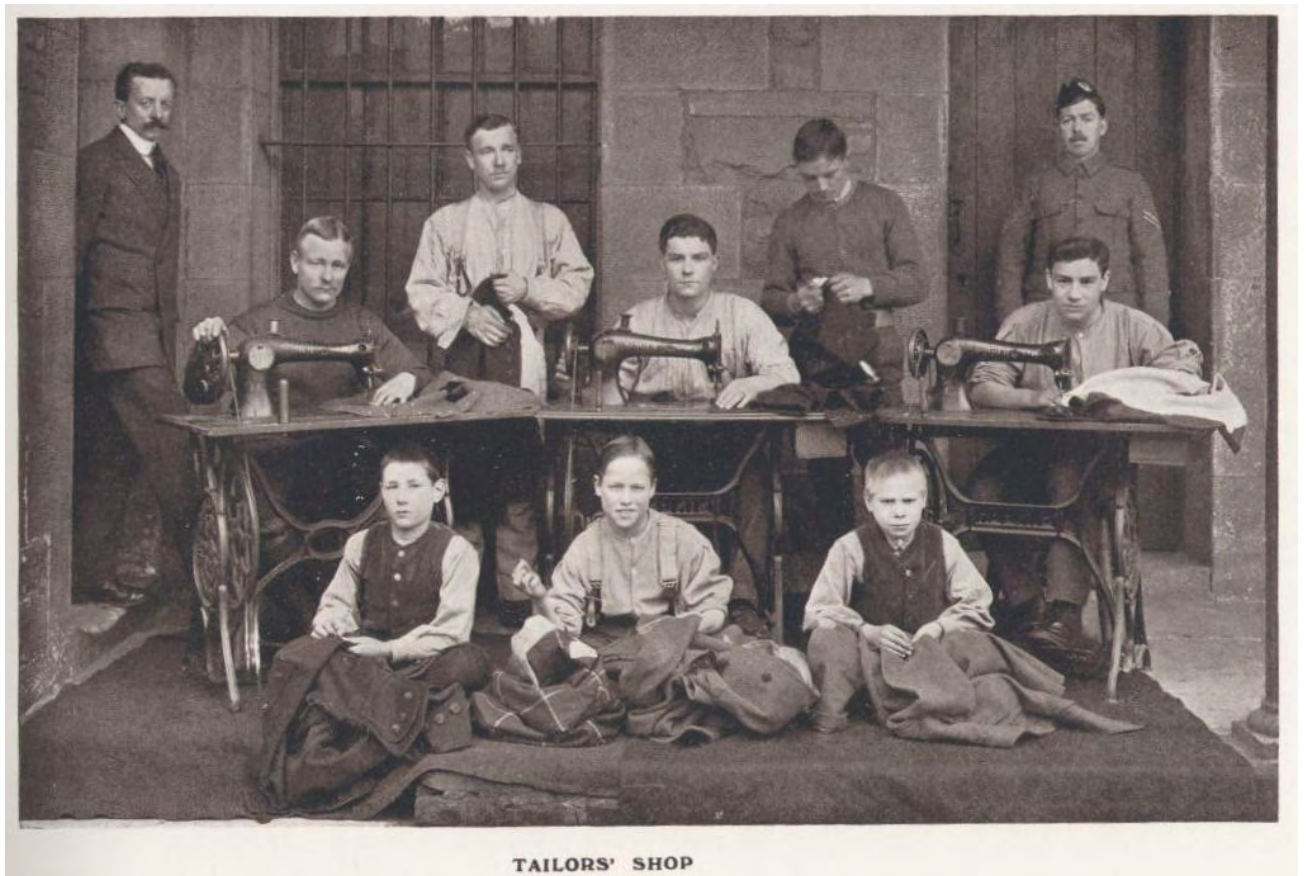
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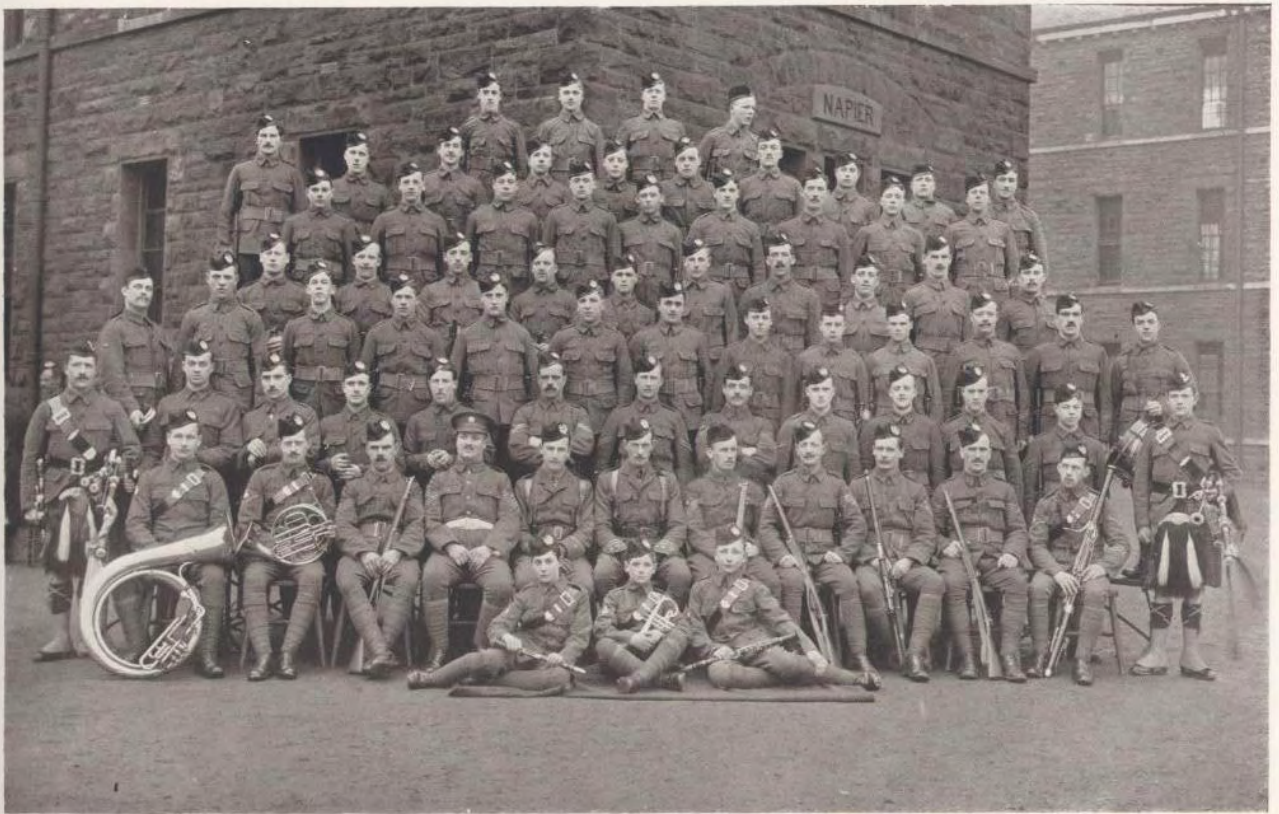
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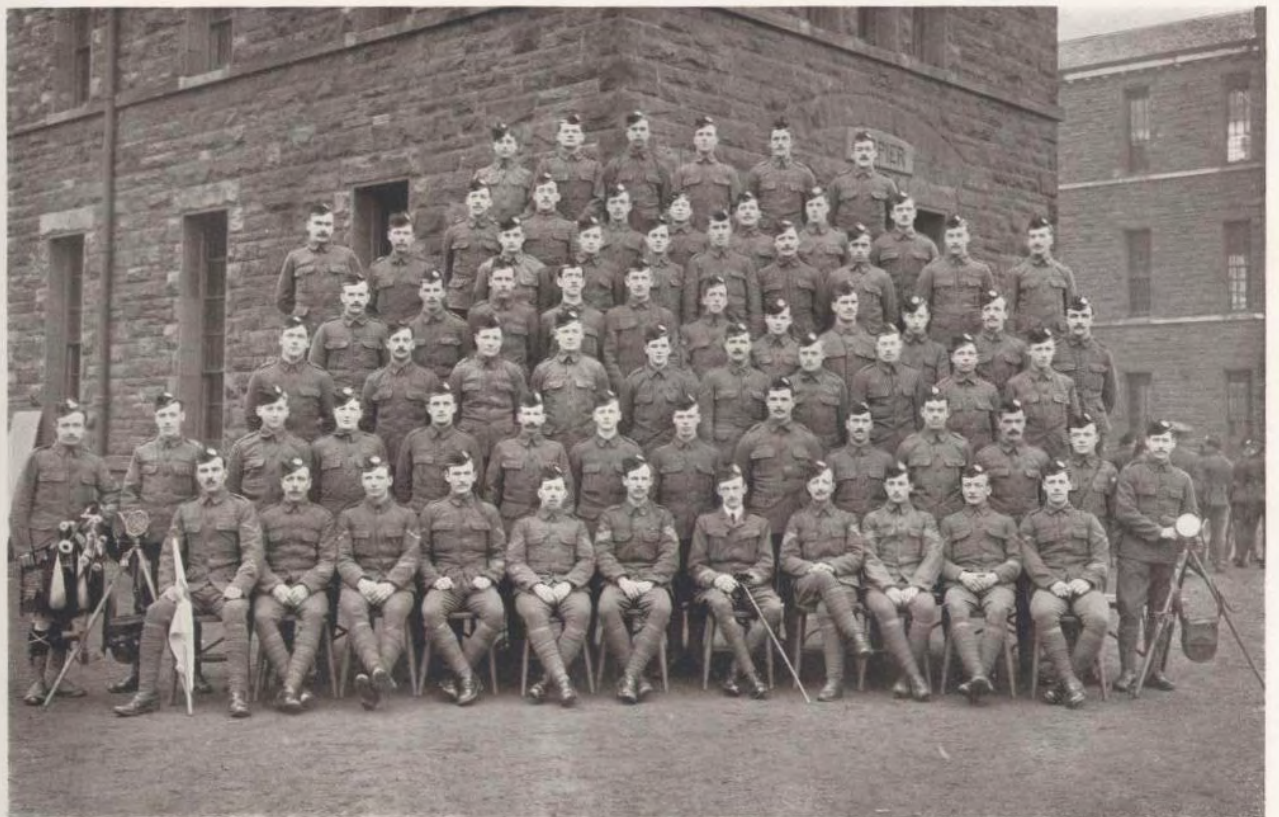
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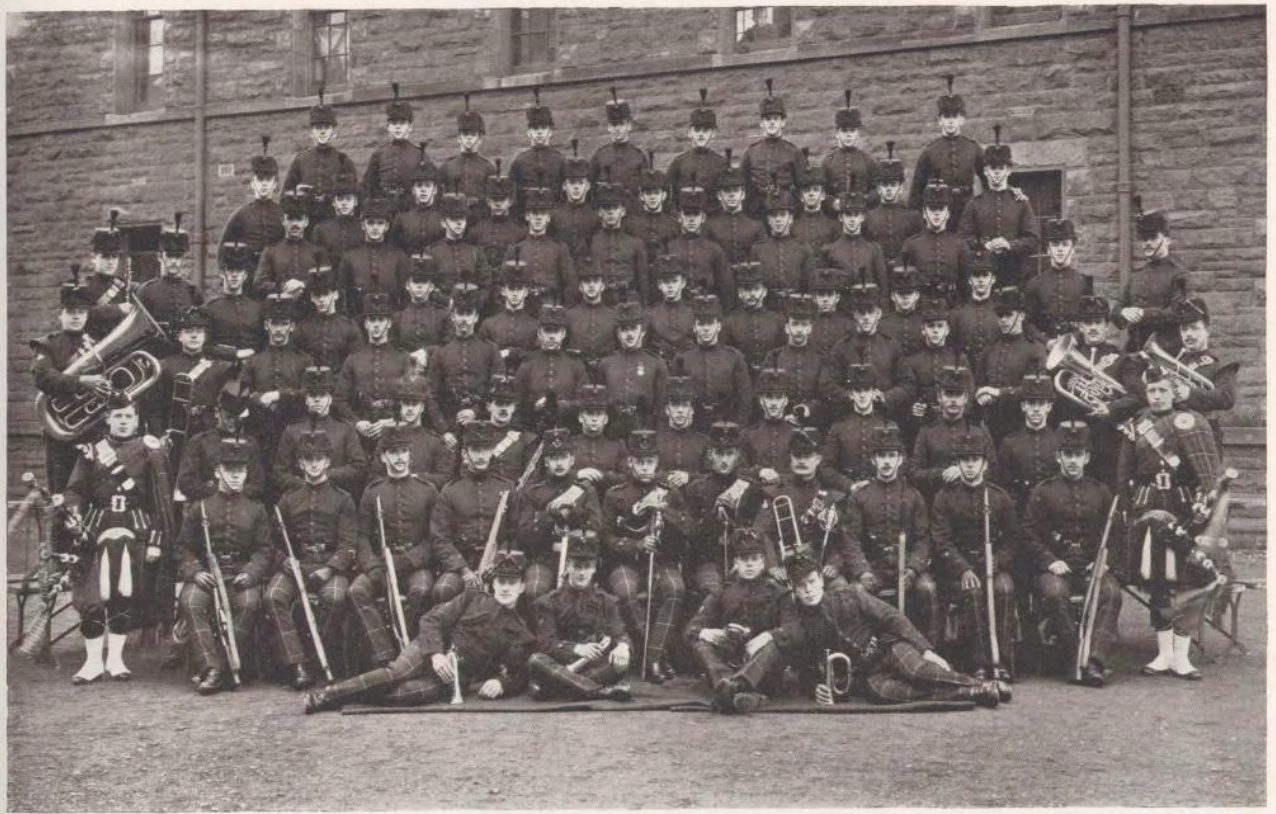
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