

Part 5: Flags and Company Colours

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1. Regimental Flag.

The Regimental flag was a blue sheet bearing the red dragon above the letters "RWF" in Old English type. From 1881 to 1921 a gryphon was imposed by the War Office in place of the dragon on flags and badges, although the term "dragon" was always used. No distinguishing battalion numerals are known to have been used.

Figure 44: the red dragon and the gryphon as used on the regimental flag.



2. Company Colours and flags

Each company flew a flag and carried a small Colour with its distinguishing badge on parade, held by the right marker. These flags and Colours were all blue and the company badges were as follows:

A – The Rising Sun, *Figure 45.*



B – The Prince of Wales’s Feathers, coronet and motto “ICH DIEN”; two variants used at different periods are shown, *Figure 46*.



C (or Command) – The White Horse of Hannover with the motto “NEC ASPERA TERRENT”; two variants used at different periods are shown, although on the Regimental Colours, “NEC ASPERA TERRENT” was always in superscript, *Figure 47*.



D – The Sphinx over a wreath of laurels and myrtle, superscribed “EGYPT”, *Figure 48*.



Support – The Minden Rose, *Figure 49*.



HQ (or Admin) – The Red Dragon as on the regimental flag but without the letters “RWF”.

Each company also used a distinguishing colour for sports kit, signs and the marking of baggage:

A – Green;

B – Orange;

C (or Command) – Red;

D – Yellow;

Support – Red and White;

HQ (or Admin) – Blue.ⁱ

ⁱ RWF Regimental Standing Orders, p 7.