

**Speech of His Excellency the Governor of the North-
West Frontier Province at the presentation of
Colours to the 2nd Royal Battalion (Ludhiana
Sikhs) 11th Sikh Regiment at Nowshera
on the 22nd March, 1939.**

Major Birdwood, Officers, Non-Commissioned
Officers and Men of the 2nd Royal Battalion, 11th Sikh
Regiment :

It is a matter of great pride to me that I am
privileged to present new Colours to your Battalion
on behalf of His Majesty the King-Emperor.

To-day, March the 22nd, is a day already com-
memorated by your Battalion every year. For on this
date, 54 years ago, the battle of Tofrek was fought
in which the 15th Ludhiana Sikhs, fighting shoulder
to shoulder with the Royal Berkshire Regiment, won
a victory of which the memory is still fresh in our
minds. It must, I know, be an added pleasure to you
to-day that you are able to associate the presentation
of your Colours with the annual celebration.

From the time, nearly 100 years ago, when your
Battalion was raised, it has held a conspicuous place
in the history of the Indian Army. It is distinguished
not only for the number of occasions on which it has
been sent overseas, but also for the length of time it
has spent on active service. In China, Afghanistan,