

Sudan and, in more recent times, in France, Egypt and Iraq your Battalion has won honour and distinction. Yours was the first Battalion of Indian troops to land at Marseilles in 1914. The names of La Bassie, Neuve Chapelle and Ypres, which your new Colours record, bear testimony to the important battles in which you took part on the Western Front.

Here, also, on the North-West Frontier, your deeds are well known. Above all, during the last two years in Waziristan, you have added even further honours to the reputation of your Regiment by the fine spirit you displayed in the many engagements in which you took part.

In 1935, your Battalion was honoured with the title "Royal". To-day another Royal gift has been bestowed upon you. These Colours which have now been given into your keeping are a symbol of your soldierly pride in serving the King-Emperor. I am confident that you and your successors will never fail to maintain to the full that spirit of courage and initiative which has always been the tradition of your Battalion in the past.

I join with the many friends whom you have made during your service in this Province in wishing all of you good fortune in the future wherever you may be.