

What follows is a copy of the Application from the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion on behalf of all Battalions The Manchester Regiment (as appears in *the Official History of the Manchester Regiment by Colonel Wyllly, 1925*).

No. 108/E/210/2
2/11/1922

From: The Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion The Manchester Regiment.
To: Headquarters, 24th (P) Infantry Brigade, Dublin

DUBLIN
2nd November, 1922

Sir,

I have the honour to re-submit a request that application may be made to the Army Council for permission for The Manchester Regiment to use the Fleur de Lys as a Badge.

The application is forwarded by me on the authority and on behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir Vere Fane, K.C.B., K.C.I.E, at present Commanding in Burmah.

A previous application was made in 1919 by the Colonel of the Regiment, supported by letters from the Officers Commanding both Regular Battalions, and was replied to by War Office letter No. 20/Infantry/1338 (Q.M.b.7) of 31st October 1919.

It is the unanimous wish of the Officers of both Regular Battalions of the Regiment that the Fleur de Lys should be authorised as one of the badges of the Regiment.

Letters strongly approving this application have been received from all the Honorary Colonels and Commanding Officers of the Militia and Territorial Battalions. Further, a resolution of the Manchester City Council was unanimously adopted in August 1922, stating that the application was assented to by the City Council. (A copy of the resolution is attached hereto).

2. This request is not put forward on the grounds that the Fleur de Lys should be regarded in the light of a Battle Honour. It is forwarded for consideration on the grounds of long usage, custom and sentiment.

The arms of the City of Manchester as at present worn constitute a Badge of a non-military nature, and they are, moreover, worn at present by every worker in the employment of the City Corporation.

The Badge, therefore, as worn is by no means regarded by all ranks in the Regiment, who mainly come from Manchester, with those feelings which a Regimental Badge should inspire.

3. It is suggested that the Fleur de Lys should be worn as the Badge of the Regiment on the Headdress, and as the Collar Badge of the Service Dress Jacket of Officers.

The Badge of the 63rd Foot would thus be retained and the Badge of the 96th Foot, The Sphinx, would remain on the Officers' buttons and the collar of the tunic, while the Territorial connection with the City of Manchester would be retained by the name of the Regiment.

4. A sample of the Fleur de Lys is enclosed.

I have the honour to be, Sir
Your obedient Servant
(sgd.) F.H. DORLING
Lt.-Colonel
Commanding 1st Battalion The Manchester Regiment