

What follows is a copy of the War Office letter sanctioning the restoration of the fleur de lys badge of the 63rd Foot to the Manchester Regiment (as appears in *the Official History of the Manchester Regiment by Colonel Wyllly, 1925*).

The Secretary, War Office, London

COPY OF WAR OFFICE LETTER SANCTIONING RESTORATION OF THE "FLEUR DE LYS"
BADGE OF THE 63RD FOOT TO THE MANCHESTER REGIMENT

WAR OFFICE, LONDON, S.W.1
31st January, 1923.

20/Infantry/1570 (Q.M.G.7).

SIR,

With reference to the attached copy of application of the Officer Commanding 1st Bn. The Manchester Regiment, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that approval is given for the Manchester Regiment to use the "Fleur de Lys" as a clothing Badge in place of "The Arms of the City of Manchester".

The proposal that the "Fleur de Lys" should be worn as the headdress Badge for all ranks and as the Collar Badge on the Service Dress Jacket of Officers is sanctioned, on the understanding that no expense to the Public is thereby involved and that provision of the new cap badge for other ranks will not be proceeded with until stocks of the present pattern badge are exhausted.

I am to ask that a report may be furnished whether the enclosed sample "Fleur de Lys" (which was forwarded with the application of the 1st Battalion Manchester Regiment) is of the required design and size for the Service Dress Jackets of Officers, and that a sketch showing the exact dimensions of the cap badge may be forwarded to this Office in order that sealed patterns of the badges may be prepared. The enclosed sample badge should be returned with your reply.

I am to add that copies of this letter are being sent to the Colonel of the Manchester Regiment (Major-General Sir V.B. Fane, K.C.B., K.C.I.E); to the Officers Commanding the 2nd Battalion and Depot of the Manchester Regiment, and to the Secretary, East Lancashire Territorial Force Association

I am, Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Sgd). B. B. CUBBITT
The G.O.C., Guernsey and Alderney District.