

THE DEVONSHIRE REGIMENT FAMILY TREE

1685

One of twelve regiments of local militia from Devon, Somerset and Dorset, the
DUKE OF BEAUFORT'S MUSKETEERS
were raised to quell the Duke of Monmouth's West country rebellion.

1685

One of the regiments retained as part of the regular army and renamed the
11th REGIMENT OF FOOT
Fought in Ireland at the Siege of Londonderry and the Battle of the Boyne in 1689

1782

Renamed the
11th (NORTH DEVONSHIRE) REGIMENT OF FOOT
In the Peninsular War, 1807 to 1814, the Regiment fought under
the Duke of Wellington and helped drive Napoleon out of France

1881

The British Army was reorganised, regiments amalgamated and allocated county names, hence
THE DEVONSHIRE REGIMENT
Under this name it fought throughout the Boer War, the First World War, Second World War and
the Korean War
(During the Boer War, at Ladysmith, Ghandi acted as a stretcher bearer for the Regiment)

1958

The Devonshire Regiment amalgamated with the Dorset Regiment to form
THE DEVONSHIRE AND DORSET REGIMENT

2004

The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment amalgamated with the Royal Gloucestershire Regiment,
Berkshire Regiment and Wiltshire Regiment to form a battalion of
THE LIGHT INFANTRY

22/07/2005

The battalion of the Light Infantry with Devonshire roots was renamed
THE DEVONSHIRE AND DORSET LIGHT INFANTRY

24/11/2005

The Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry and The Royal Green Jackets amalgamated to become the
1st battalion, THE RIFLES

01/04/2008

1st battalion, THE RIFLES was permanently attached to 3rd Commando Brigade

THE RIFLES Commander-In-Chief: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh
1st battalion, THE RIFLES Royal Colonel: HRH The Duke of Kent