

Northern Whig

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THE ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS. PRESENTATION OF NEW COLOURS BY LADY LONDONDERRY.

Dublin, Wednesday.

Today the Marchioness of Londonderry left To day the Kingsbridge for the Curragh Camp, where her Excellency took the chief part the ceremony of presenting new colours to the 5th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers (Dublin County Militia), at present undergoing their annual training. Addressing Colonel Vernon and the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men. Lady Londonderry expressed infinite pleasure the task, and referred in sympathetic terms to the loss of the late colonel of the regiment, the Earl of Meath, who was in command over forty years, and was the last presentation of colours thirty years ago. Loud cheers were given for the Marchioness of Londonderry and also for the Lord Lieutenant. The old colours of the regiment will be convoyed Clontarf Castle on Saturday, and handed over to Mr. Vernon, D.L. The ceremony will be of an exceedingly interesting nature, and fashionable company will be present.



Cap Badge - Dublin County Militia

Raised in 1793 at Lucan as Dublin County Militia,
became 5th Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers 31st July 1881



**Cap badge, Royal Dublin Fusiliers,
1898-1921**



**Royal Dublin Fusilier
Relaxing at The Curragh**



**Fusiliers Gun Training
Curragh Camp**

The Royal Dublin Fusiliers was disbanded in 1922 on the establishment of the Irish Free State. On 12 June that year the regiment laid up its Colours at a ceremony at Windsor Castle.

Edinburgh

Evening News

Tuesday 6th September 1887

A JOINT ANGLICAN AND ROMAN FUNCTION.

Some time ago there was a considerable fuss made to the consecration of the colours Irish regiment by a Roman Catholic chaplain at Devonport, and orders were issued by the War Office that this ceremony should be performed by the Anglican chaplains as heretofore. On the occasion of the presentation of new colours by the Marchioness of Londonderry at the Curragh Camp the fifth battalion of Royal Dublin Fusiliers a few days ago was arranged by the chaplains in conjunction with the military authorities, that a joint service should be held. Accordingly, having been formed up in square and the new colours placed on an impromptu altar formed by the drums of the corps, the Rev. F. Sadleir, senior military chaplain in Ireland, and the Rev. F. B. N. Norman Lee, chaplain of the Curragh Brigade, and their Catholic colleague, the Rev. L. Dillon, vested alike in short surplice, cassock, stole, and biretta, entered the square. The latter recited in English two collects the Special Office for the Blessing of Standards in the Pontificale Romanum, after which the hymn "Brightly gleam our banners" was sung, and the Anglican chaplain said the Collect sanctioned by the War Office for the occasion. This is, it is said, the first time since the Reformation that this religious ceremony has been performed jointly by Roman and Anglican priests. The Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, his Highness Prince Teck, and a large number of Irish nobility were present.