**The “Glorious First Of June” - 1st June 1794**

On this day in June 1794, the Grenadier and Light companies of the 25th of Foot fought in that great naval victory against the French, known as “the Glorious First of June”, serving as marines on board HMS Marlborough and HMS Gibraltar. During the French Revolutionary Wars, detachments of the 25th fought by land and sea, most notably crossing swords with a young artillery officer, Napoleon Bonaparte, at the siege of Toulon in 1793. The continued success of the Royal Navy at that time, supported by Soldiers and Marines, ensured that “Britons never, never, never, shall be slaves”. Our long-standing partnership with the Senior Service was to flourish later in the 20th Century through such joint actions as the Boer War, where the “Bluejackets” dragged their heavy guns across the veldt to help out the Army, at the Gallipoli landings of 1915 and at D Day, the invasion of France 1944, and also through our alliance with H.M.S Berwick, a County-class heavy cruiser, which served between 1926 and 1946 in many operations.

Our second celebration today is the addition of the word “Scottish” to the Regiment’s title in 1887 to become “The King’s Own Scottish Borderers”; this is the only known instance where a regular unit has inherited with immense pride and gratitude, its name from an army reserve unit, in our case, the illustrious “Scottish Borderers Militia”. This name change finally recognised the true national identity of the Regiment, whilst embracing the “One Army” concept in spirit, long before its embodiment today.