

Watch fought, under the well-known designation of the 42nd Regiment, in the Allied Army against Marshal Saxe at Fontenoy.

To have a clear idea of the scope of the present work, it is essential to bear in mind that the author limits himself strictly to the proper application of the term "Highland"—that is, he is careful to include only those regiments which wear the kilt. This number is limited to six, viz., the Black Watch or Royal Highlanders, the Camerons, the Seaforths, the Argyll and Sutherlands, the Gordons, and the Highland Light Infantry. On the above basis, the inclusion of the last-named regiment, in spite of its name, may come as a surprise to those readers who are familiar with the streets of Glasgow, for the H.L.I. are a trews regiment. The explanation lies in the fact that they were originally raised in 1777 as the 71st Foot or Macleod's Highlanders, when they wore the kilt, which was, however, discarded in 1809. The second battalion H.L.I. (the 74th Foot) was raised in 1787 and remained a kilted regiment until 1847. Other Scottish regiments, such as the Royal Scots or the King's Own Scottish Borderers, have indeed always worn the tartan, but only as trews. These regiments, moreover, are Lowland in their origin, the Regimental District of the Royal Scots, for example, being Edinburgh and Midlothian.

*The Story of the Highland Regiments* is one of absorbing interest, which takes us from country to country, through campaign after campaign. In all of the numerous expeditions to America during the second half of the eighteenth century—under Wellington in the Peninsular and at Waterloo—in the Crimea and in the Indian Mutiny—in all those campaigns, in short, in which British arms have played so glorious a part, the Highland Regiments have been there to share that glory.

Originally conceived so as to supply a want felt by the author himself, when as a lad he would fain have read the history of the regiments which he admired so much, *The Story of the Highland Regiments* is in the first instance intended by the author to interest young people. Mr. Watson may have full confidence, however, that his hope that their elders too may find the book of interest is assured of complete fulfilment. The present work supplies a felt want, in which others besides the author have shared.

The simplicity of treatment, which the author mentions as a drawback to the book for adult readers, is, on the contrary, one of its great recommendations, for it enables the reader to obtain easily a grasp of the subject along broad and general lines. The strong Scottish sentiment pervading the book is natural enough, and will, we feel certain, prove no stumbling block to those who, though of alien race, have at times felt admiration for the kilted regiments and their exploits.

Although the book requires no such recommendation to further its sale, the public should know that any profits that accrue are, for the duration of the war, being devoted to the Officers' Families' Fund.