

## PREFACE

THIS volume appears in advance of that which will carry forward the History of the Durham Light Infantry (68th and 106th Regts.) through the Great War and will also include the War History of the First Line Territorial Battalions of the Regiment. The explanation is to be found in the regrettable decease of Colonel the Hon. W. L. Vane while engaged upon this task which was to form a continuation of his earlier Work.

The following pages deal with the eleven Service Battalions of the Durham Light Infantry in such a manner as to bring them all within the compass of a single volume.

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