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A Message from the Colonel of The Regiment

An urgent appeal for patrons, sponsors and supporters for Cumbria's Military Museum Appeal – The Alma Project

I am writing to you to ask for your support. The prospect of moving the Regimental Museum from its present site has been discussed for many years. Now that a suitable building in Carlisle Castle, Alma Block, has become available, this project can become a reality.

The museum has outgrown its present location, Queen Mary's Tower in the Inner Ward of the Castle, and the enclosed leaflet explains the urgent need to move. The project will create a more dynamic, modern museum in a superb building ideally suited for museum use, with the space for the museum to develop now and in the future. It will provide far greater access to our Regiment's history, the collections and archives for the whole community. This will be achieved by exciting and interactive permanent displays and temporary exhibitions, educational and life-long learning, activities and events and facilities for research and study. Our new museum will add considerably to the heritage and culture of Carlisle, Cumbria and the region, to the tourism potential of Carlisle Castle and the city, and to its educational resources.

In Cumbria's Military Museum we will provide an outstanding record of regimental history in the north-west and fitting recognition of the service and sacrifice of the generations who have served, and are serving, and their families. Their history is part of local and regional history for over 300 years.

To achieve our aims, as you will appreciate, will be hard work. Moreover, we need the support of the whole community, the regimental family, local business, grant-making bodies and individuals in the region. We believe it to be a worthwhile cause to preserve and promote our Regiment's history for the benefit of heritage, culture and education in our region and ask that you will support us as generously as you can.

Whilst the target of £1,000,000 is our ultimate goal, we intend to achieve it in stages. In Cumbria and the North-West of England there are countless families with links to the Regiment. Small contributions in memory of such family connections will be invaluable in helping us to reach our target.

If, when you have read the leaflet you wish to know anything further or would like to help in any way, please get in touch with the Museum.

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