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For the information to enable me to compile this work, I have been indebted to the undernamed books and official documents, viz., The Army Lists, London Gazettes, Parliamentary Papers, General Orders, Marching Orders, Royal Military Calendars, Regimental Muster Rolls and Monthly Returns and Records, Annual Registers, "Officers' Services" written by themselves, sent in by order of His Majesty the King; my own Letters, and cuttings from the newspapers of the day.

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PREFACE.

IN completing the compilation of the History of the late Sixty-Third (West Suffolk), now the First Battalion Manchester Regiment, the writer feels it necessary to say that, while he takes on himself the demerits attending the compilation, he is bound to acknowledge with gratitude the encouragement and assistance he has received from both past and present Officers of the Regiment.

He trusts the book may be found useful for reference, as well as of some interest, to both Officers and Men; and that, inspired by this record of the gallant deeds done, the sufferings and privations borne with patience and fortitude, both by Officers and Men, under the most trying circumstances, they will, when opportunity offers, again display the same heroic valour, patience,

and fortitude that have been heretofore shown by the Regiment in every part of the world.

The History has been compiled principally from official documents. . .

To the gentlemen of the British Museum, the Record Office, and the Royal United Service Institution, I would beg to tender my thanks for the unvarying courtesy and assistance afforded me while engaged in searching official and other documents in those institutions.

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