



“YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS

**YOU**”

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**“THIS SHOULD BE A BATTALION OF PALS, A BATTALION IN WHICH  
FRIENDS FROM THE SAME OFFICE WILL FIGHT SHOULDER  
TO SHOULDER FOR THE HONOUR OF BRITAIN  
AND THE CREDIT OF LIVERPOOL.**

**I DON'T ASK YOU TO UPHOLD LIVERPOOL'S HONOUR IT WOULD  
BE AN INSULT TO THINK THAT YOU COULD DO ANYTHING BUT  
THAT, BUT I DO THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART  
FOR COMING HERE TONIGHT AND SHOWING WHAT IS THE SPIRIT  
OF LIVERPOOL, A SPIRIT THAT SHOULD SPREAD THROUGH EVERY  
CITY AND TOWN IN THE KINGDOM.**

**YOU HAVE GIVEN A NOBLE EXAMPLE IN COMING FORWARD.  
YOU ARE CERTAIN TO GIVE A NOBLE EXAMPLE  
ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE”**

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Lord Derby addressing a packed drill hall in St Anne Street  
on the evening of 28th August, 1914 in Liverpool in response  
to Lord Kitchener's famous appeal:

**“YOUR KING AND COUNTRY  
NEEDS YOU.”**





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