

British Artillery Battalions and the Men Who Led Them 1793-1815

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Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

1771: 1 January - Two invalid companies attached to each of the four RA battalions

1779: 1 August - Two new companies formed

1782: 1 December - Invalid Battalion formed from ten existing companies

1793: 10 June - 11th Company formed

1801: 1 April - Irish company transferred from Royal Irish Artillery as 12th Company

1819: 31 January - Invalid Battalion disbanded; few remaining men sent to Lt Kane's Invalid Detachment, part of which served on Heliogoland until 1822.

Colonels-Commandant

1793: 25 September - Forbes MacBean

1800: 12 November - William Borthwick

1809: 4 September - Robert Douglas

Colonels

1782: 1 December - Forbes MacBean

1793: 25 September - Joseph Walton

1803: 12 September - Joseph Barnes

Lieutenant-Colonels

1782: 1 December - Joseph Walton

1782: 1 December - Peter Traille

1782: 1 December - William Johnstone

1786: 13 February - Joseph Eyre

1793: 5 December - James Sowerby

1796: 26 January - William Grant

1800: 1 August - George Wilson

1800: 12 November - Samuel Rimmington

1802: 11 February - James Butler

1809: 4 September - Richard Unett

Majors

1782: 1 December - Richard Chapman

1783: 21 November - George Rochfort

1801: 14 October - George Lewis

1802: 11 February - James Miller

1803: 1 September - Charles Neville

1808: 1 February - Charles Newhouse

Service Histories of Companies

Companies are shown according to seniority in 1815, and referred to by their commanders names in 1793 / 1815.

Godwin's / Wood's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 January 1771 as Invalid company in 1st Battalion

1793: Jersey - Elizabeth Castle (OC Capt. William Godwin to June, then Capt. Stephen P. Adye, died Jersey 24 March 1794)

1794: Elizabeth Castle (OC Capt. Francis M Keith)

1795: Elizabeth Castle (OC Thomas Hosmer)

1796: Elizabeth Castle

1797: Elizabeth Castle

1798: Elizabeth Castle

1799: Elizabeth Castle

1800: Elizabeth Castle

1801: Elizabeth Castle

1802: Elizabeth Castle (OC Capt. Edward Wood)

1803: Elizabeth Castle

1804: Elizabeth Castle

1805: Elizabeth Castle

1806: Elizabeth Castle

1807: Elizabeth Castle

1808: Elizabeth Castle

1809: Elizabeth Castle

1810: Elizabeth Castle

1811: Elizabeth Castle

1812: Elizabeth Castle

1813: Elizabeth Castle

1814: Elizabeth Castle

1815: Elizabeth Castle

1819: 31 January - disbanded on Jersey.

Vans's / Shuttleworth's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 January 1771 as Invalid company in 1st Battalion

1793: Woolwich (OC Capt. David Vans, died Woolwich 19 February 1797)

1794: Woolwich

1795: Woolwich

1796: Woolwich

1797: Woolwich (OC Capt. James Winter, died London 20 January 1802)

1798: Woolwich

1799: Woolwich

1800: Woolwich

1801: Woolwich

1802: Woolwich (OC Capt. Thomas Hosmer, died 8 April 1805)

1803: Woolwich

1804: Woolwich

1805: Woolwich (OC - vacant)

1806: Woolwich (Capt. Ashton Shuttleworth)

1807: Woolwich

1808: Woolwich

1809: Woolwich

1810: Woolwich

1811: Woolwich

1812: Woolwich

1813: Woolwich

1814: Woolwich

1815: Woolwich

1819: 31 January - disbanded at Woolwich.

Gostling's /Keith's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 January 1771 as Invalid company in 2nd Battalion
1793: Woolwich (OC Capt. William Gostling, died Canterbury 30 October 1804)
1794: Woolwich
1795: Woolwich
1796: Woolwich
1797: Woolwich
1798: Woolwich
1799: Woolwich
1800: Woolwich
1801: Woolwich
1802: Woolwich
1803: Woolwich
1804: Woolwich (OC - vacant)
1805: Woolwich
1806: Woolwich (Capt. Francis M Keith)
1807: Woolwich
1808: Woolwich
1809: Woolwich
1810: Woolwich
1811: Woolwich
1812: Woolwich
1813: Woolwich
1814: Woolwich
1815: Woolwich
1819: 31 January - disbanded at Woolwich.

Whitmore's / (late Downman's) Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 January 1771 as Invalid company in 2nd Battalion
1793: Woolwich (OC Capt. Edward Whitmore, died Woolwich 4 January 1804, having been a captain in the RA since 1759)
1794: Woolwich
1795: Woolwich
1796: Woolwich
1797: Woolwich
1798: Woolwich
1799: Woolwich
1800: Woolwich
1801: Woolwich
1802: Woolwich
1803: Woolwich
1804: Woolwich (OC - vacant)
1805: Woolwich
1806: Woolwich (Capt. Francis Downman)
1807: Woolwich
1808: Woolwich
1809: Woolwich
1810: Woolwich
1811: Woolwich
1812: Woolwich
1813: Woolwich
1814: Woolwich
1815: Woolwich (OC - vacant)
1819: 31 January - disbanded at Woolwich.

Tiffin's / Downman's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 January 1771 as Invalid company in 3rd Battalion
1793: Woolwich (OC Capt. William Tiffin, died Reading 30 August 1794)
1794: Woolwich (OC Capt. John Reid, died Greenwich 19 June 1814)
1795: Woolwich
1796: Woolwich
1797: Woolwich
1798: Woolwich
1799: Woolwich
1800: Woolwich
1801: Woolwich
1802: Woolwich
1803: Woolwich
1804: Woolwich
1805: Woolwich
1806: Woolwich
1807: Woolwich
1808: Woolwich
1809: Woolwich
1810: Woolwich
1811: Woolwich
1812: Woolwich
1813: Woolwich
1814: Woolwich (OC - vacant)
1815: Woolwich (OC Capt. Francis Downman)
1819: 31 January - disbanded at Woolwich.

Weetman's / Young's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 January 1771 as Invalid company in 3rd Battalion
1793: Scotland - Fort George (OC Capt. Agar Weetman, died Cromarty 17 September 1795)
1794: Fort George
1795: Fort George (OC Capt. John D Goll, died Fort George 14 April 1799)
1796: Fort George
1797: Fort George
1798: Fort George
1799: Fort George (OC Capt. M W Burslem)
1800: Fort George
1801: Fort George
1802: Fort George
1803: Fort George
1804: Fort George
1805: Fort George
1806: Fort George
1807: Fort George
1808: Fort George
1809: Fort George
1810: Fort George (OC Capt. Matthew Young)
1811: Fort George
1812: Fort George
1813: Fort George
1814: Fort George
1815: Fort George
1819: 31 January - disbanded at Fort George.

Anderson's / Burslem's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 January 1771 as Invalid company in 4th Battalion
1793: Woolwich (OC Capt. George Anderson, died Plymouth 5 December 1793)
1794: Woolwich (OC Capt. Ralph Wilson, died Greenwich 19 February 1805)
1795: Woolwich
1796: Woolwich
1797: Woolwich
1798: Woolwich
1799: Woolwich
1800: Woolwich
1801: Woolwich
1802: Woolwich
1803: Woolwich
1804: Woolwich
1805: Woolwich (OC - vacant)
1806: Woolwich (Capt. Matthew Young)
1807: Woolwich
1808: Woolwich
1809: Woolwich
1810: Woolwich (OC Capt. Mar(wick?) W Burslem)
1811: Woolwich
1812: Woolwich
1813: Woolwich
1814: Woolwich
1815: Woolwich
1819: 31 January - disbanded at Woolwich.

Downman's / Wilks's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 January 1771 as Invalid company in 4th Battalion
1793: Guernsey (OC Capt. Francis Downman, relieved January; Capt. R Wilson)
1794: Guernsey (OC Capt. William Houghton, died Guernsey 22 August 1803)
1795: Guernsey
1796: Guernsey
1797: Guernsey
1798: Guernsey
1799: Guernsey
1800: Guernsey
1801: Guernsey
1802: Guernsey
1803: Guernsey (OC Capt. John Wilks)
1804: Guernsey
1805: Guernsey
1806: Guernsey
1807: Guernsey
1808: Guernsey
1809: Guernsey
1810: Guernsey
1811: Guernsey
1812: Guernsey
1813: Guernsey
1814: Guernsey
1815: Guernsey
1819: 31 January - disbanded on Guernsey.

Fairlamb's / Reynell's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 August 1779

1793: Woolwich (OC Capt. John Fairlamb, died Charlton 24 October 1800)

1794: Woolwich

1795: Woolwich

1796: Woolwich

1797: Woolwich

1798: Woolwich

1799: Woolwich

1800: Woolwich (OC - vacant)

1801: Woolwich (OC Capt. John Wilks)

1802: Woolwich

1803: Woolwich (OC Capt. William Houghton, died Guernsey 22 August 1803)

1804: Woolwich (OC - vacant)

1805: Woolwich

1806: Woolwich (Capt. William Hall, died Woolwich 20 February 1814)

1807: Woolwich

1808: Woolwich

1809: Woolwich

1810: Woolwich

1811: Woolwich

1812: Woolwich

1813: Woolwich

1814: Woolwich (OC Capt. Samuel Reynell)

1815: Woolwich

1819: 31 January - disbanded at Woolwich.

Standish's / Glubb's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 August 1779

1793: Woolwich (OC Capt. David Standish, died 28 June 1813)

1794: Woolwich

1795: Woolwich

1796: Woolwich

1797: Woolwich

1798: Woolwich

1799: Woolwich

1800: Woolwich

1801: Woolwich

1802: Woolwich

1803: Woolwich

1804: Woolwich

1805: Woolwich

1806: Woolwich

1807: Woolwich

1808: Woolwich

1809: Woolwich

1810: Woolwich

1811: Woolwich

1812: Woolwich

1813: Woolwich (OC Capt. Frederick Glubb)

1814: Woolwich

1815: Woolwich

1817: 28 February - disbanded at Woolwich.

Hare's / Matthews's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 10 June 1793

1793: 10 June - formed at Woolwich; November - to Bermuda (Capt. Thomas Hare, died Bermuda 6 October 1795)

1794: At sea; June - St George's, Bermuda

1795: Bermuda (OC - vacant)

1796: Bermuda

1797: Bermuda

1798: Bermuda

1799: Bermuda

1800: Bermuda

1801: Bermuda

1802: Bermuda

1803: Bermuda

1804: Bermuda

1805: Bermuda

1806: Bermuda

1807: Bermuda; only seven men left, having received no drafts since 1794 - forgotten about!

1808: January - re-formed at Woolwich (OC Capt. John Matthews)

1809: Woolwich

1810: Woolwich

1811: Woolwich

1812: Woolwich

1813: Woolwich

1814: Woolwich

1815: Woolwich

1816: 1 September - disbanded at Woolwich.

Young's / Fry's Company, Invalid Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 April 1801

1801: 1 April - transferred from Invalid Company of Royal Irish Artillery (OC Capt. Matthew Young)

1802: Dublin - Pidgeon House Fort

1803: Pidgeon House Fort

1804: Pidgeon House Fort

1805: Pidgeon House Fort

1806: Pidgeon House Fort (OC Capt. Oliver Fry)

1807: Pidgeon House Fort; December - Athlone

1808: Athlone

1809: Athlone

1810: Athlone

1811: Athlone

1812: Athlone

1813: Athlone

1814: Athlone

1815: Athlone

1819: 31 January - disbanded at Athlone.

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