

British Cavalry Regiments and the Men Who Led Them 1793-1815

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11th Light Dragoons

Secondary Title: None

Regimental History, 11th Light Dragoons

1715: Raised by General Sir Philip Honeywood In Essex as Honeywood's Regiment of Dragoons
1732: Lord Kerr's Regiment of Dragoons
1751: Numbered as 11th Regiment of Dragoons
1783: 11th Regiment of Light Dragoons
1840: 11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars
1921: 11th Hussars (Prince Albert's Own)
1969: The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own) (on amalgamation with 10th Royal Hussars)

Service History and Demographics, 11th Light Dragoons

1793: Bagshot Heath; April - Deptford; May - 4 troops to Flanders; Famars; Valenciennes; seige of Dunkirk; Caesar's Camp; also detachments to West Indies and China!
1794: Vichte; Premont; Landrecies; Villers-en-Cauchies; CATEAU; WILLEMS; Tourcoing
1795: Line of River Waal; Geldermalsen; retreat to Bremen; Westphalia; Scharneck; to England
1796: Hamburg; Gravesend; Guildford; Weymouth
1797: Windsor & Hounslow
1798: Workingham & Newbury; August - Newbury & Reading; Sherborne; December - Dorchester
1799: Dorchester; September - Canterbury; 8 troops to Helder; Bergen; Egmont-aan-Zee; Beverwyck; October - to England; Yarmouth; Ipswich
1800: Ipswich; July - Chelmsford; October - Newbury & Reading; December - Newcasle & Durham; 2 troops to Mediterranean - Minorca; Cadiz; Malta; Marmorice
1801: Newcastle & Morpeth; March - 2 troops at Alexandria; Rosetta; EGYPT; July - 8 troops at York
1802: York; July - Wimbleton; August - Hounslow; September - Egypt detachment returned
1803: Hounslow; July - Eastbourne; establishment increased from 8 to 10 troops
1804: Eastbourne; November - Romney & Hythe
1805: Hythe; November - 8 troops ordered to Hanover, did not sail
1806: Deal; March - Stonar; April - Woodbridge
1807: Woodbridge; July - Liverpool; to Ireland; Clonmel; Cork; Fermoy
1808: Fermoy; Clonmel; August - Curragh; Clonmel
1809: Dublin
1810: Dublin; July - 8 troops to England; Liverpool; Weymouth; Radipole
1811: Radipole; May - Plymouth; 8 troops to Portugal, 2 troops in Ireland; to field army; Caya; San Martin de Trebejo; Pastores; Campo Mayor; El Bodon; Coria; San Miguel
1812: Chamusca; Badajoz; SALAMANCA; Castrejon; Tudela; Torquemada; rearguard during retreat from Burgos; Pisuerga River
1813: Much reduced due to sickness; March - ordered home; Lisbon; May - 6 troops to England without horses; June - Portsmouth; Cork; Dublin; to Liverpool; August - Hounslow
1814: Hounslow; October - Canterbury | *98% English/Welsh, 1% Scots, 1% Irish*
1815: Canterbury; March - Ramsgate; 6 troops to Ostend, 2 troops at Canterbury; Genappe; WATERLOO; advance on Paris; Army of Occupation
1818: November - home.

Colonels

Studholme HODGSON

Born: Carlisle 1708

Regimental Service: Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Foot Guards 18 May 1747; Colonel of 50th Regiment of Foot 1756; Colonel of 5th Regiment of Foot 1759; Colonel of 4th Regiment of Foot 1768; Colonel of 7th Dragoon Guards 1782; Colonel of 11th Light Dragoons 13 March 1789

Early Service: ADC to Duke of Cumberland 1745; served at Fontenoy; served at Culloden; brigade commander in Seven Years War
Staff & General Officer Service: Major-General 15 September 1759; Lieutenant-General 23 March 1765; General 2 April 1778; Field-Marshal 30 July 1796

Died: London 20 October 1798.

William John KERR, Kt.

Born: Scotland 1737

Relations: Son of Sir William Henry Kerr, 4th Marquis of Lothian

Regimental Service: Major in 19th Light Dragoons 1759; Lieutenant-Colonel in 12th Light Dragoons 1760; Colonel of 1st Troop Horse Guards 12 December 1777; Colonel of 11th Light Dragoons 23 October 1798 (vice Hodgson); Colonel of 2nd Dragoons 27 January 1813

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 25 May 1772; MajorGeneral 29 August 1777; Lieutenant-General 20 November 1782; General 3 May 1796

Awards & Honours: 5th Marquis of Lothian in 1775

Died: Farnham 4 January 1815.

Lord William Henry Cavendish BENTINCK

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 162

Born: 1774

Relations: Second son of 3rd Duke of Portland

Regimental Service: Major in 28th Foot February 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 24th Light Dragoons 20 March 1794; on half-pay 1803; Colonel of 20th Light Dragoons 4 January 1810; Colonel of 11th Light Dragoons 27 January 1813 (vice Kerr)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794; present at battle of Marengo 1800; Governor of Madras 1803-1807; served in Peninsula September 1808 to January 1809; commanded forces on Sicily 1811; commanded forces on east coast of Spain 1813
Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1798; Major-General 1 January 1805; Lieutenant-General in Portugal & Spain 17 August 1809; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1811; General 27 May 1825

Later Service: Governor-General of India 1827-1835

Awards & Honours: GCB; GCH; MP 1796-1826

Died: Paris 17 June 1839.

Lieutenant Colonels

AGC = Army Gold Cross (clasps in brackets)

LAGM = Large Army Gold Medal (clasps in brackets)

SAGM = Small Army Gold Medal (clasps in brackets)

MGSM = Military General Service Medal (Silver Medal) (clasps in brackets)

Ralph DUNDAS

Born: Stirling c.1736

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 6 June 1770; Lieutenant-Colonel 27 September 1775; Colonel of 8th Foot 30 July 1794

Early Service: Served in Germany 1762-1763

Service 1793-1815: Commanded a cavalry brigade in Flanders 1793-1795; on Irish staff and commanded Midland District 1797-1801; Governor of Duncannon Fort 1803-1814

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 16 May 1781; Major-General 29 April 1790; Lieutenant-General 23 January 1797; General 29 April 1802

Died: Duncannon Fort 7 February 1814.

Alexander HART

Regimental Service: Major in 6th Dragoons 28 April 1779; brevety Lieutenant-Colonel 18 November 1790; Lieutenant-Colonel in 11th Light Dragoons 28 February 1794 (vice Dundas)

Retired: April 1795

Died: Bath 8 April 1820.

John CARNEGIE

Born: Kincardineshire 1757

Relations: Son of Sir James Carnegie of Southesk

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 9 May 1792; Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 11th Light Dragoons in Flanders 1793

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1798

Retired: October 1798.

Died: Sussex 29 September 1823.

John Walbanke CHILDERS

Born: Yorkshire

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 1 March 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel 2 April 1795 (vice Hart)

Service 1793-1815: ADC to Duke of York; commanded 11th Light Dragoons in Helder 1799

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 29 April 1802

Retired: February 1803

Died: 1 February 1812.

George LYON

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 2 April 1795 (vice Childers); Lieutenant-Colonel 23 October 1798 (vice Carnegie)

Retired: February 1801.

George Thomas T THOMAS

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 16 March 1798 (vice Gordon); Lieutenant-Colonel 26 February 1801 (vice Lyon)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 11th Light Dragoons to Hanover 1805

Retired: December 1809.

Sir Henry John CUMMING

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 531

Born: Calcutta 1771

Relations: Son of Colonel Sir John Cumming HEIC

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 25 October 1798 (vice Lyon); Lieutenant-Colonel 17 February 1803 (vice Childers); Colonel of 12th Lancers 20 January 1837

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793-1795; served in Helder 1799; commanded 11th Light Dragoons 1803-1814; served in Peninsula June 1811 to January 1812; again in Peninsula May 1812 to April 1813; wounded at El Bodon

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1812; Major-General 4 June 1814; Lieutenant-General 22 July 1830; General 9 November 1846

Awards & Honours: KCH; SAGM (Sal)

Retired: 8 July 1842

Died: London 28 November 1856.

James Wallace SLEIGH

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 853

Born: London 1775

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 1805 (vice Barton); Lieutenant-Colonel 14 December 1809 (vice Thomas); Colonel of 9th Lancers 24 August 1830

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1795; served in Peninsula June 1811 to December 1812; commanded 11th Light Dragoons at Waterloo

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 12 August 1819; Major-General 22 July 1830; Lieutenant-General 23 November 1841

Later Service: Commanded a Cavalry brigade in India 1825-1826; Military Secretary to Lord William Bentinck

Awards & Honours: CB; MGSM (Sal)

Died: Middlesex 5 February 1865.

Majors

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MGSM = Military General Service Medal (Silver Medal) (clasps in brackets)

George MICHELL

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 228

Born: Norfolk 1760

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 1 March 1794 (vice Carnegie); Lieutenant-Colonel in 31st Light Dragoons 25 March 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant in 31st Light Dragoons 5 April 1796; to half-pay 1 March 1798

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793-1795

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 29 April 1802; Major-General 25 October 1809; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1813; General 10 January 1837

Died: Salisbury 22 December 1848.

George GORDON of Glentomie

Relations: Son of Alexander, 4th Duke of Gordon

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 1 April 1795 (vice Michell); Lieutenant-Colonel in 29th Light Dragoons 20 March 1798

Service 1793-1815: ADC to General Grant 1793; served in India 1798-1802

Retired: 1804.

John ANDERSON

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 26 February 1801 (vice Thomas)

Retired: January 1802.

Robert BARTON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 623

Born: County Tipperary 1770

Relations: Fifth son of William Barton Esq. of County Tipperary

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 17 February 1803 (vice Cumming); to Major & Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Life Guards 14 June 1805; exchanged to Major in 60th Foot 28 April 1814; on half-pay 25 March 1816

Early Service: Served in Garde Nationale in France 1790

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794; served at Helder 1799; commanded 2nd Life Guards in Peninsula October to December 1812

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1813; Major-General 12 August 1819; Lieutenant-General 10 January 1837

Died: London 17 March 1853.

Thomas BROWNE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1864

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 29 January 1802 (vice Anderson); Lieutenant-Colonel in 34th Foot 14 August 1806; to half-pay in 9th Foot 16 October 1806.; rank stationary thereafter.

Richard DIGGENS

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1226

Regimental Service: Major in 34th Foot 17 July 1806; Major in 11th Light Dragoons 14 August 1806; Lieutenant-Colonel in 5th Portuguese Dragoons 3 August 1811; Lieutenant-Colonel in 6th Portuguese Dragoons 23 December 1811; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1813; Lieutenant-Colonel 5 November 1818
Service 1793-1815: Served in Egypt 1801; served in Peninsula with 11th Light Dragoons June and July 1811; in Portuguese service August 1811 to April 1814
Awards & Honours: SAGM (Vitt)
Retired: 1820
Died: Le Havre 4 December 1835.

Archibald MONEY

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1493

Born: 1778

Relations: Son of Lieutenant-General John Money

Regimental Service: Major in 11th Light Dragoons 14 December 1809 (vice Sleigh); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1814; to half-pay of 60th Foot 24 June 1819; Colonel of 2nd Dragoons 24 May 1852

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794-1795; served at helder 1799; commanded 11th Light Dragoons detachment in Egypt 1801; served in Peninsula June 1811 to June 1813; served at Waterloo

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 10 January 1837; Major-General 9 November 1846; Lieutenant-General 2 June 1854

Awards & Honours: CB; KC; MGSM (Sal); Gold Medal (Egypt)

Died: Norfolk 25 August 1858.

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