

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

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14th Light Dragoons

Secondary Title: 1798 - Duchess of York's Own

Regimental History, 14th Light Dragoons

1715: Raised as Dormer's Regiment of Dragoons
1720: Neville's Regiment of Dragoons
1737: Hamilton's Regiment of Dragoons
1749: Tyrawley's Regiment of Dragoons
1751: Numbered as 14th Regiment of Dragoons
1776: 14th Regiment of (Light) Dragoons
1798: 14th (The Duchess of York's Own) Regiment of (Light) Dragoons
1830: 14th (The King's) Regiment of (Light) Dragoons
1861: 14th (King's) Regiment of Hussars
1921: 14th King's Regiment of Hussars
1922: 14th/20th Hussars on amalgamation with the 20th Hussars
1936: 14th/20th King's Hussars
1992: King's Royal Hussars on amalgamation with the Royal Hussars.

Service History and Demographics, 14th Light Dragoons

1793: Ireland; Wexford and Ballinakill; August - Kilkenny; Limerick
1794: Cork; sent 2 troops to Flanders; September - Boxtel
1795: 2 troops in retreat to Bremen; February - 7 troops to West Indies (dismounted); San Domingo; June - 2 troops at Dublin; to Bristol; men absorbed into 8th Dragoons
1796: San Domingo
1797: San Domingo; June - Mirebelais; 25 remaining men to England; October - Chelmsford
1798: Chelmsford; June - Braintree; August - became Duchess of York's Own; December - Norwich
1799: Norwich; September - Warwick
1800: Norwich; received Fencible Cavalry volunteers, increased from 8 to 10 troops; June - Windsor; October - Canterbury
1801: Canterbury; May - Reading; July - Romford
1802: Romford; reduced from 10 to 8 troops; August - Weymouth
1803: Trowbridge; Devizes; June - Dover; August - Hythe
1804: Hythe; increased from 8 to 10 troops; December - Guildford
1805: Guildford; June - Richmond; July - Hounslow; September - Chichester
1806: Hounslow; January - London, funeral of Lord Nelson; August - Winchester; November - Dorchester
1807: Dorchester; August - Blatchington; September - Brighton
1808: Blatchington; Falmouth; July - Ipswich; October - Romford; Falmouth - to Portugal; December - Lisbon
1809: DOURO; Oporto; TALAVERA
1810: Almeida; Villa de Puerco; Frexadas; BUSSACO; Torres Vedras; Rio Mandevilla; received volunteer recruits from Royal Waggon Train
1811: Pombal; Redinha; Casal Nova; Foz d'Arouce; Sabugal; Gallegos; FUENTES D'ONORO; 1st siege of Badajoz; Nave d'Aver; Carpio
1812: Ciudad Rodrigo; Badajoz; Villa Franca; Llerena; Alaejos; Castrillos; SALAMANCA; Penerada; Blasco Sancho; Madrid; Matilla; retreat from Salamanca
1813: Burgos; Huarte; VITTORIA; Ostiz; Roncesvalles; Almandroz; Maya; Bastan; NIVELLE; Cambo; NIVE; Mendionda; Hasparren
1814: Hellette; Garris; Sanveterre; ORTHEZ; Aire; Castel Paget; Tarbes; Toulouse; Bordeaux; July - to England; Dover; July - Radipole; Hounslow; Weymouth; Plymouth; July - 2 squadrons to North America (dismounted); October - additional 2 troops to North America; November - Jamaica; December - New Orleans
1815: 6 troops at Radipole, 4 troops at New Orleans; 42 men in boat taken POW after battle; to England; April - Hounslow; May - 4 troops from North America at Portsmouth; June - Windsor; July - Kensington; August - Hounslow; December - Bristol; to Ireland.

Colonels

Sir Robert SLOPER

Born: Berkshire 1729

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Dragoon Guards 13 February 1759; Colonel of 14th Light Dragoons 1778

Early Service: Served in Germany in Seven Years War; Commander-in-Chief India 1785-1786

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

Awards & Honours: KB

Died: Berkshire 15 August 1802.

John William EGERTON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 43

Born: Durham 1753

Relations: Eldest son of Rev. John Egerton, Bishop of Durham

Regimental Service: Major in 20th Light Dragoons 23 March 1781; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 20 November 1782; Lieutenant-Colonel in 7th Light Dragoons 18 November 1790 (from half pay 21st Light Dragoons); Colonel of 14th Light Dragoons 1 June 1797

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 12 October 1793; Major-General 26 February 1795; Lieutenant-General 29 April 1802; General 1 January 1812

Awards & Honours: MP 1777-1803; 7th Earl of Bridgewater 1803; FRS

Died: 21 October 1823.

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)

Grice BLAKENEY

Born: Limerick Ireland 1741

Relations: Son of Major Robert Blakeney

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 16 March 1775; Lieutenant-Colonel 19 November 1781; Colonel of 2nd Royal Veteran Battalion 25 December 1802

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 14th Light Dragoons 1781 to 1799

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 18 November 1790; Major-General 3 October 1794; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1801; General 25 October 1809

Died: 16 November 1816.

Arthur CARTER

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 10 April 1786; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794;

Lieutenant-Colonel in 14th Light Dragoons 10 August 1799; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 18th Light Dragoons 5 December 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel in 20th Light Dragoons 29 January 1801

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1798

Retired: February 1803.

John MICHELL

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 249

Born: Dorset 1768

Regimental Service: Major in 4th Dragoon Guards October 1793; Lieutenant-Colonel in 4th Dragoon Guards 24 August 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel in half-pay of 30th Light Dragoons 31 December 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel in 18th Light Dragoons 29 September 1799; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 14th Light Dragoons 5 December 1799 (vice Carter)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 14th Light Dragoons 1799 to 1804

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 29 April 1802; Brigadier-General on staff in Ireland 1804; Major-General 25 October 1809; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1814; General 10 January 1837

Awards & Honours: MP 1816-1818

Died: Dorset April 1844.

Samuel HAWKER

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 396

Born: Gloucestershire 1763

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons April 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel in Sussex Fencible Cavalry 6 June 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel in 14th Light Dragoons 12 June 1800; Colonel of 3rd Dragoons Guards 22 April 1831

Service 1793-1815: Served in Netherlands 1793 to 1796; ADC to King George 25 April 1808; commanded 14th Light Dragoons in Peninsula December 1808 to June 1811; wounded at Talavera; on staff in Britain 25 November 1811

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 25 April 1808; Major-General 4 June 1811; Lieutenant-General 19 July 1821; General 28 June 1838

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Tal); GCB

Died: London 27 December 1838.

Neil TALBOT

Born: Malahide Ireland

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 25 June 1802 (vice Gambier); Lieutenant-Colonel 22 August 1805

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula with 14th Light Dragoons December 1808 to April 1809; served with Portuguese army May 1809 to July 1810

Staff & General Officer Service: Brigadier-General of Portuguese cavalry 11 May 1809

Died: Killed in action at Sexmiro 11 July 1810.

Sir Felton HERVEY-BATHURST

Born: Cambridge 1782

Relations: Born Felton Hervey, added Bathurst surname in 1801; changed name to Sir Felton Elwell Hervey-Bathurst, Bt. in 1818

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 8 May 1806 (vice Pigot); Lieutenant-Colonel 2 August 1810 (vice Talbot)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula December 1808 to April 1814; lost right arm at Douro; commanded 14th Light Dragoons in Peninsula 1811 to 1814; wounded at Fuentes d'Onoro and El Bodon; ADC to Prince Regent 4 June 1814; served on staff at Waterloo

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814

Later Service: Secretary to Master-General of the Ordnance

Awards & Honours: AGC (FDO Sal Vitt Ort); CB; KH; OSG; 1st Baronet 7 December 1818

Died: Surrey 24 September 1819.

Majors

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George DUNBAR, Bt.

Relations: Son of Sir James Dunbar of Mochrum, 3rd Bt.

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 1 September 1795

Awards & Honours: 4th Baronet Dunbar in 1782

Died: 15 October 1799.

Terence O'Bryan O'LOGHLIN

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 398

Born: Ireland 1764

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 19 February 1799; exchanged to Major & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Life Guards 14 August 1801; Lieutenant-Colonel & Colonel 1 September 1808

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794; commanded 1st Life Guards September 1808 to July 1821; commanded 1st Life Guards in Peninsula January to June 1813; on staff June to October 1813; commanded 1st Cavalry Brigade October 1813 to April 1814

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 September 1808; Major-General 1 January 1812; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825

Died: Buckinghamshire 15 August 1843.

Hon. James BUTLER

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 14 October 1799 (vice Dunbar)

Retired: 14 October 1800.

Henry BROWNE

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 14 October 1800 (vice Butler)

Retired: August 1804.

James GAMBIER

Born: London 1772

Relations: Son of Vice-Admiral James Gambier; brother of Lieutenant Samuel John Gambier RN

Regimental Service: Captain in 1st Life Guards 27 February 1798; brevet Major 4 April 1799; Supernumerary Major 16 April 1799; 2nd Major in 1st Life Guards 25 September 1799; exchanged to Major in 14th Light Dragoons 14 August 1801

Retired: 25 June 1802

Died: London 5 August 1844.

Richard PIGOT

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 685

Born: November 1774

Relations: Illegitimate son of George, 1st Baron Pigot

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 4 August 1804 (vice Browne); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 21st Light Dragoons 1 May 1806; Colonel of 4th Dragoon Guards 26 November 1849

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814; Major-General 19 July 1821; Lieutenant-General 10 January 1837

Died: 22 November 1868.

Thomas SMITH

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 14 November 1805 (vice Talbot)

Retired: July 1807.

Hon. Charles Harward BUTLER

Born: Yorkshire 1779

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 9 July 1807 (vice Smith)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula December 1808 to December 1810; again in Peninsula June to October 1811

Retired: 30 January 1812

Died: November 1860.

John CHAPMAN

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 2 August 1810 (vice Hervey); exchanged to Major in 3rd Dragoon Guards 26 March 1812

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula December 1808 to August 1810; wounded at Talavera; again in Peninsula February to April 1811; and again in Peninsula October 1811 to January 1812

Died: Ireland January 1819.

Thomas William BROTHERTON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1387

Born: c.1785

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 26 March 1812 (on exchange from 3rd Dragoon Guards, vice Chapman); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 19 May 1814; exchanged to half-pay of 22nd Light Dragoons 25 September 1820; Colonel of 15th Hussars May 1849; Colonel of 1st Dragoon Guards 1 April 1860

Service 1793-1815: Served in Egypt 1801; served in Hanover 1805; served in Peninsula with 3rd Dragoon Guards December 1808 to December 1810; again in Peninsula April to October 1811; wounded at El Bodon and Castalla; and again in Peninsula June 1812 to April 1814; wounded at Salamanca; wounded and taken POW at Nive December 1813; released April 1814

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 22 July 1830; Major-General 23 November 1841; Lieutenant-General 11 November 1851; General 1 April 1860

Later Service: Commandant of cavalry at Maidstone 1832; Inspector-General of Cavalry in Great Britain 1847

Awards & Honours: MGSM (Egypt Bus FDO Sal Vitt Pyr Niv Nlle); KCB; GCB

Died: Surrey 20 January 1868.

Charles Massey BAKER

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1423

Born: Tipperary Ireland

Relations: Nephew of General Eyre Massey

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 30 January 1813 (vice Butler); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1814; Lieutenant-Colonel 30 September 1819

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793 to 1794; served in Irish Rebellion 1798; served in Egypt 1801; served in Peninsula December 1808 to September 1811

Retired: 15 April 1829.

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