

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

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1st Regiment of Life Guards

Secondary Title: None

Regimental History, 1st Regiment of Life Guards

1658: First troop raised in Bruges as His Majesty's Own Troop of Horse Guards
1658: Third troop formed from exiled Royalists and initially known as The Duke of York's Troop of Horse Guards
1659: Second troop founded as Monck's Life Guards
1661: Fourth troop raised in England
1693: First troop of horse grenadier guards formed from the amalgamation of three troops of grenadiers
1702: Second troop of horse grenadier guards raised in Scotland
1788: 25 June – formed from 1st troop of Horse Guards (which had previously absorbed the 1st troop of Horse Grenadiers)
1877: 1st Life Guards
1918: 1st Life Guards Battalion, Guards Machine Gun Regiment
1921: The Life Guards (on amalgamation with 2nd Life Guards)
1993: The Life Guards, part of The Household Cavalry Regiment

Service History and Demographics, 1st Regiment of Life Guards

1793: London – Hyde Park Barracks
1794: Hyde Park Barracks
1795: Hyde Park Barracks
1796: Hyde Park Barracks
1797: Hyde Park Barracks
1798: Hyde Park Barracks
1799: Hyde Park Barracks
1800: Hyde Park Barracks
1801: Hyde Park Barracks
1802: Hyde Park Barracks
1803: Hyde Park Barracks
1804: Hyde Park Barracks; October - Windsor
1805: Windsor; June - Wimbledon Common; Windsor
1806: Windsor
1807: Hyde Park Barracks
1808: Hyde Park Barracks
1809: Hyde Park Barracks
1810: Hyde Park Barracks
1811: Hyde Park Barracks
1812: Hyde Park Barracks; October – 4 troops at Portsmouth; to Portugal; Lisbon; Belem; Luz (remaining 4 troops at Romford)
1813: May – joined Peninsula army; Vittoria; Logrono
1814: Logrono; Pyrenees; Toulouse; April – Bordeaux; July – Boulogne; to Dover; London
1815: Hyde Park Barracks; May – 4 troops to Ramsgate; Ostend; Bruges; Ninove; retreat from Quatre Bras; WATERLOO; Paris (remaining 4 troops at Romford)
1816: January – to England.

Colonels

Charles STANHOPE, Earl of Harrington

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 23

Born: London 1753

Relations: Son of William Stanhope, 2nd Earl of Harrington

Regimental Service: Colonel of 1st Life Guards 5 December 1792

Early Service: Served in North America and West Indies 1777-1782; ADC to General Burgoyne

Service 1793-1815: Commander-in-Chief in Ireland 1806-1812; Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle 1812-1829

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 20 November 1782; Major-General 12 October 1793; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1798; General 25 September 1803

Awards & Honours: GCH; PC; PC (Ireland); 3rd Earl of Harrington 1779

Died: Brighton 5 September 1829.

HRH George Frederick Augustus, The Prince Regent

Born: London 1762

Relations: Eldest son of King George III

Regimental Service: Colonel of 10th Hussars 18 July 1796; Colonel-in-Chief of 1st and 2nd Life Guards 25 July 1815

Service 1793-1815: Duke of Cornwall 1762-1820; Prince of Wales 1762-1820; The Prince Regent 1811-1820; Crown Prince of Hanover 1814-1820

Staff & General Officer Service: Field-Marshal 1815

Later Service: King George IV 1820-1830

Awards & Honours: KG; KT; KP; GCB; GCH; GCMG; PC

Died: Windsor Castle 26 June 1830.

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)

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

John DROULY

Regimental Service: 2nd Lieutenant & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Troop Horse Guards 19 July 1787; Lieutenant-Colonel in Horse Guards 19 April 1788; Lieutenant-Colonel & Colonel in 1st Life Guards 18 November 1790

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 1st Life Guards June 1788 to February 1793

Retired: 4 February 1793.

Henry READ

Regimental Service: Cornet & Major in 1st Troop Horse Guards 19 July 1787; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 11 April 1788; supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Life Guards 25 June 1788; Lieutenant-Colonel & Colonel 4 February 1793 (vice Drouly)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 1st Life Guards February 1793 to September 1808

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 26 February 1795; Major-General 1 January 1798; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1805

Retired: October 1808

Died: Rome 1821.

Thomas ROBERTS

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 81

Born: c. 1750

Regimental Service: Guidon & Major in 1st Troop Horse Guards 19 July 1787; Major in 1st Life Guards 25 June 1788; Major & Lieutenant-Colonel 11 November 1790; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 87th Foot 30 April 1794; Colonel of 111th Foot 1 September 1795

Service 1793-1815: On home staff 1804-1805

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 21 August 1795; Major-General 18 June 1798; Lieutenant-General 30 October 1805; General 4 June 1814

Died: Brussels 30 November 1824.

Stephen POYNTZ

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 326

Born: Hertfordshire 1755

Regimental Service: Supernumerary Major in 1st Life Guards 25 July 1788; Supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel 4 February 1793 (vice Read)

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 3 May 1796; Major-General 1 January 1801; rank stationary thereafter

Died: 1837.

William TYNDALE

Regimental Service: Major in 1st Life Guards 30 April 1794 (exchanged from 87th Foot, vice Roberts); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 3 May 1796; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 13th Foot 2 February 1803

Retired: August 1803.

Terence O'Bryan O'LOGHLIN

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 398

Born: Ireland 1764

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Light Dragoons 19 February 1799; Major & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Life Guards 14 August 1801 (vice Gambier); Lieutenant-Colonel & Colonel 1 September 1808 (vice Read)

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.

Lawrence BRADSHAW

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Foot 11 September 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 13th Foot 1 September 1795; to Major & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Life Guards 2 February 1803 (vice Tyndale)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Ireland 1798 and Egypt 1801; served on board of Commissioners of Military Enquiry 1806 to 1812

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 25 September 1803; Major-General 25 July 1810; rank stationary thereafter

Retired: 1 March 1812.

Francis Slater REBOW

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 412

Born: Born Francis Slater in Derbyshire 1770

Relations: Added Rebow surname at marriage

Regimental Service: Major in 60th Foot 1796; Supernumerary Major in 2nd Life Guards 16 February 1797; Major & Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Life Guards 25 September 1799; Supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Life Guards 20 August 1807 (vice Poyntz)

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1788 to 1796; commanded Household Cavalry brigade in Peninsula January to March 1813

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 25 October 1809; Major-General 1 January 1812; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825; General 1841

Died: 1845.

Majors

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George MERCER

Regimental Service: Supernumerary Major in 1st Life Guards 4 February 1793 (vice Poyntz); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 3 May 1796

Retired: 16 April 1799.

Sherborne STEWART

Born: London 1759

Regimental Service: Captain in 1st Life Guards 25 June 1788; brevet Major 6 May 1795; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1800

Retired: November 1809 (after 21 years a Captain).

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 (vice Mercer); 2nd Major 25 September 1799; exchanged to Major in 14th Light Dragoons 14 August 1801

Retired: 25 June 1802

Died: London 5 August 1844.

Thomas James BIRCH

Born: London 1768

Regimental Service: Captain in 1st Life Guards 15 August 1798; Major & Lieutenant-Colonel 1 September 1808 (vice O'Loghlin)

Retired: June 1810.

Samuel FERRIOR

Born: Pembrokeshire 1772

Regimental Service: Captain in 1st Life Guards 1 August 1802; Major & Lieutenant-Colonel 1 September 1809 (vice Birch)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 1st Life Guards in Waterloo campaign

Died: Killed in action at Waterloo.

John CAMAC

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1540

Born: Lincolnshire 1782

Regimental Service: Captain in 1st Life Guards 2 November 1808 (on transfer from 1st Garrison Battalion); Major & Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1812 (vice Bradshaw)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula November 1812 to April 1814; commanded 1st Life Guards in Peninsula June 1813 to April 1814

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 26 April 1815

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Vitt)

Retired: 1824

Died: Brussels 9 May 1843.

John BERGER

Regimental Service: Captain in 1st Life Guards 20 May 1813; brevet Major 4 June 1814

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula March & April 1814; served at Waterloo; commanded 1st Life Guards on advance to Paris

Retired: 14 December 1815.

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