

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

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2nd Regiment of Life Guards

Secondary Title: None

Regimental History, 2nd 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
1670: Second troop became Queen's Troop and Third Troop became Duke of York's Troop
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 2nd troop of Horse Guards (which had previously absorbed the 2nd troop of Horse Grenadiers)
1877: 2nd Life Guards
1918: 2nd Life Guards Battalion, Guards Machine Gun Regiment
1921: The Life Guards (on amalgamation with 1st Life Guards)
1993: The Life Guards, part of The Household Cavalry Regiment

Service History and Demographics, 2nd Regiment of Life Guards

1793: London – King Street Barracks
1794: King Street Barracks
1795: King Street Barracks
1796: King Street Barracks
1797: King Street Barracks
1798: King Street Barracks
1799: King Street Barracks
1800: King Street Barracks
1801: King Street Barracks
1802: King Street Barracks
1803: King Street Barracks
1804: King Street Barracks; October - Windsor
1805: Windsor; June - Wimbledon Common; Windsor
1806: King Street Barracks
1807: King Street Barracks
1808: King Street Barracks
1809: King Street Barracks
1810: King Street Barracks
1811: King Street Barracks
1812: King Street 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: King Street Barracks; May – 4 troops to Dover; Ostend; Bruges; Ninove; retreat from Quatre Bras; WATERLOO; Paris (remaining 4 troops at Romford)
1816: January – to England.

Colonels

Jeffrey, Lord AMHERST

Born: Kent 1717

Regimental Service: Colonel of 15th Foot 22 May 1756; Colonel of 60th Foot 20 September 1758; Colonel of 3rd Foot 7 November 1768; Colonel on Horse Grenadier Guards 21 April 1779; Colonel of 2nd Life Guards 25 June 1788

Early Service: Served in Seven Years War; Commander-in-Chief North America 1758-1763; Governor of Virginia 1768

Service 1793-1815: Commander-in-Chief 1793 to 1795

Staff & General Officer Service: Major-General in North America 23 January 1758; Major-General 25 June 1759; Lieutenant-General 19 January 1761; General 19 March 1778; Field-Marshal 1796

Awards & Honours: Lord Amherst in 1797

Died: Kent 3 August 1797.

William Schaw, Lord CATHCART

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 37

Born: Scotland 1755

Relations: Eldest son of General Charles, 9th Baron Cathcart

Regimental Service: Major in 28th Foot 13 April 1779; Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in Coldstream Foot Guards 2 February 1781;

Colonel of 29th Foot 5 December 1792; Colonel of 2nd Life Guards 7 August 1797

Early Service: Quartermaster-General in North America 1779-1780

Service 1793-1815: Served on continent 1793; Commander-in-Chief Ireland 1803-1805; commanded Hanover expedition in 1805;

Commander-in-Chief in North Britain 1806-1807; commanded Copenhagen expedition in 1807; CiC again in North Britain

1808-1813; military attache to Allied headquarters on continent 1813-1814

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

1801; General 1 January 1812

Later Service: Ambassador to St Petersburg 1814-1820; Governor of Hull 1830-1843

Awards & Honours: KT; PC; PC (Ireland); Earl Cathcart in 1814

Died: Glasgow 16 June 1843.

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)

Felix BUCKLEY

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 12

Born: London 1724

Regimental Service: 1st Lieutenant & Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Troop Horse Guards 28 July 1773; Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Life

Guards 25 June 1788; Lieutenant-Colonel & Colonel 18 November 1790

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 2nd Life Guards June 1788 to June 1805

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 19 February 1779; Major-General 20 November 1782; Lieutenant-General 3 May

1796; General 1 January 1801

Later Service: Governor of Pendennis Castle 1820-1823

Died: 14 September 1823.

William John ARABIN

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 68

Born: Dublin 1750

Regimental Service: Cornet & Major in 2nd Troop Horse Guards 23 May 1782; Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 18 April 1788;

supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel 25 June 1788

Early Service: Commanded insurgent cavalry brigade in Brabant 1788

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

1805; General 4 June 1814

Died: 1828.

Charles BARTON

Born: Dublin 1760

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

Regimental Service: Supernumerary Major in 2nd Life Guards 30 January 1790; Major & Lieutenant-Colonel 14 January 1792; 1st

Major 31 May 1793; Lieutenant-Colonel 14 June 1805 (vice Buckley)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 2nd Life Guards June 1805 to April 1818

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 26 February 1795; Major-General 29 April 1802; Lieutenant-General 25 April 1808

Retired: 14 April 1818

Died: 11 June 1819.

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; to Major & Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Life Guards 14 June 1805 (vice C. Barton); 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.

Hon. George MURRAY

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 728

Regimental Service: Captain in 2nd Life Guards 4 March 1800; Major & Lieutenant-Colonel 20 August 1807 (vice Rebow); supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel 27 April 1815 (vice Arabin)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula December 1813 to April 1814

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814; Major-General 12 August 1819; Lieutenant-General 10 January 1837

Later Service: Principal auditor of the Exchequer in Scotland

Died: 1848.

Majors

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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)

Collet MAWHOOD

Regimental Service: Captain in 2nd Life Guards 25 June 1788; Supernumerary Major June 1792

Retired: June 1794.

John HUGHES

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 381

Regimental Service: Captain in 2nd Life Guards 7 May 1791; Supernumerary Major 10 June 1794 (vice Mawhood); to Major in 60th Foot 16 February 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel in 60th Foot 5 November 1798

Early Service: Served in East Indies 1787

Service 1793-1815: Served in North America 1797-1801; on half-pay for health reasons 1801 to 1820

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 25 April 1808; Major-General 4 June 1811

Retired: 1820

Died: Donegal 1832.

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 (vice Hughes); 2nd Major 25 September 1799; to supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Life Guards 20 August 1807

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 23 November 1841

Died: 1845.

Richard FITZGERALD

Regimental Service: Brevet Major 25 October 1809; Captain in 2nd Life Guards 18 May 1812; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1814

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula March & April 1814

Died: Killed in action at Waterloo.

Hon. Edward Pyndar LYGON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1541

Born: Worcestershire 1786

Relations: Fourth son of Earl of Beauchamp

Regimental Service: Captain in 2nd Life Guards 15 February 1808; Major & Lieutenant-Colonel 27 April 1815 (vice Murray); Lieutenant-Colonel 14 April 1818; Colonel of 13th Light Dragoons 29 January 1845

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula November 1812 to April 1814; commanded 2nd Life Guards in Peninsula 1813; commanded 2nd Life Guards at Waterloo

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1822; Major-General 10 January 1837; Lieutenant-General 9 November 1846; General 1854

Later Service: Inspector General of Cavalry

Awards & Honours: CB; MP 1818-1820; MGSM (Vitt)

Died: London 11 November 1860.

Sir Emmanuel Felix AGAR, Kt.

Born: London 1781

Regimental Service: Captain in 50th Foot 1812; brevet Major 20 April 1814; Major in 60th Foot April 1814; Major in 2nd Life Guards 28 April 1814

Awards & Honours: MP 1807-1812; Knighted 18 July 1812

Retired: 27 April 1815

Died: 28 August 1866.

Thomas CHARRETIE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1544

Regimental Service: Major in 2nd Life Guards 27 April 1815 (vice Agar); Major & Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Life Guards 21 May 1815

Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1806; served in Peninsula November 1812 to April 1814; served at Waterloo

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

Awards & Honours: CB; MGSM (Vitt Toul)

Died: London 12 January 1866.

William Tyrrell BOYCE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 2340

Born: Manchester 1779

Relations: Son of Baron Boston

Regimental Service: Captain in 2nd Life Guards 30 April 1812 (on transfer from 16th Light Dragoons); brevet Major 4 June 1814

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula June 1813 to April 1814; taken prisoner at Waterloo but escaped during the battle

Retired: Exchanged to half-pay of 60th Foot 1817.

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