

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

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31st Light Dragoons

Regimental History, 31st Light Dragoons

1794: 5 November - raised by William St Leger in Ireland

1796: 26 February - disbanded.

Service History, 31st Light Dragoons

1794: November - raised in County Kildare

1795: Ireland; July - San Domingo (unconfirmed)

1796: February - disbanded (on San Domingo?)

Lieutenant-Colonels Commandant

William Charles St LEGER

Born: c.1759

Relations: Nephew of Lieutenant-Colonel Barry St Leger

Regimental Service: Major in 6th Dragoons 31 October 1789; Lieutenant-Colonel in 93rd Foot 30 October 1793; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of 31st Light Dragoons 5 November 1794; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 27th (later 24th) Light Dragoons 5 April 1796

Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1799-1811

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 26 January 1797; Major-General 25 September 1803; Lieutenant-General 25 October 1809

Died: London 28 March 1818.

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.

Lieutenant Colonel

Hon. William STAPLETON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 170

Born: Ireland 1770

Relations: Younger son of Sir Thomas Stapleton, 5th Baronet of Leeward Islands

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 126th Foot 22 May 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 31st Light Dragoons 5 November 1794; to half-pay 1 March 1798

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1800; Major-General 30 October 1805; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1812

Died: 1826.

Major

Hon. Arthur George ANNESLEY

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 464

Regimental Service: Major in 31st Light Dragoons 10 July 1795 (on transfer from Ward's Regiment); to half-pay 1796; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1801; Major in 6th Garrison Battalion 6 December 1811

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810; Major-General 4 June 1813; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825; General November 1841

Died: November 1849.

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