

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

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87th Regiment of Foot

Secondary Title: Prince of Wales' Irish (until 1811); thence Prince of Wales' Own Irish

Regimental History, 87th Regiment of Foot

1793: 18 September - Raised as the 87th (The Prince of Wales's Irish) Regiment of Foot by John Doyle

1804: 2nd Battalion formed at Frome

1817: 2nd Battalion disbanded at Colchester

1827: 87th Regiment of Foot (Prince of Wales's Own Irish Fusiliers)

1827: 87th (Royal Irish Fusiliers) Regiment of Foot

1881: 1st Battalion, Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers) on amalgamation with the 89th Regiment of Foot

1920: The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's)

1947: Grouped with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Royal Irish Fusiliers into the North Irish Brigade

1968: The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th) on amalgamation with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Royal Irish Fusiliers

1991: The Royal Irish Regiment (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th and Ulster Defence Regiment) on amalgamation with the Ulster Defence Regiment

Service History and Demographics, 1st Battalion 87th Regiment of Foot

1793: September - raised in Ireland by Major John Doyle; Dublin

1794: Dublin; February - to England; Parkgate; June - Hilsea; Southampton; to Flanders; July - Alost; line of Waal River

1795: Battalion taken POW at capitulation of Bergen-Op-Zoom; held POW in Amiens and Rouen

1796: POWs released, to England; August - Chatham; September - aboard fleet as marines; Texel (did not land); Spithead; October - to West Indies

1797: Martinique; April - aborted capture of Puerto Rico; Martinique; Saint Lucia

1798: Saint Lucia

1799: Saint Lucia; December - Martinique

1800: Martinique; April - Dominica

1801: Dominica; April - Barbados; August - Curacao

1802: Curacao

1803: Curacao; June - Jamaica; July - Curacao; August - Antigua; October - Saint Christopher

1804: Antigua; April - Saint Christopher; Saint Kitts; July - to England; October - Plymouth; November - Guernsey

1805: Guernsey; March - received 528 men from 2/87th; November - Portsmouth; Hilsea; Bexhill

1806: Margate; February - Bexhill; August - Portsmouth; ordered to Portugal but countermanded; September - Plymouth; to South America

1807: January - Rio de la Plata; MONTE VIDEO; June - Ensada da Barragon; Buenos Aires; Monte Video; August - to Cape of Good Hope; September - Simon's Bay; Cape Town

1808: Cape of Good Hope; May - received 219 men from 2/87th

1809: Cape of Good Hope

1810: Cape of Good Hope; October - to Isle de France; November - Mauritius; December - Port Louis

1811: Port Louis; April - secondary title Prince of Wales' Own Irish

1812: Port Louis

1813: Port Louis

1814: Port Louis

1815: Port Louis; June - to India; August - Calcutta; Fort William; October - Berhampore; December - Dinapore.

Service History and Demographics, 2nd Battalion 87th Regiment of Foot

1804: July - formed at Frome from Additional Force Act men from County Tipperary, County Galway and County Clare; sent 528 men to 1/87th
1805: Frome; March - Bristol; to Ireland; Waterford
1806: Waterford; October - to England; Plymouth
1807: Plymouth; April - Guernsey | 22% *English/Welsh*, 1% *Scots*, 76% *Irish*, 1% *Foreign*
1808: Guernsey; sent 219 men to 1/87th; June - Harwich; Ipswich; July - Danbury; September - Weeley; Ramsgate; to Portugal; Portsmouth
1809: Portsmouth; Cork; at sea; to Cadiz but did not land; March - Lisbon; Oporto; July - Oropesa; Casa de Salinas; TALAVERA; Badajoz; September - Lisbon garrison
1810: Lisbon; February - to Cadiz
1811: Cadiz; February - Gibraltar; Tarifa; March - captured aigle of 8e Ligne at BARROSA; April - secondary title Prince of Wales' Own Irish; Isla de Leon; October - 8 companies to Tarifa; December - seige of TARIFA
1812: Tarifa; May - 6 companies at Tarifa, 4 companies at Cadiz; August - 6 Tarifa companies to Seville; battalion reunited at Seville; October - Aranjuez; Puerto Largo; Madrid; retreat to Salamanca; Lamego
1813: Lamego; May - advance to Vittoria; June - VITTORIA; captured Jourdan's baton; Pampeluna; Roncesvalles; Maya Pass; NIVELLE
1814: Adour; February - Salvaterra; ORTHES; Vic Bigorre; TOULOUSE; Blanchfort; Bordeaux; July - Pauillac; to Ireland; Cork; Mallow; Limerick; Middleton; August - Cork; to England; Portsmouth; Horsham; Dartmoor POW camp; Plymouth; December - Guernsey
1815: Guernsey
1817: 25 January - disbanded at Colchester.

Significant Militia/Volunteer Intakes:

(militia units unless noted otherwise)

1804: Received Additional Force Act men from County Tipperary, County Galway and County Clare
1806: County Tyrone
1807: Dublin City; County Galway; County Roscommon; County Wexford
1808: County Roscommon
1811: Dublin City
1813: County Kilkenny; Limerick City

Colonels

Sir John DOYLE, Bt.

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 104

Born: County Kilkenny Ireland 1756

Relations: Brother of General Welbore Ellis Doyle

Regimental Service: Major in 105th Foot 17xx; Lieutenant-Colonel-Commandant of 87th Foot 18 September 1793; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 12 October 1793; Colonel of 87th Foot 3 May 1796

Early Service: Served in American Revolution 1775 to 1783

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793 to 1795; served at Quiberon 1795; Secretaery of War in Irish Parliament 1796 to 1799; served in Egypt 1801; Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey 17 May 1803 to 1816;

Private Secretary to Prince of Wales

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 3 May 1796; Brigadier-General in Gibraltar 1796; Major-General 29 April 1802; Lieutenant-General in Guernsey 14 March 1805; Lieutenant-General 25 April 1808; General 12 August 1819

Later Service: Governor of Charlemont Castle 1818 to 1834

Awards & Honours: KC; KB; MP in Ireland 1783; MP in England 1806 to 1807

Died: London 8 August 1834.

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)

Edmund Boyle, Viscount DUNGARVAN

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 163

Born: Ireland 1767

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 18 September 1793; Lieutenant-Colonel 29 March 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 11th Foot 20 January 1795; Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in Coldstream Foot Guards 21 May 1796; Lieutenant-Colonel in 4th Foot 17 September 1802; to half-pay 1802; Colonel of 16th Reserve Battalion 9 July 1803; to half-pay March 1805

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793 to 1794; taken POW at Bergen-Op-Zoom; ADC to King George III 9 January 1798; served at Helder 1799; served in Egypt 1801

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 9 July 1803; Major-General 1 January 1805; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1811; General 27 May 1825

Awards & Honours: KP; Earl of Cork 1798

Died: London 29 June 1856.

Sir John McMAHON, Bt.

Born: Limerick c.1754

Relations: Brother of General Sir Thomas McMahon

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 29 March 1794 (vice Dungarvan); Lieutenant-Colonel 15 September 1794

Later Service: Sorekeeper of the Ordnance 1806 to 1807; Keeper of the Privy Purse 1812 to 1817; Private Secretary to King George III 1811 to 1817

Awards & Honours: 1st Baronet 1817; MP 1804 to 1812; PC 1812 to 1817

Retired: April 1796

Died: London 12 September 1817.

William CARLYON HUGHES

Born: February 1752

Relations: Son of Major William Hughes

Regimental Service: Brevet Major in 7th Foot 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 87th Foot 22 July 1795 (vice Dungarvan)

Service 1793-1815: Governor of Curacao 1801 and 1803 to 1803; Governor of Surinam 1805 to 1808

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 29 April 1802; Brigadier-General in West Indies 1805

Died: Surinam 27 September 1808.

William JONES

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 29 July 1795 (vice Hovenden); Lieutenant-Colonel 5 April 1796 (vice McMahon)

Died: St Lucia November 1797.

Leeds BOOTH

Regimental Service: Brevet Major in 32nd Foot; Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st West India Regiment 20 May 1795; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 87th Foot 3 November 1797 (vice Jones); Inspecting Field Officer of Yeomanry 10 December 1805

Retired: December 1799.

Hon. George Augustus Frederick COCHRANE

Born: Scotland November 1762

Relations: Younger son of Thomas, 8th Earl of Dundonald; brother of Admiral Sir Alexander Forrester Inglis Cochrane

Regimental Service: Major in 10th Foot 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel in 87th Foot 11 December 1799 (vice Booth)

Awards & Honours: MP 1807 to 1812

Retired: August 1805

Died: After 1832.

Sir Edward Gerald BUTLER, Kt.

Born: County Tipperary 1770

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 12 April 1796 (on transfer from 27th Light Dragoons, vice Jones); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 29 April 1802; Lieutenant-Colonel 16 August 1804

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794 to 1795, saved life of Emperor Francis II (and later knighted) 24 April 1794; served in West Indies 1796 to 1804; commanded 1/87th Foot 1805 to 1809; served at Cape of Good Hope 1806; served in South America 1807; served at Cape of Good Hope 1808 to 1810; Commandant at Simonstown 1809; second-in-command on Mauritius 1811

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1811; Major-General 4 June 1813

Awards & Honours: KMT

Retired: 1818

Died: Ireland 30 November 1824.

Sir Charles William DOYLE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 628

Born: County Kilkenny 1770

Relations: Nephew of General Sir John Doyle and General Welbore Ellis Doyle

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 9 July 1803; Lieutenant-Colonel 22 August 1805 (vice Cochrane); Colonel of 10th Royal Veteran Battalion 1 November 1819

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793 to 1794; served in West Indies 1796 to 1798; served in Egypt and wounded 1801; commanded 2/87th Foot 1804 to 1808; served in Peninsula August 1808 to April 1814; raised Tiradores de Doyle and attached to the Spanish Army 1808 to 1811, wounded at Tarragona; ADC to Prince Regent 1813

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

Awards & Honours: CB; GCH

Died: Paris 25 October 1842.

Francis M MILLER

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1113

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 13 June 1805 (vice Hall); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1812; Lieutenant-Colonel 4 May 1815

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1798 to 1804

Awards & Honours: CB

Hugh GOUGH

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 832

Born: County Limerick 1779

Relations: Brother of Captain William Gough 68th Foot

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 8 August 1805 (vice Blakeney); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 6 March 1811 (back-dated to 29 July 1809, the first officer to be awarded a brevet in action at the head of a regiment); Lieutenant-Colonel 25 May 1815; to half-pay 1 April 1817; Lieutenant-Colonel in 22nd Foot 22 August 1819; to half-pay 1826; Colonel of 99th Foot 23 December 1839; Colonel of 87th Foot 15 March 1841; Colonel-in-Chief of 60th Rifles 28 January 1854; Colonel of Royal Horse Guards 29 June 1855

Service 1793-1815: Served at Cape of Good Hope 1795; served in West Indies 1796 to 1805; commanded 2/87th Foot in Peninsula March 1809 to November 1810, wounded at Talavera; again in Peninsula February 1811 to March 1814, wounded at Nivelles

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 12 August 1819; Major-General 22 July 1830; Lieutenant-General 23 November 1841; General 20 June 1854; Field-Marshal 9 November 1862

Later Service: Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in Opium War 1841 to 1842; Commander-in-Chief in India 1843 to 1849

Awards & Honours: KP; KCB; GCSI; PC; AGC (Tal Bar Vitt Nivelles); Baron Gough 1846; 1st Viscount Gough 1849

Died: County Dublin 2 March 1869.

Majors

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

Walter HOVENDEN

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 30 March 1794 (vice McMahon)

Retired: November 1794.

Nathaniel COOKMAN

Born: County Wexford

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 13 November 1794 (vice Hovenden)

Later Service: JP for County Wexford

Retired: February 1796.

John WOOD

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 2 February 1796 (on transfer from 59th Foot); exchanged to

Major in 20th Foot 3 August 1796

Retired: Before 1800.

George Burgess MORDEN

Regimental Service: Major in 20th Foot 1 September 1795; exchanged to Major in 87th Foot 3 August 1796 (vice Wood); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1798; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 60th Foot 26 July 1799

Service 1793-1815: Deputy Adjutant-General in the Leeward Islands 17 August 1803

Died: September 1803.

Samuel TWENTYMAN

Regimental Service: Half-pay of 19th Foot; Major in 87th Foot 26 July 1799 (vice Morden)

Service 1793-1815: Deputy Adjutant-General under Moira 26 November 1793

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1798; Brigadier-General in West Indies 10 June 1799

Died: Martinique 6 July 1800.

Thomas Lawson HALL

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 9 July 1800 (on transfer from 45th Foot, vice Twentyman)

Retired: June 1805.

Thomas MELLOR

Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 September 1803; Major in 87th Foot 26 September 1804 (on transfer from 81st Foot); exchanged to half-pay of Cambrian Rangers 12 June 1806

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1812

Retired: 12 June 1806.

William Augustus BLAKENEY

Relations: Son of Colonel William Blakeney; brother of Field-Marshal Sir Edward Blakeney

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 27 September 1804

Retired: August 1805

Died: 3 September 1848.

George WHITE

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 28 September 1804; exchanged to Major in 24th Light Dragoons 16 May 1805

Died: India April 1808.

John LOCKE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 604

Born: Limerick c.1771

Regimental Service: Major in 24th Light Dragoons 22 January 1801; to half-pay; exchanged to Major in 87th Foot 16 May 1805 (vice White); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1805; to half-pay 8th Garrison Battalion 30 May 1805; Inspecting Field Officer of Volunteers; Major in 84th Foot 25 August 1808; exchanged to half-pay of 1st Provisional Battalion of Militia 1815

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1793 to 1796; again in West Indies 1797 to 1798; served in Portugal 1799; served at Walcheren 1809

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

Died: Florence 1837.

Sir Thomas BRADFORD

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 468

Born: Yorkshire December 1777

Relations: Brother of Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Hollis Bradford

Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1801; Major in 3rd Garrison Battalion 28 September 1804; Major in 87th Foot 30 May 1805 (vice Locke); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 34th Foot 30 May 1805; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 82nd Foot 21 December 1809; Brigadier of Infantry in Portuguese service 19 December 1811; Colonel of 94th Foot 1 December 1823; Colonel of 30th Foot 19 April 1829; Colonel of 4th Foot 7 February 1846

Service 1793-1815: Served in Irish Rebellion 1798; Assistant Adjutant-General in Scotland 1801; Deputy Adjutant-General at Buenos Aires 1806; served in Peninsula with 2/87th Foot August 1808 to January 1809; commanded a brigade in Portuguese army December 1811 to April 1814, wounded at Bayonne 1814; served in Canada 1814 to 1815; commanded a division in Army of Occupation 1815

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810; Major-General 4 June 1813; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825; General 23 November 1841

Later Service: Commander-in-Chief Scotland 1819; Commander-in-Chief Bombay 1825 to 1829

Awards & Honours: GCB; GCH; AGC (Cor Sal Vitt SSeb Nive)

Died: London 28 November 1853.

James ST CLAIR

Regimental Service: Major in Cambrian Rangers; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 October 1805; exchanged to Major in 87th Foot 12 June 1806 (vice Mellor)

Died: December 1807.

Alexander ROSE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1888

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 10 December 1807 (vice St Clair); to Major in 9th Veteran Battalion 4 October 1810; Major in 1st Royal Veteran Battalion 7 July 1815; Major in 6th Royal Veteran Battalion 1 November 1819; rank stationary

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794 to 1795; served at Quiberon 1795; served in Surinam 1799; served and wounded at Buenos Aires 1807; served in Peninsula March to June 1809

Died: After 1842.

John EVANS

Born: c.1784

Relations: Son of George Freake Evans, Esq.

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 1 June 1809 (vice Bradford)

Service 1793-1815: Severely wounded at Montevideo 1807

Died: of wounds at Northamptonshire April 1811.

Sir Archibald MacLAINE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1200

Born: Mull January 1777

Relations: Brother of Captain Hector MacLaine (57th Foot), Major John MacLaine (73rd Foot) and Captain Murdoch MacLaine (20th Foot)

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 4 October 1810 (on transfer from 94th Foot, vice Rose); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 7th West India Regiment 25 January 1813; to half-pay 25 April 1816; Colonel of 52nd Foot 8 February 1847

Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1799 to 1804, badly wounded at Seringapatam); served in Peninsula Debruary to November 1810; again in Peninsula December 1810 to July 1811, wounded at Barossa; and again in Peninsula January to September 1812

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 22 July 1830; Major-General 23 November 1841; Lieutenant-General 11 November 1851; General 5 June 1855

Awards & Honours: KCB; Knight of Charles III (Spain); MGSM (Bar); IGSM (Asseerghur Argaum Gawilghur)

Died: London 9 March 1861.

Joseph Frederick DESBARRES

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 11 April 1811 (vice Evans); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 3 March 1814

Service 1793-1815: Served at Buenos Aires 1807; served in Peninsula November 1811 to April 1814, badly wounded at Orthez

Awards & Honours: CB; SAGM (Nivelle Ort Toul)

Died: April 1817.

Neil COCKBURN

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1631

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 28 January 1813 (on transfer from 84th Foot, vice MacLaine); to Major in 8th West India Regiment 6 May 1813; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 7 September 1815; Lieutenant-Colonel in 4th Royal Veteran Battalion 25 November 1819

Retired: 26 November 1825

Died: Sidmouth 21 February 1830.

Henry William DAVENPORT

Born: Cheshire c.1779

Relations: Son of Davies Davenport Esq.

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 6 May 1813 (vice Cockburn); exchanged to Major in 3rd Dragoons 30 April 1818; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 12 August 1819

Retired: October 1819

Died: 1833.

Archibald CAMERON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 2487

Born: c.1775

Regimental Service: Major in 87th Foot 4 May 1815 (vice Miller); to half-pay of 5th Foot 28 March 1816; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 10 January 1837

Died: Reading 22 September 1843.

Henry HOOPER

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1539

Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 30 March 1815; Major in 87th Foot 25 May 1815 (vice Gough); Lieutenant-Colonel in 10th Royal Veteran Battalion 1 November 1819

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula July 1812 to April 1813; again in Peninsula October 1813 to April 1814; Major Brigade in 4th Division February 1814; Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General in Louisiana 1814, wounded at Vellere's Planatation

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