

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

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### 88th Regiment of Foot

Secondary Title: Connaught Rangers

#### Regimental History, 88th Regiment of Foot

1760: Raised as the 88th Regiment of Foot (Highland Volunteers) or Campbell's Highlanders

1763: Disbanded

1793: Raised in Connaught by John Thomas de Burgh, Earl of Clanricarde as the 88th Regiment of Foot (Connaught Rangers)

1804: 2nd Battalion formed at Dumfries

1816: 2nd Battalion disbanded at Clare Castle

1881: 1st Battalion The Connaught Rangers on amalgamation with the 94th Regiment of Foot

1922: Disbanded at Irish independence

#### Service History and Demographics, 1st Battalion 88th Regiment of Foot

1793: September - raised in Connaught

1794: Ireland; to Flanders; July - Ostend; Alost; Bergen-Op-Zoom; Nijmegen; line of the River Waal; Loenen

1795: Waal; Deventer; retreat to Bremen; April - to England; Norwich; December - to West Indies but dispersed in storms; 2 companies to Barbados, 7 companies to England, 1 company to Gibraltar!

1796: West Indies companies on Grenada and Saint Lucia; drafted out and cadre to England; October - remnants reunited at Halifax

1797: Halifax; March - Chatham; Portsmouth; May - Jersey

1798: Jersey

1799: January - Portsmouth; 7 companies to India; March - remaining 3 companies to India; June - Bombay

1800: Bombay; December - to Egypt

1801: At sea; June - Cosseir; march across the desert; Kenna; Cairo

1802: Egypt

1803: Egypt; to England; May - Portsmouth; June - Silverhill; September - Winchelsea; December - Pevensey

1804: Pevensey; July - Eastbourne

1805: Eastbourne; July - Fairlight Camp; November - Bexhill

1806: Bexhill; October - Plymouth; November - to South America

1807: At sea; March - Cape of Good Hope; June - Monte Video; Ensenada da Barragon; Buenos Aires; Monte Video; to England; November - Portsmouth; Ashford

1808: Ashford; received draft of 400 men from 2/88th; large number of ophthalmia cases; April - Ospringe; May - Colchester; June - Maldon; July - Danbury Camp; September - Maldon; December - Falmouth; to Portugal but detained by storms

1809: Ramsgate; Cork; February - to Portugal; March - Lisbon; April - Coimbra; Tras os Montes; July - Casa de Salinas; TALAVERA; Campo Mayor; received 300 men from 2/88th; Pinhel

1810: Pinhel; Lameiros; BUSACO; Lines of Torres Vedras; Tagarro

1811: Tagarro; Foz d'Aronce; Celorico; FUENTES D'ONORO; Nave d'Aver; seige of Badajoz; Campo Mayor; June - received fit men from 2/88th; Pastores; El Bodon; Aldea da Ponte

1812: CIUDAD RODRIGO; Albergaria; BADAJOZ; Albergaria; SALAMANCA; Madrid; retreat from Burgos; Fuenteguinaldo

1813: Leomel; advance into Spain; VITTORIA; Huarte; Valley of Bastan; Zagarramurdi; NIVELLE; Urcuray

1814: Urcuray; ORTHES; TOULOUSE; Bordeaux; June - Gironde; to North America; August - Quebec; Saint John's

1815: Saint John's; May - Trois Rivieres; June - Quebec; to England; July - Spithead; to Belgium; Ostend; August - Paris; Army of Occupation

1817: Valenciennes; May - to England.

### **Service History and Demographics, 2nd Battalion 88th Regiment of Foot**

1804: November - Formed in Dumfries from Additional Force Act men from County Cavan, County Louth, County Leitrim, County Sligo and County Mayo  
1805: Dumfries; November - Leith; Gravesend  
1806: Pevensey; June - Hailsham  
1807: Gravesend; January - to Ireland  
1808: Ireland; sent 400 men to 1/88th  
1809: Westport; Cork; June - to Portugal; Lisbon; December - Gibraltar; sent draft of 300 men to 1/88th  
1810: Gibraltar; February - Cadiz; Fort Matagorda; Isla de Leon; September - Lisbon | *3% English/Welsh, 1% Scots, 95% Irish, 1% Foreign*  
1811: Lisbon; June - gave fit men to 1/88th; July - to England; September - Honiton; October - Berryhead  
1812: Berryhead; June - Exeter; December - Berryhead | *5% English/Welsh, 7% Scots, 87% Irish, 1% Foreign*  
1813: Berryhead; February - Ottery; July - Berryhead; October - Plymouth; to Ireland; Cork; Connaught  
1814: Cork; July - Limerick  
1815: Limerick; October - Clare Castle  
1816: January - disbanded at Clare Castle.

### **Significant Militia/Volunteer Intakes:**

(militia units unless noted otherwise)

1804: Received Additional Force Act men from County Cavan, County Louth, County Leitrim, County Sligo and County Mayo  
1805: Derbyshire  
1806: County Armagh; County Leitrim  
1807: County Galway; County Leitrim; County Roscommon; County Tyrone; County Waterford  
1808: County Clare; County Kerry; County Kilkenny; County Leitrim; County Louth; County Roscommon; County Waterford  
1809: County Clare; North Cork; County Leitrim; County Louth; County Waterford  
1810: County Leitrim; County Roscommon  
1811: Perthshire; County Leitrim; County Roscommon  
1812: North Cork; County Leitrim; County Roscommon

### **Colonels**

#### **Hon. John Thomas DE BURGH**

Born: Ireland September 1744

Relations: Second son of John Smith de Burgh, 11th Earl of Clarincede

Regimental Service: Colonel of 88th Foot 25 September 1793; Colonel of 66th Foot 27 November 1794

Service 1793-1815: Commanded a brigade in Flanders 1794; Commander-in-Chief Corsica 1796;

Commander-in-Chief Elba 1796; Governor of Kingston-Upon-Hull 1801 to 1808

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 November 1782; Major-General 12 October 1793;

Lieutenant-General 1 January 1798; General 25 September 1803

Awards & Honours: 13th Earl of Clanricarde 1797; PC (Ire) 1801

Died: Dublin 27 July 1808.

#### **John REID**

Born: Scotland February 1722

Relations: Born John Robertson, Eldest son of Baron Reid of Straloch

Regimental Service: Colonel of 95th Foot 7 April 1780; Colonel of 87th Foot 27 November 1794 (vice de Burgh)

Early Service: Served in Jacobite Rising 1745; served in British North America; served in West Indies 1762; Governor of Jersey 17 February 1781

Brevets & Staff Service: Major-General 19 October 1781; Lieutenant-General 12 October 1793; General 1 January 1798

Later Service: Founder of the chair of music at University of Edinburgh

Died: London 6 February 1807.

**William Carr, Lord BERESFORD**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 179*

Born: Ireland 1768

Relations: Illegitimate son of Earl of Tyrone

Regimental Service: Major 1 March 1794; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 124th Foot 11 August 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 88th Foot 16 September 1795; Colonel of 88th Foot 9 February 1807 (vice Reid); Marshal in Portuguese Army 7 March 1809; Colonel of 69th Foot 11 March 1819; Colonel of 16th Foot 15 March 1823

Service 1793-1815: Served at Toulon 1793; served on Corsica 1794; served in Egypt 1801; commanded brigade at Cape of Good Hope 1806; commanded British troops at Buenos Ayres 1806; Commanded brigade in Peninsula August 1808 to January 1809; Commander-in-Chief of Portuguese Army 7 March 1809; commanded Portuguese forces March 1809 to August 1813, and also October 1813 to April 1814; wounded at Salamanca

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1800; Major-General in Portugal 4 September 1807; Major-General 25 April 1808; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1812; General 27 May 1825

Later Service: Remained in Portuguese service until 1819; Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance 1823-1824; Master-General of the Ordnance 1828-1830; Governor of Jersey 1821-1854

Awards & Honours: GCB; GCH; MGSM(Egt CR); LAGC(Cor Bus Alb Bad Vitt Pyr Nlle Nive Orth Toul); Count of Trancoso 1811; Marquis of Campo Maior 1812; Baron 1814; Viscount 1823; MP1830-1831

Died: Kent 8 January 1854.

**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)*

**Sir Robert BROWNRIGG, Bt.**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 105*

Born: County Wicklow 1759

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 88th Foot 25 September 1793 (on transfer from 49th Foot); Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in Coldstream Foot Guards 21 June 1795; Colonel-Commandant of 5/60th Foot 25 July 1799; Colonel of 9th Foot 3 October 1805

Early Service: Deputy Adjutant-General on Jamaica 1790

Service 1793-1815: ADC to Duke of Richmond 1793; Deputy Quartermaster-General in Flanders 27 November 1793; Military Secretary to Duke of York February 1795; Quartermaster-General 12 March 1803; served at Walcheren 1809; Governor and Commander-in-Chief Ceylon 1811 to 1819

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 3 May 1796; Major-General 29 April 1802; Lieutenant-General 25 April 1808

Later Service: Kandian War 1815

Awards & Honours: KCB; Baronet

Died: Monmouth 27 May 1833.

**Frederick KEPPELL**

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 88th Foot 28 March 1794 (on transfer from 49th Foot); Lieutenant-Colonel in 49th Foot 1 September 1795

Service 1793-1815: Inspecting Field Officer of Volunteers 1803

Retired: April 1798.

**Wentworth SERLE**

Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 19 May 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 88th Foot 21 June 1794; to half-pay 106th Foot 14 April 1798

Retired: April 1798

Died: 13 January 1837.

**Sir Alexander DUFF**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 382*

Born: Scotland c.1777

Relations: Second son of Alexander, 3rd Earl Fife

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 28 March 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel 14 April 1798 (vice Serle); exchanged to half-pay 18 May 1809; colonel of 92nd Foot 1823; Colonel of 37th Foot 20 July 1831

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794 to 1795; served in Egypt 1801; served at Buenos Aires 1807  
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 April 1808; Major-General 4 June 1811; Lieutenant-General 19 July 1821; General 28 June 1838

Awards & Honours: MGSM (Egt); GCH; KH 1834; MP 1826 to 1831

Died: Fulham March 1851.

**Frederick William BULLER**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 467*

Born: Cornwall 1772

Regimental Service: Major in 57th Foot 1 September 1795; Major in 88th Foot 27 June 1796 (vice Houstoun); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1801; Lieutenant-Colonel in 88th Foot 28 August 1804; on half-pay 11th Garrison Battalion 6 February 1805; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Foot 27 February 1806 (vice Burnett); to Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in Coldstream Foot Guards 1 December 1808

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793-1794; Deputy Quartermaster-General in Flanders 1794; served in West Indies 1796-1797; ADC to King George 1810-1813

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

Retired: 1833

Died: London 8 November 1855.

**Sir John Alexander Dunlop Agnew WALLACE**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 580*

Born: c.1775

Relations: Son of General Sir Thomas Dunlop Wallace

Regimental Service: Major in 58th Foot 9 July 1803; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 11th Foot 28 August 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel in 88th Foot 6 February 1805; Colonel of 88th Foot 20 October 1831

Early Service: Served in India 1791 to 1792

Service 1793-1815: Served on Minorca 1798; served in Egypt 1801; served in Peninsula with 1/88th Foot August 1809 to July 1811; temporarily commanded a brigade in 3rd Division May to November 1812; commanded 1/88th Foot again November 1812 to January 1813

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1813; Major-General 12 August 1819; Lieutenant-General 10 August 1837; General 11 November 1851

Awards & Honours: KCB; SAGM (Bus FDO Sal); MGSM (Egt)

Died: Wigtownshire Scotland 10 February 1857.

**Sir John TAYLOR**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 606*

Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 28 February 1805; Lieutenant-Colonel in 88th Foot 18 May 1809 (on transfer from 25th Foot, vice Duff); to half-pay; Colonel of 80th Foot 10 January 1837

Service 1793-1815: Served in Irish Rebellion 1798; served at Helder 1799; ADC to Hely-Hutchinson in Egypt 1801; commanded 2/88th Foot in Peninsula January to December 1810; commanded 1/88th Foot in Peninsula September 1813 to April 1814, wounded at Orthes

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

Awards & Honours: KCB; SAGM (Niv Ort Toul)

Died: Galway Ireland 6 December 1845.

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#### **John Timms HERVEY-ELWES**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 244*

Relations: Son of Colonel Richard Timms; took Hervey-Elwes surname in 1793

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 28 March 1794; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 84th Foot 10 June 1795

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 29 April 1801; Major-General 25 October 1809; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1814

Died: Suffolk 29 February 1824.

#### **Alexander HOUSTOUN**

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 28 March 1794; to Major in 57th Foot 27 June 1796; Lieutenant-Colonel in Lochaber Fencibles 13 January 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel in 9th Foot 29 April 1800;

Lieutenant-Colonel in Experimental Rifle Corps 26 August 1800

Died: Gibraltar 29 November 1800.

#### **Sir Francis John WILDER**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 394*

Born: London 1775

Regimental Service: Major in 106th Foot 18 September 1794; to half-pay 1 March 1798; Major in 88th Foot 14 April 1798 (vice Duff); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 29 December 1798; Lieutenant-Colonel in Banffshire Fencibles 31 December 1798; Lieutenant-Colonel in 35th Foot 10 April 1801

Service 1793-1815: Served in Gibraltar 1799-1801; served in Italy 1805; served at capture of Ionian Islands 1809-1810; served on staff at Ipswich 1811

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

Awards & Honours: MP 1807 to 1818; Kt. 1817

Died: Berkshire 23 January 1824.

#### **John HAYMAN**

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Foot 2 September 1795; ; exchanged to Major in 88th Foot (vice Wilder) 1 January 1799

Retired: 1 January 1799.

#### **Daniel HOGHTON**

Born: Essex August 1770

Regimental Service: Major in 67th Foot August 1795; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 3 May 1796; Major in 88th Foot 3 January 1799 (vice Hayman); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 8th Foot 23 November 1804

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies; served in India 1799 to 1803; served on Martinique 1809; commanded a brigade in 2nd Division in Peninsula October 1810 to May 1811

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1805; Major-General 25 July 1810

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Mart Alb)

Died: killed in action at Albuera 16 May 1811.

#### **Richard VANDELEUR**

Relations: Son of Crofton Vandeleur of Kilrush

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 1 April 1804

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 1/88th Foot in Portugal March to October 1809

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Tal)

Died: of illness at Campo Mayor 19 October 1809.

**William IREMONGER**

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 18 September 1804; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Foot 17 March 1808

Service 1793-1815: Served in Egypt 1801; commanded 2nd Foot in Peninsula August 1808 to January 1809; served at Walcheren 1809; again in Peninsula March to May 1811

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Vim Cor); MGSM (Egt)

Retired: 2 May 1811.

**John SILVER**

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 19 September 1804

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula March 1809 to September 1810

Died: died of wounds after Busaco 28 September 1810.

**Daniel COLQUHOUN**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1031*

Regimental Service: Major in 14th Battalion of Reserve 1 September 1804; Major in 88th Foot 23

November 1804; to Major on half-pay of 7th Garrison Battalion; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1811

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1795; ADC during Irish Rebellion 1798; served in Mediterranean;

Assistant Adjutant-General in Ireland

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 27 May 1825; Major-General 10 January 1837; Lieutenant-

General 9 November 1846

Died: Angusshire 17 November 1848.

**Robert Barclay MacPHERSON**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1399*

Born: Invernesshire 1774

Relations: Son of Colonel Duncan MacPherson

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 17 March 1808 (vice Iremonger); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4

June 1814; to half-pay of 71st Foot 28 November 1816; Colonel of 88th Foot 11 February 1857

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1796; served in India; served at Buenos Aires 1807; served in

Peninsula with 2/88th Foot January 1810 to January 1811; again in Peninsula with 1/88th Foot March

1813 to April 1814; served in North America 1814 to 1815

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

General 20 June 1854

Awards & Honours: CB; KH; SAGM (Vit Toul); MGSM (Pyr Niv Nlle)

Died: Stirling 11 February 1857.

**Robert-Browne McGREGOR**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1490*

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 23 November 1809 (vice Vandeleur); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4

June 1814; to half-pay 4 May 1826

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies; served in Peninsula with 1/88th Foot March 1809 to February

1811, wounded at Busaco; again in Peninsula May 1812 to April 1813; again in Peninsula January to April

1814

Died: Carnaervon December 1835.

**Christopher VOWELL**

Regimental Service: Major in 7th Garrison Battalion 25 November 1806; Major in 88th Foot 10 March 1810

Retired: 8 August 1811

Died: 1813.

**John DUNN**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1765*

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 25 October 1810; to half-pay 25 March 1816; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 12 August 1819

Service 1793-1815: Wounded at Buenos Aires 1807; served in Peninsula March 1809 to January 1811; commanded 2/88th Foot 1811

**Joseph THOMPSON**

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 8 August 1811 (vice Vowell)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula with 1/88th Foot March 1809 to March 1812

Died: killed in action at Badajoz 29 March 1812.

**William Cardon SETON**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1941*

Regimental Service: Major in 88th Foot 30 April 1812 (vice Thompson); to half-pay 5 February 1816;

brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 27 May 1825

Service 1793-1815: Served in Egypt 1801; wounded at Buenos Aires 1807; served in Peninsula with 1/88th Foot March 1809 to September 1812

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 28 June 1838

Awards & Honours: CB; SAGM (Bad Sal)

Died: Dublin 24 March 1841.

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