

British Artillery Battalions and the Men Who Led Them 1793-1815

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6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

1757: Royal Artillery as a single formation comprising 19 companies
1757: 2 April - augmented to 24 companies
1757: 1 August - Royal Artillery split into two battalions of 12 companies each
1757: 2nd Battalion formed from 12 existing RA companies
1759: 3rd Battalion formed
1771: 4th Battalion formed
1794: 5th Battalion formed
1799: 17 July - 6 companies of 6th Battalion formed; 2 October - 2 more companies formed
1800: 3 December - 6th Battalion augmented to 10 companies
1819: Reduced to 8 companies
1825: Companies to be known by number rather than commander's name
1855: Board of Ordinance abolished, Royal Artillery transferred to War Office
1859: Battalion renamed Brigades, Companies renamed Batteries
1862: Royal Artillery absorbed East India Company Artillery
1899: Royal Artillery divided into Royal Field Artillery and Royal Garrison Artillery
1924: RFA and RGA amalgamated as Royal Regiment of Artillery
1936: Brigades renamed Regiments
1947: Permanent numbers allotted to batteries

Colonels-Commandant

1799: 2 Oct - Philip Martin

Colonels

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1805: 28 June - Thomas R Charleton
1806: 24 Jul - George Glasgow
1814: 20 Dec - Henry Shrapnell

Lieutenant-Colonels

1799: 17 Jul - Edward Fage
1799: 17 Jul - John Barnes
1799: 17 Jul - Bailey Willington
1802: 11 Feb - Abram Duvernet
1803: 13 Sept - Flower M Sproule
1804: 20 Jul - George Scott
1806: 27 Mar - William Spicer
1806: 24 Oct - William Millar
1808: 16 Dec - P W Colebrooke
1813: 23 Jan - Francis Rey
1814: 20 Dec - William Scott

Majors

1800: 3 Dec - George Glasgow
1801: 25 Dec - John A Schalch
1805: 6 Jul - Spencer C Parry
1809: 17 Nov - Alexander Duncan
1812: 1 Oct - Stephen Galway Adye

Service Histories of Companies

Companies were not given numbers until 1825; until that time, were known by company commander's names, which changed frequently. The 1825 company numbering scheme ignored the previous order of seniority (based on date of formation) as existed in the period 1793-1815.

Companies are shown according to seniority in 1815, and referred to by their commanders names in 1793 / 1815.

Ross's / Durnford's Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 17 July 1799

1793: India, as part of East Indies detachment; Nagapatam; August - Pondicherry

1794: Madras (OC Capt T Ross, then Capt E Lemoine)

1795: Madras

1796: Trichinopoly

1797: Trichinopoly; February - Madras; August - to Cape of Good Hope

1798: Cape Town

1799: Cape Town; May - 3rd Kaffir War; July - posted to 6th Battalion RA

1800: Cape Town

1801: Cape Town

1802: Cape Town

1803: Cape Town; March - to England; May - Portsmouth; June - Hilsa; July - Woolwich (OC Capt Nathaniel Foy)

1804: Woolwich; August - Coxheath Camp; November - Woolwich

1805: Woolwich (OC Capt C C Bingham)

1806: Woolwich; September - to South America (OC Capt P Durnford)

1807: February - Montevideo; September - to Ireland

1808: Monkstown; February - Dublin

1809: Dublin

1810: Dublin; October - Belfast

1811: Belfast

1812: Belfast

1813: Carrickfergus

1814: Dublin

1815: Dublin; June - to England; Woolwich; to Belgium; Ostend; August - Mons

1825: 1st Company, 6th Battalion RA

1859: 4th Company, 14th Brigade RA

1939: 25th Field Battery RA

1947: 59th Field Battery RA

Current: Disbanded.

Cockburn's / Crawford's Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 17 July 1799

1793: India, as part of East Indies detachment; Nagapatam; August - Pondicherry (OC Capt J Cockburn)

1794: Madras

1795: Madras

1796: Trichinopoly

1797: Trichinopoly; February - Madras; August - to Cape of Good Hope

1798: Cape Town

1799: Cape Town; May - 3rd Kaffir War; July - posted to 6th Battalion RA (OC Capt W Skyring)

1800: Cape Town

1801: Cape Town

1802: Cape Town

1803: Cape Town; March - to England; May - Portsmouth; June - Hilsa; July - Woolwich

1804: Woolwich; August - Coxheath Camp; November - Woolwich

1805: Woolwich (OC Capt A Dickson, then Capt G Crawford)

1806: Woolwich; March - Canterbury; July - Ashford

1807: Ashford; August - Shorncliffe

1808: Shorncliffe; March - Dover; July - Portsmouth; to Portugal; September - Torres Vedras; October - Santarem; November - Elvas; December - Salamanca; retreat to Corunna

1809: Corunna; to England; February - Ramsgate; Canterbury; July - Dover

1810: Dover; September - Portsmouth

1811: Portsmouth; July - to Canada; September - detachment to Bermuda; October - Halifax NS

1812: Halifax

1813: Halifax

1814: Halifax

1815: Halifax

1825: 2nd Company, 6th Battalion RA

1859: 6th Battery, 5th Brigade RA

1939: 19th Heavy Battery RA

1947: 60th Coast Battery RA

Current: In suspended animation.

Evans' / Holcombe's Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 16 July 1799

1799: July - Woolwich; June - to Quiberon; Isle de Houat; to Portugal; November - Lisbon; to Malta (OC Capt R Evans)

1800: Malta

1801: Malta

1802: Malta; July - to England; September - Portchester; November - Gosport

1803: Plymouth; September - to Ireland; October - Cork

1804: Cork

1805: Cork (OC Capt G Massey)

1806: Cork

1807: Cork (OC Capt H F Holcombe)

1808: Cork; September - Fermoy; September - to Spain; Corunna garrison

1809: Corunna; to England; February - Chatham

1810: Chatham; February - Portsmouth

1811: Portsmouth; March - to Portugal; April - Lisbon; September - Oporto; October - Villa de Ponte; December - Almeida

1812: Almeida; March - Badajoz; April - Elvas; May - Lisbon; June - to east coast of Spain; July - Port Mahon; August - Alicante

1813: Alicante; April - Castalla; May - Lisbon

1814: Lisbon

1815: Lisbon; to England; February - Woolwich

1825: 3rd Company, 6th Battalion RA

1859: 4th Battery, 2nd Brigade RA

1939: 20th Heavy Battery RA

1947: Disbanded.

Meredith's / Nicolls' Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 16 July 1799

1799: July - Woolwich (OC Capt D Meredith)

1800: Woolwich; June - Isle de Houat; December - Lisbon

1801: Gibraltar

1802: Gibraltar; August - Portchester; October - Portsmouth

1803: Portsmouth

1804: Portsmouth

1805: Portsmouth (OC Capt H Hickman)

1806: Portsmouth (Capt C Baynes)

1807: Portsmouth

1808: Portsmouth; April - Guernsey

1809: Guernsey

1810: Guernsey

1811: Guernsey

1812: Guernsey

1813: Guernsey

1814: Guernsey; November - to Jamaica (OC Capt W D Nicolls)

1815: February - Jamaica

1825: 4th Company, 6th Battalion RA

1859: 2nd Battery, 8th Brigade RA

1939: 32nd Field Battery RA

1947: 80th Field Battery RA

Current: In suspended animation.

Miller's / Dyas' Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 16 July 1799

1799: July - Woolwich (OC Capt W Millar)

1800: Woolwich; August - Minorca

1801: Minorca

1802: Minorca; September - Portchester; November - Portsmouth

1803: Portsmouth

1804: Portsmouth

1805: Portsmouth; August - Weymouth Camp; November - Portsmouth (OC Capt C Godfrey, then Capt G Crawford, then Capt A Dickson)

1806: Portsmouth; August - Plymouth; October - to South America

1807: February - Montevideo; October - to Ireland

1808: Spike Island; February - Athlone; April - Limerick; October - Athlone (OC Capt R Dyas)

1809: Athlone

1810: Athlone

1811: Athlone; September - Limerick; October - Fermoy

1812: Fermoy

1813: Fermoy

1814: Fermoy

1815: Fermoy; July - to France; Army of Occupation

1819: 31 January - disbanded at Woolwich.

Bloomfield's / Gamble's Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 16 July 1799

1799: July - Plymouth

1800: Plymouth Dock and Lines (OC Capt J Harris)

1801: Plymouth

1802: Plymouth Lines and Docks

1803: Plymouth Lines

1804: Plymouth; December - to Gibraltar

1805: February - Gibraltar; July - Malta; November - Naples; to Sicily

1806: February - Messina (OC Capt T Gamble)

1807: Messina; August - Milazzo; September - Messina; October - Syracuse

1808: Syracuse; May - Messina

1809: Messina; May - Bay of Naples; August - Milazzo

1810: Messina

1811: Messina

1812: Messina

1813: Messina

1814: Messina; February - Palermo; March - Leghorn; May - Genoa

1815: Genoa; July - Marseilles

1825: 5th Company, 6th Battalion RA

1859: 3rd Battery, 8th Brigade RA

1939: 33rd Field Battery RA

1947: 81st Field Battery RA

Current: In suspended animation.

Salmon's / Egan's Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 2 October 1799

1799: July - Woolwich (OC Capt G Salmon)

1800: Woolwich; December - Malta

1801: Malta

1802: Malta; September - Gibraltar; November - Portsmouth

1803: Gosport; March - Portsmouth; July - Elizabeth Castle, Jersey; August - St Helier, Jersey

1804: St Helier

1805: St Helier

1806: Jersey (OC Capt C Egan)

1807: Jersey

1808: Jersey

1809: St Helier

1810: Jersey

1811: Jersey

1812: Jersey

1813: Jersey

1814: Jersey; November - to Jamaica

1815: February - Jamaica

1825: 6th Company, 6th Battalion RA

1859: 6th Battery, 8th Brigade RA

1939: 85th Field Battery RA

1947: 82nd Airborne Light Battery RA

Current: In suspended animation.

Schalch's / Power's Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 2 October 1799

1799: July - Woolwich (OC Capt A Schalch)

1800: Woolwich

1801: Woolwich; September - Brentwood

1802: Brentwood; March - Purfleet; June - Woolwich (OC Capt G Bowater)

1803: Woolwich (OC Capt P Fyers, then Capt C C Bingham)

1804: Woolwich

1805: Woolwich; April - Plymouth Dock; August - to Cape of Good Hope (OC Capt F Power)

1806: Cape of Good Hope

1807: Cape of Good Hope

1808: Cape of Good Hope

1809: Cape of Good Hope

1810: Cape of Good Hope

1811: Cape of Good Hope

1812: Cape of Good Hope

1813: Cape of Good Hope

1814: Cape of Good Hope

1815: Cape of Good Hope

1819: 31 January - disbanded at Woolwich.

Wood's / Skinner's Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 3 December 1800
1800: December - Woolwich (OC Capt G A Wood)
1801: Woolwich (OC Capt P W Colebrooke)
1802: Woolwich; March - Portsmouth; November - Chatham
1803: Chatham; to Ceylon; July - Trincomalee; August - Colombo
1804: Colombo
1805: Colombo
1806: Colombo
1807: Colombo (OC Capt H B Grant)
1808: Colombo
1809: Colombo
1810: Colombo; April - Trincomalee
1811: Trincomalee (OC Capt W J Skinner)
1812: Trincomalee
1813: Trincomalee; May - Colombo
1814: Colombo
1815: Colombo
1825: 7th Company, 6th Battalion RA
1859: 3rd Company, 9th Brigade RA
1877: Disbanded as 19th Battery. 9th Brigade RA in 1882.

Rogers' / Kettlewell's Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 3 December 1800
1800: December - Woolwich (OC Capt R E H Rogers)
1801: Woolwich; July - Portsmouth
1802: Portsmouth; November - Chatham
1803: Chatham; to Ceylon; July - Trincomalee
1804: Trincomalee (OC Capt C F Napier)
1805: Trincomalee
1806: Trincomalee
1807: Trincomalee
1808: Trincomalee; September - Colombo
1809: Colombo
1810: Colombo
1811: Colombo
1812: Colombo (OC Capt W H C Benezet)
1813: Colombo
1814: Colombo; February - Galle
1815: Galle; March - Colombo (OC Capt J W Kettlewell)
1825: 8th Company, 6th Battalion RA
1859: 5th Battery, 3rd Brigade RA
1914: Disbanded at Bermuda as 3rd Company RGA in 1916.

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