

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

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7th 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: 6th Battalion formed

1801: 1 April - 7th Battalion formed from the Royal Irish Artillery – 4 companies in West Indies and 2 companies in Ireland retained; other 4 companies came from the reduced remnants of the remaining 14 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

1801: 18 Apr - John Stratton

1803: 17 May - Sir John Stewart

1807: 13 Jan - Orlando Manley

1808: 16 Dec - Edward Stephens

1815: 3 Jul - John Smith

Colonels / Colonels en Second

1801: 18 Apr - Orlando Manley

1804: 20 Jul - Thomas Trotter

1807: 13 Jan - William Bentham

1814: 14 Feb - Philip Riou

1814: 20 Dec - George William Dixon

Lieutenant-Colonels

1801: 18 Apr - Thomas Trotter

1801: 18 Apr - Thomas R Charleton

1801: 18 Apr - Edward Howorth

1801: 25 Dec - George Glasgow

1804: 20 Jul - William Borthwick

1804: 20 Jul - William Mudge

1805: 28 Jun - R Hamilton

1809: 30 Apr - Edward W Pritchard

1814: 20 Dec - F V Worsley

Majors

1801: 18 Apr - James Boag

1805: 10 Mar - John Lemoine

1807: 18 Jun - E W Pritchard

1808: 1 Feb - James Viney

1808: 1 Feb - Charles Waller

1809: 30 Apr - Charles Gold

1813: 17 Dec - Henry Philliott

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 1801 / 1815.

Lindsay's / Forster's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 April 1801

1801: Transferred from Royal Irish Artillery in West Indies; West Indies garrisons (OC Capt. George Lindsay)

1802: West Indies garrisons

1803: St Vincent; August – Grenada

1804: Grenada; February – St Lucia; April – detachment to Surinam; September – Barbados; October – Grenada (OC Capt. Edmund Curry, then Capt. Sir Howard Douglas, then Capt. Richard Secker Brough)

1805: Grenada; February – Surinam

1806: Surinam

1807: Barbados

1808: Barbados

1809: Barbados; January – detachment to Martinique; February – Martinique; Fort Desaix; April – Barbados

1810: Barbados; January – detachment to Guadeloupe

1811: Barbados

1812: Barbados; March – men to other 7th Battalion companies and cadre to England; June - Woolwich (CO Capt. George Forster)

1813: Woolwich

1814: Woolwich

1815: Woolwich

1825: 1st Company, 7th Battalion RA

1859: 3rd Battery, 1st Brigade RA

1939: 3rd (Martinique 1809) Field Battery RA

1947: 13th (Martinique 1809) Field Battery RA

Current: 13th (Martinique 1809) Battery, 19th Regiment RA.

Thornhill's / Walsh's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 April 1801

1801: Transferred from Royal Irish Artillery in Dublin; Pidgeon House Fort (OC Capt. Robert Thornhill)

1802: Cork

1803: Cork; September - Bandon

1804: Bandon

1805: Bandon

1806: Bandon

1807: Bandon; December - to Madeira

1808: Madeira; September - Lisbon; Fort St Julian; October - in charge of artillery park without guns; retreat to Corunna

1809: Corunna; to England; Chatham; August - Bristol; to Ireland; Dublin

1810: Island Bridge Dublin; October - Enniskillen (OC Capt. Blaney T. Walsh)

1811: Enniskillen; April - Longford

1812: Longford

1813: Longford

1814: Longford

1815: Longford; June - Belfast

1825: 2nd Company, 7th Battalion RA

1859: 1st Battery, 3rd Brigade RA

1914: 4th (Cole's Kop) Field Battery RA

1939: 14th (Cole's Kop) Field Battery RA

Current: 14th (Cole's Kop) Battery, 16th Regiment RA.

Jackson's / Fitzmayer's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 April 1801

1801: Transferred from Royal Irish Artillery in Dublin; Pidgeon House Fort; June - Londonderry (OC Capt. Oliver Jackson)

1802: Charlemont

1803: Charlemont; May - Londonderry

1804: Londonderry (OC Capt. Charles Howard Fitzmayer)

1805: Londonderry; October - Enniskillen

1806: Enniskillen

1807: Enniskillen

1808: Enniskillen

1809: Enniskillen

1810: Enniskillen; October - Cork; to West Indies; November - Barbados

1811: Barbados

1812: Barbados

1813: Barbados

1814: Barbados

1815: Barbados

1825: 3rd Company, 7th Battalion RA

1859: 3rd Battery, 12th Brigade RA

1939: 7th AA Battery RA

1947: 224th HAA Battery RA

Current: Suspended animation.

Pritchard's / Wall's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 July 1801

1801: July - raised at Belfast (OC Capt. Edward William Pritchard)

1802: Belfast; June - Carrickfergus

1803: Carrickfergus; October - Belfast

1804: Belfast

1805: Belfast

1806: Belfast

1807: Belfast; September - Island Bridge, Dublin (OC Capt. Blaney T Walsh)

1808: Dublin; May - Longford; August - Fermoy; September - Cork; to Peninsula; October - Corunna; Lugo; retreat to Corunna (OC Capt. Adam Wall)

1809: Corunna; to England; Chatham; August - to Ireland; Cork

1810: Ballincollig

1811: Ballincollig

1812: Ballincollig

1813: Ballincollig

1814: Ballincollig

1815: Ballincollig; June - Cork; to Belgium; Ostend; August - Avesnes; December - Antwerp

1825: 4th Company, 7th Battalion RA

1859: 1st Battery, 1st Brigade RA

1939: 9th (Irish) Field Battery RA

1947: 24th (Irish) Field Battery RA

Current: 24th (Irish) Battery, 14th Regiment RA.

O'Brien's / Tulloch's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 July 1801

1801: July - raised at Limerick (OC Capt. Lucius O'Brien)

1802: Limerick; October - Cork (OC Capt. Alexander Duncan)

1803: Cork; November - Island Bridge, Dublin (OC Capt. Frederic Walker)

1804: Dublin; March - Loughrea; August - Curragh; September - Athlone

1805: Athlone; August - Curragh; October - Athlone

1806: Island Bridge, Dublin

1807: Island Bridge, Dublin; September - Belfast

1808: Belfast (OC Capt. Thomas Masson)

1809: Belfast

1810: Belfast; October - to West Indies; November - Barbados

1811: Barbados (OC Capt. Alexander Tulloch)

1812: Barbados

1813: Barbados

1814: Barbados

1815: Barbados

1825: 5th Company, 7th Battalion RA

1859: 3rd Battery, 6th Brigade RA

1939: 24th Medium Battery RA

1947: 48th Field Battery RA

Current: Suspended animation.

Gilbert's / Briscoe's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 July 1801

1801: July - raised at Galway (OC Capt. James Gilbert)

1802: Galway; May - Athlone; June - Island Bridge, Dublin

1803: Island Bridge, Dublin; June - Clonmel

1804: Clonmel (OC Capt. Charles F Napier, then Capt. Charles D Sillery)

1805: Clonmel; October - Longford

1806: Athlone; August - Castlebar

1807: Castlebar

1808: Castlebar; October - Fermoy; December - Cork; to England

1809: Plymouth; to Peninsula; March - Lisbon; May - Coimbra; July - Placentia; Talavera; September - Badajoz; December - Talavera (OC Capt. George Thompson)

1810: Viseu; June - Barrocal; August - Pinhel; December - Cartaxo

1811: Cartaxo; (records for 1811 lost)

1812: Lisbon; July - Minorca; August - Alicante; September - Tarragona

1813: Tarragona

1814: Constanti; June - Retuerta; June - Passajes; to England; August - Plymouth; October - Guernsey (OC Capt. John Briscoe)

1815: Guernsey

1825: 6th Company, 7th Battalion RA

1859: 7th Battery, 11th Brigade RA

1939: 18th (Talavera) Field Battery RA

1947: 46th (Talavera) Field Battery RA

Current: 46th (Talavera) Battery, 32nd Regiment RA.

Viney's / St Clair's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 July 1801

1801: July - raised at Kilkenny (OC Capt. James Viney)

1802: Kilkenny; July - Island Bridge, Dublin

1803: Island Bridge, Dublin

1804: Island Bridge, Dublin

1805: Island Bridge, Dublin

1806: Island Bridge, Dublin

1807: Island Bridge, Dublin

1808: Island Bridge, Dublin; March - to Nova Scotia; June - Halifax; December - to Barbados (OC Capt. William Stewart)

1809: Capture of Martinique; March - to Nova Scotia; April - Halifax (OC Capt. Richard J J Lacy, then Capt. James P St Clair)

1810: Halifax

1811: Halifax

1812: Halifax

1813: Halifax; June - Quebec; July - Kingston

1814: Kingston; July - York; September - Fort Erie; October - Chippewa; November - 20 Mile Creek

1815: 20 Mile Creek; April - Fort George; June - Kingston; July - Fort Wellington; August - Fort Kingston

1825: 7th Company, 7th Battalion RA

1859: 2nd Battery, 5th Brigade RA

1939: 25th (Battle Axe) Medium Battery RA

1947: 74th (Battle Axe) Medium Battery RA

Current: 74th (The Battle Axe Company), 47th Regiment RA.

Unett's / Power's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 April 1801

1801: Transferred from Royal Irish Artillery in West Indies; West Indies garrisons (OC Capt. Richard W Unett)

1802: West Indies garrisons; November - Barbados

1803: Barbados (OC Capt. Gother Mann)

1804: St Lucia; February - Grenada; October - Antigua (OC Capt. James Power)

1805: Antigua; April - St Kitts

1806: St Kitts; May - Barbados

1807: Barbados

1808: Barbados

1809: Barbados; February - capture of Martinique

1810: Martinique; April - Barbados

1811: Barbados; April - to England; June - Woolwich

1812: Woolwich; October - Portsmouth

1813: Portsmouth

1814: Portsmouth

1815: Portsmouth

1825: 8th Company, 7th Battalion RA

1859: 1st Battery, 8th Brigade RA

1939: 28th Field Battery RA

1947: 69th Field Battery RA

Current: Suspended animation.

Dodd's / Clement's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 April 1801

1801: Transferred from Royal Irish Artillery in West Indies; Surinam (OC Capt. Thomas Dodd)

1802: Surinam; November - Barbados (OC Capt. Charles Neville)

1803: Barbados (OC Capt. Henry Phillot, then Capt. Charles Gold)

1804: Barbados

1805: Dominica; May - Barbados

1806: Barbados

1807: Barbados

1808: Barbados

1809: Barbados; February - capture of Martinique (OC Capt. John A Clement)

1810: Martinique; April - Barbados

1811: Barbados; April - to England; June - Woolwich

1812: Woolwich

1813: Woolwich

1814: Woolwich; October - Jersey

1815: Jersey

1819: 28 February - disbanded at Athlone.

Waller's / Cleeve's Company, 7th Battalion, Royal Artillery

Raised: 1 April 1801

1801: Transferred from Royal Irish Artillery in West Indies; West Indies garrisons (OC Capt. Charles Waller)

1802: West Indies garrisons; October - St Kitts

1803: St Kitts; November - Barbados

1804: Barbados; March - Dominica

1805: Dominica; July - Barbados

1806: Barbados

1807: Barbados

1808: Barbados (OC Capt. George W Unett)

1809: Barbados; February - capture of Martinique

1810: Martinique; April - Barbados (OC Capt William Cleeve)

1811: Barbados

1812: Barbados

1813: Barbados

1814: Barbados

1815: Barbados

1819: 31 January - disbanded at Woolwich.

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