The Napoleon Series

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 Ordnance 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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