

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

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13th Light Dragoons

Secondary Title: none

Regimental History, 13th Light Dragoons

1715: Raised as Richard Munden's Regiment of Dragoons
1722: Rich's Regiment of Dragoons
1725: Stanhope's Regiment of Dragoons
1730: Hawley's Regiment of Dragoons
1740: Dalway's Regiment of Dragoons
1741: Bland's Regiment of Dragoons
1743: Gardiner's Regiment of Dragoons
1745: Ligonier's Regiment of Dragoons
1746: Naison's Regiment of Dragoons
1751: Numbered as 13th Regiment of Dragoons
1783: 13th Regiment of (Light) Dragoons
1861: 13th Regiment of Hussars
1922: 13th/18th Hussars on amalgamation with the 18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own)
1935: 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own)
1922: The Light Dragoons on amalgamation with the 15th/19th King's Hussars.

Service History and Demographics, 13th Light Dragoons

1793: Ireland; Athlone, Roscommon and Portumna; October - Belturbet and Sligo
1794: Sligo; Ballinrobe and Castlebar
1795: Castlebar; June - two troops to England; September - two troops to Jamaica, remainder at Mallow; handed horses over to regiments bound for West Indies; Cork; Bristol; Warminster and Frome; Southampton
1796: At sea; February - Cove of Cork; seven troops to West Indies; April - Barbados; part mounted on fresh horses from America; San Domingo; Bombarde; many fever deaths; December - regiment reunited at Jamaica
1797: Jamaica
1798: Jamaica; July - fit men into 20th Light Dragoons. cadre to England; October - Gravesend; Trowbridge; December - York
1799: York; recruited back to strength; August - establishment increased to 9 troops; September - Weymouth
1800: Birmingham, Coventry and Stratford-on-Avon; establishment increased to 10 troops; September - Norwich and surrounds; October - Warwick
1801: Norwich; July - Colchester; December - Ipswich
1802: Ipswich; establishment reduced to 8 troops; August - Romford and Hornchurch
1803: Romford; June - Kingston; July - Windsor; August - Hounslow and Hampton Court
1804: Hounslow; June - Hythe; July - Ramsgate; August - Stonar
1805: Stonar; September - Ramsgate; October - Deal
1806: Canterbury; September - Stonar; November - Deal, Sandwich and Ramsgate
1807: Deal; July - Ramsgate; August - Richmond and Twickenham; October - Radipole; November - Dorchester and Weymouth
1808: Dorchester, Blandford, Trowbridge and Gosport; July - Exeter
1809: Exeter; July - Salisbury; August - Hounslow
1810: Hounslow; February - 6 troops to Portugal, 2 troops to Cadiz; May - Portalegre; Escalhos di Cima; Ladoera; Cadiz squadron reunited with regiment; Chamusca
1811: Chamusca; March - Campo Mayor; Olivenza; May - ALBUERA; Usagre; October - Arroyo de Molinos; La Nava; Monforte
1812: Monforte; Badajoz; May - Almaraz; July - Usagre; Salamanca; Crato
1813: Crato; Monforte; received horses from 9th Dragoons; Salamanca; VITTORIA; December - Nive; Hasparen
1814: Hasparen; February - Sauveterre; ORTHES; Ayre; St Gaudens; TOULOUSE; march to Boulogne; July - Boulogne; Ramsgate; Hounslow; Weymouth; establishment reduced to 8 troops; Plymouth; to Ireland; November - Cork
1815: Cork; April - augmented to 10 troops; May - Cork; to Belgium; Ostend; WATERLOO; advance on Paris; Army of Occupation
1816: Army of Occupation; May - to England; Dover.

Colonels

Francis CRAIG

Born: c.1725

Regimental Service: 2nd Major in Coldstream Foot Guards 3 November 1769; 1st Major 15 December 1773; Lieutenant-Colonel in Coldstream Foot Guards 8 September 1775; Colonel of 13th Light Dragoons 13 February 1781

Early Service: Served in Germany 1760-1762

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 19 April 1763; Major-General 29 September 1775; Lieutenant-General 29 August 1777; General 12 October 1793

Later Service: Governor of Sheerness

Died: London 27 December 1811.

Hon. Henry George GREY

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 164

Born: Northumberland 1766

Relations: Second son of General Sir Charles Grey

Regimental Service: Brevet Major 23 October 1793; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 21 April 1794; Major in 18th Light Dragoons 1 September 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel in 17th Light Dragoons 20 October 1796; Colonel of 13th Light Dragoons 30 December 1811

Service 1793-1815: ADC to Sir Charles Grey in West Indies 1794; served with 18th Light Dragoons in West Indies 1795; acting Governor at Cape of Good Hope in 1807 and 1811

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1798; Major-General 1 January 1805; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1811; General 27 May 1825

Awards & Honours: GCB; GCH

Died: London 11 January 1845.

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)

Hon. George WALPOLE

Born: 1758

Relations: Third son of Horace, Lord Walpole of Wolleston

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Light Dragoons 25 June 1785; Lieutenant-Colonel 31 October 1792

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 13th Light Dragoons 1792-1797; served in Maroon Rebellion 1795

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 3 May 1796

Awards & Honours: MP 1797-1806; Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs 1806; MP 1807-1820

Retired: June 1797

Died: May 1835.

Robert BOLTON

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Light Dragoons 1 September 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel 7 June 1797 (vice Walpole); Colonel of 7th Dragoon Guards 24 December 1822

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 13th Light Dragoons 1797-1799

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1805; Major-General 25 July 1810; Lieutenant-General 12 August 1819

Awards & Honours: KCH

Died: Oxfordshire March 1836.

Hon. John BROWN

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Light Dragoons 12 April 1797 (vice Preston); Lieutenant-Colonel 16 July 1799

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1796-1797; commanded 13th Light Dragoons 1799-1801

Retired: 4 June 1801.

Michael HEAD

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 479

Regimental Service: Major in 8th Light Dragoons 19 July 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel in 13th Light Dragoons 4 June 1801 (vice Browne)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Mediterranean 1793 to 1795; commanded 13th Light Dragoons 1801-1810; commanded 13th Light Dragoons in Peninsula April 1810 to November 1811; again in Peninsula December 1812 to April 1813; on staff in 1814

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

Died: 1829.

Patrick DOHERTY

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 763

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Light Dragoons 6 April 1800 (vice Brown); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 April 1808; Lieutenant-Colonel in 13th Light Dragoons 4 June 1813

Early Service: NCO in 13th Light Dragoons

Service 1793-1815: Served on San Domingo 1796; served in Peninsula April 1810 to July 1811; again in Peninsula April 1812 to April 1814; commanded 13th Light Dragoons 1813-1814; commanded cavalry brigade March to April 1814; served in Waterloo campaign but not present at Waterloo due to illness; commanded 13th Light Dragoons in Army of Occupation

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814

Awards & Honours: CB; KCH; SAGM (Vit Ort)

Retired: 8 December 1818

Died: Bath 20 January 1837.

Majors

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Hamilton CROFTON

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Light Dragoons 31 October 1792; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 3 May 1796

Service 1793-1815: Served on Jamaica 1795-1796

Died: Jamaica October 1796.

James PRESTON

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Light Dragoons 5 October 1796 (vice Crofton)

Died: Jamaica April 1797.

Hon. Christopher CARLETON

Born: Quebec 1775

Relations: Eldest son of General Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Light Dragoons 22 February 1798 (vice Bolton, on transfer from 15th Light Dragoons); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 29th Light Dragoons 27 January 1799

Died: 6 February 1806.

Hon. George IRBY

Born: London December 1777

Relations: Eldest son of Federick Irby, 2nd Baron Boston

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Light Dragoons 22 January 1799 (vice Carleton, on transfer from 1st Dragoon Guards)

Awards & Honours: 3rd Baron Boston in 1825

Retired: 14 August 1801

Died: Buckinghamshire 12 March 1856.

Joseph MUTER

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 774

Born: Fifeshire 1777

Relations: Son of Colonel James Muter; changed surname to Staton in 1816

Regimental Service: Major in 13th Light Dragoons 14 August 1801 (vice Irby); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 April 1808; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 6th Dragoons 4 June 1813; Colonel of 8th Hussars 24 August 1830; Colonel of 6th Dragoons 30 April 1840

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula April 1810 to September 1812; served in Waterloo campaign; commanded Union Brigade after death of Ponsonby and wounded

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814; Major-General 27 May 1825; Lieutenant-General 28 June 1838

Awards & Honours: CB; KCH

Died: London 3 October 1840.

Shapland BOYSE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1406

Born: Wexford Ireland 1783

Regimental Service: Brevet Major 25 April 1808; Major in 13th Light Dragoons 4 June 1813 (vice Doherty); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1814; Lieutenant-Colonel in 13th Light Dragoons 8 December 1818

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula April 1810 to April 1814; commanded 13th Light Dragoons at Waterloo and wounded

Awards & Honours: CB

Died: Wexford 1833.

George LAWRENCE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 2010

Regimental Service: Brevet Major 4 June 1813; Major in 13th Light Dragoons 24 June 1813 (vice Muter); to Major in 22nd Light Dragoons 29 April 1819

Retired: May 1819.

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