

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

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### 16th Light Dragoons

Secondary Title: Queen's

#### Regimental History, 16th Light Dragoons

1759: Raised at Northampton by Lieutenant-Colonel John Burgoyne as 16th Regiment of Dragoons

1769: 16th (or The Queen's) Regiment of (Light) Dragoons

1816: 16th (The Queen's) Regiment of (Light) Dragoons (Lancers)

1861: 16th (or Queen's) Regiment of Lancers

1905: 16th (The Queen's) Lancers

1921: 16th The Queen's Lancers

1922: 16th/5th Lancers on amalgamation with the 5th Royal Irish Lancers

1993: Queen's Royal Lancers on amalgamation with the 17th/21st Lancers

#### Service History and Demographics, 16th Light Dragoons

1793: Newport Bagnall; augmented to 9 troops; April - Blackwall; May - 4 troops to Flanders; Ostend; Tournay; Famars; Valenciennes; Cambrai; Dunkirk; October - Tournay

1794: Tournay; April - Vaux; Premont; Landrecies; May - Tournay; Lannoy; Roubaix; Mouveaux; July - Duffel; September - Boxtel; retreat to the Waal

1795: Waal; February - retreat to Bremen; Bremen

1796: Bremen; February - to England; Blackheath; St Albans; April - Newbury; August - Weymouth; October - Henley

1797: Henley; March - Reading; August - Guildford

1798: Guildford; August - Windsor; Swinley; December - Hounslow Heath

1799: Hounslow and Windsor

1800: Hounslow and Windsor; April - Canterbury; October - Canterbury and Deal

1801: Canterbury and Deal; July - Croydon; November - Salisbury; December - Southampton

1802: Southampton; August - Salisbury; September - Liverpool; to Ireland; Longford

1803: Longford; Dublin

1804: Dublin; Gort

1805: Dublin; September - ordered on foreign service; December - to Liverpool

1806: Guildford; April - Salisbury; August - Hounslow and Hampton Court

1807: Hounslow; August - Hythe

1808: Hythe; August - Wimbledon Common; October - Woodbridge; December - Falmouth

1809: Exeter; February - Dorchester; March - Radipole; April - Falmouth; 8 troops to Portugal; Lisbon; Albergaria Nova; Grijon; Oporto; Salamonde; Coimbra; TALAVERA; Alentejo; many fever deaths; Abrantes

1810: Abrantes; Carbadao; Beira; Alameda; Villa de Puerco; Almeida; Mortagao; Busaco; Coimbra; Leyria; Alcoentre; Quinta de Torre; Torres Vedras

1811: Caldos; Ferragoas; Leyria; Pombal; Redinha; Foz d'Aronce; Alverca; Guardo; Fort Concepcion; May - FUENTES D'ONORO; September - Espejo; Solto

1812: Solto; Ciudad Rodrigo; April - Badajoz; Llerena; Beira; July - Castrejon; SALAMANCA: La Serna; Tudela; September - Torquemado; Burgos; Monasterio; Cellada del Camino; Aveiro

1813: Aveiro; May - crossed the Douro; July - VITTORIA; Villa Franca; San Sebastian; Bidassoa; November - Nivelle; NIVE

1814: Passage of the Adour; Bayonne; June - march to Calais; July - to England; Deal; October - Hounslow

1815: Hounslow; February - London riots; Canterbury; Dover; April - to Belgium; Ostend; Denderwyk; Quatre Bras; WATERLOO; advance to Paris; Army of Occupation; December - Calais; to England; Dover; Romford.

## Colonels

### **William, Earl HARCOURT**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 10*

Born: 1743

Relations: Younger son of Simon, 1st Earl Harcourt

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 31st Foot November 1764; Lieutenant-Colonel in 4th Dragoons April 1765; Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Light Dragoons June 1768; Colonel of 16th Light Dragoons 20 October 1779

Early Service: Served at Havana during Seven Years War; served in North America 1776

Service 1793-1815: Commanded cavalry in Flanders 1794; succeeded Duke of York as commander during retreat to Bremen 1795; Governor of Hull 1795; Governor of the Military College 18 June 1801; Governor of Portsmouth 1811

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 29 August 1777; Major-General 20 November 1782; Lieutenant-General 12 October 1793; General 1 January 1798; Field-Marshal 17 July 1821

Later Service: Governor of Plymouth 1827

Awards & Honours: MP 1768-1774; GCB; 3rd Earl Harcourt in 1809

Died: Berkshire 17 June 1830

## Lieutenant Colonels

*AGC = Army Gold Cross (clasps in brackets)*

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*SAGM = Small Army Gold Medal (clasps in brackets)*

*MGSM = Military General Service Medal (Silver Medal) (clasps in brackets)*

### **Robert LAURIE, Bt.**

Born: Dumfries c.1745

Relations: Son of Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwellton, 4th Bt.

Regimental Service: Major in 7th Dragoons 27 February 1771; Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Light Dragoons 20 October 1779; Colonel of 28th Light Dragoons 24 March 1795

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 16th Light Dragoons in Flanders 1793; commanded cavalry brigade in Flanders 1794

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 20 November 1782; Major-General 12 October 1793; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1798

Awards & Honours: MP 1774-1804; 5th Baronet 1779; Knight Marshal of Scotland 1785-1804

Died: Dumfries 10 September 1804.

### **William BOYCE**

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 6 July 1792; Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794

Retired: October 1794

Died: London January 1809.

### **John Hayes St LEGER**

Born: Ireland 1756

Regimental Service: Major in 90th Foot 1779; Major in 65th Foot 1780; Lieutenant-Colonel in 65th Foot 25 October 1782; Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Foot Guards 5 September 1787; Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Light Dragoons 4 October 1794; Colonel of 80th Foot 16 June 1795

Service 1793-1815: Deputy Adjutant-General in Flanders 1793; Barrack-master 1794; commander-in-chief at Trincomalee 1796-1800

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 12 October 1793; Major-General 26 February 1795

Awards & Honours: MP 1791-1796

Died: Madras 31 January 1800.

### **Sir James AFFLECK, Bt.**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 147*

Born: Suffolk April 1759

Relations: Brother of Sir Robert Affleck, 4th Bt.

Regimental Service: Major in 19th Light Dragoons 6 December 1786; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Light Dragoons 25 March 1795 (vice Laurie)

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1798; Major-General 1 January 1805; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1814

Died: Suffolk 10 August 1833.

**Henry William, Lord PAGET**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 103*

Born: London 1768

Relations: Son of 1st Earl of Uxbridge

Regimental Service: Raised 80th Foot 12 September 1793; Major in 80th Foot 20 May 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Light Dragoons 16 June 1795 (vice St Leger); Lieutenant-Colonel in 7th Light Dragoons 6 April 1797; Colonel of 7th Light Dragoons 16 May 1801

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794; commanded 7th Light Dragoons at Helder 1799; commanded cavalry in Peninsula September 1808 to January 1809; served at Walcheren 1809; commanded cavalry and lost right leg in Waterloo campaign 1815

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 3 May 1796; Major-General 29 April 1802; Lieutenant-General 25 April 1808; General 12 August 1819; Field-Marshal November 1846

Awards & Honours: GCB; 2nd Earl of Uxbridge 1812; Marquess of Anglesey 4 July 1815

Died: London 29 April 1854.

**William OSBORNE**

Born: 1752

Relations: Son of Admiral Henry Osborne

Regimental Service: Major in 7th Light Dragoons 7 March 1787; Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Light Dragoons 6 April 1797 (vice Paget)

Retired: 17 April 1797

Died: 1814.

**William LEE, Bt.**

Born: 1764

Relations: Eldest son of Sir William Lee, 3rd Baronet Hartwell; nephew of William, Earl Harcourt

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 1 March 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel 17 April 1797 (vice Osborne); exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 25th Light Dragoons

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793-1795; commanded 16th Light Dragoons on continent July 1794 to February 1796; served in India 1801

Awards & Honours: 4th Baronet Hartwell 1799

Died: Madras February 1801.

**Sir Stapleton COTTON, Bt.**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 167*

Born: Denbighshire November 1773

Relations: Son of Sir Robert Cotton, Bt.

Regimental Service: Major in 59th Foot 28 April 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 25th Light Dragoons 9 March 1794 (backdated); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Light Dragoons 14 February 1800; Colonel of 20th Light Dragoons 27 January 1813; Colonel of 3rd Light Dragoons 25 January 1821; Colonel of 1st Life Guards 16 September 1829

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793-1794; served at Cape of Good Hope and India; commanded cavalry in Peninsula January to June 1809; commanded cavalry brigade in Peninsula June to December 1809; commanded cavalry in Peninsula May 1810 to January 1811, and again April to June 1811; commanded cavalry division in Peninsula June 1811 to December 1812, severely wounded at Salamanca; commanded cavalry in Peninsula June 1813 to April 1814; commanded cavalry in Army of Occupation 1816

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1800; Major-General 30 October 1805; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1812; General 27 May 1825; Field-Marshal 2 October 1855

Later Service: Commander-in-Chief Leeward Islands 1817; Governor of Sheerness 1821; Commander-in-Chief Ireland 1821; Commander-in-Chief India 1825-1830

Awards & Honours: GCB; GCH; KSI; PC; Baron Combermere 1814; Viscount Combermere 1827; AGC (Tal FDO Sal Ort Toul); MGSM (Bus CR Pyr)

Retired: 1830

Died: Bristol 21 February 1865.

**Robert Ballard LONG**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 379*

Born: Chichester 1771

Regimental Service: Major in York Rangers 26 July 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel of Hompesch Mounted Rifles 7 February 1798; Major in York Hussars 28 June 1800; to half-pay 1802; Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Dragoon Guards 3 December 1803; Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Light Dragoons 7 September 1805; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 15th Light Dragoons 12 December 1805

Service 1793-1815: Brigade-Major and Deputy Adjutant-General in Flanders 1793 to 1794; served in Irish Rebellion 1798; commanded cavalry brigade in Peninsula November 1808 to January 1809; served at Walcheren 1809; commanded cavalry brigade in Peninsula March 1811 to August 1813

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

Awards & Honours: LAGM (Vitt)

Died: London 2 March 1825.

**Sir George ANSON**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 299*

Born: Staffordshire 1769

Relations: Younger brother of Thomas, 1st Viscount Anson

Regimental Service: Major in 20th Light Dragoons 15 December 1794; Major in 16th Light Dragoons 15 June 1797 (vice Lee); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 20th Light Dragoons 21 December 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel in 15th Light Dragoons 6 September 1798; Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Light Dragoons 12 December 1805 (vice Long); Colonel of 23rd Light Dragoons 3 August 1814; Colonel of 4th Dragoon Guards 24 February 1827

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1795; served at Helder 1799; served in Peninsula April 1809 to May 1809; again in Peninsula June 1809 to January 1810; commanded cavalry brigade in Peninsula May 1811 to July 1813

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1805; Major-General 25 July 1810; Lieutenant-General 12 August 1819; General 1 February 1837

Later Service: Governor of Chelsea Hospital 1846 to 1849

Awards & Honours: GCB; LAGM (Tal Sal Vitt); MP 1806 to 1841

Died: Chelsea 4 November 1849.

**Clement ARCHER**

Born: August 1765

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 13 November 1806 (vice Symons)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794-1795; served in Peninsula September 1809 to June 1811; again in Peninsula December 1811 to May 1812; commanded 16th Light Dragoons at Fuentes d'Onoro

Awards & Honours: SAGM (FDO)

Retired: April 1812

Died: Kent 8 November 1817.

**Raymond PELLY**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1143*

Born: Essex April 1784

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 1 November 1810 (vice Archer); Lieutenant-Colonel 23 April 1812 (vice Archer)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Egypt 1801; served in Peninsula April to September 1809; again in Peninsula June 1810 to September 1811; again in Peninsula October 1812 to April 1814; wounded and taken POW during retreat from Burgos

Awards & Honours: CB

Died: 20 December 1845.

**James HAY**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1202*

Born: Scotland

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 2 January 1812 (vice Stanhope); Lieutenant-Colonel 18 February 1813 (vice Cotton); Colonel of 79th Highlanders February 1849

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula April 1809 to April 1810; again in Peninsula January 1811 to April 1814; commanded 16th Light Dragoons 1813-1815; badly wounded at Waterloo

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 22 July 1830; Major-General 23 November 1841; Lieutenant-General 1851

Awards & Honours: CB; SAGM (Vitt Nive); MGSM (Tal FDO Nlle)

Died: Longford 25 February 1854.

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#### **John Gaspard LE MARCHANT**

Born: Amiens February 1766

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 9 September 1794 (on transfer from 2nd Dragoon Guards); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 6 April 1797; to Lieutenant-Colonel in Hompesch Hussars 8 April 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel in 29th Light Dragoons June 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel in 7th Light Dragoons 10 June 1797; Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Dragoon Guards 19 July 1799; on half-pay 15th Light Dragoons February 1803; Lieutenant-Colonel in 6th Dragoon Guards 25 July 1811

Early Service: Served in Gibraltar 1783-1787

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793 to 1794; founded Royal Military College 1801; commanded cavalry brigade in Peninsula August 1811 to July 1812

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 30 October 1805; Major-General 4 June 1811

Died: Killed in action at Salamanca.

#### **Samuel HAWKER**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 396*

Born: Gloucestershire 1763

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons April 1797 (vice Le Marchant); Lieutenant-Colonel in Sussex Fencible Cavalry 6 June 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel in 14th Light Dragoons 12 June 1800; Colonel of 3rd Dragoons Guards 22 April 1831

Service 1793-1815: Served in Netherlands 1793 to 1796; ADC to King George 25 April 1808; commanded 14th Light Dragoons in Peninsula December 1808 to June 1811; wounded at Talavera; on staff in Britain 25 November 1811

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 25 April 1808; Major-General 4 June 1811; Lieutenant-General 19 July 1821; General 28 June 1838

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Tal); GCB

Died: London 27 December 1838.

#### **James ROOKE**

Relations: Son of General James Rooker

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 20 June 1798 (on transfer from 49th Foot)

Retired: June 1799.

#### **Thomas BIRCH**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 535*

Relations: Assumed surname Reynardson after 1806

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 1 June 1799 (vice Rooker); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 27 April 1803

Service 1793-1815: Served as Assistant Quartermaster-General in Egypt 1801; Assistant Quartermaster-General at Walcheren 1809; Deputy Quartermaster-General in North Britain 1811

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1812; Major-General 4 June 1814; Lieutenant-General 22 July 1830

Died: 31 January 1844.

#### **James BROCK**

Born: Guernsey 1773

Relations: Cousin of General Sir Isaac Brock

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 6 June 1799 (on transfer from 2nd Dragoon Guards, vice Hawker); to Paymaster in 49th Foot 27 August 1803

Service 1793-1815: Served in Canada 1804 to 1815; served at Cape of Good Hope and India 1825 to 1830

Died: India 27 March 1830.

#### **William SYMONS**

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 2 June 1804 (vice Birch)

Retired: November 1806.

#### **Charles BOYCOTTE**

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 23 November 1804 (on transfer from 23rd Light Dragoons, vice Brock)

Retired: June 1807.

**Hon. Lincoln Edwin Robert STANHOPE**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1128*

Born: November 1781

Relations: Second son of Charles, 3rd Earl Harrington; brother of James and Leicester

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 11 June 1807 (vice Boycotte); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 17th Light Dragoons 2 January 1812

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula April 1809 to August 1810; commanded 16th Light Dragoons at Talavera

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 22 July 1830; Major-General 28 June 1838

Awards & Honours: CB; SAGM (Tal)

Died: 29 February 1840.

**Hon. Henry Beauchamp LYGON**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1561*

Born: January 1785

Relations: Third son of William, 1st Earl Beauchamp; brother of Lt Col Edward Lygon

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 7 May 1812 (vice Pelly); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 18 June 1815; to Major & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Life Guards 18 June 1815; Lieutenant-Colonel in 90th Foot 12 July 1821; Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Life Guards 17 July 1821; Colonel of 10th Hussars 23 June 1843; Colonel of 2nd Life Guards 1863

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula April 1809 to August 1810; again in Peninsula April 1814

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 24 March 1822; Major-General 10 January 1837; Lieutenant-General 9 November 1846; General 20 June 1854

Awards & Honours: MGSM (Tal); MP 1816-1836; 4th Earl Beauchamp in 1853

Died: Worcestershire 8 September 1863.

**George Home MURRAY**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1566*

Born: Midlothian May 1777

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 18 February 1813; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 18 June 1815; Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Lancers 25 May 1822

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula April 1809 to August 1811; again in Peninsula December 1811 to April 1814, wounded three times; commanded 16th Light Dragoons at Salamanca; served in Waterloo campaign

Staff & General Officer Service: Brigadier-General in East Indies 1825; brevet Colonel 5 June 1829

Later Service: Commanded cavalry brigade in India 1825-1826

Awards & Honours: CB; SAGM (Sal)

Died: Cawnpore 15 December 1833.

**John WHALE**

Regimental Service: Major in 16th Light Dragoons 18 June 1815 (exchanged from 1st Life Guards, vice Lygon)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula with 1st Life Guards December 1812 to February 1813; again in Peninsula December 1813 to April 1814; wounded in Waterloo campaign

Retired: October 1816.

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