

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

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28th Light Dragoons

Secondary Title: Duke of York's Own

Regimental History, 28th Light Dragoons

1795: 25 March - raised in Scotland

1802: 25 June - disbanded at Cork.

Service History and Demographics, 28th Light Dragoons

1795: March - raised in Scotland; to England; Southampton

1796: Southampton; Portsmouth; March - to Cape of Good Hope (dismounted); Cape Town; August - Saldanha Bay; Swelling Dam

1797: Cape Town

1798: Cape Town; November - to England

1799: February - England; Canterbury

1800: Lincoln & Canterbury; April - Durham; Edinburgh; June - Piershill; October - Glasgow; Portpatrick; to Ireland

1801: Clonmel

1802: Waterford; Cork; June - disbanded at Cork.

Colonels

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.

Miles STAVELEY

Born: Yorkshire 1738

Regimental Service: Major in Royal Horse Guards 17 April 1790; Lieutenant-Colonel 31 December 1794 (vice Blathwayt); Colonel of 28th Light Dragoons 18 December 1799; to half-pay 25 June 1802; Colonel of 4th Dragoon Guards 12 March 1803

Service 1793-1815: Commanded Royal Horse Guards December 1794 to September 1799

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 21 August 1795; Major-General 23 June 1798; Lieutenant-General 30 October 1805

Died: Yorkshire 26 May 1814.

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)

Sir James Gardiner BAIRD

Relations: Eldest son of Sir William Baird of Saughtonhall, 5th Bt.

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 28th Light Dragoons 25 March 1795 (on transfer from half-pay captain in 71st Foot)

Early Service: Served in American War of Independence

Service 1793-1815: Inspecting Field Officer of Yeomanry 1805

Awards & Honours: 6th Baronet 1771

Retired: February 1796

Died: 23 June 1830.

Sir John HOPE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 283

Born: Scotland 1765

Relations: Brother of Vice-Admiral William Johnstone Hope; second cousin of General Sir John Hope of Hopetoun
Regimental Service: Major in 28th Light Dragoons 25 March 1795; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 20 February 1796; Lieutenant-Colonel in 28th Light Dragoons 20 February 1796; Lieutenant-Colonel in 37th Foot 19 April 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel in 60th Foot 30 June 1804; Colonel of 92nd Highlanders 29 January 1820; Colonel of 72nd Highlanders 6 September 1823

Early Service: Served in Flanders 1779 to 1781

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793 to 1795; served at Cape of Good Hope 1796 to 1799; Assistant Adjutant-General on staff 1804 to 1807; commanded brigade in 5th Division in Peninsula May to September 1812
Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1805; Major-General 25 July 1810; Lieutenant-General 12 August 1819

Awards & Honours: GCH; knighted in 1821

Died: Scotland August 1836.

Matthew SHARPE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 407

Born: Dumfriesshire 1773

Regimental Service: Major in 28th Light Dragoons 27 February 1796; Lieutenant-Colonel 5 August 1799; to half-pay; Inspecting Field Officer of Yeomanry December 1803

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 25 October 1809; Major-General 1 January 1812; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825; General 23 November 1841

Awards & Honours: MP 1832-1837

Died: Warwickshire 2 July 1845.

James HARE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 418

Regimental Service: Major in 12th Light Dragoons 19 March 1796 (on transfer from 10th Light Dragoons); Lieutenant-Colonel in 28th Light Dragoons 5 December 1799 (vice Hope); to half-pay 1802; Lieutenant-Colonel in 22nd Light Dragoons 22 August 1805

Service 1793-1815: Served West Indies as ADC to Sir Charles Grey 1794; served in Portugal 1796-1797; Inspecting Field Officer of Cavalry 1804; served in India 1806-1820

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 25 October 1809; Major-General 1 January 1812

Later Service: Commanded in Mysore 1819-1820

Died: India 1820.

Majors

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Thomas Stepney CHUDLEIGH

Born: Ireland 1771

Regimental Service: Major in 28th Light Dragoons 27 February 1796 (vice Hope)

Retired: March 1799.

Hew Dalrymple HAMILTON

Born: 1774

Relations: Son of Sir Hew Dalrymple, 3rd Baronet

Regimental Service: Major in 28th Light Dragoons 20 March 1799; exchanged to Major in 12th Light Dragoons 19 November 1800

Awards & Honours: MP 1795-1800, 1803-1807, 1811-1818 and 1820-1826

Retired: December 1800

Died: 1834.

Hon. William COLLYEAR

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 953

Regimental Service: Brevet Major 5 August 1799; Major in 28th Light Dragoons 5 August 1799 (vice Sharpe); to half-pay; Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1805

Lord Robert Edward Henry SOMERSET

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 463

Born: Gloucestershire December 1776

Relations: Fourth son of Henry, 5th Duke of Beaufort; elder brother of Fitzroy Somerset, Lord Raglan

Regimental Service: Major in 20th Light Dragoons 21 November 1799; Major in 12th Light Dragoons 5 December 1799; exchanged to Major in 28th Light Dragoons 19 November 1800 (vice Hamilton); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 5th Foot 25 December 1800; Lieutenant-Colonel in 4th Dragoons 3 September 1801; Colonel of 21st Light Dragoons 15 January 1818; Colonel of 4th Dragoons 31 March 1836

Service 1793-1815: ADC to Duke of York at Helder 1799; served in Peninsula April 1809 to January 1811; again in Peninsula May 1811 to June 1813; commanded a cavalry brigade July 1813 to April 1814; commanded Household Brigade in Waterloo campaign

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

Later Service: Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance 1829-1830; Surveyor-General of the Ordnance 1834-1835

Awards & Honours: GCB; LAGM (Tal Sal Vit Ort Toul); MP 1799-1831 and 1834-1837

Died: London September 1842.

Sir John Colquhoun GRANT

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 525

Born: Scotland 1764

Regimental Service: Major in 28 Light Dragoons 21 February 1801 (vice Somerset); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 72nd Foot 1 May 1802; Lieutenant-Colonel in 15th Light Dragoons 25 August 1808; Colonel of 12th Light Dragoons 1825; Colonel of 15th Light Dragoons 22 January 1827

Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1799; served at Cape of Good Hope 1806; commanded 15th Light Dragoons in Peninsula November 1808 to January 1809, wounded at Sahagun; ADC to Prince Regent February 1811; commanded cavalry brigade in Peninsula April to July 1813, and again September to November 1813; wounded four times; commanded cavalry brigade at Waterloo

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 1811; Major-General 4 June 1814; Lieutenant-General 22 July 1830

Awards & Honours: KCB; GCH; MP 1831-1832

Died: Dorset 20 December 1835.

John COOKE

Regimental Service: Major in 28th Light Dragoons 24 June 1802 (on transfer from 26th Light Dragoons, vice Grant); to half-pay; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 July 1810

Service 1793-1815: Served on staff 1804

Retired: 1805.

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