

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

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9th Light Dragoons

Secondary Title: Buffs (unofficial)

Regimental History, 9th Light Dragoons

1715: Raised by Major-General Owen Wynne as Wynne's Dragoons

1719: Crofts' Regiment of Dragoons

1732: Molesworth's Regiment of Dragoons

1737: Cope's Regiment of Dragoons

1742: Brown's Regiment of Dragoons

1743: de Grangue's Regiment of Dragoons

1749: Reade's Regiment of Dragoons

1751: Numbered as 9th Regiment of Dragoons

1783: 9th Regiment of (Light) Dragoons

1816: 9th Regiment of Lancers

1830: 9th (Queen's Royal) Regiment of Lancers

1921: 9th Queen's Royal Lancers

1953: 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) on amalgamation with 12th Royal Lancers.

Service History and Demographics, 9th Light Dragoons

1793: Ireland (since June 1718!); Dublin

1794: Ireland

1795: Roscommon; October - Loughail

1796: Dublin

1797: Castlebar; September - Curragh; October - Carlow

1798: Carlow; May - Irish Rebellion; Kilcullen; Ballymoor Austis; Stratford-upon-Slaney; Carlow; June - New Ross;

Castle Comer; Kilcomney Hill; Vinegar Hill; Leiglin; Sharkill; Carlow

1799: Carlow

1800: Maryborough; November - Ballinrobe

1801: Ballinrobe

1802: Ballinrobe

1803: Limerick; May - Dublin; to England; Newcastle under Lyne; June - Romford; November - Ipswich

1804: Ipswich; April - Woodbridge; July - Hounslow

1805: Hounslow; February - augmented to 10 troops; Wimbledon Common; July - Guildford; September - Blatchington

1806: Romney; March - Hythe; April - Stonar; October - 2 troops Coventry, 8 troops Portsmouth; November - 8 troops to Cape of Good Hope (dismounted); Port Praya

1807: At sea; March - Rio de la Plata; Colonia; Monte Video; June - Ensenda de Barragon; July - Buenos Ayres; Monte Video; to England; November - Portsmouth, one transport lost off Cornwall; December - Guildford

1808: Guildford; July - Hounslow

1809: Hounslow; July - Portsmouth; to Walcheren; 152 fever deaths; November - 4 troops to Plymouth; December - last 2 troops to Plymouth; Exeter

1810: Exeter

1811: Exeter; July - Plymouth; August - 6 troops to Portugal, 4 troops at Dorchester; Lisbon; Alentejo; October - Arroyo de Molino;

1812: Albequerque; March - Merida; May - Polomor; Ribera; October - Ocana; November - Alba de Tormes; Ciudad Rodrigo

1813: Ciudad Rodrigo; March - ordered to transfer horses to other regiments; April - Lisbon (dismounted); to England; May - Deptford; June - Northampton; July - Nottingham

1814: Nottingham; July - Exeter; reduced to 8 troops; November - Bath; Bristol; to Ireland; December - Cork

1815: Dublin; May - to England; Liverpool; June - Manchester; October - Nottingham.

Colonels

Flower MOCHER

Born: c.1729

Regimental Service: Major in Horse Grenadier Guards 1754; Lieutenant-Colonel in 3rd Dragoon Guards 1759; Colonel of 9th Light Dragoons 27 April 1775

Early Service: Served in Germany during Seven Year's War; on staff in Ireland 1778 to 1783

Staff & General Officer Service: Colonel 25 May 1772; Major-General 29 August 1777; Lieutenant-General 20 November 1782; General 3 May 1796

Died: Middlesex 18 July 1801.

James, EARL OF ROSSLYN

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 77

Born: Scotland February 1762

Relations: Eldest son of General Sir Henry Erskine; took additional surname St Clair- in 1789

Regimental Service: Major in 8th Light Dragoons 28 August 1783; Lieutenant-Colonel in 12th Light Dragoons 14 March 1792; Colonel of 9th Light Dragoons 1 August 1801

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 12th Light Dragoons 1792-1798; Adjutant-General at Toulon 1793 and Corsica 1794; Adjutant-General in Portugal 1796-1797, and on Minorca 1797-1799; on staff in Britain 1800 to 1805; on Irish staff 1806; commanded KGL division at Copenhagen 1807; commanded Light Division at Walcheren 1809

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 28 May 1795; Brigadier-General in Portugal 1797; Major-General 1 January 1798; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1805; General 4 June 1814

Later Service: Lord Privy Seal 1828-1830; Lord President of the Council 1834-1835

Awards & Honours: GCB; PC; Baronet Alva 1765; MP 1782-1805; 2nd Earl of Rosslyn 1805

Died: Fifeshire January 1837.

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)

Joseph WESTENRA

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Light Dragoons 31 March 1785 (on transfer from 18th Light Dragoons);

Lieutenant-Colonel in 9th Dragoons 27 April 1791

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 9th Light Dragoons 1793

Retired: March 1793.

Hon. Brydges-Trecothick HENNICKER

Born: Kent 1767

Relations: Younger son of John, 1st Baronet Hennicker

Regimental Service: Major in 5th Dragoons 30 April 1791; Lieutenant-Colonel in 9th Light Dragoons 31 March 1793 (vice Westenra)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 9th Light Dragoons 1793 to 1797

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 3 May 1796; Major-General 29 April 1802; Lieutenant-General 25 April 1808

Awards & Honours: 2nd Baronet 2 November 1813

Retired: 10 June 1813

Died: July 1816.

Hon. Thomas MAHON

Born: Dublin August 1766

Relations: Eldest son of 1st Lord Hartland; brother of Hon. Stephen Mahon (7DG)

Regimental Service: Major in 32nd Light Dragoons 11 October 1794; Major in 24th Light Dragoons 25 April 1796; exchanged to Major in 9th Light Dragoons 1 December 1796 (vice Saunders); Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1797

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 9th Light Dragoons 1797 to 1807; commanded a brigade in South America 1807

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 30 October 1805; Major-General 4 June 1811; Lieutenant-General 12 August 1819

Later Service: Governor of County Roscommon 1819

Awards & Honours: MP 1799-1802; 2nd Baron Hartland in 1819

Retired: 1819

Died: London 8 December 1835.

Louis William de Rohan-CHABOT, Viscount

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 712

Born: c.1778

Regimental Service: Major in 18th Light Dragoons 18 November 1802 (from half-pay of 27th Foot); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel on half-pay of 24th Light Dragoons 12 February 1807; exchanged to Major in 9th Light Dragoons 16 March 1809; Lieutenant-Colonel 24 January 1811; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 50th Foot 4 March 1813; to half-pay

Service 1793-1815: Served at Helder 1799; served at Ferrol 1800; served at Walcheren 1809; commanded 9th Light Dragoons in Peninsula July to September 1811

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 4 July 1814; Major-General 19 July 1821

Later Service: Deputy Adjutant-General in Canada

Died: Ireland 1875.

Charles MORLAND

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1189

Born: Kent November 1774

Regimental Service: Major in 17th Light Dragoons 20 July 1809; Major in 9th Light Dragoons 8 February 1811 (vice Orde); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 50th Foot 29 October 1812; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 9th Light Dragoons 4 March 1813 (vice Chabot)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Egypt 1801; ADC to Earl of Rosslyn in Baltic 1807; ADC to Earl of Rosslyn at Walcheren 1809; commanded 9th Light Dragoons in Peninsula April to November 1812

Later Service: ADC to King George IV

Died: 14 June 1828.

Simon George NEWPORT

Regimental Service: Major in 102nd Foot 1 August 1811; Major in 3rd Dragoons 11 June 1812; Lieutenant-Colonel in 9th Light Dragoons 10 June 1813 (vice Hennicker)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula with 10th Hussars November 1808 to January 1809

Retired: December 1817.

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Anderson SAUNDERS

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Light Dragoons 30 July 1791; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 13 April 1795; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 24th Light Dragoons 1 December 1796

Retired: 1801.

Humphrey DENIS

Regimental Service: Brevet Major 6 May 1795; Major in 9th Light Dragoons 1 January 1797 (vice Mahon); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel

Retired: July 1800.

Edward WITHERINGTON

Born: January 1758

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Light Dragoons 7 January 1797 (vice Saunders); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 29 April 1802

Retired: August 1808

Died: Dublin 15 August 1832.

Thomas GOLDIE

Regimental Service: Brevet Major 17 February 1798; Major in 5th Dragoon Guards 20 May 1799; Major in 9th Light Dragoons 20 May 1799; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 September 1803

Retired: July 1806.

William NEEDHAM

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Light Dragoons 14 July 1800 (vice Denis); to half-pay 25 July 1802

Retired: 25 July 1802.

Charles Ward ORDE

Born: Northumberland c.1776

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Light Dragoons 17 July 1806 (vice Goldie)

Retired: 8 February 1810

Died: Of fever at Exeter 16 March 1810.

Robert ELLICE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 821

Born: London 1784

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Light Dragoons 12 May 1808; exchanged to half-pay 24th Light Dragoons 16 March 1809 (vice Chabot); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 16 March 1809; Major in 6th Dragoons 25 June 1812 (on transfer from half-pay of 24th Light Dragoons); Colonel of 24th Foot 2 November 1842

Service 1793-1815: Served at Buenos Aires 1807; Deputy Adjutant-General in Canada 1809-12

Staff & General Officer Service: Brevet Colonel 12 August 1819; Major-General 22 July 1830; Lieutenant-General 23 November 1841; General 20 June 1854

Later Service: Commander-in-Chief Malta 1847

Died: London 18 June 1856.

Reymond Hervey MORRES

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1269

Born: Ireland c.1785

Relations: Son of Reverend Reymond Morres; took surname de Montmorency in 1815

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Light Dragoons 24 January 1811 (on transfer from 13th Light Dragoons, vice Chabot); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 10 June 1813; to half-pay of York Hussars

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1795 to 1798; served in Peninsula with 13th Light Dragoons April 1810 to January 1811; served in Peninsula with 9th Light Dragoons January to April 1811; taken POW 7 April 1811

Died: Naples 4 October 1827.

George GORE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1705

Born: c.1780

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Light Dragoons 7 May 1812; Lieutenant-Colonel 4 December 1817; to half-pay; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 10th Hussars 22 March 1833

Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1802-1803, wounded twice at Laswaree; served in Peninsula 1809 as ADC to Marshal Beresford; served at Walcheren 1809; again in Peninsula with 9th Light Dragoons July 1811 to April 1813

Awards & Honours: KH

Died: Bristol 25 July 1862.

Patrick SAVAGE

Royal Military Calendar Entry: 1969

Born: Ireland 1784

Regimental Service: Major in 9th Light Dragoons 29 October 1812 (vice Morland); to half-pay of 24th Light Dragoons 29 October 1814; Major in 24th Light Dragoons 15 December 1814; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 27 May 1825; to half-pay; Major in 13th Light Dragoons 12 February 1836

Service 1793-1815: Served in South America 1807; served in Peninsula with 9th Light Dragoons July 1811 to April 1813; served in India 1817

Retired: 12 February 1836

Died: Jersey 27 February 1865.

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