

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

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## 69th Regiment of Foot

Secondary Title: South Lincolnshire

### Regimental History, 69th Regiment of Foot

1758: 2nd Battalion 24th Regiment of Foot redesignated as the 69th Regiment of Foot

1782: Secondary title - South Lincolnshire

1794: December - 2nd Battalion formed at Hilsa

1795: June - 2nd Battalion disbanded at Gibraltar

1803: July - 2nd Battalion formed at Lincoln

1816: September - 2nd Battalion disbanded at Colchester

1881: 2nd Battalion The Welch Regiment on amalgamation with the 41st (The Welch) Regiment of Foot

1969: The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot) on amalgamation with The South Wales Borderers

2006: 2nd Battalion, The Royal Welsh (The Royal Regiment of Wales) on amalgamation with The Royal Welch Fusiliers

### Service History and Demographics, 1st Battalion 69th Regiment of Foot

1793: Ireland - Cork; February - aboard Channel Fleet as marines; May - to Mediterranean; Toulon

1794: February - Corsica; detachments to Elba; Martella Fort; San Fiorenzo; Bastia; October - detachments serving as marines

1795: Corsica; June - Gibraltar; to England; captured off Cadiz (colours thrown overboard to prevent capture); back to Gibraltar; absorbed 2nd Battalion

1796: Gibraltar; to West Indies; February - San Domingo; Port-au-Prince; marine detachment in Mediterranean

1797: San Domingo; February - marine detachment at Cape ST VINCENT

1798: San Domingo; marine detachment in Mediterranean

1799: San Domingo; to England; February - Isle of Wight; June - battalion reunited at Shirley Common;

Southampton; August - to Helder; Alkmaar; Bergen, Egmont-op-Zee; Beverwyk; November - Deal

1800: Deal; July - to West Indies; Jamaica

1801: Jamaica

1802: Jamaica; to England; June - Nottingham; Colchester

1803: Colchester; February - Hull; June - Ipswich; August - Bromswell Camp; October - Nottingham; November - Silverhill; December - Rye

1804: Rye; June - Guernsey; July - Rye; September - Playdon

1805: Playdon; March - Gosport; to India; July - Madras; Fort St George; September - four companies at Vellore

1806: Fort St George; July - Vellore mutiny; Trichinopoly; Madras

1807: Madras

1808: Madras

1809: February - Arambooly Gate; Wallahjabad

1810: Wallahjabad; April - Madras; to Indian Ocean; June - BOURBON; July - Reunion; August - Isle de France (Mauritius); to India

1811: February - Madras; July - Java; August - JAVA; December - Goa

1812: Goa

1813: Goa; March - Tellicherry; Poonamalee; Seringapatam

1814: Seringapatam; September - Bellary

1815: Bellary; detachment in Hyderabad | *63% English/Welsh, 30% Irish, 5% Scottish, 2% Foreign.*

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1794: December - formed at Hilsea

1795: Hilsea; April - to Mediterranean; June - Gibraltar; absorbed into 1st Battalion

1803: July - re-formed at Lincoln under the Additional Forces Act; October - Nottingham; Silverhill

1804: Silverhill; June - Guernsey; July - Silverhill; Porchester; December - Jersey

1805: Jersey

1806: Jersey; to Ireland; March - Cork; Charleville; April - Limerick

1807: Limerick; February - Dublin

1808: New Geneva; February - Coleraine

1809: Derry; September - Omagh; November - Belfast; to England; Lincoln

1810: Lincoln; May - Gainsborough; July - Lincoln

1811: Lincoln; May - Sleaford; June - Lincoln; October - Norwich

1812: Norwich; November - Woodbridge

1813: Ipswich; June - Woodbridge; Lincoln and Norwich; December - Harwich; to Flanders; Willemstadt

1814: Flanders; March - Bergen-op-Zoom; Antwerp

1815: Antwerp; Ath; June - Quatre Bras; WATERLOO; advance on Paris; Army of Occupation | *57% English/Welsh, 35% Irish, 7% Scottish*

1816: Paris; January - to England; Ipswich; March - Colchester; 25 September - disbanded at Colchester.

### **Significant Militia/Volunteer Intakes:**

(militia units unless noted otherwise)

1803: Received Army of Reserve men from Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutlandshire and Staffordshire

1804: Derbyshire

1805: Derbyshire, East Yorkshire

1807: Derbyshire; County Kildare; County Tyrone

1808: South Devonshire; County Londonderry; County Tyrone

1809: County Tyrone

1811: South Lincolnshire; Fifeshire

1813: West Norfolk; 2nd Surrey; County Tipperary

### **Colonels**

#### **Henry Watson POWELL**

Born: Glamorganshire 1733

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 53rd Foot 25 July 1771; Colonel of 69th Foot 26 April 1791; Colonel of 15th Foot 20 June 1794

Early Service: Served in North America during Revolutionary War 1776 to 1781

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 19 February 1779; Major-General 20 November 1782;

Lieutenant-General 3 May 1796; General 1 January 1801

Died: Lyme Regis 14 July 1814.

#### **Sir Cornelius CUYLER, Bt.**

Born: Albany, New York c.1740

Regimental Service: Major in 55th Foot 15 January 1776; Lieutenant-Colonel in 55th Foot 16 November 1777; Colonel of 86th Foot 30 October 1793; Colonel of 69th Foot 20 June 1794 (vice Powell)

Early Service: Quartermaster-General in India 1787

Service 1793-1815: Commander-in-Chief West Indies 5 May 1797; Commander-in-Chief in Portugal 9 January 1799; Governor of Kinsale 4 May 1806

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 November 1782; Major-General 12 October 1793;

Lieutenant-General in West Indies 15 June 1797; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1798; General 25 September 1803

Awards & Honours: Baronet 29 October 1814

Died: Hertfordshire 8 March 1818.

### **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)*

#### **William Anne VILLETES**

Born: Bern Switzerland 1754

Regimental Service: Major in 12th Light Dragoons 24 December 1787; Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 30 July 1791; Lieutenant-Colonel in 5th Dragoon Guards 23 March 1797; Colonel-Commandant of 2/24th Foot 28 March 1801; Colonel of Maltese Regiment 7 December 1804

Service 1793-1815: Served in staff in Portugal 1796; served on Malta in 1800; Governor and Commander-in-Chief on Jamaica 7 November 1807

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 21 August 1795; Major-General 10 June 1798; Lieutenant-General 30 October 1805; General in West Indies 7 November 1807

Died: Jamaica 12 July 1808.

#### **Archibald CAMPBELL**

Regimental Service: Major 31 July 1792; Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 48th Foot 19 September 1795

Died: October 1796.

#### **George LEGARD**

Relations: Third son of Sir Digby Legard, Bt.

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 1 March 1794 (vice Campbell); Lieutenant-Colonel 19 September 1795 (vice Campbell)

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1796

Died: San Domingo June 1796.

#### **William ATKINSON**

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 19 September 1795 (vice Legard); Lieutenant-Colonel 1 July 1796 (vice Legard)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 69th Foot 1796 to 1800

Retired: January 1800.

#### **Alexander SAUNDERSON**

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 1 July 1796 (vice Atkinson); Lieutenant-Colonel 30 March 1797 (vice Villetes)

Retired: April 1800.

#### **St John FANCOURT**

Born: 1768

Regimental Service: Major in 17th Foot 13 August 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 15 January 1800 (vice Atkinson); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 16th Foot 17 July 1801; Lieutenant-Colonel in 34th Foot 12 March 1803

Died: Killed in action as commandant at Vellore 10 July 1806.

**Thomas BRISBANE**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 451*

Born: Largs, Scotland 1773

Relations: Took Mackdougall name on marriage in 1826

Regimental Service: Major in 53rd Foot 5 August 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 4 April 1800 (vice Saunderson); exchanged to half-pay of York Rangers 24 February 1805; Colonel of 34th Foot 16 December 1826

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793-1795; served in West Indies; served in Peninsula 1813-1814; Assistant Adjutant-General at Vittoria; commanded a brigade in 3rd Division 1814; wounded at Toulouse; commanded brigade in Canada 1814; commanded division in Army of Occupation 1815-1818

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810; Major-General 4 June 1813; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825; General 23 November 1841

Later Service: Governor of New South Wales 1821 to 1825

Awards & Honours: GCB GCH AGC (Vit Pyr Nivelles Ort Toul) MGSM (Nive), Baronet 1936, FRS

Died: Largs, Scotland 27 January 1860.

**Ralph DARLING**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 483*

Born: Ireland 1772

Relations: Son of Serjeant Christopher Darling, 45th Foot

Regimental Service: Major in 4th West India Regiment 2 February 1800; Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 17 July 1801 (vice Fancourt); exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 51st Foot 8 May 1806; Colonel of 90th Foot 1823; Colonel of 41st Foot 28 June 1838; Colonel of 69th Foot 11 February 1848

Early Service: Private in 4th Foot 1786

Service 1793-1815: Served on Grenada 1793; served on Trinidad 1797; served in Surinam 1799;

Assistant Adjutant-General in The Saints 1801; served in Peninsula October 1808 to January 1809;

Deputy Adjutant-General at Walcheren; on recruiting staff at Horse Guards

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

Later Service: Governor of Mauritius 1818-1823; Governor of New South Wales 1825-1831

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Cor); GCH

Died: Brighton 2 April 1858.

**William McLEOD**

Born: Son of John McLeod of Feorlig

Regimental Service: Brevet Major in 76th Foot 29 April 1802; to Lieutenant-Colonel in York Rangers 12 January 1805; half-pay; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 21 February 1805 (vice Brisbane)

Early Service: Loyalist militia in North America (until 1781)

Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1795-1811; commanded 69th Foot on Mauritius; commanded 69th Foot at Java

Died: Killed in action at Fort Cornelis, Java 26 August 1811.

**Thomas BROWNE**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 474*

Regimental Service: Major in 59th Foot 25 November 1799; Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 30 May 1805

Early Service: Served at Gibraltar 1789-1791

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1793; served on Corsica 1794-1796; served in West Indies 1799-1801; commanded 2/69th 1805-1811; commanded auxiliary force at Goa 1812-1813

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

Later Service: On staff at Madras 1815-1820

Awards & Honours: KCH

Died: Ireland October 1843.

**Miles NIGHTINGALL**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 260*

Born: London 1768

Relations: Possible illegitimate son of Earl Cornwallis (not verified)

Regimental Service: Major in 121st Foot 1795; Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 9 September 1795; Lieutenant-Colonel in 38th Foot 28 October 1795 (vice Pitcairne); exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 51st Foot 23 July 1802; 51st Foot; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 8 May 1806 (vice Darling); Colonel of 6th West India Regiment

Early Service: Served in India 1788-1795

Service 1793-1815: Deputy Adjutant-General on San Domingo 1797; served in Ireland 1798; Assistant Quartermaster-General 1801; Quartermaster-General in India 1 July 1802; commanded a brigade in Portugal 1808; served in Peninsula January 1810 to July 1811, wounded at Fuentes d'Onoro; on staff at Bengal November 1812; Commander-in-Chief in Java October 1813 to November 1815; Commander-in-Chief at Bombay 1819-1819

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 December 1805; Brigadier-General in Mediterranean February 1808; Major-General 25 July 1810; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1814

Awards & Honours: KCB LAGM (Rol Vim); MP 1820-1829

Died: Gloucester 17 September 1829.

**Phineas RIALL**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 434*

Born: Ireland 1775

Regimental Service: Major in 128th Foot 8 December 1794; to half-pay; Major in 15th Foot 31 April 1804; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1800; Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 27 December 1810; Colonel of 74th Foot 20 May 1835; Colonel of 15th Foot 24 April 1846

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1794; commanded brigade on Martinique 1809; on home staff 1810-1813; commanded British forces at Chippewa 1814; wounded at POW at Lundy's Lane

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810; Major-General 4 June 1813; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825; General 23 November 1841

Later Service: Governor of Grenada 1816-1823

Died: Paris 10 November 1850.

**Walter SYMES**

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 9 August 1810 (vice Stuart); Lieutenant-Colonel 27 August 1811 (vice McLeod); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 80th Foot 11 December 1817; to half-pay 25 December 1818

Service 1793-1815: Served at Java 1811

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 27 May 1825

Died: Before 1835.

**Charles MORRICE**

Regimental Service: Major in 15th Foot 24 June 1802; to half-pay; Major in 2nd Ceylon Regiment 25 April 1803; Major in 3rd Ceylon Regiment 9 August 1806; Lieutenant-Colonel in 3rd Ceylon Regiment 7 January 1808; Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 4 June 1813

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 2/69th Foot in Holland 1813-1814; wounded at Bergen-op-Zoom; commanded 2/69th and killed at Quatre Bras

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814

Died: Killed in action at Quatre Bras 16 June 1815.

**Price ROBBINS**

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 1 November 1811 (vice Coates); Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1813

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 1/69th Foot 1813-1816

Died: India 25 December 1816.

**George MUTTLEBURY**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1367*

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 28 November 1811 (vice Clarges); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 17 March 1814; Lieutenant-Colonel 18 June 1815 (vice Morice); to half-pay; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 69th Foot 3 July 1817 (vice Symes)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794-1795; served in West Indies 1796; served at Helder 1799; served in West Indies 1801-1802; served in India 1805-1808; served in Flanders 1813-1814; taken POW at Bergen-op-Zoom; served in Waterloo campaign; commanded 2/69th at Waterloo

Awards & Honours: CB

Retired: 3 October 1826

Died: London 16 January 1854.

**Majors**

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

**William Carr BERESFORD**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 179*

Born: Ireland 1768

Relations: Illegitimate son of Earl of Tyrone

Regimental Service: Major 1 March 1794; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 124th Foot 11 August 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel in 88th Foot 16 September 1795; Colonel of 88th Foot 9 February 1807; Marshal in Portuguese Army 7 March 1809; Colonel of 69th Foot 11 March 1819; Colonel of 16th Foot 15 March 1823

Service 1793-1815: Served at Toulon 1793; served on Corsica 1794; served in Egypt 1801; commanded brigade at Cape of Good Hope 1806; commanded British troops at Buenos Ayres 1806; Commanded brigade in Peninsula August 1808 to January 1809; Commander-in-Chief of Portuguese Army 7 March 1809; commanded Portuguese forces March 1809 to August 1813, and also October 1813 to April 1814; wounded at Salamanca

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1800; Major-General in Portugal 4 September 1807; Major-General 25 April 1808; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1812; General 27 May 1825

Later Service: Remained in Portuguese service until 1819; Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance 1823-1824; Master-General of the Ordnance 1828-1830; Governor of Jersey 1821-1854

Awards & Honours: GCB GCH MGSM(Egt CiuRod) LAGC(Cor Bus Alb Bad Vitt Pyr Nlle Nive Orth Toul), Count of Trancoso 1811, Marquis of Campo Maior 1812, Baron 1814, Viscount 1823, MP1830-1831

Died: Kent 8 January 1854.

**John CLARKE**

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 18 March 1795 (vice Beresford)

Died: West Indies July 1796.

**Richard O'DOGHERTY**

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 21 July 1796 (vice Clarke); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 29 April 1802; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 18th Foot 14 November 1804

Retired: August 1805.

**Pinson BONHAM**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 312*

Born: 1762

Regimental Service: Major in 82nd Foot 4 November 1795; Major in 69th Foot 30 March 1797 (vice Saunderson); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 9 September 1797

Service 1793-1815: Served on Martinique 1797; Deputy Quartermaster-General on Martinique 1798-1811; Governor of Surinam 1811-1816

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 30 October 1805; Brigadier-General in West Indies 25 August 1807; Major-General 4 June 1811; Lieutenant-General 12 August 1819; General 10 January 1837

Died: Essex 19 April 1855.

**Christopher CLARGES**

Regimental Service: Major 10 August 1801; Major in 69th Foot 9 July 1803; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 April 1808

Died: Dies of wounds on Java August 1811.

**James Richard COATES**

Regimental Service: Major 29 April 1802; Major in 69th Foot 9 July 1803; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 October 1809

Died: October 1811.

**George MILLER**

Regimental Service: 57th Foot; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 September 1803; Major in 69th Foot 14 November 1804 (vice O'Dogherty)

Died: April 1808.

**James STUART**

Regimental Service: Major oin 7th Light Dragoons 28 September 1804; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 2 October 1806; Major in 5th West India Regiment 1 January 1807; Major in 69th Foot 7 April 1808 (vice Miller)

Service 1793-1815: Deputy Adjutant-General in West Indies 2 October 1806

Retired: 9 August 1810.

**Henry DE LA DOUESPE**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1714*

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 10 June 1812 (vice Symes); Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1819

Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1806

Died: 19 April 1820.

**Charles James BARROW**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1947*

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 11 June 1812; to half-pay of 43rd Foot 29 August 1822

Service 1793-1815: Served in India; wounded at Vellore 1806

Retired: 29 August 1822.

**Archibald MacLACHLAN**

Born: Argyllshire

Regimental Service: Major in 69th Foot 4 June 1813 (vice Robbins); to half-pay 25 November 1816; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 12 August 1819

Service 1793-1815: Served in India; commanded 1/69th and wounded at Vellore 1806

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 10 January 1837; Major-General 9 November 1846; Lieutenant-General June 1854

Died: Southampton 29 December 1854.

**John Lewis WATSON**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1570*

Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 18 June 1815; Major in 69th Foot 10 August 1815 (vice Muttelbury); to Major in 71st Foot 18 March 1819

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1813-1814; served in Waterloo campaign

Retired: 1829

Died: Lincolnshire 12 April 1842.

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