

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

### 75th Regiment of Foot

Secondary Title: Highland (until 1809)

#### Regimental History, 75th Regiment of Foot

1787: Raised as 75th (Highland) Regiment of Foot by Honourable East India Company for service in India

1809: April - lost Highland status and dress and became 75th Regiment of Foot

1862: 75th (Stirlingshire) Regiment of Foot

1881: 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders on amalgamation with 92nd (Gordon Highlanders) Regiment of Foot

1994: The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) on amalgamation with The Queens' Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons)

2004: 4th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (The Highlanders) on amalgamation with the other Scottish infantry regiments

#### Service History and Demographics, 75th Regiment of Foot

1793: India – Malabar; capture of Mahé

1794: Mahé; Cochin

1795: Poodicherram Ghaut; Seedaseer

1796: Malabar coast

1797: Cannanore; Poodicherram Ghaut; Seedapore; Seedaseer; received 388 men from 72nd Foot

1798: Cannanore

1799: March – flank companies at Ludasier; April - SERINGAPATAM; Malavelly; Seringapatam; September – Fort Jemanlabad; October - Mangalore

1800: Malabar; Mangalore; Fort Jemanlabad

1801: Malabar; Montana; November – Pychee; Goa

1802: Goa; March – Cambay; Fort Kerria; August - Brodera

1803: Brodera; Conojie's Camp; May – Surat; Pamera; August – Soangurh

1804: February – Surat; May – Calcutta; Fort William; Cawnpore; December - Deig

1805: January – Bhurtpore; April – Fatehpur; received 300 men from 76th Foot; Nouringabad

1806: Nouringabad; March – fit men to other regiments; cadre to Cawnpore; Calcutta; to England; August – Downs; Leith; Edinburgh

1807: Edinburgh; July – Dunblane; received 300 volunteers; November – Haddington; Fort George

1808: Dunblane

1809: Dunblane; April – kilt discontinued, lost Highland title; May – Perth; September – Aberdeen

1810: Aberdeen; April - Greenock; to Ireland; May – Larne; Newry; July – Dublin; November – to England; Liverpool; Horsham

1811: Horsham; June – Portsmouth; Jersey and Alderney; October – to Sicily; November – Messina

1812: Sicily; June – Messina and Melazzo; November – Faro

1813: Sicily; February – 4 companies at Pietro Nero raid on Calabrian coast; March – Palermo; June – Castello Vetrano; Palermo; Messina

1814: Sicily; July – to Ionian Islands; Corfu

1815: Corfu

#### Significant Militia/Volunteer Intakes:

(militia units unless noted otherwise)

1807: Shropshire; Lanarkshire; County Donegal

1808: Aberdeen; Berwickshire; Edinburgh; Forfarshire

1809: Fifeshire

1810: Dublin City; King's County; County Tyrone; County Wicklow

1811: Wiltshire

## Colonels

### **Sir Robert ABERCROMBY**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 16*

Born: Tullibody, Scotland 1740

Relations: Younger brother of Sir Ralph Abercromby

Regimental Service: Major in 62nd Foot 15 May 1772; Lieutenant-Colonel in 37th Foot 30 November 1775; Colonel of 75th Foot 12 October 1787

Early Service: Served in North America 1758-1763; served in American Revolution

Service 1793-1815: Served in India 1788 to 1797; served at Seringapatam 1792; no active service after 1797 due to eye complaint

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 February 1781; Major-General 28 April 1790; Lieutenant-General 26 January 1797; General 29 April 1802

Awards & Honours: GCB

Died: Stirling November 1827.

## 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)*

### **James HARTLEY**

Born: Scotland 1745

Regimental Service: Lieutenant-Colonel in 75th Foot 24 October 1787

Early Service: Served with East India Company 1764 to 1781; to regular Army 1781; Quarter-Master General in Bombay 1788

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 75th Foot 1787 to 1795

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 March 1794; Major-General 3 May 1796

Died: Malabar 4 October 1799 after 35 years service in India.

### **George Vaughan HART**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 148*

Born: Donegal 1752

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 12 October 1787; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1794; Lieutenant-Colonel 1 September 1795

Early Service: Served in American War; served in India 1781 to 1795

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 75th Foot 1795 to 1801; again in India 1798 to 1801; court-martialled in India in 1801 for grain irregularities and sent home

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1798; Brigadier-General in Ireland 1 August 1801; Major-General 1 January 1805; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1811

Awards & Honours: MP

Died: Donegal June 1832.

### **Alexander CUMINE**

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 1 September 1795; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1800; Lieutenant-Colonel 5 October 1800 (vice Hartley); exchanged to 1st West India Regiment 20 March 1804

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 75th Foot 1801 to 1804

Retired: April 1804

Died: London July 1815.

### **James MAITLAND**

Born: British North America 1772

Regimental Service: Major in 60th Foot 4 May 1802; Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st West India Regiment 23 April 1803; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 75th Foot 20 March 1804 (vice Cumine)

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 75th Foot 1804 to 1805

Died: Killed in action at Bhurtpore 4 January 1805.

**Samuel SWINTON**

Regimental Service: Major in 74th Foot 17 May 1799; to Lieutenant-Colonel in York Rangers 17 November 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel in 2nd Garrison Battalion 26 January 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel in 75th Foot 16 January 1806 (vice Maitland); to half-pay 8th Garrison Battalion 12 October 1815  
Early Service: Served in India 1789 to 1806  
Service 1793-1815: Commanded 75th Foot 1806 to 1815  
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1813; Major-General 12 August 1819  
Died: 1832.

**Patrick ROSS**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 714*

Regimental Service: Major in 26th Foot 7 January 1806; Major in 23rd Light Dragoons 1 April 1806; Lieutenant-Colonel in 23rd Light Dragoons 9 April 1807; exchanged to 10th Foot 6 April 1809; on half-pay 8th Garrison Battalion 1809; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 75th Foot 12 October 1815 (vice Swinton)  
Service 1793-1815: Served in Ireland 1794 to 1796; served in India 1797 to 1805  
Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814; Major-General 19 July 1821  
Later Service: Governor and Commander-in-Chief in Antigua 1825  
Died: St Helena August 1850.

**Majors**

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**Sir Samuel AUCHMUTY**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 195*

Born: New York 1756

Regimental Service: Brevet Major in 75th Foot 30 April 1794; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 22 September 1794; Major in 75th Foot 2 September 1795; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 10th Foot 25 September 1800

Early Service: Served in American War; served in India 1783 to 1796

Service 1793-1815: Commanded a force to Cape of Good Hope and Egypt 1800 to 1802; Commander-in-Chief in Madras 1810; commanded expedition to Java 1811

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1800; Brigadier-General in South America 1806; Major-General 25 August 1809; Lieutenant-General 4 June 1813

Later Service: Commander-in-Chief in Ireland 1821

Awards & Honours: GCB

Died: Dublin August 1822.

**Zachariah HALL**

Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 21 February 1796; Major in 75th Foot 5 October 1799 (vice Cumine); exchanged to half-pay of 117th Foot 13 August 1801

Service 1793-1815: Quartermaster-General in East Indies 21 February 1796

**Charles GREY**

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 25 September 1800 (on transfer from 77th Foot, vice Auchmuty); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 11 May 1802

Died: India 7 October 1802.

**John Popham WATSON**

Born: 1773

Regimental Service: Major in 117th Foot; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1801; exchanged to Major in 75th Foot 21 August 1801 (vice Hall)

Died: India 8 June 1804.

**James DUNSMURE**

*Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 983*

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 8 October 1802 (vice Grey); exchanged to Major on half-pay of 10th Garrison Battalion June 1805; Lieutenant-Colonel in 10th Garrison Battalion 25 July 1810

Retired: Rank stationary in 1820.

**Colin McRAE**

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 8 June 1804 (vice Watson)

Retired: 13 July 1809.

**James GUTHRIE**

Regimental Service: Major in 10th Garrison Battalion 1804; exchanged to Major in 75th Foot 6 June 1805 (vice Dunsmore)

Retired: 11 October 1810.

**Alexander STEUART**

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 13 July 1809 (vice McRae)

Died: Killed in action at Pietro Nero 15 February 1813.

**Stephen GILLMAN**

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 11 October 1810 (vice Guthrie)

Retired: 1 August 1811.

**John TURNER**

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 1 August 1811 (vice Gillman)

Died: August 1813.

**Jonathan BROWN**

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 16 February 1813 (vice Steuart)

Retired: 18 January 1816.

**Allan McLACHLAN**

Regimental Service: Major in 75th Foot 26 August 1813 (vice Turner)

Died: April 1818.

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