

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

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89th Regiment of Foot

Secondary Title: none

Regimental History, 89th Regiment of Foot

1793: 3 December - Raised as the 89th Regiment of Foot in Ireland

1804: 2nd Battalion formed at Chippenham

1816: 2nd Battalion disbanded at Sheerness

1866: 89th (The Princess Victoria's) Regiment of Foot

1881: 2nd Battalion, Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers) on amalgamation with the 87th Regiment of Foot

1920: The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's)

1947: Grouped with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Royal Irish Fusiliers into the North Irish Brigade

1968: The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th) on amalgamation with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Royal Irish Fusiliers

1991: The Royal Irish Regiment (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th and Ulster Defence Regiment) on amalgamation with the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Service History and Demographics, 1st Battalion 89th Regiment of Foot

1793: December - raised in Dublin by Major-General William Crosbie

1794: Dublin; May - to England; Bristol; Southampton; June - to Flanders; Ostend; September - Boxtel; Tiet; Schener; line of Waal River

1795: Retreat to Bremen; Bremen; April - to England; Sunderland; Scarborough & Whitby; Whitburn Camp; Sacrborough; to Ireland; Arklow

1796: Arklow; Wexford; Loughlinstown Camp; Clonmel; December - marched to Bantry Bay

1797: Wexford; June - Fermoy

1798: Limerick; May - Irish Rebellion; Vinegar Hill; Wicklow

1799: Bandon; Cork; Janaury - to Mediterranean; February - Minorca; March - Sicily; Messina; December - to Malta; Nasciar

1800: Malta; September - capture of Malta; Valetta; December - to Egypt

1801: Marmorice; March - Aboukir Bay; Alexandria; May - Rahmanieh; Menouf Canal; seige of Cairo;

September - Alexendria; to to Ireland; Malta; Gibraltar

1802: Cork; Youghall; Enniskillen

1803: Athlone; Loughrea

1804: Doneraile; Cork; July - ordered to West Indies but countermanded; Kinsale

1805: Kinsale; August - Cork; November - to Hanover; December - 75 men, colours and regimental books lost in storm; 133 survivors taken POW by Dutch

1806: Weser; February - to England; Ramsgate; March - Margate, reunited with POWs; April - Ospringe; received new colours; September - ordered to South America; Ramsgate; did not sail due to large number ophthalmia cases; Portsmouth; October - Cumberland Fort; Gosport

1807: Cumberland Fort; February - Portsmouth; again ordered to South America; July - Monte Video, having missed Buenos Aires; to Cape of Good Hope; HQ ship almost sank en route; October - just made Saldanha Bay; Cape Town

1808: Cape Town; September - to Ceylon; December - Trincomalee

1809: Trincomalee; February - Colombo; July - 300 men to Madras to suppress sepoy mutiny; Gooby; Bangalore; December - rest of battalion to Madras

1810: Indian detachment at Arcot, HQ at Travancore; April - battalion reunited at Madras; September - 300 men to to Bourbon; November - Mauritius

1811: Madras; February - 2 companies to Java; March - Mauritius detachment back at Madras; 3 more companies sent to Java; June - Malacca; July - Borneo; August - 5 companies on Java; Fort Cornelis; Batavia

1812: Batavia; March - Palambang; July - Batavia; September - to India; battalion reunited at Madras; October - Poonamalee

1813: Poonamalee; Madras

1814: Madras; March - Bangalore

1815: Bangalore; June - Cannanore.

Service History and Demographics, 2nd Battalion 89th Regiment of Foot

1804: October - raised at Chippenham from Additional Force Act men from County Wexford, County Kilkenny, County Waterford and County Limerick
1805: Chippenham; August - Trowbridge
1806: Trowbridge; June - Chichester; July - Horsham; September - Isle of Wight
1807: Isle of Wight; October - Bognor; November - Steyning
1808: Silverhill; February - Gosport; May - Shrewsbury; June - Manchester; August - Shrewsbury; December - Colchester
1809: Colchester; February - Basingstoke; March - Guernsey | *31% English/Welsh, 4% Scots, 64% Irish, 1% Foreign*
1810: Guernsey; April - Alderney; May - to Mediterranean; June - Gibraltar; October - 4 companies to Fuengirola and taken POW
1811: Remaining 6 companies at Gibraltar
1812: Gibraltar; May - to England; June - Brighton; received 208 militia and volunteers; August - Portsmouth; to Nova Scotia; October - Halifax
1813: Halifax; June - Quebec; Kingston; August - light company at Fort George; November - Chrysler's Farm; December - Black Rock; Cornwall
1814: Cornwall; Kingston; February - light company at Thames; August - York; Lundy's Lane (NIAGARA); Snake Hill; York
1815: York; February - Fort William Henry; May - Quebec; to England; July - Portsmouth; August - Chichester; September - Portsmouth | *27% English/Welsh, 2% Scots, 70% Irish, 1% Foreign*
1816: November - disbanded at Sheerness.

Significant Militia/Volunteer Intakes:

(militia units unless noted otherwise)

1807: County Wexford

1808: Dublin County

1812: Warwickshire; County Atrim; County Carlow; King's County.

Colonels

William CROSBIE

Born: c.1740

Relations: Brother of Major-General Charles Crosbie

Regimental Service: Major in 7th Foot 1778; Lieutenant-Colonel in 22nd Foot 24 April 1781; Colonel-Commandant of 89th Foot 3 December 1793; Colonel of 22nd Foot 23 December 1795

Early Service: Served in North America 1776; Barrackmaster-General in North America 1780

Service 1793-1815: Raised 89th Foot 3 December 1793; served in Flanders 1794 to 1795; Lieutenant-Governor of Portsmouth

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 18 November 1790; Major-General 3 October 1794

Awards & Honours: MP 1790 to 1796

Died: Possibly of suicide at Portsmouth 16 June 1798.

Andrew GORDON

Born: Scotland

Regimental Service: Major in 26th Foot 25 March 1777; Lieutenant-Colonel in 101st Foot 13 November 1781; Colonel of 89th Foot 23 December 1795 (vice Crosbie); Colonel of 59th Foot 2 March 1797

Early Service: Served in East Indies

Service 1793-1815: Served on Jersey 1795; Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey 1797

Brevets & Staff Service: Colonel in East Indies 13 June 1782; brevet Colonel 18 November 1780; Major-General 3 October 1794; Lieutenant-General on Jersey 14 December 1799

Died: Jersey 17 April 1806.

Henry BOWYER

Relations: Son of Sir William Bowyer, 3rd Bt.

Regimental Service: Major in 66th Foot 20 October 1778; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 18 November 1782; Lieutenant-Colonel in 66th Foot 12 March 1789; Colonel of 89th Foot 2 March 1797 (vice Gordon); Colonel of 16th Foot 15 December 1797

Service 1793-1815: On staff in North America and West Indies

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 12 October 1793; Major-General 26 February 1795; Lieutenant-General 29 April 1802

Died: West Indies August 1808.

Alexander ROSS

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 51

Born: Scotland 1742

Regimental Service: Major in 45th Foot 25 October 1780; Colonel of 89th Foot 22 December 1797 (vice Bowyer); Colonel of 59th Foot 28 March 1801

Early Service: Served in North America 1776 to 1780, ADC to Lord Cornwallis; Deputy Adjutant-General in Scotland; Deputy Adjutant-General in India

Service 1793-1815: Governor of Fort George and Fort Augustus

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 12 October 1793; Major-General 26 February 1795; Lieutenant-General 29 April 1802; General 1 January 1812

Died: London 20 November 1827.

James OGILVIE

Born: Scotland c.1740

Regimental Service: Major in 4th Foot 22 April 1774; Lieutenant-Colonel 4 June 1777; Colonel-Commandant of 3/4th Foot 5 December 1799; Colonel of 89th Foot 28 March 1801 (vice Ross); Colonel of 32nd Foot 4 September 1802

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 November 1782; Major-General 12 October 1793; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1798; General 25 September 1803

Died: London 14 February 1813.

Sir EYRE COOTE

Born: Ireland 1759

Regimental Service: Major in 47th Foot 20 February 1783; Lieutenant-Colonel in 70th Foot 31 March 1788; Colonel of 89th Foot 4 September 1802 (vice Ogilvie); Colonel of 62nd Foot 26 May 1806

Early Service: Served in American Revolution, taken POW at Yorktown

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1794; served at Ostend raid 1798; served at Helder 1799; served in Egypt 1801; second-in-command at Walcheren 1809

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 24 January 1795; Major-General 1 January 1798; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1805; General 4 June 1814

Awards & Honours: KB (later rescinded); KC; MP (Ire) 1790 to 1800

Retired: Dismissed from the Army for conduct unbecoming an officer 18 April 1816

Died: 10 December 1823.

John WHITELOCKE

Regimental Service: 6th West India Regiment; Colonel of 89th Foot 26 May 1806

Brevets & Staff Service: Lieutenant-General

Retired: Dismissed from the service 24 March 1808.

Albemarle BERTIE

Born: London 1744

Regimental Service: Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st Foot Guards 1 April 1776; 3rd Major 12 March 1789; 2nd Major 8 August 1792; Colonel of 81st Foot 19 September 1793; Colonel of 9th Foot 31 December 1794; Colonel of 77th Foot 15 June 1804; Colonel of 89th Foot 25 March 1808 (vice Whitelocke)

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 November 1782; Major-General 12 October 1793; Lieutenant-General 1 January 1798; General 25 September 1803

Awards & Honours: 9th Earl of Lindsey 1809; MP 1801-1809

Died: 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)

Charles HANDFIELD

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 643

Born: Nova Scotia 1752

Regimental Service: Major in Colonel Fitch's Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel in 89th Foot 3 December 1793

Early Service: Served in North America during Revolution

Service 1793-1815: Commanded 89th Foot in in Flanders 1794 to 1795; Commissary-General of Stores in Ireland

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 26 January 1797; rank stationary thereafter

Died: Dublin 16 April 1831.

William STEWART

Regimental Service: Major in 28th Foot 1 March 1794; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 17 May 1794;

Lieutenant-Colonel in 89th Foot 1 September 1795

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1800

Retired: Retaining rank 14 November 1802.

Andrew Thomas, Lord BLANEY

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 236

Born: Castle Blaney, County Monaghan 1770

Relations: Son of Lieutenant-General Cadwallader Blaney

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 3 December 1793 (from Captain in 38th Foot); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 3 May 1796; Lieutenant-Colonel 1 March 1798 (vice Handfield)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Flanders 1794 to 1795; served in Irish Rebellion 1798; served at Minorca and Malta 1800; served in Egypt 1801; served in Hanover 1805; served at Cadiz and Gibraltar 1810; taken PoW at Fuengirola 14 October 1810

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 1 January 1805; Brigadier-General at Gibraltar 26 February 1810; Major-General 25 July 1810; Lieutenant-General 12 August 1819

Died: Dublin 8 April 1834.

Sir Charles Bulkeley EGERTON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 529

Born: Cheshire 1774

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 1 June 1798 (vice Boyle); Lieutenant-Colonel in 89th Foot 14 November 1802 (vice Stewart); exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 44th Foot 5 January 1809; Inspecting Field Officer of Militia in Canada 22 August 1811; Colonel of 89th Foot 26 September 1837

Service 1793-1815: Served as a marine officer at Glorious 1st of June; served in Irish Rebellion 1798; served on Malta 1800; served in Egypt 1801; commanded 2/89th Foot 1804 to 1809 ; commanded 2/44th Foot in Peninsula June 1810 to September 1811; commanded a brigade in 5th Division March and April 1811

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1811; Major-General 4 June 1814; Lieutenant-General 22 July 1830; General 9 November 1846

Awards & Honours: GCMG; KCH; MGSM (Egt FDO); NGSM (1 June)

Died: London 8 July 1857.

Robert GARDEN

Regimental Service: Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1798; Major in 54th Foot 5 January 1799; to half-pay of 54th Foot 25 July 1802; Lieutenant-Colonel in 10th Battalion of Reserve 16 January 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel in 44th Foot 1 December 1804; exchanged to Lieutenant-Colonel in 89th Foot 5 January 1809 (vice Egerton)

Service 1793-1815: Inspecting Field Officer of Yeomanry 1803; commanded 2/44th Foot 1804-1809

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 April 1808

Died: Colombo 30 June 1810.

Robert SEWELL

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 586

Born: c.1773

Regimental Service: Major in 60th Foot 16 June 1803; Major in 48th Foot 24 November 1804; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 26 October 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel in 89th Foot 3 May 1810

Service 1793-1815: Served on Corsica 1796; served on Elba and in Portugal 1797; on staff on Corfu 1799; served in Egypt 1801; ADC to Sir John Moore 1803; Deputy Adjutant-General in Malta 26 October 1804 until 1809; served in Gibraltar 1810 to 1812; commanded a brigade in India 1812 to 1819; on staff in India 1819 to 1826

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1813; Major-General 12 August 1819

Died: Sussex 20 October 1835.

Donald McBEAN

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 863

Relations: Son of Lieutenant-General Forbes McBean

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 7 September 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel 1 July 1810 (vice Garden)

Early Service: Served in North America during Revolution 1775 to 1783

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1794 to 1796; served at Monte Video 1807; commanded 1/89th on Ceylon 1809; commanded a brigade in India 1810; commanded Wallahjabad District 1810 to 1812; commanded 2/89th in Upper Canada 1812 to 1814; on half-pay of 19th Foot December 1818

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 12 August 1819

William GWYN

Born: London 1774

Regimental Service: Major in 45th Foot 2 August 1804; Lieutenant-Colonel in 89th Foot 27 December 1810 (vice Blaney); Inspecting Field Officer of Militia in North Britain July 1811

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1789-1794; served in West Indies again 1795-1801; in West Indies again 1804-1805; served at Buenos Ayres; served in Peninsula August 1808 to December 1810; commanded 1/45th July 1809 to July 1810; wounded at Talavera and Busaco

Awards & Honours: SAGM (Tal)

Died: Of wound complications at Govan 30 August 1815.

Joseph Wanton MORRISON

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 851

Born: New York 1783

Relations: Son of John Morrison, Deputy Commissary General North America

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 13 June 1805 (vice Le Mesurier); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st West India Regiment 30 November 1809; Lieutenant-Colonel in 89th Foot 11 July 1811 (vice Gwyn); to half-pay in Sicilian Regiment 1815; Lieutenant-Colonel in 44th Foot April 1821

Service 1793-1815: Served at Helder 1799; served in Mediterranean 1800 to 1802; to half-pay 1802; Inspecting Field Officer of Yeomanry in Ireland 1804; served with 2/89th 1805 to 1809; served in West Indies 1809 to 1811; commanded 2/89th in Upper Canada 1812 to 1814; wounded at Lundy's Lane

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 12 August 1819; Brigadier-General in East Indies 1824

Awards & Honours: CB

Died: Lost at sea 15 February 1826.

Majors

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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)

Hon. Charles BOYLE

Born: Ireland 1775

Relations: Son of Edmund Boyle, 7th Earl of Cork and Orrery

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 30 June 1796; to Ancient Irish Fencibles

Died: November 1800.

William RAYMOND

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 397

Born: Essex c.1759

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 18 July 1799 (on transfer from 60th Foot, vice Boyle); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 29 July 1799; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 46th Foot 28 March 1801; to half-pay 1801; Colonel of 13th Royal Veteran Battalion 19 November 1812

Early Service: Served in North America during Revolution, POW at Yorktown

Service 1793-1815: ADC to Lord Cornwallis 1795 to 1796; Deputy Adjutant-General in Ireland 1798 and 1808

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 August 1808; Major-General 1 January 1812; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825

Retired: July 1829

Died: London 9 June 1830.

Thomas Gage MONTRESOR

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 481

Born: New York 1774

Relations: Son of Colonel John Montresor

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 28 March 1801 (on transfer from Corsican Corps, vice Raymond); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 27 June 1801; exchanged to Major in 25th (later 22nd) Dragoons 17 December 1802; Colonel of 2nd Dragoon Guards 20 February 1837

Early Service: Served at Gibraltar 1790 to 1791

Service 1793-1815: Assistant Quartermaster-General in Flanders 1793 to 1795; ADC to General de Burgh 1798; ADC to General Hutchinson in Egypt 1801; served in India 1802 to 1813

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 25 July 1810; Major-General 4 June 1813; Lieutenant-General 27 May 1825; General 28 November 1841

Awards & Honours: KCH; MGSM (Egt)

Died: Dover 1853.

John LE MESURIER

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 871

Born: Guernsey

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 14 November 1802 (vice Egerton); to half-pay 17th Foot; brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 25 July 1810

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

Died: May 1843.

Sir Benjamin D'URBAN

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 603

Born: Norfolk 1777

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 17 December 1802 (on exchange from 25th Dragoons, vice Montresor); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1805; to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1st West India Regiment 1 January 1805; Lieutenant-Colonel in 9th Garrison Battalion; Colonel of 51st Foot December 1829

Service 1793-1815: Served in Westphalia 1795; served in West Indies 1795 to 1796; served in Hanover 1805; attached to Quartermaster-General's Department 1806; Assistant Quartermaster-General in Peninsula April 1809; Quartermaster-General of Portuguese Army April 1809 to January 1817; commanded a cavalry brigade at Salamanca and Vittoria

Later Service: Governor of Antigua 1819 to 1826; Governor of British Guiana 1831 to 1833; Governor of the Cape Colony 1834 to 1838; Commander-in-Chief North America 1847 to 1849

Awards & Honours: GCB; KCH; FRS; KTS; AGC (Bus Alb Bad Sal Vit Pyr Nivl Nive Toul)

Died: 25 May 1849.

William HILLIARD

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 1 August 1804

Died: 29 April 1809.

Launcelot HOLLAND

Born: London c.1782

Regimental Service: Major in 134th Foot; to Lieutenant & Captain in 1st Foot Guards 25 November 1799; Major in 89th Foot 25 November 1806 (vice D'Urban); to half-pay 134th Foot 19 February 1807

Service 1793-1815: Served in South America 1807, POW at Buenos Aires

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 4 June 1814

Retired: Before 1820

Died: Kent 31 August 1859.

Sir Henry TORRENS

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 560

Born: Londonderry 1779

Relations: Fourth son of Reverend Thomas Torrens

Regimental Service: Major in Surrey Rangers 3 November 1799; exchanged to Major in 86th Foot 4 February 1802 (vice Baillie); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 1 January 1805; to Major in 89th Foot 19 February 1807 (vice Holland); to Captain & Lieutenant-Colonel in 3rd Foot Guards 13 June 1811; Colonel of 2nd Garrison Battalion 5 April 1815; Colonel of Royal African Corps 22 November 1815; Colonel of 2nd Foot 26 July 1822

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1795; served in Portugal 1798; served at Helder 1799, wounded at Egmont-op-Zee; served in Egypt 1801; served in India 1802 to 1805; military secretary to General Whitelocke at Buenos Aires 1807; served in Peninsula as military secretary to Wellesley August 1808; ADC to Prince Regent 1813

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 20 February 1812; Major-General 4 June 1814

Later Service: Adjutant-General 25 March 1820

Awards & Honours: KCB; SAGM (Rol Vim)

Died: Hertfordshire 23 August 1828.

Richard BUTLER

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 1 May 1809 (vice Hilliard); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 30 September 1811

Service 1793-1815: Deputy Adjutant-General in Java 30 September 1811

Died: March 1815.

John GRANT

Born: Morayshire Scotland c.1762

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 1 February 1810 (vice Morrison)

Service 1793-1815: Served in Peninsula October 1810; wounded in action at Fuengirola

Died: Of wounds at Gibraltar 20 October 1810.

Samuel HALL

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1740

Regimental Service: Major in 4th Ceylon Regiment 3 March 1810; Major in 89th Foot 28 November 1810 (vice McBean); to Lieutenant-Colonel in 65th Foot 10 January 1822; to half-pay 1823

Died: Galway May 1824.

Miller CLIFFORD

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1325

Regimental Service: 28th Foot; Major in 89th Foot 29 November 1810 (vice Grant); brevet Lieutenant-Colonel 4 May 1815; Lieutenant-Colonel of 58th Foot 29 November 1827

Service 1793-1815: Served in West Indies 1795 to 1798; Assistant Quartermaster-General in Ireland 1804; served in Hanover 1805; served at Copenhagen 1807; served at Walcheren 1809; served at Gibraltar 1810 to 1812; commanded 2/89th 1812; served in Upper Canada 1812 to 1814

Brevets & Staff Service: Brevet Colonel 22 July 1830

Awards & Honours: CB; KCH

Died: London 1837.

Richard TRENCH

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 1809

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 13 June 1811 (vice Torrens)

Died: India 21 April 1819.

Lawrence OAKES

Royal Military Calendar Entry: No. 2371

Regimental Service: Major in 89th Foot 9 March 1815 (vice Butler); to half-pay 25 June 1817

Service 1793-1815: Assistant Barrackmaster-General at Cape Colony 1809.

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