# **Dragoons**

## **Royal Regiment**

The Royal Regiment of Dragoons has its origin in a troop of horse raised in 1661 for service at Tangier. In 1684 there were four troops of horse in Tangier. Two troops of dragoons were raised in England in November 1683. In 1684 the four Tangier troops were repatriated and converted to dragoons subsequently. These six troops were united as The King's Own Royal Regiment of Dragoons (named for Charles II). The regiment was redesignated the Royal Regiment of Dragoons in 1690. The regiment was on the English Establishment in 1701. It served in the Low Countries until 1703, and in the Iberian Peninsula afterwards. The regiment was taken prisoner at the battle of Brihuega in December 1710. On 23 December 1711 it was transferred to the Irish Establishment, but was placed on the English Establishment on 24 August 1712. Two troops were added to the regiment in October 1712 from Echlin's Regiment (p. 8). This gave the regiment an establishment of eight troops.

#### Succession of colonels:

| John (Churchill), 1st Duke of Marlborough                                 | 19 Nov 1683 |
|---|-------------|
| Edward (Hyde), 3rd Earl of Clarendon (Viscount Cornbury) <sup>1</sup>     | 1 Aug 1685  |
| Richard Clifford  | 24 Nov 1688 |
| Edward (Hyde), 3rd Earl of Clarendon [reappointed]                        | 31 Dec 1688 |
| Antony Heyford  | 1 Jul 1689  |
| Edward Matthews   | 21 Jun 1690 |
| Thomas (Wentworth), 1st Earl of Strafford (Lord Raby) (until 13 Jun 1715) | 30 May 1697 |

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## Earl of Stair's Regiment

Two independent companies of dragoons were raised in Scotland on 21 May 1678. Together with four additional companies these companies were regimented as the Royal Regiment of Scots Dragoons on 25 November 1681. The regiment was unofficially known also as the Grey Dragoons, or Scots Regiment of White Horses from 1702 onward. In 1715 the designation Royal Regiment of North British Dragoons was adopted. This may have been in use already after the Union in 1708. The regiment was on the Scots Establishment in 1701, and served in the Low Countries from 1702. The regiment numbered nine troops in 1714.

#### Succession of colonels:

| · Thomas Dalzell  | 25 Nov 1681 |
|---|-------------|
| · Charles (Murray), 1st Earl of Dunmore                         | 6 Nov 1685  |
| · Sir Thomas (Livingston), 1st Viscount Teviot                  | 31 Dec 1688 |
| · Lord John Hay   | 7 Apr 1704  |
| John (Dalrymple), 2nd Earl of Stair (Lord Dalrymple)            | 24 Aug 1706 |
| · Sir David (Colyear), 1st Earl of Portmore (until 15 Feb 1717) | 21 Apr 1714 |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Cornbury went over to the Prince of Orange with part of the regiment in November 1688.

### Lieutenant General Carpenter's Regiment

The regiment was raised in August 1685 as The Queen [Consort's] Regiment of Dragoons from troops from two other regiments. This designation was probably dropped between 1689 and 1692-94. The regiment was on the English Establishment in 1701. During the war it served in England, though detachments from the regiment served on several expeditions. The regiment was re-named in 1714 after George I as The King's [Own] Regiment of Dragoons.

#### Succession of colonels:

| Charles (Seymour), 6th Duke of Somerset                    | 2 Aug 1685  |
|--|-------------|
| Alexander Cannon   | 2 Aug 1687  |
| Richard Leveson <sup>2</sup>                               | 31 Dec 1688 |
| Thomas (Fairfax), 5th Lord Fairfax of Cameron              | 20 Jan 1694 |
| William Lloyd  | 21 Feb 1695 |
| George (Carpenter), 1st Lord Carpenter (until 29 May 1732) | 31 Dec 1703 |

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### Lieutenant General Echlin's Regiment

| Captains, &c. | LIEUTENANTS        | Cornets       | Quarter-Masters |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|               | Lt. Robert Maxwell | Arthur Echlin | Oliver Jackson  |
|               | Iames Wood         | Arthur Dobbs  |                 |

The regiment was formed on 20 June 1689 from several troops of horse that were raised around Enniskillen in late 1688 and early 1689. The regiment was on the Irish Establishment in 1701, and was transferred to the English Establishment in 1708. Two troops of the regiment were reduced on 25 October 1712 and added to the Royal Regiment of Dragoons (p. 7).

### Succession of colonels:

| • | Sir Albert Cunni | ngham             | 20 Jun 1689 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|   | Robert Echlin (  | until 4 Mar 1715) | 30 Dec 1691 |

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## Earl of Hyndford's Regiment

Alexander Read Adjutant

The regiment was raised in Scotland on 12 May 1702 as replacement for a Scots regiment going to the Low Countries. The regiment numbered six troops and remained in Scotland during the war. In 1712 the adjutant was reduced to English half-pay. The regiment was placed on the Irish Establishment on 24 August 1712, to which establishment it was reduced in May 1713 (p. 90).

#### Succession of colonels:

| John (Carmichael), 1st Earl of Hyndford (2nd Lord Carmichael) | 12 May 1702 |
|---|-------------|
| James (Carmichael), 2nd Earl of Hyndford                      | 2 Mar 1706  |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Leveson went over to the Prince of Orange with part of the regiment in November 1688.

### **Brigadier Lepell's Regiment**

| Captains, &c.   | LIEUTENANTS   | Cornets  | Quarter-Masters   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Nicholas Lepell, as Colonel and Captain Eliseus Burgess, as Lt. Col. and Capt. Owen Abbott, as Major and Captain Capt. James Desromanes | Capt. Lt. Israel Prasle<br>William Wills<br>James Stephens<br>Francis Jobber<br>Henry La Salle<br>Samuel Meuth<br>Josiah Paterson<br>John Bensley |  | Francis Boucher Charles Bentley William Ross Thomas Welsh Richard Parsons William Hamilton Richard Sotwell Francis Cayran |
| Edward Wills<br>Richard Levins<br>Henry Nassau <sup>3</sup>   | R   | ohn Trepsack<br>ichard Stevens<br>umes Goodwyn | Chaplain<br>Adjutant<br>Surgeon   |

The regiment was raised on 26 June 1704 as part of the Irish Establishment. The regiment was dispatched to Catalonia in 1709 and was one of the few English regiments present at the battle of Villa Viciosa in December 1710. It was disbanded in Spain on 2 December 1712.

Succession of colonels:

| · Thomas Erle  | 26 Jun 1704 |
|--|-------------|
| <ul> <li>John (Cutts), 1st Baron Cutts of Gowran (Lord Cutts)</li> </ul>                                   | 1704        |
| <ul> <li>William (van Nassau-Zuylestein), 2nd Earl of Rochford (Viscount Tunbridge)<sup>4</sup></li> </ul> | 1 Feb 1707  |
| Nicholas Lepell  | 27 Jul 1710 |

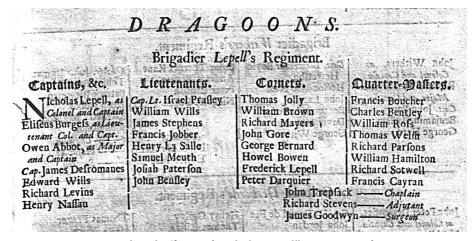


FIGURE 2.1: Reduced officers of Nicholas Lepell's Regiment of Dragoons.

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 $<sup>^3{\</sup>rm Hendrik}$  van Nassau-Zuylestein, younger brother of Viscount Tunbridge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>In English usually called Nassau de Zuylestein. Variant Zuyle**n**stein is also found.

## Lieutenant General Stanhope's Regiment

| Captains, &c.        | LIEUTENANTS           | Cornets            | Quarter-Masters |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| James Stanhope, as   | Capt. Lt. Thomas Ech- | Piers Johnson      | Daniel Garret   |
| Colonel and Captain  | lin                   | Thomas Mac Manns   | Thomas Shipley  |
| Peter Hawker, as Lt. | Lt. Richard Gregson   | Thomas de la Haye  | John Mitchell   |
| Col. and Capt.       | William Hierson       | Deering Hawker     | Willaim Forrest |
| George Keightley, as | Andrew Carr           | Paul Steph. Husson | James Irwyn     |
| Major and Captain    | Peter Bradshaigh      | Henry Durell       | Nathan Chadsey  |
| Capt. James Deleuze  | Ralph Mayers          | Richard Ottway     | Thomas Jones    |
| George Haynes        | Marcellus Larroon     |                    | James Anderson  |
| George Moore         | Francis Norry         |                    |                 |
| Samuel Gledhill      |                       |                    |                 |
| David Martell        |                       |                    |                 |

Peter Genest Surgeon

The regiment was raised by the Earl of Peterborough in Spain on 12 July 1706. Part of the regiment was taken prisoner at the battle of Almansa in April 1707, and the whole regiment was taken prisoner after the battle of Brihuega in December 1710. The regiment was reduced in Spain on 5 August 1712.

### Succession of colonels:

| Charles (Mordaunt), 3rd Earl of Peterborough                | 12 Jul 1706 |
|---|-------------|
| Frans (van Nassau-Ouwerkerk), graaf van Nassau <sup>5</sup> | 7 Jul 1707  |
| James (Stanhope), 1st Earl Stanhope (1st Viscount Stanhope) | 27 Jul 1710 |

 $<sup>^5\</sup>mbox{In}$  English called Overkirk, but the French variant de Nassau d'Auverquerque seems to be more common.