

British Infantry Regiments in the Waterloo Campaign

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In the issue marking the 175th anniversary of the most famous — and most published — battle in British military history, it gives us great pride to be able to offer readers a genuinely new and important piece of research: a listing of known regimental distinctions of the British infantry regiments present at Waterloo, assembled from numerous sources by perhaps the leading uniform historians of the period now active, and illustrated in colour by the greatly respected Bryan Fosten.

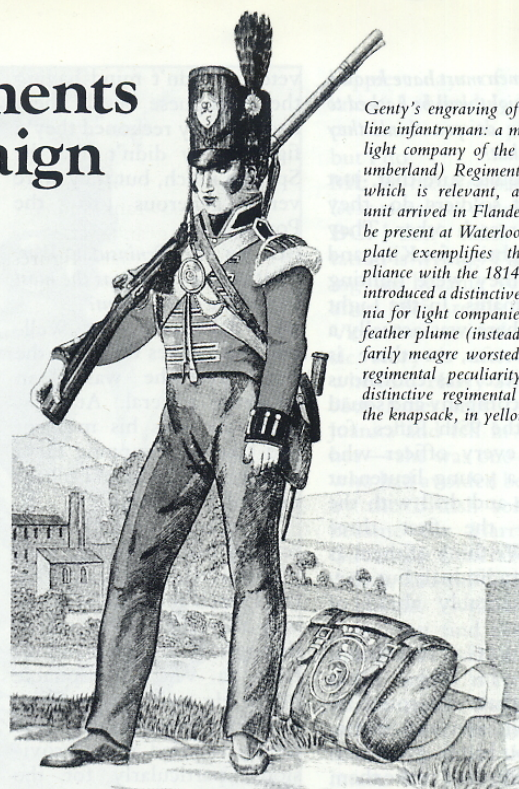
Shortly before the opening of the Waterloo campaign, the Duke of Wellington was quizzed about the likely outcome. Pointing to a British infantryman wandering around a Brussels park, he said: 'It all depends upon that article whether we do the business or not. Give me enough of it, and I am sure'⁽¹⁾. 'That article' was one of the most remarkable military bodies of the era, and features to some extent in most histories of the Napoleonic Wars; but perhaps never was its influence more profound than at Waterloo, where its stolid defiance of Napoleon's army unquestionably turned the day in the Allies' favour.

The British infantry uniform of the campaign, basically that of the 1802 regulations modified in 1812, characterised by the introduction from that year of the false-fronted 'Belgic' or 'Waterloo' shako (neither being contemporary terms), has, from its use at this most climactic of actions, become among the most familiar images of the period, and is illustrated in countless works. Yet exact details of the uniforms of the battalions involved in the Netherlands campaign are not always clear; and are complicated by the fact that apart from the most obvious and authorised

distinctions of facing colour and design of lace, etc., many other items of uniform varied even between battalions of the same regiment.

As the minor details of uniform were not regulated centrally, insignia and decoration generally originated at regimental level, sometimes being introduced at the whim of a single officer — e.g. the 28th's badges of merit. Other items were of transient existence, so that it is not clear whether they were used at Waterloo; while others were retained long after their official withdrawal, such as the pre-1804 belt plates of the 79th. Many distinctions are doubtless unrecorded, while in other cases so many different patterns are still extant (e.g. the 27th's shoulder belt plate) that it is virtually impossible to be definite about which was that worn at Waterloo, especially when more than one pattern may have been worn concurrently.

An example of the difference between regulation dress and actual use is provided by the shako badge of regimental light companies, which by a General Order of 28 December 1814 was to consist of separate badges of a bugle-horn over the regimental number. Some regiments complied, e.g. the 33rd, whilst others certainly



Genty's engraving of an ordinary line infantryman: a member of the light company of the 5th (North-umberland) Regiment of Foot — which is relevant, although this unit arrived in Flanders too late to be present at Waterloo. The shako plate exemplifies the non-compliance with the 1814 order which introduced a distinctive shako insignia for light companies. The large feather plume (instead of the usual fairly meagre worsted tuft) was a regimental peculiarity. Note the distinctive regimental insignia on the knapsack, in yellow.

did not (e.g. the 5th according to Genty's print, although this was not a 'Waterloo' regiment); others may have adopted different badges⁽²⁾, but for the majority evidence is simply not extant.

Officers' equipment provides other questions, in that as it was provided by the individual there was often a degree of 'individuality' in evidence, despite many regimental orders which stated the accepted style. Noted for each battalion below is a description of the officers' lace, whether gold or silver, which refers to their metalwork in general — buttons, epaulettes and lace trim to the flank companies' wings; but many of those at Waterloo were styled 'unlaced', in that their facings did not have laced button-hole decoration but instead dummy holes of 'twist' thread of the same colour as the material upon which they were set. (It was also possible for 'laced' regiments to have 'unlaced' jackets for service wear).

Although extant items, contemporary portraits and tailors' pattern-books provide accurate depictions of the minutiae of many

uniforms, in other cases it is not possible to be certain. In some cases, sources conflict over the design of other ranks' lace; where this occurs, alternatives are given. (An account of major significance is *Redcoat* Part 3, G.A. Stepler, *MI* No. 22 pp.39-46, including the records of the clothiers Pearse.) By no means all the belt plates described here are mentioned in the standard work, *Shoulder-Belt Plates and Buttons*, H.G. Parkyn (Aldershot, 1956). Although the majority of officers carried weapons of the regulation pattern (the 1796 pattern sword or 1803 pattern sabre for flank companies, broadswords for most Highland officers below field rank), some regiments possessed unique patterns — extant examples of which are not all identical, being provided by different suppliers — whilst other officers carried weapons of their own choice.

Details given in the following listings include many regimental distinctions, but more general information on the uniforms is not included for reasons of space and ready availability; and it is very likely that other regimental

peculiarities existed in addition to those mentioned here. As it has not been possible to describe or illustrate all known items of insignia, footnotes have been added to identify the location of published uniforms to which reference is relatively easy.

Details of musicians' uniforms have not in general been included, though it is interesting to note the continued depiction in several contemporary sources of the traditional 'reversed colours' despite the 1812 order that henceforth drummers were to wear red uniforms like those of the other ranks.

Strengths and Casualties.

As a guide to the level of engagement of each battalion in the campaign, brief details are given of the strength and casualties of each, their commanding officers and the name of the senior unwounded officer (though this does not necessarily indicate the officer in command at the close of the battle). Strength and casualty statistics are given in *History of the War in France and Belgium in 1815*, W. Siborne (London, 1844), but whilst the latter accord to the official figures, the former are deceptive. Siborne listed the rank-and-file only, of each battalion on the morning of 18 June; not included are officers, sergeants or drummers, and no distinction is made between those actually present and those 'on command' (i.e. detached from the battalion) and those Quatre Bras casualties still on the battalion roll. For example, Siborne states that the strength of the 79th Foot was 703, whereas on the morning of the battle they actually numbered 374 plus five 'sick' (wounded) still in the ranks, plus 34 'on command' and 290 sick and wounded (from Quatre Bras) no longer with the unit; to which 26 officers, 30 sergeants and 10 drummers should be added, giving the actual total of combatants on the 18th as 445.

Even the 'official' statistics are not without query, as suggested by modern analy-

sis of muster-rolls; e.g. against Siborne's figures for the 23rd Fuzileers (647 rank-and-file, 15 killed, 84 wounded) and the official strength of 639 rank-and-file plus 35 sergeants and 23 drummers, actual figures may have been 672 rank-and-file, 14 killed, 87 wounded (see *Medal Rolls, 23rd Foot... Napoleonic Period*, N. Holme & E.L. Kirby, Caernarfon & London, 1978).

Casualty figures are taken from Siborne, which apparently are based upon those given by Wellington's dispatch of 30 June and published in the *London Gazette* of 30 July 1815. The nominal roll of officer casualties was published in the *London Gazette* of 22 June and (primarily) 3 July 1815; but the most comprehensive listing is *The Waterloo Roll Call*, C. Dalton (London, 1904). Officers are listed under their regimental ranks, and officer strengths include 'staff' (quartermaster, paymaster, medical officers). Units are listed in order of seniority, but with those uncommitted at Waterloo listed at the end. Battalion numbers are given only for those with more than one battalion in existence at this time (although even single-battalion regiments were styled '1st btn'. in some of the documents of the period).

Abbreviations used in listings:

F	= facing colour
x 1,	= buttons, lace spaced
x 2 etc.	= equally, in pairs, etc.
Cap	= 'Belgic' shako unless specified otherwise.
SBP	= shoulder belt plate
CO	= commanding officer
SUO	= senior unwounded officer
QB	= Quatre Bras: if neither specified, then in action W only
W	= Waterloo
off	= officers
sgt	= sergeant
dmr	= drummer
OR	= other ranks
grens	= regimental grenadier company
kd	= killed in action
wd	= wounded
msg	= missing
JSAHR	= <i>Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research</i>

Regiments at Waterloo:

2nd Bn., 1st Foot Guards

Uniform: F blue; off's' lace gold, F

edged with broad gold lace; sgs' lace gold; ORs' lace bastion-shaped, white, x1. Cap plate bore Garter Star with reversed 'GR' cypher in centre, cypher backed with red enamel for off's; separate bugle above plate for lt. coy., or bugle over star⁽⁹⁾.

Foot Guards wore waterproof cap-covers, as did other infantry regiments (though evidence regarding their use is not clear in all cases); for the 1/1st Foot Guards covers are described in regtl. order books as having black tape strings to tie under the chin when required. The same notes that grey overall-trousers were worn by the 1st Regt., as general in the line infantry.

SBP: rectangular, rounded corners, design mounted; crowned Garter surrounding 'III' superimposed upon reversed 'GR'. Conceivable that some officers may have worn the long-tailed coat (undress frock) at Waterloo: Gronow records that one of his coat-tails was shot off. Sergeants may have worn their old sashes (crimson with white stripe) but more likely sashes were all-crimson. Regtl. orders specify that Foot Guards sergeant-majors would wear two epaulettes similar to those worn by adjutants.⁽⁴⁾

CO: Col. Henry Askew — regtl. rank Second Major (wd). SUO: Capt. Goodwin Colquitt. Casualties: QB: 2 off, 1 sgt, 22 OR kd; 4 off, 6 sgt, 250 OR wd. W: 1 off, 50 OR kd; 5 off, 7 sgt, 89 OR wd.

3rd Bn., 1st Foot Guards

Uniform: as 2nd Bn.

CO: Col. Hon. William Stewart — regtl. rank, Third Major (wd). SUO: Capt. Alexander, Lord Saltoun. Casualties: QB: 1 off, 2 sgt, 1 dmr, 17 OR kd; 6 off, 9 sgt, 1 dmr, 225 OR wd. W: 3 off, 2 sgt, 79 OR kd; 6 off, 7 sgt, 238 OR wd (one off. mortally).

17 1st Guards off's. employed on staff duty, from all three bns.: 2 kd, 3 wd.

2nd Bn., 2nd (Coldstream) Foot Guards

Uniform: F blue; off's' lace gold, F edged with broad gold lace; sgs' lace gold; ORs' pointed, white, x2. Cap plate bore silver Garter Star with coloured enamel as on SBP, ORs' same in brass; lt. coy. distinctions as for 1st Guards. SBP: oval gilt plate with beaded rim, bearing silver Garter Star, gilt Garter backed with blue enamel, red cross in centre; ORs' same but brass, incised design; flank coy. plates perhaps retaining grenade or bugle above the star, but these perhaps discontinued c.1812. Sgts' sashes crimson; lt. coy. sgts. apparently carried serrated-edged sabres, 'made applicable to the purposes of a Saw'⁽⁹⁾. Regtl. order books note that while 1st Guards were to wear grey trousers, the 2nd and 3rd were to retain white overalls — probably explains depiction of white overalls by Dighton and Atkinson.

CO: Col. Alexander G. Woodford — regtl. rank, Second Major. Casualties: 1 off, 1 sgt, 53 OR kd; 7 off, 13 sgt, 229 OR wd; 1 dmr, 3 OR msg (one off. mortally wd). 6 off. on staff duty, of whom 1 wd.



Grenadier, 92nd Highlanders — an engraving after Finart which shows the peak tied on to the bonnet for campaign use, but which was expressly forbidden by regimental orders.

2nd Bn. 3rd (Scots) Foot Guards

Uniform: F blue, off's' lace gold, facings edged with broad gold lace; sgs' lace gold; ORs' white, pointed, x3. Cap plate bore Star of Order of Thistle as on SBP, brass plate for ORs. SBP: oval gilt plate with silver rim, bearing silver Thistle Star with gilt strap backed with green enamel, enclosing gilt thistle with red flower on green ground; ORs' plate same design in brass. Sgts' sashes perhaps old crimson/white/blue striped version but by 1815 probably all-crimson. For details of the regiment's overalls, see 2nd Foot Guards above. CO: Col. Francis Hepburn — regtl. rank, Second Major. Casualties: QB: 7 OR wd. W: 3 off, 2 sgt, 37 OR kd; 9 off, 10 sgt, 178 OR wd (1 off. mortally). 4 off. on staff duty: 3 kd.

3rd Bn., 1st Regt. (Royal Scots)

Uniform: F blue; off's' lace gold, embroidered loops, but said to have worn plain jackets on campaign; ORs' lace bastion, x 1, blue double worm appearing as chain-pattern (from 1812: previously square, x2.) Off's' cap plate had 'GR' within thistle-wreath, over St. Andrew upon a star with spray of thistles (left) and rose-and-shamrock (right), over sphinx within laurel wreath, over scroll inscribed 'The/Scots/Royal'. ORs' plate probably had 'GR' over



A grenadier of the 3rd Foot Guards shown in a Martinet engraving executed shortly after Waterloo; the fur headdress was, of course, not worn on campaign. Note the breast-loops of lace worn in threes; and the regimental badge carried on the knapsack. Dighton shows the Garter Star painted in full colours on the knapsacks of the 2nd Foot Guards at Waterloo.

'1'. SBP: 3rd Bn. pattern silver, engraved design of crowned strap bearing motto of Order of Thistle ('Nemo Me Impune Lacessit') enclosing '3rd Battalion', over thistle wreath, over sphinx; same scroll below. ORs' pattern perhaps as other bns., brass, oblong with rounded corners (or earlier oval), bearing crowned strap of Thistle, enclosing a thistle, with scroll below inscribed 'Royals'. ORs of flank coys. wore blue wings (normally restricted to Foot Guards). Gorgets had badge on arms, oval crowned strap bearing Thistle motto, thistle with two leaves in the middle, small scroll below inscribed 'The Royal'. ORs carried regimental sword, like 1796 pattern but many with double-edged blades, with regtl. badge on inside of shell-guards; examples known with brass scabbard engraved with regtl. badge. Flank coy. off's carried 1803 sabre with same badges on base of guard.

CO: Maj. Colin Campbell (wd). SUO: Capt. William Gordon.

Casualties: QB: 6 off, 2 sgt, 18 OR kd; 12 off, 13 sgt, 167 OR wd. W: 2 off, 1 sgt, 12 OR kd; 14 off, 4 sgt, 111 OR wd. (Actual off. casualties: 7 kd, 23 plus volunteer wd; excluding staff, only 6 off's unscathed). This exemplifies how official casualty figures may be in error: the official dispatch describes Ensign Charles Graham as 'killed', whereas he survived; states that Lt. Robert H. Scott was wounded (an ex-4th Bn. off. who does not appear in Dalton: evidently Lt. John Stoyte is intended); and Capts. Arguimbau and Massey were returned as 'wounded' at both QB and W).

1st Bn., 4th (King's Own) Regt.

Uniform: F blue; off's lace gold (but wore undress jackets without lace); ORs' lace bastion ('flowerpot')⁽⁶⁾ x1, blue stripe. Off's cap plate gilt with cypher over silver lion over silver 'IV'; ORs' brass, lion within Garter, over cypher surrounded by scroll inscribed 'King's Own Infantry'. SBP: probably rectangular with cut corners, gilt with mounted silver design, lion over 'IV' within crowned strap inscribed 'The King's Own Regiment'; ORs' probably the same, die-struck brass, strap inscribed 'King's Own Regiment'. ORs wore grey cloth forage caps, 1813; knapsacks marked on back with regtl. number, but pioneers had calfskin knapsacks.

CO: Lt. Col. Francis Brooke. Apparently only 4 captains present, not replaced after New Orleans, but see Dalton p.121. Casualties: 2 sgt, 10 OR kd; 9 off, 6 sgt, 107 OR wd.

3rd Bn., 14th (Buckinghamshire) Regt.

Uniform: F buff; off's lace silver (but 'unlaced' regt.); ORs' square, x2, buff stripe on one edge, blue/red on other (Pearse); one version of Hamilton Smith shows blue stripe. Cap plate with cypher 'over 14'. SBP: shown in portrait, Paris 1815, as oval, silver, bearing '14'⁽⁷⁾, an old or perhaps 3rd Bn. pattern; alternative rectangular, rounded corners, bearing '14' in laurel wreath (stated as early as 1800 by Parkyn, 1808 by S.M. Milne). This was evidently one battalion which definitely did have cap-covers: 16-year-old Ensign Hon. George Keppel recorded removing cords and tassels from shako, it being

too heavy with the cover on. As in the case of several regts., stories exist of newly-recruited militiamen serving at Waterloo still wearing Militia uniform, in this case Bedfordshire (green F, lace square, x1, red and green stripe) and Royal Berkshire (blue F, lace bastion, x1, blue stripe)⁽⁸⁾

CO: Major Francis Skelly Tidy. Casualties: 7 OR kd; 1 off, 5 sgt, 16 OR wd.

1st Bn. 23rd Regt. (Royal Welch Fusiliers)

Uniform: F blue; off's lace gold, buttons x1, ORs' bastion ('jew's harp')⁽⁶⁾, x1, red, blue and yellow stripes. As fusilier regt. all wore wings, for field officers beneath the epaulettes as for lt. infantry. Fusilier cap worn only in full dress; on campaign, Belgic shako; off's plate gilt, bearing silver scroll inscribed 'Minden' over two gilt straps — left bearing unit title and enclosing silver Prince of Wales' feathers, right bearing Garter motto and enclosing silver 'GR'; at bottom, silver sphinx on 'Egypt' plinth over gilt 'XXIII'. ORs' plate brass bearing 'GR' over feathers (left) and sphinx (right), all over 'XXIII'. Alternative officers' version similar, but in gilt with silver plumes and sphinx. SBP: probably rectangular, rounded corners, gilt, bearing crowned strap bearing title surrounding feathers over 'XXIII'; earlier version oval, gilt, bearing silver feathers over '23'. ORs' plate similar with incised design; Hamilton Smith shows brass rectangular plate. Offs. probably retained bunch of queue-ribbons at rear of collar; and carried regtl.-pattern sabre, gilt stirrup hilt with lion-head pommel, large langets bearing Prince of Wales' feathers. (One extant similar to that of 52nd, without lion-pommel and langets.⁽⁹⁾)

CO: Lt. Col. Sir Henry Walton Ellis (mortally wd.) SUO: Maj. Thomas Dalmer. Casualties: 4 off, 2 sgt, 9 OR kd; 6 off, 7 sgt, 71 OR wd (two off. mortally). This regt. provides a further example of confusion in casualty-rolls: 1st Lt. A.G. Sidley returned as 'wounded' in dispatch but not given as such in Dalton; whereas Dalton notes 2nd Lt. William Leebody as killed, whereas actually slain in attack on Cambrai, 24 June 1815 (see Holme & Kirby, op.cit., pp.61,57).

1st Bn., 27th (Enniskillen) Regt.

Uniform: F buff; off's lace gold (but 'unlaced' regt.); ORs' square, x1, red and blue stripes at opposite edges. Two designs of cap plate recorded: cypher over '27', or smaller cypher over castle, over scroll inscribed 'Enniskillen' over '27'. P.W. Reynolds shows lt. coy. with bugle shako badge and white cords (but green plume). SBP: several recorded, dates uncertain: (1) oval, gilt, bearing silver mounted design of castle over '27' over 'Inniskillings' (sic); (2) oval, gilt, silver castle on silver rayed oval within gilt crowned strap inscribed 'Enniskillen'; (3) rectangular, rounded corners, gilt, mounted design of silver castle over gilt scroll inscribed 'Enniskillen' over silver

'27'; (4) rectangular; gilt, silver mounted design, crown over laurel wreath enclosing castle over '27', gilt raised rim; (5) similar to (3) but with silver bugle beneath scroll (lt. coy.) — associated with jacket of Capt. Charles Parsons, killed 1813⁽¹⁰⁾; (6) rectangular, scroll inscribed 'Enniskillen' over castle over '27' upon an oval. ORs' pattern perhaps like (6), in brass.

CO: Capt. John Hare (wd). SUO: Lt. Wm. Talbot, probably present, but see Dalton p.133; otherwise, Lt. John Betty. Casualties: 2 off, 7 sgt, 96 OR kd; 13 off, 10 sgt, 348 OR wd. (actually apparently 14 off. wd. one mortally); hence description of battalion lying dead in a square after battle.

28th (North Gloucestershire) Regt.

Uniform: F bright yellow; off's lace silver (but 'unlaced' regt.); ORs' square, x2, yellow stripe in centre, black stripe at each edge⁽⁶⁾. Although a 'Belgic' shako plate exists (cypher over 28), entire regt. probably retained 'stovepipe' cap like that of lt. inf., with separate badges of Royal crest (lion on crown) above '28', with scrolls above inscribed 'Barossa' and below inscribed 'Peninsula', all in brass (but example recorded with silver Royal crest). Diamond-shaped badge at rear bearing sphinx, commemorating Alexandria 1801, in brass (but silver for musicians). George Jones shows Lt. Col. Belson wearing light inf. 'stovepipe' at Quatre Bras, suggesting whole bn. wore it, not just flank coys. as has been speculated. SBP: oblong, rounded corners, silver, mounted device of Royal crest above '28'; ORs' perhaps oval, brass, 'G'/crown/'R' over '28' over 'Regiment', but this perhaps earlier. Gren. coy. wore calfskin knapsacks captured in Egypt; Col. Grazebrook described 'goatskin' knapsacks with red circle on flap edged with green laurel, crown above and sphinx and '28' in centre; Jones shows knapsacks bearing '28'. Regtl. system of merit badges worn above NCO chevrons, introduced by Sir C.P. Belson in Peninsular War: embroidered crown for gallantry in field, star for 'steady good conduct in quarters'⁽¹¹⁾. Portrait of Capt. Charles Cadell shows silver lace on overalls. A possible regtl. pattern flank coy. sabre is extant, like 1803 general off's pattern, gilded hilt and scabbard and regtl. devices limited to etching on blade (perhaps simply personal weapon). Story exists of recruits from Royal Tyrone Militia serving at Waterloo in Militia uniform: blue F, lace bastion, x1, 1 red and 1 blue stripe.

CO: Lt. Col. Sir Charles P. Belson. Casualties: QB: 11 OR kd; 4 off, 4 sgt, 56 OR wd. W: 1 off, 1 sgt, 17 OR kd; 15 off, 6 sgt, 1 dmr, 136 OR wd. (Actual off. casualties: 3 kd, 16 wd; some returned 'wounded' later died, e.g. Lt. G. Ingram, leg amputated but died when tourniquet slipped).

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2nd Bn., 30th (Cambridgeshire) Regt.

Uniform: F pale yellow; off's lace silver (but 'unlaced' regt.); buttons x2; ORs' bastion, x1, sky-blue stripe. Cap plate with cypher over '30'. SBP: oval, silver, bearing either '30' or '30' within laurel wreath. Flank coy. pattern similar, but (for grens) grenade over '30', presumably lt. coy. with bugle.

CO: Lt. Col. Alexander Hamilton (wd). *SUO:* Capt. Robert Howard. *Casualties:* QB: 1 sgt, 4 OR kd; 2 off, 2 sgt, 26 OR wd; 5 OR msg. *Retreat to W:* 1 OR kd, 2 OR wd, 8 OR msg. *W:* 6 off, 3 sgt, 1 dmr, 41 OR kd; 12 off, 6 sgt, 145 OR wd; 2 dmr, 12 OR msg. (Dalton off. casualties: 6 kd, 16 wd.)

32nd (Cornwall) Regt.

Uniform: F white; off's lace gold (but 'unlaced' regt.), buttons x2; ORs' square, x2, black worm and black stripe. Apparently 'general' pattern cap plate, no numbered version recorded⁽¹²⁾. SBP: probably oblong, rounded corners, gilt with mounted silver design, '32' within crowned strap inscribed 'Cornwall'; alternative earlier version oval, gilt, bearing crown over '32'. ORs' probably rectangular, as off's but stamped brass, though earlier variety recorded as oval, bearing crown over '32'. Story exists of recruits from Royal Tyrone Militia serving at Waterloo in Militia uniforms (see 28th).

CO: Maj. John Hicks. *Casualties:* QB: 1 off, 21 OR kd; 21 off, 4 sgt, 1 dmr, 148 OR wd. *W:* 28 OR kd; 9 off, 11 sgt, 126 OR wd. (Dalton off. casualties: 3 kd, 22 wd.)

33rd (1st Yorkshire West Riding) Regt.

Uniform: F red, ORs' shoulder straps white⁽⁹⁾, off's lace silver, buttons x2; ORs' bastion ('jew's harp')⁽⁶⁾ x2, red stripe in middle. Cap plate bore cypher over '33', at least two, perhaps three different shapes of figures recorded; lt. coy. wore 1814-pattern horn badge over regtl. number (extant cap). SBP: oval, silver, engraved '33' within crowned strap inscribed 'First Yorkshire West Riding'.

CO: Lt. Col. William Elphinstone. *Casualties:* QB: 3 off, 1 sgt, 15 OR kd; 7 off, 3 sgt, 64 OR wd; 1 sgt, 8 OR msg; *Retreat to W:* 3 OR wd; 1 sgt msg. *W:* 2 off, 1 sgt, 1 dmr, 31 OR kd; 10 off, 8 sgt, 84 OR wd; 3 dmr, 45 OR msg. (Dalton off. casualties: 7 kd, 14 wd). One off. on staff duty.

1st Bn., 40th (2nd Somersetshire) Regt.

Uniform: F buff; off's lace gold (but 'unlaced' regt.), buttons x2; ORs' square, x2, 1 red and 1 black stripe. Regtl. history shows off's plate with indistinct design including strap device, ORs' with blackened (?) cypher. SBP: oval, gilt, with raised silver rim and silver mounted design, '40' within laurel wreath.

CO: Maj. Arthur Heyland (kd). *SUO:* Maj. Fielding Browne. *Casualties:* 2 off, 5 sgt, 25 OR kd; 10 off, 16 sgt, 1 dmr, 142 OR wd; 18 OR msg. (Dalton off. casualties: 3 kd

— Lt. Frederick Ford's wound mortal — 12 wd.)

42nd (Royal Highland) Regt.

Uniform: F blue; off's lace gold, buttons x1; ORs' bastion, x1, red stripe near edge⁽⁶⁾; sgts' silver, Kay (1816) showing Sgt. Mjr. William Duff with square-ended loops, perhaps in imitation of off's style, and off's sash. Highland dress; tartan 'Government' sett ('Black Watch'); but pipers, 'music tartan' either Royal Stewart or 'Atholl', latter apparently also worn by grenadiers — 'Government' sett with red overstripe⁽¹³⁾. Offs, dark grey or blue overalls with double red stripe. Black edging to red checks on hose. Sashes worn over shoulder. Feather bonnet with plume probably red for coys., red-over-white for grens, red-over-green for lt. coy., possibly red-over-yellow for dmrs; cockade black with regtl. button for bn. coy. (gilt sphinx for officers), red with grenade over sphinx for grens (offs grenade and sphinx alone, no cockade), green edged red bearing bugle over sphinx for lt. coy., red edged black with sphinx over '42' for dmrs; detachable peaks. (Jones' plate of death of Macara at QB shows no peaks). SBP: probably rectangular, rounded corners, gilt, mounted silver design: St. Andrew and cross within gilt strap inscribed 'The Royal Highlanders' in silver; below strap, silver sphinx on 'Egypt' plinth. ORs' rectangular, rounded corners, brass, incised '42' on oval with Star of Order of Thistle.⁽¹⁴⁾

CO: Lt. Col. Sir Robert Macara (kd). *SUO:* Capt. John Campbell. *Casualties:* QB: 3 off, 2 sgt, 40 OR kd; 15 off, 14 sgt, 1 dmr, 213 OR wd. *W:* 4 OR kd; 6 off, 6 sgt, 33 OR wd. (Actual off. casualties: 3 kd, 19 wd, one mortally.)

2nd Bn., 44th (East Essex) Regt.

Uniform: F yellow; off's lace silver (but 'unlaced' regt.), buttons extant jacket lack 'twist' loops, buttons, on collar⁽¹⁵⁾. ORs' lace square, x1, blue, yellow and black stripes. Cap plate, cypher over '44'. SBP: rectangular, rounded corners, silver with mounted design, sphinx within crowned strap inscribed 'Forty Four'. Extant gorget of usual pattern plus '44' within laurel wreath on each arm.

CO: Lt. Col. John Hamerton (wd). *SUO:* Maj. George O'Malley. *Casualties:* QB: 2 off, 1 sgt, 9 OR kd; 15 off, 12 sgt, 82 OR wd; 1 sgt, 2 dmr, 14 OR msg. *W:* 4 OR kd; 3 off, 3 sgt, 54 OR wd. (Dalton off. casualties: 2 kd, 12 wd). One off. on staff duty.

51st (2nd Yorkshire West Riding) Regt. (Light Infantry)

Uniform: F grass green; off's lace gold; ORs' x2, either square-ended (De Bosset) or pointed (one version of Hamilton Smith shows green worm or stripe near edge). Lt. inf. distinctions (i.e. all wore wings; sashes of corded pattern) Lt. inf. shako with bugle badge (Cramer shows officer with gilt badge, dark green or black cap-lines, lace loops

on 'inside' and 'outside' of lapels, two buttons and loops on collar). SBP: rectangular, rounded corners, gilt, mounted silver design of '51' within bugle, within crowned laurel wreath, scroll inscribed 'Minden' below. ORs probably wore same in brass (Wheeler mentions presence of 'Minden' on their SBPs). Parkyn describes later plate, date unknown, similar design but '51' inside bugle within wreath, lower scroll inscribed 'Ich Dien'.

CO: Lt. Col. Hugh Mitchell commanded the bde.; regtl. CO was his deputy, Maj. Samuel Rice. *Casualties:* 1 dmr, 8 OR kd; 2 off, 20 OR wd.

1st Bn., 52nd (Oxfordshire) Regt. (Light Infantry)

Uniform: F buff; off's lace silver (but 'unlaced' regt.); buttons x2, one on collar; ORs' lace square, x2, various recorded (red stripe between two blue; black stripe on one edge and buff on the other). One extant jacket has lapels lined buff, another in scarlet⁽¹⁶⁾. Lt. inf. uniform. Lt. inf. cap with white-metal bugle badge; S.M. Milne mentions cap-covers. SBP: silver, rectangular, with either large '52' or engraved with '52' within crowned strap inscribed 'Oxford Regt.'; ORs' plate shown by Hamilton Smith brass, rectangular, large '52'. Offs. carried regtl. pattern sabre, steel stirrup hilt, steel scabbard, bugle on grip; extant non-official version has gilt hilt with bugle on langets instead of grip. Survivors of 'forlorn hope' at Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz wore laurel wreath with 'V.S.' below ('valiant stormer') on right arm.⁽¹⁷⁾

CO: Lt. Col. Sir John Colborne. *Casualties:* 1 off, 16 OR kd; 8 off, 8 sgt, 166 OR wd. (Dalton states 1 off. kd, 9 wd). Two offs. on staff duty.

2nd Bn., 69th (South Lincolnshire) Regt.

Uniform: F willow green; off's lace gold, buttons x2, one on collar; extant jacket ascribed Lt. Henry Anderson (lt. coy., Waterloo) has gold loops; another, said to be his undress jacket, was 'unlaced'⁽¹⁸⁾. ORs' lace square, x2, green stripe in centre, red stripe each edge. Regtl. pattern cap plate not known. SBP: oval, gilt, beaded edge, bearing silver star with gilt oval strap in centre inscribed 'South Lincoln', surrounding gilt oval bearing silver '69'. *CO:* Lt. Col. Charles Morice (killed QB). *SUO:* Maj. George Muttelbury. *Casualties:* QB: 1 off, 4 sgt, 33 OR kd; 4 off, 6 sgt, 1 dmr, 103 OR wd. *Retreat to W:* 1 sgt, 2 OR wd. *W:* 3 off, 14 OR kd; 3 off, 50 OR wd; 2 dmrs, 13 ORs msg. (One off. on staff duty, Capt. Hon. William Curzon, plus Capt. Benjamin Hobhouse acting as Halkett's orderly; both kd.)

71st (Highland) Regt. (Light Infantry)

Uniform: F buff; off's lace silver (but 'unlaced' regt.); buttons on officers' jacket 10/12 on breast, 2 on collar, equally spaced; but 1814 portrait Lt. Col. George Napier has buttons in pairs and one on collar, though

this may be his old 52nd jacket re-used. ORs' lace square, x1, red stripe. Headdress, blue Highland bonnet, diced lower band, blocked into shape of lt. inf. shako, bugle badge, red or green toorie (pompon) on top, green plume often shown at front (George Jones shows no toorie); officers wore ordinary lt. inf. shako. Sashes worn Highland style, over shoulder. SBP: silver, rectangular, rounded corners, engraved with crowned bugle over '71' within spray-wreath of thistles (left) and roses (right); extant example has same design mounted. P.W. Reynolds shows brass plate stated to be perhaps ORs' pattern of this date, apparently resembling earlier officers' pattern: rectangular, '71' within crowned French scroll backed by trophy of arms, fasces below with tablet inscribed 'Regiment' and scroll below inscribed 'Highland'. Extant officers' waist belt clasp cast silver, bearing thistle-wreath enclosing bugle with '71' in centre. Officers' regtl. pattern sabre had steel knuckle-bow, oval silver badges on langets, one with bugle over '71' within oval inscribed 'Highland Light Infantry', other a thistle within 'Nemo Me Impune Lacesit'. Pipers wore ordinary uniform, not Highland dress, on campaign, as shown by Capt. Jones.

CO: Lt. Col. Thomas Reynell (wd). *SUO:* Maj. Leslie Walker. *Casualties:* 1 off, 1 sgt, 23 OR kd; 14 off, 7 sgt, 3 dmr, 150 OR wd; 3 ORs msg. (Dalton off. casualties: 1 kd, 15 wd, 1 mortally). One off. on staff duty: kd.

2nd Bn., 73rd (Highland) Regt.

Uniform: F very dark green; off's lace gold, buttons x1, no loops but facings edged with broad gold lace in imitation of Foot Guards (who objected in 1814 to similarity); apparently a looped jacket existed for full dress, shown by Goddard & Booth⁽¹⁹⁾; P.W. Reynolds confirmed the existence of an example, no longer extant. ORs' lace bastion, x1, red stripe near edge. Cap plate design unknown ('general' pattern?). SBP: several versions recorded for off's, that in portrait c.1816 of Capt. William Wharton presumably that used at Waterloo: oblong, cut corners, gilt, mounted silver design of number within thistle-spray, honour 'Mangalore' below. ORs' probably brass, rectangular, rounded corners, '73' within spray of thistles, crown above, 'Mangalore' below. Engraving by Hopwood (pub. 1816 but poss. dating from before regt. de-kilted, 1809) shows Lt. Col. W.G. Harris with single loop on collar and sash worn Highland style over shoulder⁽²⁰⁾. 2/73rd Standing Orders 1812 note for off's, grey trousers and half-gaiters with shoes for marching order, grey overalls for field off's. and adjutant; 'private parades', grey pantaloons and half-boots; Sundays, white breeches and 'long boots' (lt. coy., white pantaloons and half-boots)⁽²¹⁾. Thomas Morris records that officers wore cloaks at Waterloo. Though not uniformed in Highland style after 1809, in 1814 at least they had a piper.

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ORDER OF BATTLE, BRITISH INFANTRY, 18 JUNE 1815

Strengths on the morning of 18 June are taken from Statistics compiled by Lt. Col. (later Sir) John Waters, Asst. Adj. Gen., published in *Dispatches of Field-Marshal the Duke of Wellington*, ed. J. Gurwood, XII (1838), pp. 486-487. To calculate the approximate strength of battalions at the beginning of the campaign, the losses at Quatre Bras

and on the retreat to Waterloo should be added, though some discrepancies are unavoidable (e.g. men who joined units immediately before the action). Statistics below include 'present sick'; but not those 'on command', or sick and wounded no longer present with their battalion. For further comments on statistics see body text.

Officers Sergeants Drummers Rank & File

1st Division

(Maj. Gen. George Cooke)

1st Brigade

(Maj. Gen. Peregrine Maitland)

2/1st Foot Guards	29	43	21	688
3/1st Foot Guards	29	40	20	758

2nd Brigade

(Maj. Gen. Sir John Byng)

2/2nd Foot Guards	36	58	16	988
2/3rd Foot Guards	35	57	10	998

2nd Division

(Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Clinton)

3rd Brigade

(Maj. Gen. Sir Frederick Adam)

1/52nd Foot	59	66	22	1,002
71st Foot	50	61	21	804
2/95th Foot	34	38	17	577
3/95th Foot	10	11	6	178

3rd Division

(Lt. Gen. Sir Charles Alten)

5th Brigade

(Maj. Gen. Sir Colin Halkett)

2/30th Foot	40	33	14	548
33rd Foot	31	22	12	511
2/69th Foot	30	29	19	487
2/73rd Foot	23	32	17	426

4th Division

(Lt. Gen. Sir Charles Colville)

4th Brigade

(Lt. Col. H.H. Mitchell, 51st)

3/14th Foot	38	34	11	557
1/23rd Foot	44	35	23	639
51st Foot	45	39	16	526

5th Division

(Lt. Gen. Sir Thomas Picton)

8th Brigade

(Maj. Gen. Sir James Kempt)

28th Foot	35	37	27	458
32nd Foot	26	36	14	427
79th Foot	26	30	10	379
1/95th Foot	17	27	10	364

9th Brigade

(Maj. Gen. Sir Denis Pack)

3/1st Foot	36	34	17	366
42nd Foot	17	25	15	281
2/44th Foot	30	41	15	408
92nd Foot	22	27	12	361

6th Division

(Lt. Gen. Hon. Sir Lowry Cole, absent; Lambert commanded his own bde., the other being assigned to Picton)

10th Brigade

(Maj. Gen. Sir John Lambert)

1/4th Foot	27	36	12	602
1/27th Foot	21	34	8	687
1/40th Foot	43	55	17	747

Units not in combat at Waterloo, but awarded the Medal:

4th Div., 6th Bde. (Maj. Gen. George Johnstone) 2/35th, 54th, 2/59th, 91st Foot

Units forming part of the Army but not at Waterloo:

7th Div., 7th Bde.: 2/25th, 2/37th, 2/78th Foot (From 10th Bde., retained at Brussels: 2/81st Garrison troops 13th Veteran Bn., 1st Foreign Veteran Bn., 2nd Garrison Bn.

CO: Lt. Col. William Harris (wd).
SUO: Lt. Richard Leyne; but Maj. Dawson Kelly, serving as Asst. QMG, took command at Waterloo

when a sgt. informed him that 'all' the offs. were casualties. *Casualties:* QB: 1 dmr, 3 OR kd; 4 off, 1 sgt, 43 OR wd. *Retreat to W* 1 off, 3 OR kd.

Captions to colour plates overleaf:

Plate I

Top, left to right:

Officer, Light Company, 1st Foot Guards
Officer, Centre Company, 32nd Foot
Officer, 52nd Light Infantry (officers of regimental light coys. would be similarly dressed).
Officer, Grenadier Company, 4th Foot
Officer, 95th Rifles

The schema — key:

(1) Officer's lace (2) Facing colour
(3) Officer's button spacing (4) Other Ranks' button spacing, lace style (5) Epaulette, wing or shoulder strap (6) Other Ranks' lace (7) Cap plate (8) Shoulder belt plate

Details, left to right,

top to bottom:

1st Foot Guards: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; OR's cap & SB plates.
2nd Foot Guards: Grenadier Coy. officer's wing; officer's cap & SB plates.
3rd Foot Guards: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; officer's cap & SB plates.
1st Foot: OR's Flank Coy. wing; officer's cap & SB plates.
4th Foot: Grenadier Coy. officer's wing; officer's cap & OR's SB plates.
14th Foot: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; OR's cap & officer's SB plates.
23rd Foot: Officer's wing; OR's cap, officer's SB plates.
27th Foot: Light Coy. officer's wing; OR's cap plate; officer's SB plate (type 3 — see text listing).
28th Foot: Grenadier Coy. officer's wing; OR's shako ornaments; officer's SB plate.
30th Foot: Grenadier Coy. officer's wing; officer's cap & SB plates.
32nd Foot: Light Coy. officer's wing; OR's cap & officer's SB plate.

Plate II

Top, left to right:

Sergeant, Centre Coy., 2nd Foot Guards
Sergeant-Major, 33rd Foot
Sergeant, Centre Coy., 27th Foot
Sergeant, Centre Coy., 28th Foot
Sergeant, Grenadier Coy., 14th Foot (armed and equipped the same as Centre Coy. sergeants).
Inset: Colour Sergeant's badge

Details, left to right,

top to bottom:

33rd Foot: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; officer's cap & SB plates.
40th Foot: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; officer's cap & SB plates.
42nd Highlanders: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; Light Coy. OR's cockade; OR's SB plate.
44th Foot: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; OR's cap & officer's SB plates.
51st Light Infantry: Officer's wing; officer's cap & SB plates.
52nd LI: Officer's wing; officer's cap & SB plates.
69th Foot: Grenadier Coy. officer's wing; cap plate unknown; officer's SB plate.
71st Highland LI: Officer's wing; OR's cap & officer's SB plates.
73rd Foot: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; cap plate unknown; OR's SB plate.
79th Highlanders: Grenadier Coy. officer's wing; officer's cockade, OR's SB plate.
92nd Highlanders: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; OR's cockade & SB plate.
95th Rifles: Sergeant's cap plate, chevrons, cuff and shoulder strap.

W: 5 off, 3 sgt, 1 dmr, 43 OR kd; 12 off, 13 sgt, 2 dmr, 160 OR wd; 41 OR msg. (Two offs. returned as 'wounded' died.)

79th Regt. (Cameron Highlanders)

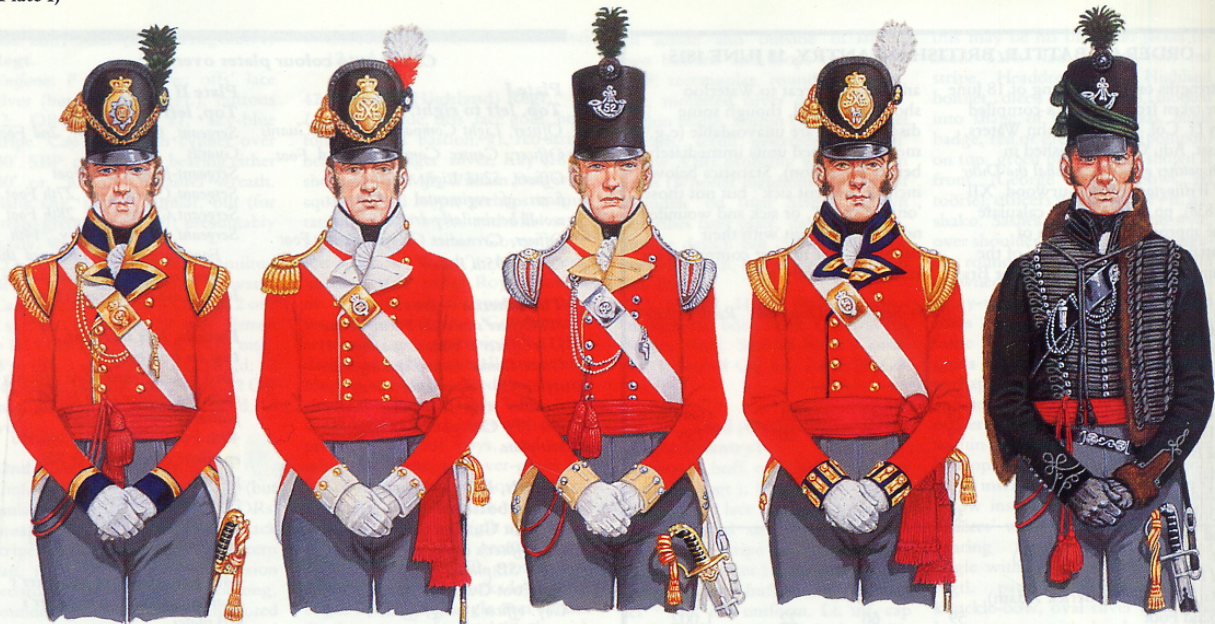
Uniform: F dark green; offs' lace gold, buttons x2; ORs' square, x2, 1 yellow between 2 red stripes. Highland dress: kilts Cameron of Erracht sett (basically Macdonald minus 3 red lines, plus yellow overstripe); black gaiters. Offs. wore grey overalls, some sources noting red stripes; Lt. John Ford records use of blue or tartan trousers in Peninsula⁽²²⁾. Peaked feather bonnet with diced band and falling 'tails' at left (N.B. not worn by 42nd), offs' cockades with silver sphinx (bn. coys.), grenade or bugle (flanks coys.). Ford notes offs' lapels buttoned back to show green lining only e.g. when dining out; and that while bn. coy. ORs had small woolen tufts on shoulder straps, flank coy. wings were ornamented with fringe. SBP: oval, gilt, silver mounted design of '79' on green ground within crowned strap inscribed 'Cameron Highlanders'; Ford states with silver rim. ORs'

plate probably the same, brass, incised design, though Ford records examples of original plate inscribed 'Cameronian Volunteers' (title pre-1804) as late as end of Peninsular War. Another recorded variety bears crowned thistle with 'GIII' and 'R' at sides. 'LXXIX' below. Bn. offs. carried broadswords with gilt hilts, flank coy. offs. sabres; none wore waist belts except medical officers. CO: Lt. Col. Neil Douglas (wd). SUO: Capt. Peter Innes. *Casualties:* QB: 1 off, 28 OR kd; 16 off, 10 sgt, 248 OR wd; 1 off msg. W: 2 off, 2 sgt, 27 OR kd; 11 off, 7 sgt, 4 dmr, 121 OR wd; 1 OR msg. (Dalton off. casualties: 4 kd, 26 wd inc. 4 mortally.)

92nd Regt. (Gordon Highlanders)

Uniform: F yellow; offs' lace silver, interwoven black line; buttons x2, one loop on collar. ORs' lace square, x2, blue stripe near edge. Highland dress: kilt Gordon tartan ('Govt' sett plus yellow overstripe), black gaiters. Feather bonnet with 'tails', peaks expressly forbidden by regt. orders but shown in contemporary illus.; lt. coy. red cockades, others black, bearing white metal sphinx;

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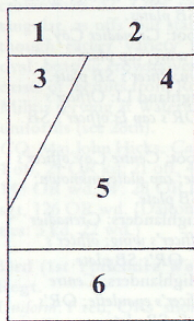
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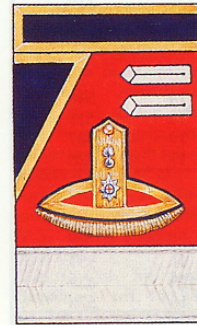
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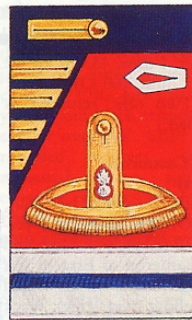
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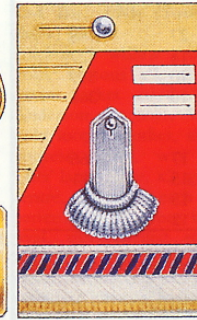
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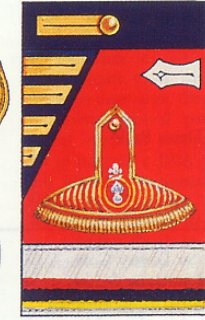
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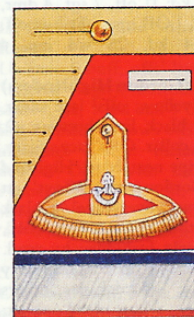
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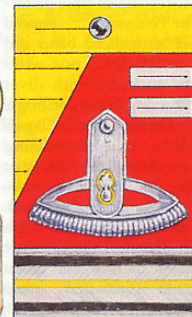
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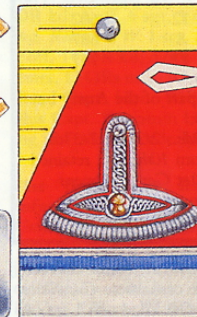
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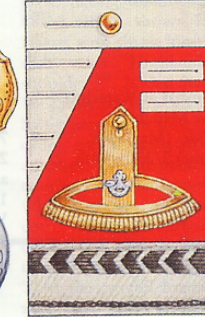
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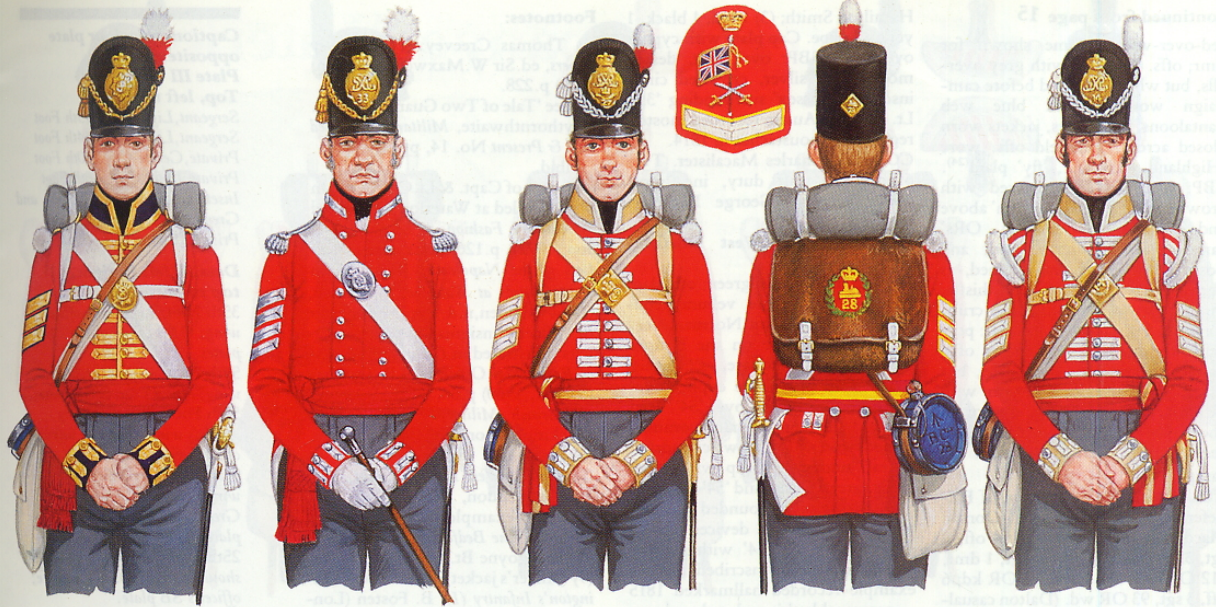


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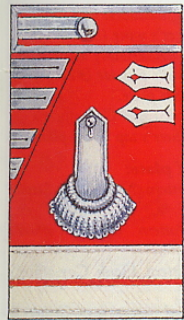
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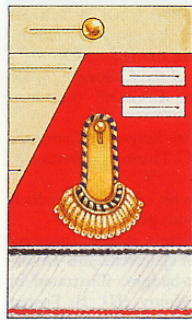
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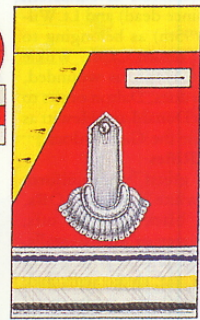
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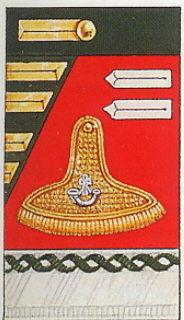
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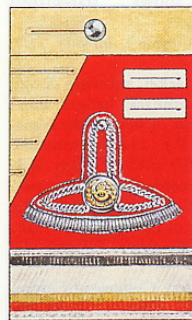
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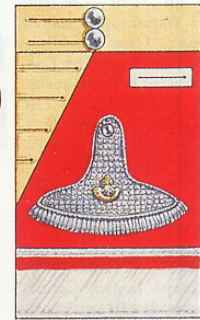
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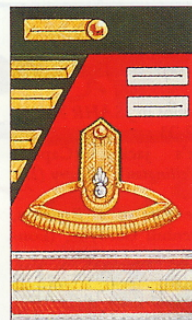
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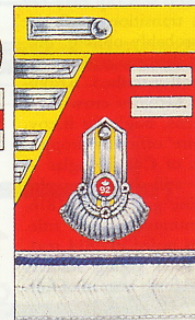
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73rd Foot



79th H'drs.



92nd H'drs.



95th Rifles

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red-over-white plume shown for dmr; offs. recorded with grey overalls, but when inspected before campaign wore unlaced blue web pantaloons, half-boots, jackets worn closed across, and field offs. wore 'Highland scarf', i.e. 'fly' plaid⁽²⁴⁾. SBP: oval, silver, engraved with crowned thistle with 'Gordon' above and 'Highlanders' below; ORs' same, brass, design incised, and possibly earlier pattern retained, as above but with '92' below thistle. Fischer shows sgt. with plain crimson sash, but probably in error: portrait of sgt. maj. c.1816 shows offs' pattern jacket with silver lace, but ordinary sgt's sash, crimson with facing-coloured stripe; sporran shown here, but as in other Highland regts. these were not worn on campaign.⁽²⁵⁾

CO: Lt.Col. John Cameron of Fassiefern (kd). SUO: Maj. Donald Macdonald. *Casualties*: QB: 4 off, 2 sgt, 33 OR kd; 21 off, 13 sgt, 1 dmr, 212 OR wd. W: 1 sgt, 13 OR kd; 6 off, 3 sgt, 93 OR wd. (Dalton casualties: 6 off kd., 21 wd.) Further example of misleading official figures: *Gazette* lists Cameron of Fassiefern as wounded (since dead) and Lt. William Lister (1/95th) as belonging to 92nd; does not return Capt. Wilkie and Ferrier, Lt. Hope, as wounded, though Dalton does; Dalton omits to list Ensigns McDonald and Hewitt as wounded, while the *Gazette* does.)

1st Bn., 95th Rifles

Uniform: dark green 'rifle' uniform with black F, white piping for ORs, silver buttons, black braid for offs; no lace. Dark green or grey overalls, black leather equipment; armed with Baker rifles. Lt. inf. shako with dark green cords and plume, white metal horn badge.

CO: Lt.Col. Sir Andrew F. Barnard (wd). SUO: Capt. Henry Lee, but command at Waterloo devolved upon his senior, Capt. Jonathan Leach, recorded as wounded by Dalton though not listed in the *Gazette*. *Casualties*: QB: 1 off, 2 sgt, 18 OR kd; 12 off, 13 sgt, 167 OR wd. W: 1 off, 4 sgt, 16 OR kd; 11 off, 7 sgt, 1 bugler, 116 OR wd. (Dalton off. casualties: 3 kd, 15 wd.) Three offs. on staff duty: one kd, one wd.)

2nd Bn., 95th Rifles

Uniform: as 1st Bn.

CO: Maj. Amos Norcott (wd). SUO: Capt. Joseph Logan. *Casualties*: 2 sgt, 1 bugler, 31 OR kd; 14 off, 6 sgt, 2 buglers, 171 OR wd.

3rd Bn., 95th Rifles (2 coys.)

Uniform: as 1st Bn. *Strength*: 188. Offs: 9. CO: Maj. John Ross (wd). SUO: Capt. William Eeles. *Casualties*: 3 OR kd; 4 off, 1 sgt, 1 bugler, 34 OR wd; 7 OR msg. Two offs. on staff duty: one kd.

Units not engaged at Waterloo but receiving the Waterloo Medal (stationed in vicinity of Hal):

2nd Bn., 35th (Sussex) Regt.

Uniform: F orange; offs' lace silver (perhaps with unusual lapel design, with extra lace); ORs' square, x2, design recorded as (1) yellow stripe (2) 1 red and 1 yellow stripe —

Hamilton Smith; (3) 1 red, 1 black, 1 yellow stripe. Cap plate with cypher over '35'. SBP: oval, gilt, design mounted in silver, crowned circle inscribed 'Sussex' surrounding '35'. Lt. Thomas Austin recorded most of regt. wore moustaches in 1814.

CO: Maj. Charles Macalister. Two officers on staff duty, inc. most senior, Lt.Col. George Berkeley; both wd.

1st Bn., 54th (West Norfolk) Regt.

Uniform: F popinjay green; offs' lace silver (3/8in. tissue vellum) confirmed by Col. John Norman: very narrow silver lace on the button-holes⁽²⁶⁾; ORs' square, x2, green stripe. Cap plate bore cypher over sphinx upon 'Egypt' over '54'. Portrait of Lt. Dixon Denham (commissioned Sept. 1813) shows cylindrical lt. inf. undress (?) cap with black cords, green plume and '54' on front. SBP: rectangular, rounded corners, silver, gilt mounted devices, crown over sphinx and '54' within laurel wreath, over scroll inscribed 'Egypt'; example recorded hallmarked 1815 — presumably this replaced oval version shown by Parkyn (crown over 'LIV'). Offs' overalls for dress had one-inch silver stripe.

CO: Lt.Col. John, Earl Waldegrave. Two offs. on staff duty: one kd.

2nd Bn., 59th (2nd Nottinghamshire) Regt.

Uniform: F white; offs' lace gold (but 'unlaced' regt.), buttons x1; ORs' bastion, x1, red and yellow stripes (one version Hamilton Smith, 2 blue or black stripes). Regt. pattern cap plate not known. SBP: probably oblong, gilt, bearing '59' within wreath; oval earlier pattern (example known hallmarked 1808-09) had '59' within crowned wreath, known both in silver, and silver with mounted gilt design. ORs' plate (perhaps of this date) rectangular, brass, with incised crown over '59', over '2d' over 'Nottingham'.

CO: Lt.Col. Henry Austen.

1st Bn., 91st Regt.

Uniform: F yellow; offs' lace silver — should have changed to gold 1803-04 but Hamilton Smith and 1814 *Army List* still show silver (but an 'unlaced' regt.); ORs' lace square, x2, black stripe and black dart (versions Hamilton Smith show 2 yellow stripes, or 2 broken black lines). Regt. pattern cap plate not known. Portrait of J.M. Sutherland wearing lt. coy. 'stovepipe' cap shows gilt thistle badge, but presumably pre-1812 — subject promoted major Sept. 1812 — and this cap may not have survived transition to Belgic shako. SBP: probably oblong, gilt, silver mounted devices: crown over 'XCI' over scroll inscribed 'Argyllshire'; grenade between crown and number for grens, bugle for lt. coy. Title 'Argyllshire' officially dropped 1809; but plate of Col. Douglas — died 1818 — still bears it, plus honour 'Toulouse' granted July 1816, confirming continuing use of title. Thomas Morris noted in 1814 regt. composed of such young soldiers that they carried fusils instead of full-size muskets.

CO: Lt.Col. Sir William Douglas. **M**

Footnotes:

- (1) Thomas Creevey: *The Creevey Papers*, ed. Sir W. Maxwell, (London, 1903) p.228.
- (2) See "Tale of Two Guardsmen" P.J. Haythornthwaite, *Military Illustrated Past & Present* No. 14, pp.28-30
- (3) *ibid.*
- (4) Jacket of Capt. & Lt. Col. William Miller (killed at Waterloo) illustrated in *Military Fashion*, J. Mollo (London, 1972). p.126; dress coat in *Soldiers of the Napoleonic Wars: British Foot Guards at Waterloo*, B. Fosten, (New Malden, n.d.) pp.32,34; plate of officers' insignia, including gorgets, illustrated in *Distinction of Rank of Regimental Officers*, N.P. Dawnay (SAHR, 1960) p.68.
- (5) *British Military Firearms*, H.L. Blackmore (London, 1961) p.120.
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- (11) *Narrative of the Campaigns of the 28th Regiment*, C. Cadell (London, 1835) p.280.
- (12) See *Military Insignia of Cornwall*, D.E. Ivall & C. Thomas, (Penzance, 1974) p.12.
- (13) *Not Stewart of Atholl*, which tartan is red with green lines.
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- (16) See *Wellington's Infantry (II)*, op. cit., p.4.
- (17) Officer's jacket, showing design of wing and turnback-badges, illustrated in *British Infantry of the Napoleonic Wars*, P.J. Haythornthwaite (London, 1987) p.85. Ensign William Leek records that at Waterloo Sir John Colborne wore the shoulder-cape of Leek's boat-cloak.
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Captions to colour plate opposite:

Plate III

Top, left to right:

Sergeant, Light Coy., 35th Foot
Sergeant, Light Coy., 44th Foot
Private, Centre Coy., 30th Foot
Private, Light Coy., 40th Foot
Inset: Light Coy. (top) and Grenadier Coy. wings Private, 95th Rifles

Details, left to right, top to bottom:

35th Foot: Light Coy. officer's wing; OR's cap & officer's SB plates.
54th Foot: Light Coy. OR's wing; officer's cap & SB plates.
59th Foot: Grenadier Coy. officer's wing; cap plate unknown; officer's SB plate.
91st Foot: Grenadier Coy. OR's wing; cap plate unknown; Grenadier Coy. officer's SB plate.
25th Foot: Centre Coy. OR's shoulder strap; OR's cap plate; officer's SB plate.
37th Foot: Centre Coy. officer's epaulette; officer's cap & OR's SB plates.
78th Highlanders: Light Coy. officer's wing (extant example not certainly dated 1806-15); officer's cockade & badge; officer's SB plate.
81st Foot: Light Coy. officer's wing; officer's cap & SB plates.

Foot of plate:

1802 Pattern New Land Service musket
1796 Pattern infantry officer's sword
1803 Pattern Flank Coy. officer's sabre
Pike head, sergeants, Centre & Grenadier Coys.
Universal pattern officer's gorget

(26) *Record of the 54th Regt.* (anon.: printed at Thomason Civil Engineering College Press; Roorkee, 1881) p.45.

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