

THE BRITISH ARMY 1775—1783

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Following peace in 1763, the Army was much reduced. The initial peace establishment was set at 17,500 men (including 3,000 invalids) at home and 10,000 for the colonies; 4,000 for Minorca and Gibraltar, 1,800 artillery; and 12,000 men for the Irish establishment.¹ Altogether this force was just over 45,000 men—only 3,000 larger than the pre-Seven Years war total—despite the additional territory gained in that conflict.² In 1769 the Irish establishment was raised to just over 15,000 men. Trouble with the Spaniards in 1770 led to an addition of 15,000 men to the Army, but it seems that poor recruiting left the total below that.

In 1775 the total British establishment was just over 45,000 men, organized and deployed as follows:

	Infantry		Cavalry		Other
England ³	11,870 men	20 regiments 17 companies	4,151 men	16 regiments	2,484 artillery ⁴
Ireland	9,815 men	21 regiments	2,718 men	12 regiments	228 artillery
Isle of Man	142 men	3 companies			
Minorca	2,385 men	5 regiments			
Gibraltar	3,339 men	7 regiments			
West Indies	1,909 men	3 regiments			
America	8,580 men	18 regiments			
Africa	214 men	1 “corps”			
	38,254 men		6,869 men		2,712 men

This gave a theoretical strength of 45,123 men exclusive of artillery. The Militia had apparently decayed a good deal since their reorganization in 1756 and embodiment during the Seven Years War.

Since this force was clearly inadequate for prosecution of war in the Americas, the English looked to their traditional source of additional troops: small German states. The King of England, as Elector (Kurfürst) of Hanover, moved four battalions from that army to relieve an equal number of British battalions at Gibraltar and Majorca. Treaties with German states (mainly Hesse-Kassel and Brunswick) were negotiated for 18,000 men. Finally, the Army’s establishment was increased to 55,000 men.

This appears the only increase prior to the spring of 1778. At that time, some 15,000 men in new regiments were raised by private subscription to augment the British Army. Some were raised by towns, others by nobles, providing 12 new regiments for the Army. Presumably the establishments were raised to provide for the ongoing payment of these troops.

In Nov 1778 the establishment was set at 121,000 men, of whom 24,000 were foreigners, along with 40,000 embodied militia. This was raised the next year to 104,000 men on the British establishment, 23,000 on the Irish establishment, 25,000 foreigners (the “Hessians”), and 42,000 embodied militia, for a total force of about 194,000 men.

¹ Regiments in Ireland had generally lower rates of pay, and were not considered the same “threat” to the liberties of Englishmen as the regiments in England. To fit within the 12,000 man ceiling, they could be at lower strength than regiments in England.

² Minorca and Gibraltar were traditional garrisons. The West Indies included Bermuda, the Bahamas, St. Vincent, Dominica, Tobago, Grenada and the Grenadines, and Jamaica. In North America, there were troops at New York, Halifax, Quebec, Mobile and Pensacola, as well as in the chain of posts from the St. Lawrence to the lower Mississippi. Just from Canada to Pennsylvania, there were some 13 posts, generally small.

³ That is, the English establishment (there was no separate Scottish establishment). All but one infantry regiment were in England proper. One infantry regiment and all of the independent companies (England and Isle of Man) were invalids, thus subtracting 1,500 men from the total theoretically available for field duty. These figures represent establishments, so actual strength was probably lower.

⁴ This is the strength of the Royal Artillery, virtually all of which was on the English establishment; perhaps one quarter or more of the strength was overseas.

In 1780, total British troops (all establishments, and including embodied militia) were set at 182,000 men, along with 25,000 troops hired on the continent. Despite the increase in numbers, the only intended change to the force structure was raising 40 independent companies in Ireland (at the private cost of individuals), although a few new regiments were authorized in Mar 1781.

The various wars (except in India) ended with peace treaties in early 1783. Following normal practice, in Mar 1783 the Army began to disband all of the newly-raised regiments except those serving in India, some of which lasted into 1785 before disappearing. Three regiments of Highlanders would be added to the Army: 71st (wartime 73rd), 72nd (wartime 78th) and 73rd (wartime 2nd Bn/42nd) Foot, and one new light dragoon regiment was added as well. The new peace establishment was set at about 50,000 men—a little over the pre-war figure. The provincial regiments were all disbanded, although their personnel and families were offered free transport to Nova Scotia and then received land grants in Canada. The German mercenaries returned to the continent, and the Hanoverian battalions (serving at Gibraltar and Minorca, and two also serving in India) went back to their home stations.

*Cavalry*⁵

Household Cavalry

- 1st Troop of Horse Guards**
- 2nd Troop of Horse Guards**
- 1st Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards**
- 2nd Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards**

Royal Horse Guards Blue

Line Cavalry

- 1st (The King's) Dragoon Guards**
- 2nd (The Queen's) Dragoon Guards**
- 3rd (The Prince of Wales's) Dragoon Guards**

- 1st Horse**
- 2nd Horse**
- 3rd Horse (Carabiniers)**
- 4th Horse**

- 1st (Royal) Dragoons**
- 2nd (Royal North British) Dragoons**
- 3rd (King's Own) Dragoons**
- 4th Dragoons**
- 5th (or Royal Irish) Dragoons**
- 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons**
- 7th (The Queen's Own) Dragoons** [1783 (Light) Dragoons⁶]
- 8th Dragoons** [15 Dec 1775 (Light) Dragoons; 1777 retitled as 8th (The King's Royal Irish) (Light) Dragoons]
- 9th Dragoons** [1783 (Light) Dragoons]
- 10th Dragoons** [29 Sep 1783, 10th (Prince of Wales's Own) (Light) Dragoons]
- 11th Dragoons** [1783 (Light) Dragoons]
- 12th (The Prince of Wales's) (Light) Dragoons**
- 13th Dragoons** [1783 (Light) Dragoons]

⁵ For convenience, the words "Regiment of" have been omitted from all cavalry regiments; thus 1st (Royal) Dragoons instead of 1st (Royal) Regiment of Dragoons.

⁶ And subtitle altered to "(or Queen's Own)".

14th (Light) Dragoons

15th (The King's) (Light) Dragoons

16th (or The Queen's Own) (Light) Dragoons. Landed Jul 1776 at New York. Engaged at White Plains 28 Oct 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Personnel drafted out to 17th (Light) Dragoons Dec 1778 and officers returned to the British Isles.

17th (Light) Dragoons. Landed Jun 1775 at Boston. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Engaged at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and White Plains 28 Oct 1776, with a detachment at the capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. One dismounted troop participated in attack on Ft Clinton on the Hudson above New York 6 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. (One troop served in the south with the British Legion and was interned at Yorktown in 1781; otherwise the regiment was simply part of the New York garrison.) Left 1783 for the British Isles.

18th (Light) Dragoons

19th (Light) Dragoons. Raised 1779 from light troops of other regiments; disbanded 1783.

20th (Light) Dragoons. Raised 25 Feb 1779 from light troops attached to regiments of dragoon guards; disbanded 1783.

21st (Light) Dragoons. Raised 25 Apr 1779 from light troops of other regiments; disbanded 1 Jun 1783.

22nd (Light) Dragoons. Raised 18 Aug 1779; disbanded 1783.

23rd (Light) Dragoons. Raised 24 Sep 1781 for service in India and arrived there late in 1782. (Renumbered 1786 as 19th.)

Lister's Corps of Light Dragoons. Raised 10 Jul 1779 (for home service only?). Disbanded ca 1783.

*Infantry*⁷

Foot Guards

1st Foot Guards. [three battalions]

Coldstream Foot Guards. [two battalions]

3rd Foot Guards. [two battalions]

Wartime service. On 13 Feb 1776, a composite Guards battalion (eight companies) was formed by taking 15 men from each of the 64 companies of Foot Guards, and adding officers and NCOs from the three regiments. This landed at Sandy Hook, NJ on 12 Aug 1776. That month it was divided into two battalions, which always served together. Due to losses, the Foot Guards were reduced 16 Mar 1781 to a single battalion of four companies.

1st Guards Bn [Grenadier Coy (officers and men from all three regiments), 1st, 2nd and 3rd Coys (from 1st Foot Guards), 4th Coy (officers from 1st Foot Guards and men from all three regiments)]. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776, White Plains 28 Oct 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent to Cape Fear Nov 1780 to join Cornwallis. Served at Guilford Courthouse (15 Mar 1781).

2nd Guards Bn [Light Infantry Coy (officers and men from all three regiments), 5th and 6th Coys (from 3rd Foot Guards), 7th and 8th Coys (from Coldstream Foot Guards)]. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776, White Plains 28 Oct 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent to Cape Fear Nov 1780 to join Cornwallis. Served at Guilford Courthouse (15 Mar 1781).

Guards Bn. Formed in the south the day after Guilford Courthouse due to losses. Withdrew to Yorktown and interned following the end of the siege (28 Sep-19 Oct 1781).

⁷ As with the cavalry, "Regiment of" has been omitted from the titles.

Line Infantry⁸

1st (Royal) Foot.

1st Bn. Sent to Barbados Jan 1781 and then to St Kitts. Captured Jan 1782 at St Kitts.

2nd Bn.

2nd (The Queen's Royal) Foot. Moved from Gibraltar to the British Isles Jan 1775. Served as marines with the Home Fleet Jun 1782. Returned to Gibraltar Nov 1783.

3rd Foot, The Buffs. [1782: 3rd (the East Kent) Foot (The Buffs).] Landed Jun 1781 at Charleston. Involved in relief of Ninety-Six and then served at Eutaw Springs 8 Sep 1781. Left Charleston Dec 1782 for Jamaica.

4th (The King's Own) Foot. Landed Jun 1774 at Boston. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775 and remainder in rescue column under Lord Percy. Flank coys fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Participated in 25 Apr 1777 raid on Danbury, Connecticut. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778. Sent Jul 1779 to Barbados.

5th Foot. [1782: (the Northumberland).] Landed Jul 1774 at Boston. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775. Fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776, White Plains 28 Oct 1776 and Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778. Served as marines summer 1779.

6th Foot. [1782: (1st Warwickshire).] Served 1772 in suppressing insurrection in St. Vincent. Elements landed Oct 1776 at New York. Healthy personnel drafted out Dec 1776 and officers and cadre returned to the British Isles. (One detachment remained through 1777 with Ferguson's rifle corps, serving Sep 1777 at Brandywine.)

7th Foot (Royal Fusiliers). Stationed in Canada from Jul 1773. Most of regiment lost at St Johns and Chambly in 1775; remainder served at Quebec Sep-Nov 1775. Prisoners exchanged into British lines at New York Dec 1776 and regiment reformed. Served as rear guard for 6 Oct 1777 attacks on Fts Clinton and Washington on the Hudson above New York. Transferred to Philadelphia winter 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent on raids into Connecticut 1779. Sailed late Dec 1779 to Georgia for capture of Charleston, South Carolina, serving at Apr-May 1780 siege. Served at Cowpens 17 Jan 1781. Returned to New York Aug 1782. Returned to British Isles 1783.

8th (The King's) Foot. Stationed in Canada from 1768. In 1775 dispersed in the western forts: Niagara (four coys), Detroit (three coys), Michimackinac (two coys), and Oswego (one coy). Detachment with St Leger in 1777 campaign, including Aug 1777 siege of Ft Stanwix. (Remained in North America to 1785.)

9th Foot. [1782: (the East Norfolk).] Landed at Quebec May 1776. Served with 1777 Burgoyne expedition; engaged at Freeman's Farm 19 Sep 1777 and Bemis Heights 7 Oct 1777. Surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga and interned until returned to the British Isles in 1781.

⁸ On 31 Aug 1782, most English regiments were given a territorial designation, in parentheses following the number. These do not necessarily match the locations in 1881 when regiments dropped numbers for territorial titles. Two regiments nominally Lowland by designation received English county affiliations.

- 10th Foot.** [1782: (the North Lincolnshire).] Stationed in Canada from 1767. Moved to Boston ca. 1774. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775. Flank coys fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Sailed Dec 1776 for occupation of Rhode Island, returning later to New York. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778. Returned to the British Isles Dec 1778.
- 11th Foot.** [1782: (the North Devonshire).] Remained in the British Isles throughout this period.
- 12th Foot.** [1782: (the East Suffolk).] Part of Gibraltar garrison during Jun 1779-Feb 1783 siege.
- 13th Foot.** [1782: (1st Somersetshire).] Stationed on Minorca, returning to the British Isles Feb 1776. Sent to the Barbados Nov 1780 and returned to the British Isles in 1782.
- 14th Foot.** [1782: (Bedfordshire).] Stationed at Halifax from 1766. Moved to Boston the end of Sep 1768. Served 1772 in suppressing insurrection in St. Vincent and then returned to Boston. Served in operations in Virginia in 1775 (and then back to Boston?). Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Landed in New York 1776 but personnel drafted out Dec 1776 and officers returned to the British Isles.
- 15th Foot.** [1782: (the Yorkshire East Riding).] Landed at Cape Fear May 1776. Sailed Jul 1776 for New York. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Participated in 25 Apr 1777 raid on Danbury, Connecticut. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent to the relief of Newport Sep 1778. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778. Sent to St Kitts Jul 1779 and captured there Jan 1782.
- 16th Foot.** [1782: (Buckinghamshire).] Arrived at New York 1767 and then sent to various southern posts. Detachments at Savannah and Baton Rouge 1779. Seven coys were at Pensacola the end of 1778. Three companies were with Cornwallis in Virginia Dec 1780. Returned to the British Isles Mar 1782.
- 17th Foot.** [1782: (the Leicestershire).] Landed at Boston Dec 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Engaged at Princeton 3 Jan 1777. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent to the relief of Newport Sep 1778 and then returned to New York. Sent to Virginia Apr 1781 and interned following siege of Yorktown (28 Sep-19 Oct 1781). Exchanged and sent to Nova Scotia 1783.
- 18th (The Royal Irish) Foot.** Stationed at Philadelphia from Canada 1767. Moved to Boston Oct 1774. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775. Flank coys fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Left Nova Scotia for the British Isles Jul 1776.
- 19th Foot.** [1782: (the 1st Yorkshire North Riding).] Landed at Charleston Jun 1781 and sent to the relief of Ninety-Six. (Flank coys served at Eutaw Springs 8 Sep 1781.) Left Dec 1782 for St Croix and Antigua, and then to St Lucia.
- 20th Foot.** [1782: (the East Devonshire).] Landed at Quebec May 1776. Served with 1777 Burgoyne expedition; engaged at Freeman's Farm 19 Sep 1777 and Bemis Heights 7 Oct 1777. Surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga and interned until returned to the British Isles in 1781.
- 21st Foot (Royal North British Fusiliers).** Landed at Quebec May 1776. Served with 1777 Burgoyne expedition; engaged at Freeman's Farm 19 Sep 1777 and Bemis Heights 7 Oct 1777. Surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga and interned until returned to the British Isles in 1781.
- 22nd Foot.** [1782: (the Cheshire)]. Landed Jul 1775 at Boston. Flank coys fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Sailed Nov 1776 for occupation of Newport, Rhode Island. Returned to New York. Returned to the British Isles 1783.

- 23rd Foot (Royal Welsh Fusiliers).** Stationed at New York from Jun 1773. Moved to Boston ca. 1774. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775 and remainder in rescue column under Lord Percy. Flank coys fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Participated in 25 Apr 1777 raid on Danbury, Connecticut. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Served as marines with the fleet off Newport Jul-Sep 1778. Participated in raid on Danbury, Connecticut 1780. Sailed late Dec 1779 to Georgia for capture of Charleston, South Carolina, serving at Apr-May 1780 siege. Served at Camden 15-16 Aug 1780, Catawba River 1 Feb 1781, and Guilford Court House 15 Mar 1781. Withdrew to Yorktown and interned following end of siege (28 Sep-19 Oct 1781).
- 24th Foot.** [1782: (the 2nd Warwickshire).] Landed at Quebec May 1776. Served with 1777 Burgoyne expedition; engaged at Freeman's Farm 19 Sep 1777 and Bemis Heights 7 Oct 1777. Surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga and interned until the end of the war.
- 25th (Edinburgh) Foot.** Retitled 1782 as (Sussex). Sent from England for relief of Gibraltar Oct 1782.
- 26th Foot.** Stationed in New Jersey from 1767, moving to Canada Apr 1775. (Companies initially scattered at Montreal, Trois Rivieres, Chambly, St Johns, Ticonderoga and Crown Point.) Largely captured in the fall of t Johns and exchanged at New York Dec 1776. Participated in attack on Ft Clinton on the Hudson above New York 6 Oct 1777. Sent to Philadelphia later 1777, and returned with the army to New York 1778. Returned to British Isles Dec 1779.
- 27th (Inniskilling) Foot.** Landed Oct 1775 at Boston. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776, White Plains 28 Oct 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Participated in 25 Apr 1777 raid on Danbury, Connecticut. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Returned to New York later 1777. Sent on raid to Danbury, Connecticut. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778.
- 28th Foot.** [1782: (the North Gloucestershire).] Landed May 1776 at Cape Fear. Sailed Jul 1776 for New York. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776, White Plains 28 Oct 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778. Moved Jul 1779 to St Kitts and captured there Jan 1782.
- 29th Foot.** [1782: (the Worcestershire).] Moved from Halifax to Boston the end of Sep 1768. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. (Flank companies served with Burgoyne's 1777 expedition and surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga.) The regiment remained in Canada to 1787.
- 30th Foot.** [1782: (the Cambridgeshire).] Landed Jun 1781 at Charleston. Served in relief of Ninety-Six, and flank coys were at Eutaw Springs 8 Sep 1781. Left Dec 1782 for Antigua and St Croix, and then on St Lucia. .
- 31st Foot.** [1782: (the Huntingdonshire).] Served 1772 in suppressing insurrection in St. Vincent, remaining in the West Indies. Landed at Quebec May 1776, becoming garrison of the city. (Flank coys served with Burgoyne's 1777 expedition and surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga.) Remained in North America to 1787.
- 32nd Foot.** [1782: (the Cornwall).] Remained in the British Isles until sent to Gibraltar in 1783.
- 33rd Foot.** [1782: (the 1st Yorkshire West Riding).] Landed May 1776 at Cape Fear. Sailed Jul 1776 for New York. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent to relief of Newport Sep 1778 then returned to New York. Sent to Sailed late Dec 1779 to Georgia for capture of Charleston, South Carolina, serving at Apr-May 1780 siege. Served at Camden 15-16 Aug 1780 and Guilford Court House 15 Mar 1781, along with other small engagements. Interned following siege of Yorktown 28 Sep-19 Oct 1781. Released Sep 1783 and sent to Halifax, joining detachment of regiment that moved there from Charleston in Nov 1782.

- 34th Foot.** [1782: (the Cumberland).] Landed May 1776 at Quebec. Detachment with St Leger in 1777 campaign. (Flank coys served with Burgoyne's 1777 expedition and surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga.) Remained to Canada to 1786.
- 35th Foot.**⁹ [1782: (the Dorsetshire).] Landed Jun 1775 at Boston. Flank coys fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and White Plains 28 Oct 1776. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778.
- 36th Foot.** [1782: (the Herefordshire).] Sent to Madras Mar 1782, arriving in India Jul 1782.
- 37th Foot.** [1782: (the North Hampshire).] Landed May 1776 at Cape Fear. Sailed Jul 1776 for New York. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Sailed Dec 1776 for occupation of Rhode Island. (Later returned to New York?) Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent to relief of Newport Sep 1778 and then returned to New York. Moved to Nova Scotia Sep 1779 (some companies to East Florida.)
- 38th Foot.** [1782: (the 1st Staffordshire).] Landed Jul 1774 at Boston. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775. Fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Sailed Dec 1776 for occupation of Rhode Island. Returned to New York after Sep 1778. Departed New York 1783 for Nova Scotia and then England.
- 39th Foot.** [1782: (East Middlesex)] Part of Gibraltar garrison (under siege Jun 1779-Feb 1783).
- 40th Foot.** [1782: (the 2nd Somersetshire).] Landed Jun 1775 at Boston. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Engaged at Princeton 3 Jan 1777. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778. Served as marines Jun 1779. Split in 1779, with six coys to Antigua that Jul and the remainder to Barbados. Returned to New York Aug 1781. Returned to the British Isles 1783.
- 41st Foot, or Invalids.** Redesignated Aug 1782 as 41st (Royal Invalids) Foot. Remained in the British Isles.
- 42nd (the Royal Highland) Foot.** Landed at New York Jul 1776. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777, Paoli 20 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent to relief of Newport Sep 1778 and then to East Florida Nov 1778. Sailed late Dec 1779 to Georgia for capture of Charleston, South Carolina, serving at Apr-May 1780 siege. On 1780 raid on Portsmouth, Virginia, before returning to New York. Departed New York Sep 1783 for Halifax (remained in Canada to 1787).
- 2nd Bn.** Raised 21 Mar 1780 at Perth. Sent to Bombay May 1781. Served at Hyderghur (26-27 Jan 1783) and Mangalore (May 1783-Jan 1784). Retained on the establishment 18 Apr 1786 as 73rd (Highland) Foot.
- 43rd Foot.** [1782: (Monmouthshire).] Landed at Boston Jun 1774. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775. Fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Sailed Dec 1776 for occupation of Rhode Island. Returned to New York ca 1778. Sent to Virginia Apr 1781 and interned following siege at Yorktown 28 Sep-19 Oct 1781.
- 44th Foot.** [1782: (the East Essex).] Landed at Boston Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Participated in 25 Apr 1777 raid on Danbury, Connecticut. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777, Paoli 20 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent to relief of Newport Sep 1778. Moved to Canada Sep 1779—arrived Jun 1780 following storms at sea (remained in Canada until 1786).

⁹ Regiment carried additional title from 1774 as "The Prince of Orange's own Regiment".

- 45th Foot.** [1782: (the Nottinghamshire).] Landed at Boston Jul 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Personnel drafted out Dec 1778 and cadre returned to the British Isles.
- 46th Foot.** [1782: (the South Devonshire).] Landed May 1776 at Cape Fear. Sailed Jul 1776 for New York. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting 28 Jun 1778 at Monmouth. Sent to relief of Newport Sep 1778. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778. (Served as marines en route and into the summer of 1779.)
- 47th Foot.** [1782: (the Lancashire).] Stationed in New Jersey from 1773. Moved to Boston Oct 1774. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775 and remainder in rescue column under Lord Percy. Fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Sent May 1776 to Quebec. Served with 1777 Burgoyne expedition. Engaged (six coys) at Freeman's Farm 19 Sep 1777 and Bemis Heights 7 Oct 1777. Surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga and interned until returned to the British Isles in 1781.
- 48th Foot.** [1782: (the Northamptonshire).] Stationed in the West Indies until returned to the British Isles 1781.
- 49th Foot.** [1782: (Hertfordshire).] Landed Jun 1775 at Boston. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and White Plains 28 Oct 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778.
- 50th Foot.** [1782: (the West Kent).] Served 1772 in suppressing insurrection in St. Vincent. Arrived piecemeal at New York Jul 1776 and used to bring other regiments up to strength; staff returned to England Aug 1776. Regiment reformed as served as marines Jul 1778, afterward remaining in the British Isles.
- 51st Foot.** [1782: (2nd Yorkshire West Riding).] Part of the Minorca garrison, surrendering Feb 1782 and returned to England May 1782.
- 52nd Foot.** [1782: (Oxfordshire).] Landed Oct 1774 at Boston. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775. Fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 16 Nov 1776. Sailed Dec 1776 for occupation of Rhode Island. (Late returned to New York.) Participated in attack on Ft Montgomery on the Hudson above New York 6 Oct 1777. Returned to the British Isles Aug 1778.
- 53rd Foot.** [1782: (the Shropshire).] Landed May 1776 at Quebec. Served with 1777 Burgoyne expedition but remained on line of communications and did not continue to Saratoga. (Flank coy continued on with expedition and surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga.) (Remained in Canada to 1787.)
- 54th Foot.** [1782: (the West Norfolk).] Landed May 1776 at Cape Fear. Sailed Jul 1776 for New York. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Sailed Dec 1776 for occupation of Rhode Island. Returned to New York Jun 1779 and served on raids into Connecticut 1779. Departed New York Sep 1782 for Halifax.
- 55th Foot.** [1782: (the Westmoreland).] Landed Dec 1775 at Boston. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Engaged at Princeton 3 Jan 1777. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777 and Germantown 4 Oct 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778. Left Nov 1778 for the West Indies and participated in capture of St Lucia Dec 1778. Moved Jul 1779 to St Kitts where captured Jan 1782.
- 56th Foot.** [1782: (the West Essex).] Part of the Gibraltar garrison (under siege Jun 1779-Feb 1783).
- 57th Foot.** [1782: (the West Middlesex).] Landed May 1776 at Cape Fear. Sailed Jul 1776 for New York. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Participated in attack on Ft Montgomery on the Hudson above New York 6 Oct 1777. Departed New York Sep 1783 for Halifax.
- 58th Foot.** [1782: (the Rutlandshire).] Part of the Gibraltar garrison (under siege Jun 1779-Feb 1783).
- 59th Foot.** [1782: (2nd Nottinghamshire).] Stationed at Halifax from 1765. Moved to Boston Aug 1774. Flank coys served in expedition to Lexington and Concord 19 Apr 1775. Flank coys fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Returned to British Isles Dec 1775. Sent to the relief of Gibraltar Oct 1782.

- 60th (Royal American) Foot.**¹⁰ Exact details of service by battalion are scanty, but elements of the 60th served in Georgia and South Carolina 1779, Antigua the same year, St Vincent Jun 1779 (the 400 men there surrendered), Baton Rouge, Mobile, Pensacola, Honduras and Nicaragua. Remainder of regiment moved to St. Augustine, Florida Nov 1782 and then to New York. May have paused in Nova Scotia 1783, when men transferred out to other regiments and officers returned to the British Isles.
- 1st Bn.** In Jamaica from 1767. Served in Nicaragua 1780.
 - 2nd Bn.** Served (six coys) 1772-73 in suppressing insurrection in St. Vincent. Also on Antigua from 1772. Elements at siege of Savannah 16 Sep-9 Oct 1779. In Barbados 1781.
 - 3rd Bn.** Reformed 1775 in Hanover and British Isles. Elements at Pensacola by the end of 1778. Pensacola Mar 1781-May 1782. Disbanded 1783.
 - 4th Bn.** Reformed 1775 in Hanover and British Isles. Elements at Pensacola by the end of 1778. Disbanded 1783.
- 61st Foot.** [1782: (South Gloucestershire).] Part of Minorca garrison, which surrendered Feb 1782. Returned to England May 1782.
- 62nd Foot.** [1782: (the Wiltshire).] Landed May 1776 at Quebec. Served with 1777 Burgoyne expedition; engaged at Freeman's Farm 19 Sep 1777 and Bemis Heights 7 Oct 1777. Surrendered 17 Oct 1777 at Saratoga and interned until returned to the British Isles in 1781.
- 63rd Foot.** [1782: (the West Suffolk).] Landed Jun 1775 at Boston. Flank coys fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Sailed Dec 1776 for occupation of Rhode Island. Returned to New York May 1777. Participated in attack on Ft Clinton on the Hudson above New York 6 Oct 1777. Sent as reinforcement to Philadelphia winter 1777, and then returned to New York with the army Jun-Jul 1778, fighting at Monmouth 28 Jun 1778. Sailed late Dec 1779 to Georgia for capture of Charleston, South Carolina, serving at Apr-May 1780 siege. Detachments served at Hobkirk's Hill 25 Apr 1781 and Eutaw Springs 8 Sep 1781. Left Charleston 1782 for the West Indies.
- 64th Foot.** [1782: (the 2nd Staffordshire).] Landed at Boston Jan 1769. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Moved Jul 1776 to Sandy Hook. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776. Participated in 25 Apr 1777 raid on Danbury, Connecticut. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777. Withdrew from Pennsylvania to New York Jun-Jul 1778, fighting at Monmouth 28 Jun 1778. Sent to relief of Newport Sep 1778 and then returned to New York. Sailed late Dec 1779 to Georgia for capture of Charleston, South Carolina, serving at Apr-May 1780 siege. Served at Eutaw Springs 8 Sep 1781. Left Charleston Oct 1782 for the West Indies.
- 65th Foot.** [1782: (the 2nd Yorkshire North Riding).] (Sent to Boston Jan-Jul 1769.) Stationed at Boston from Oct 1774. Flank coys fought at Bunker Hull 17 Jun 1775. Withdrawn Mar 1776 to Halifax. Detachment served as marines with fleet in relief of Gibraltar 1782.
- 66th Foot.** [1782: (the Berkshire)] Spent the entire period in the British Isles.
- 67th Foot.** [1782: (the South Hampshire).] Spent the entire period in the British Isles.
- 68th Foot.** [1782: (Durham).] Sent to the Channel Islands Jan 1783.
- 69th Foot.** [1782: (the South Lincolnshire).] Sent with Hood's fleet to Barbados Jan 1781 and New York Sep 1781, then back to West Indies Nov 1781. Sent to the relief of St Kitts Jan 1782 and captured.
- 70th (Glasgow Lowland) Foot.** Retitled 1782 as (Surry) [sic]. Landed Aug 1778 at Halifax. (Flank coys served in the South from 1780.) Departed from Canada 1782.
- 71st (Highland) Foot.** Raised 25 Oct 1775 for service in North America, and also known as Frasier's Highlanders.¹¹ Disbanded 1784.
- 1st Bn.** Raised 25 Oct 1775. Landed Jul 1776 at New York. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 28 Oct 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777. Returned to New York Dec 1777. Sent to Savannah Dec 1778. Successfully defended Savannah 16 Sep-9 Oct 1779. Sent to siege of Charleston 1780 and served at Camden 15-16 Aug 1780 and Cowpens 17 Jan 1781. Departed Charleston for Halifax Nov 1782.

¹⁰ Despite the title, the regiment in 1775 still consisted largely of foreign (i.e., non-British) Protestants, along with some personnel recruited in North America.

¹¹ The first two battalions totaled more than 2300 men when raised. Fortescue shows the regiment with three battalions in 1777, while Frederick only has lineages for two. Katcher indicates that the third battalion was raised May 1777 but shows little detail of its service.

- 2nd Bn.** Raised 25 Oct 1775. Landed Jul 1776 at New York. Served at Brooklyn 27 Aug 1776 and capture of Ft Washington 28 Oct 1776. Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777. Returned to New York Dec 1777. Sent to Savannah Dec 1778. Successfully defended Savannah 16 Sep-9 Oct 1779. Sent to siege of Charleston 1780 and served at Guilford Court House 15 Mar 1781. Interned following siege of Yorktown 28 Sep-19 Oct 1781. Apparently reformed and redesignated as a regiment 13 Feb 1782 as “second 71st Foot.” Disbanded 3 Oct 1783 at Stirling.
- 3rd Bn.** Raised May 1777(?). Landed at Head of Elk Aug 1777 for Philadelphia campaign. Served at Brandywine 11 Sep 1777. Returned to New York Dec 1777. Apparently disbanded in 1778.
- 72nd Foot (Royal Manchester Volunteers).** Raised 16 Dec 1777 for service at Gibraltar, and part of the garrison during the Jun 1779-Feb 1783 siege. Disbanded 9 Sep 1783.
- 73rd (Highland) Foot.** Raised 19 Dec 1777; also known as McLeod’s Highlanders. **1st Bn** arrived in India May 1779. Served at Porto Novo (1 Jul 1781), Pollilore (27 Aug 1781), Sholinghur (27 Sep 1781), Arnee (2 Jun 1782), Cuddalore (13 Jun 1783); also awarded battle honour for Carnatic. (Renumbered 71st Foot in 1786.)
- 2nd Bn/73rd Foot** raised 1778. Sent to Gibraltar and served in the siege (Jun 1779-Feb 1783). Disbanded 1783 (personnel to 1st Bn).
- 74th Foot (Argyllshire Highlanders).** Raised 25 Dec 1777 for service in North America. Landed Aug 1778 at New York and then moved to Halifax. Sent to Penobscot, Maine Jul 1779. Departed Canada 1783 and disbanded on return home.
- 75th Foot (Prince of Wales’s Regiment).** Raised 14 Jan 1778 in Wales, remaining there. Disbanded 1783.
- 76th (Highland) Foot.** Raised 15 Dec 1777 for service in North America; also known as MacDonald’s Highlanders. Sent to relief of Jersey Island, and then to New York (Aug 1779). Sent to Virginia Apr 1781 and interned following siege of Yorktown 28 Sep-19 Oct 1781. Returned to Scotland and disbanded 1784.
- 77th Foot (or Atholl Highlanders).** Raised 25 Dec 1777 for service in Ireland. Broken up Jun 1781 at Portsmouth following mutiny (was to be sent to America) but not officially disbanded until 1783.
- 78th (Highland) Foot.** Raised 29 Dec 1777 as Seaforth (Highland) Foot; numbered 18 Jul 1778 but also known under former title. Sent to Jersey Jan 1781 and then to India May 1781. Served at Arnee (2 Jun 1782), Cuddalore (13 Jun 1783); also awarded battle honour for Carnatic. (Renumbered 72nd Foot in 1786.)
- 79th Foot (Royal Liverpool Volunteers).** Raised 8 Jan 1778 for service afloat; also called “Liverpool Blues”. Sent to Jamaica Mar 1779 and detachments served as marines. Served in Honduras and Nicaragua 1780. Disbanded Feb 1784.
- 80th Foot (Royal Edinburgh Volunteers).** Raised 17 Jan 1778 for service in North America. Landed Aug 1779 at New York. Sent to Virginia Apr 1781 and interned following siege of Yorktown 28 Sep-19 Oct 1781. Disbanded 1783.
- 81st Foot.** Raised Mar 1777 in Scotland for service in Ireland; possibly known as Aberdeen Highlanders and not numbered until later. Disbanded 1783 at Edinburgh.
- 82nd Foot.** Raised 16 Dec 1777 for service in North America; also known as Duke of Hamilton’s Regiment. Landed Aug 1778 at Halifax. Sent to Penobscot, Maine Jul 1779. Sent to Cape Fear Nov 1780 to join Cornwallis. Moved to Wilmington, North Carolina in Apr 1781. (Light coy interned at Yorktown 19 Oct 1781.) Moved to Charleston and then to New York Apr 1782. Moved to Halifax Apr 1783 and disbanded there 1784.
- 83rd Foot (Royal Glasgow Volunteers).** Raised 16 Dec 1777. Sent to Jersey 1781. Sent to New York 1783 and then returned shortly thereafter. Disbanded 1783.
- 84th Foot (Royal Highland Emigrants).** Raised 12 Jun 1775 in Canada from men discharged from old Highland regiments, for service in North America. Taken onto the regular establishment and numbered Jan 1779. Disbanded 1784.
- 1st Bn.** Raised 12 Jun 1775 and concentrated in Quebec area, forming a major part of the defense there Sep-Nov 1775. It remained in Canada for the duration of the war. Disbanded 1784.
- 2nd Bn;** also called “Young Royal Highlanders”. Raised 12 Jun 1775 and concentrated in Halifax area. Sent to Charleston Apr 1781 and served at Eutaw Springs 8 Sep 1781. Moved to New York Apr 1782 and then to Canada. Disbanded 1784.

- 85th Foot (Westminster Volunteers).** Raised 1 Jul 1779 and sent to Jamaica Feb 1780.¹² Recalled after a short while; majority drafted to other regiments and others lost at sea. Remained on the rolls until officially disbanded in 1783.
- 86th Foot.** Raised 1 Jul 1779.¹³ Sent to the Leeward Islands Jan 1780. (Five coys lost at Tobago Jun 1781.) Returned to England 1783 and disbanded.
- 87th Foot.** Raised 10 Jul 1779. Sent to the Leeward Islands Jan 1780. Returned to England 1783. Disbanded 1784.
- 88th Foot.** Raised 23 Jul 1779. Sent to Jamaica Dec 1779. Returned to England 1781. Disbanded 1783.
- 89th Foot.** Raised 23 Jul 1779; possibly called “Worcestershire Volunteers”. Sent to the Leeward Islands Dec 1779. Returned to England 1783. Disbanded 1784.
- 90th Foot.** Raised 15 Oct 1779; possibly called “Yorkshire Volunteers”. Sent to the Leeward Islands Jan 1780. Returned to England 1783. Disbanded 1784.
- 91st Foot.** Raised 23 Jul 1779; possibly called “Shropshire Volunteers”. Sent to St Lucia and Barbados Jan 1780. Returned to England Jun 1781. Disbanded 1784.
- 92nd Foot.** Raised 10 Jul 1779. Sent to Jamaica Mar 1780. Returned to England and disbanded 1783.
- 93rd Foot.** Raised 23 Jul 1779. Sent to Jamaica Feb 1780. Returned to England 1783. Disbanded 1783-85 in Ireland.
- 94th Foot.** Raised 23 Jul 1779. Sent to Jamaica Feb 1780. Returned to England and disbanded 1783.
- 95th Foot.** Raised 23 Jul 1779. Served on Jersey Jan 1781. Disbanded 1784.
- 96th Foot.** Raised 10 Jul 1779; possibly called “British Musketeers”. Sent to the Channel Islands and disbanded there 1784.
- 97th Foot.** Raised 23 Jul 1779. Sent to the relief of Gibraltar Mar 1782. Returned to England 1783. Disbanded 1784.
- 98th Foot.** Raised 29 May 1780 for service in India. Sent there May 1781. Lost at Bednore 28 Apr 1783; interned to 1784 when returned to the British Isles and disbanded ca. 1785.
- 99th Foot (Jamaica Regiment).** Raised in Jamaica 2 Jun 1780. Disbanded there 1783 or 1784.
- 100th Foot.** Raised 1780. Sent to India May 1781. Lost at Bednore 28 Apr 1783; interned to 1784 when returned to the British Isles and disbanded ca. 1785.
- 101st Foot.** Raised 24 Sep 1781 for service in India. Sent there late 1782. Served at Cuddalore (13 Jun 1783) and Palghaicherry (13 Nov 1783). Returned to the British Isles and disbanded 1785.
- 102nd Foot.** Raised 24 Sep 1781 for service in India. Sent there late 1782. Lost at Bednore 28 Apr 1783; interned to 1784 when returned to the British Isles and disbanded ca. 1785.
- 103rd Foot (King’s Irish Infantry).** Raised 2 Nov 1781 and remained in Ireland. Disbanded 1784.
- 104th Foot.** Raised 24 Feb 1782. Remained in Ireland until disbanded 1784.
- 105th Foot.** Raised 1777 in Philadelphia as Volunteers of Ireland, from Irish-American Loyalists. Moved to New York with the army Jun-Jul 1778. Taken onto the American establishment as 2nd American Regiment 2 May 1779. Sent to Charleston 1780 and served at Camden 15-16 Aug 1780 and Hobkirk’s Hill 25 Apr 1781. Placed on the British establishment Apr 1782 as 105th Foot, and also known then as King’s Irish Regiment. Departed Charleston for the British Isles Apr 1783. Transferred to Irish establishment 1783. (Disbanded 1787.)
- Duke of Buccleugh’s Fencibles.**¹⁴ Raised Apr 1778 in Scotland. Disbanded ca 1783.
- Duke of Gordon’s Fencibles.** Raised Apr 1778 in Scotland. Disbanded ca 1783.
- Lord Frederick Campbell’s Fencibles.** Raised Apr 1778 in Scotland. Disbanded ca 1783.
- Colonel Wemyss’ Fencibles.** Raised Feb 1779 in Scotland.
- Sir T. Egerton’s Fencible Infantry.** Raised 10 Jul 1779. Disbanded ca 1783.
- Lord North’s Fencibles.** Raised 23 Jul 1779. Disbanded ca 1783.
- Lord Fauconberg’s Fencibles.** Raised 6 Aug 1779. Disbanded ca 1783.

¹² Taken from Katcher; Frederick gives a raising in 1777 which cannot be right given its number.

¹³ Frederick gives very different dates for raising the 86th to 97th Foot; I have followed Fortescue here.

¹⁴ Fencibles were regular regiments, but only obligated for service in the British Isles.

Artillery

Royal Artillery

In 1771, the Royal Artillery was organized into four battalions (eight companies each) along with two invalid companies each for garrison duties. Civilian wagons and horses were hired to pull the guns.

The 4th Battalion was stationed in America in 1775. Four companies of the 3rd Battalion were sent out and merged with them later. In addition, four companies of the 1st Battalion and the remaining four companies of the 3rd Battalion were also sent to America.

Companies seem generally not to have served as tactical units. Rather, they manned the larger guns (6 or 12pdrs and howitzers), or were detailed in small groups to man the battalion guns (two 1½ or 3pdrs with each infantry regiment).

Royal Irish Artillery. Created 1755, remained in Ireland. In Mar 1777 provided 70 men as drafts which left Apr 1777 for Canada and joined the Burgoyne expedition.

Royal Marines

Organized 1763 as 70 companies, grouped in the Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth Divisions. Companies were administrative units, providing personnel for service on ships or provisional battalions. This number may have been different in 1775, and probably changed during the war.

A special force was organized May 1775 to serve under Major Pitcairn in Boston. This totaled 717 officers and men, organized into two battalions (1st and 2nd) of eight companies each, along with a company each of grenadiers and light infantry. Ten companies were in Lord Percy's relief expedition 19 Apr 1775, and the two battalions fought at Bunker Hill 17 Jun 1775. Royal Marines continued some operations in North America following the evacuation of Boston in Mar 1776, but apparently no longer in battalion strength.

All Marines were recalled to the Home Fleet in 1778, although some served during the siege of Gibraltar.

Hon. East India Company

Each of the presidencies raised a regiment of Europeans. These sometimes served in detachments in addition to service as complete units.

Bengal (European) Regiment.¹⁵ Served at Oct 1778 Pondicherry siege and in the long campaign in the Bombay Presidency (Guzerat battle honour). Served at Tellicherry (Apr 1781-Feb 1782), Porto Novo (1 Jul 1781), Pollilore (27 Aug 1781), Sholinghur (27 Sep 1781), Arnee (2 Jun 1782), Panianee (27 Nov 1782), and Cuddalore (13 Jun 1783); also awarded battle honour for Carnatic.

Bombay (European) Regiment.¹⁶ Served in the long campaign in the Bombay Presidency (Guzerat battle honour). Served at Tellicherry (Apr 1781-Feb 1782), Panianee (27 Nov 1782) and Mangalore (May 1783-Jan 1784); also awarded battle honour for Carnatic.

[Madras] European Regiment.¹⁷ Served in the long campaign in the Bombay Presidency (Guzerat battle honour). Served at Porto Novo (1 Jul 1781), Pollilore (27 Aug 1781), Sholinghur (27 Sep 1781), Arnee (2 Jun 1782), and Cuddalore (13 Jun 1783).

In addition to its three European regiments, the Non. East India Company raised a number of regiments of native light cavalry and native infantry (Sepoy) battalions. Each of the three presidencies (Bengal, Bombay and Madras) had a separate army and its own numbering system.

¹⁵ Taken onto the British establishment 1862 as 101st Foot.

¹⁶ Taken onto the British establishment 1862 as 103rd Foot.

¹⁷ Officially titled, the European Regiment of the Madras Army. Taken onto the British establishment 1862 as 102nd Foot.

American Establishment

An American establishment was created in 1779. It appears that the numerical designations were more notional than actual in normal usage, as all of these regiments remained identified under their original designations. Note that both infantry and cavalry were numbered in the same sequence.

- 1st American Regiment. Raised in New York and western Connecticut by Robert Rogers. Taken onto the American establishment 2 May 1779 while at New York. Sent to Virginia 1781 and interned following surrender at Yorktown 19 Oct 1781. Apparently reformed in New York. Taken onto the British establishment 25 Dec 1782 but disbanded in Canada the next year.¹⁸
- 2nd American Regiment. *See* 105th Foot.
- 3rd American Regiment. Raised in Halifax Jan-Feb 1776 as the New York Volunteers. Placed on the American establishment 2 May 1779 while in East Florida. Served at Savannah (Sep 1779), Charlestown (Apr-May 1780), Camden (15-16 Aug 1780) and Hobkirk's Hill (25 Apr 1781) before returning to Savannah, and then in Aug 1782 to New York. Disbanded in Canada 1783.
- 4th American Regiment. Raised in New York Dec 1776 as the Associated Refugees, and then redesignated the King's American Regiment. Taken onto the American establishment 7 Mar 1781 while serving in the south. Taken onto the British establishment 25 Dec 1782 but disbanded in Canada the next year.
- 5th American Regiment. Raised in New York Jul 1778 as the British Legion. Taken onto the American establishment 7 Mar 1781 while serving in the south. Interned following surrender at Yorktown 19 Oct 1781. The unit was apparently reformed and placed on the British establishment 25 Dec 1782 but disbanded in Canada the next year.

Militia

The Militia remained an institution in England and Wales only, although there were a variety of volunteer companies formed in Scotland and (although illegal) among the Protestants in Ireland.¹⁹ Details of embodiment are incomplete as many records from this period are missing.

Royal Alderney Militia.

Anglesey Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778 to 1783?

Befordshire Militia. Embodied 1778-14 Mar 1783.

Royal Berkshire Militia. Embodied 1778-Mar 1783.

Brecknockshire Militia.

Buckinghamshire Militia. Embodied 1778-1783.

Cambridgeshire Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778 to 1783.

Cardiganshire Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783?

Carmarthenshire Militia.

Carnarvonshire Militia. Embodied 1778.

Cheshire Militia. (Redesignated 1778 as Royal Cheshire Militia.)

Cornwall Militia.

Cumberland Militia.

Denbighshire Militia.

Derbyshire Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783?

1st or East Devon Militia. Embodied 1778-1783.

2nd or South Devon Militia. Embodied 26 Mar 1778-3 Mar 1783.

Dorset Militia. Embodied 20 Apr 1778-1783.

Durham Militia. Embodied 1778-1783.

1st or West Essex Militia.

2nd or East Essex Militia.

¹⁸ The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment) of the Canadian Army claims descent from this unit.

¹⁹ There were some militia nominally in existence in Scotland, but they had not been reformed during the Seven Years War, and effectively date from the period from 1793 during the wars with France. Irish militia units also date from 1793 on.

Flintshire Militia.
 Glamorganshire Militia.
 North Gloucestershire Militia. Embodied Mar 1778-Mar 1782.
 South Gloucestershire Militia. Embodied 1778-1782.
 Guernsey Militia.
 North Regiment of Hampshire Militia. Embodied 1778-1783.
 South Regiment of Hampshire Militia. Embodied 1778-1783.
 Herefordshire Militia. Embodied Mar 1778-Mar 1783.
 Hertfordshire Militia. Embodied 1778-Oct 1783.
 Huntingdonshire Militia.
 East Kent Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783?
 West Kent Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783?
 Royal Militia of the Island of Jersey.²⁰
 Royal Lancashire Militia. Embodied Apr 1778-Mar 1783.
 Leicester Militia.
 Royal North Lincolnshire Militia. Embodied 1778-1783?
 Royal South Lincolnshire Militia.
 Train-bands of the City of London.
 Merionethshire Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783?
 Middlesex Militia. Elements reorganized 1778 at Hampstead as 1st (East) Middlesex Militia, which was embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783.
 West Middlesex Militia. Raised 1778 at Uxbridge (presumably from part of the original Middlesex Militia). Embodied 1778-1783?
 Monmouthshire Militia.
 Montgomeryshire Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783.
 1st or Western Regiment of Norfolk Militia. Embodied 1778-1783.
 2nd or Eastern Regiment of Norfolk Militia. Embodied Apr 1778-Mar 1783.
 Northampton Militia.
 Northumberland Militia. Embodied 13 Apr 1778-Dec 1782.
 Nottinghamshire Militia. Raised 14 Nov 1775. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783.
 Oxfordshire Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-Mar 1783. (Reorganized 31 Jul 1778.)
 Pembrokeshire Militia.
 Radnorshire Militia.
 Rutland Militia. Amalgamated 31 Mar 1778-1787.
 Shropshire Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-15 Mar 1783.
 1st Somersetshire Militia.
 2nd Somersetshire Militia.
 Stafford Militia. Raised 7 Feb 1777. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783.
 East Suffolk Militia.
 West Suffolk Militia. Embodied 1778-1783/
 1st Surrey Militia.
 2nd Surrey Militia.
 Sussex Militia. Embodied 31 Jun 1778-Mar 1783.
 1st Royal Tower Hamlets Militia.
 2nd Royal Tower Hamlets Militia.
 Warwick Militia.
 Westmoreland Militia.
 Wiltshire Militia.
 Worcestershire Militia. Embodied 31 Mar 1778-1783.
 East Riding of Yorkshire Militia.
 North York Militia. Formed 1778 by amalgamation of Richmondshire Bn of Militia and Cleveland and Bulwer Bn of Militia. Embodied 21 Apr 1778-12 Mar 1783.
 1st or Southern Yorkshire West Riding Militia. Embodied Mar 1778-Mar 1783.
 2nd or Northern Yorkshire West Riding Militia. Embodied Apr 1778-1783.

²⁰ Awarded the battle honour Jersey 1781 for the 6 Jan 1781 engagement there.

Honourable Artillery Company.²¹ Infantry reorganized Jan 1781 as a grenadier company, light infantry company, and four “hat divisions” (battalion companies): North West, North East, South West and South East. A Matross [artillery] Division was sanctioned 22 Nov 1781 with two companies.

BATTLE HONOURS

No battle honours were awarded for any actions in North America, although various regiments did make applications. However, some battle honours were awarded for battles in the war with France and Spain elsewhere, and in India.

War with France and Spain

St Lucia 1778 (13-18 Dec 1778)
Defence of Gibraltar 1779-1783 (Jun 1779-6 Feb 1783)²²
Jersey 1781 (6 Jan 1781)
The Saints (12 Apr 1782)²³

India

Guzerat (9 May 1778-17 May 1782)
Sholinghur (27 Sep 1781)
Mangalore (23 May 1783-30 Jan 1784)
Carnatic (1780—1784)

ORGANIZATION OF REGIMENTS

Cavalry Regiment. The effective strength of a regiment was about 231 men, organized into six troops. The 17th Light Dragoons was raised to 288 men before going to America. In theory a troop had about 46 personnel (including one musician).

Infantry Regiment. A regiment had 10 companies (grenadier, light infantry, and eight battalion companies). The theoretical strength was 737 men, but the actual (itself somewhat theoretical) strength was set at 477 men. A company had three officers, five NCOs, two drummers and 38 privates (48 personnel). The grenadier company added two fifers, although these were sometimes shown at regiment. For the theoretical (737 man) regiment, a company would have been three officers, six NCOs, two drummers and 62 privates (73 personnel).

In 1775, some regiments in America were authorized two additional companies for recruiting (one in England and one in Ireland) and a total strength of 811 men. A company in the field was authorized three officers, six NCOs, two drummers and 56 privates (67 personnel). In December 1778, fourteen regiments in America were authorized two more companies, and could add an NCO and 14 men to each company in the field (giving a company of 82 personnel). In 1781, these were again reduced to 12 companies and the 14 additional privates removed, giving a company of three officers, seven NCOs, two drummers, and 56 privates (68 personnel). Whether any regiment in the field actually had these strengths is unlikely.

In the north, grenadier and light infantry companies were invariably massed together in composite battalions instead of remaining with their regiments.

²¹ The HAC dates to 1537, and was intended as a training establishment for the trained-bands of the City of London (predecessors to the militia). This was officially a chartered organization and not part of the Militia. “Artillery” in the title used in the ancient sense of “armed men” rather than gunners.

²² Originally awarded as “Gibraltar” and later born as an embellishment (the Castle and Key, and the motto “Montis Insignia Calpe”) along with “Gibraltar” and the year dates “1779-1783”; the 71st Foot (then serving as the 73rd) were authorized the year dates “1780-1783.” Three Hanoverian battalions also served in the siege: Reden’s, La Motte’s and Hardenberg’s Regiments.

²³ Born as an embellishment (Naval Crown and date).

Artillery. The Royal Artillery was a single regiment, of four battalions, and the basic unit was a company. A company had six officers, eight NCOs, nine bombardiers, 18 gunners, 73 matrosses, and two drummers (116 personnel total). The matrosses were the basic privates, while gunners and bombardiers were more skilled enlisted personnel. Companies were generally more administrative than tactical units in the field.

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS OF BATTLE

New York Campaign summer 1776

With both his own troops from Halifax and Clinton's troops from the abortive operations in the south landed at Sandy Hook, General Howe organized his troops into brigades 1 Aug 1776.

1st Brigade: 4th, 15th, 27th, 45th Foot
2nd Brigade: 5th, 28th, 35th, 49th Foot
3rd Brigade: 10th, 37th, 38th, 52nd Foot
4th Brigade: 17th, 40th, 46th, 55th Foot
5th Brigade: 22nd, 43rd, 54th, 63rd Foot
6th Brigade: 23rd, 44th, 57th, 64th Foot
7th Brigade: 1st/71st, 2nd/71st Fraser's Highlanders
Reserve: 33rd and 42nd Foot and four battalions of grenadiers
Light troops: 16th and 17th Light Dragoons and three battalions of light infantry

There were also some Hessians (although the division under Knyphausen did not arrive until Oct 1776) and at least some New York Loyalist companies. The Guards arrived just after this organization was established, and were re-sorted as two battalions brigaded together.

The initial advance the end of Aug 1776 saw the British troops in two divisions, under Clinton and Lord Percy. Clinton had the 17th Light Dragoons, the light infantry and grenadier battalions, 1st Brigade, and the two battalions of Fraser's Highlanders. Lord Percy had the Guards, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Brigades. The remainder may have been under Howe's direct control.

On 1 Dec 1776 a number of battalions under Clinton were detached and sailed to Rhode Island, which they occupied. These were the regiments of the 3rd Brigade (10th, 37th, 38th, 52nd Foot) and 5th Brigade (22nd, 43rd, 54th, 63rd Foot), along with some or all of the light infantry and grenadiers, a detachment of the 17th Light Dragoons, and six Hessian battalions.

Philadelphia Campaign summer 1777

Howe's army was organized in four British brigades and other units. According to Fortescue, brigade assignments below are as of May 1777, with some corrections from subsequent returns. The organization at the battle of Brandywine (11 Sep 1777) was:²⁴

Knyphausen's Column

1st Brigade (Maj-Gen Vaughan): 4th, 5th, 23rd, 49th Foot
2nd Brigade (Maj-Gen Grant): 10th, 27th, 28th, 40th Foot
four Hessian battalions
71st Fraser's Highlanders (three battalions)
Queen's Rangers [Loyalist unit]
squadron 16th Light Dragoons
artillery (6 12pdrs, 4 howitzers, battalion guns)

²⁴ However, this does not account for the 42nd (Royal Highland) Foot at the battle. They were under Grey at Paoli on 20 Sep 1777.

Cornwallis' Column

3rd Brigade (Maj-Gen Grey): 15th, 33rd, 44th, 55th Foot
4th Brigade (Maj-Gen Agnew): 17th, 37th, 46th, 64th Foot
Guards (two battalions)
light infantry (two battalions)
grenadiers (two battalions)
two squadrons 16th Light Dragoons
three Hessian battalions
Hessian Jägers [horse and foot]
Artillery (4 12pdrs and battalion guns)

Maj-Gen Grey was detached with three battalions (2nd Bn Light Infantry, 42nd (Royal Highland) and 44th Foot) to attack American troops at Paoli, surprising them the night of 20 Sep 1777 in an attack using only bayonets.

Katcher gives a somewhat different brigade organization for the 1777 campaign:

Brigade under Brig-Gen Matthew (Guards, light infantry, grenadiers, Queen's Rangers)
1st Brigade (4th, 23rd, 278th and 49th Foot)
2nd Brigade (5th, 10th, 27th and 40th Foot)
3rd Brigade (15th, 17th, 42nd and 44th Foot)
4th Brigade (33rd, 37th, 46th and 64th Foot)
5th Brigade (Brig-Gen Leslie) (three battalions 71st Foot)
Reserve (16th Light Dragoons and Hessians: three grenadier battalions, Jäger, Hessian Reserve)
Hessian Brigade (Maj-Gen Stirn) with four regiments

In addition, there was the Rhode Island garrison (22nd, 43rd and 55th Foot and four Hessian battalions); the New York garrison (45th and 63rd Foot and six Hessian battalions), Amboy, New Jersey garrison (55th Foot and battalions from Anspach and Waldeck), and the Brunswick, New Jersey garrison (7th, 26th, 35th and 38th Foot).

Saratoga Campaign 1777

The initial arrangement of Burgoyne's force was as follows:

Advanced Corps (Brig-Gen Fraser)

Grenadiers and Light Infantry²⁵
24th Foot
corps of 50 rangers and two Canadian companies
4 6pdrs, 4 3pdrs, 2 mortars

Right Wing (Maj-Gen Phillips)

1st Brigade (Brig-Gen Powell): 9th, 47th, 53rd Foot
2nd Brigade (Brig-Gen Hamilton): 20th, 21st, 62nd Foot
4 6pdrs

Left Wing (Maj-Gen von Riedesel)

four Brunswick and one Hesse-Hanau regiments, in two brigades
4 6pdrs

Brunswick Reserve Corps

Brunswick Light Infantry Battalion and massed Brunswick grenadiers
dismounted Brunswick dragoon regiment
2 6pdrs, 2 3 pdrs

Artillery Park

4 6pdrs (normally traveled with the baggage and considered field artillery)
2 24pdrs, 4 12pdrs, 2 8" howitzers, 2 mortars

The artillery were manned by four British and one Brunswick companies.

²⁵ Burgoyne had the flank companies of the regiments with him (9th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 47th, 53rd and 62nd) as well as those from three regiments left in Canada (29th, 31st and 34th).

This organization does not necessarily represent the actual deployment at any of the engagements during the campaign.

October 1778 organization²⁶

New York garrison (17,452 effectives)
 16th and 17th Light Dragoons
 Guards (two battalions)
 Light Infantry (two battalions)
 Grenadiers (two battalions)
 7th, 17th, 23rd, 26th, 33rd, 37th, 42nd, 44th, 57th, 63rd and 64th Foot
 six provincial regiments/battalions
 Queen's Rangers
 13 Hessian regiments plus Jäger

Expedition for West Indies²⁷ (5,147 effectives)
 4th, 5th, 15th, 27th, 28th, 35th, 40th, 46th, 49th and 55th Foot

Embarked for East Florida (3,657 effectives)
 71st Foot
 five provincial regiments/battalions
 two Hessian regiments

Embarked for West Florida (1,102 effectives)
 two provincial regiments
 Waldeck regiment

Embarked for Halifax (646 effectives)
 one provincial regiment
 one Hessian regiment

Rhode Island garrison (5,740 effectives)
 22nd, 38th, 43rd and 54th Foot
 two provincial regiments
 four Hessian and two Anspach regiments

The Royal Artillery had 955 men at New York and 117 in Rhode Island. "Just under" 200 were with the West Indies expedition.²⁸

Strength of the Army and Other Forces

This table is taken from Katcher, based on returns from Lord North's records. However, it does not include troops on the Irish establishment (nominal strength of 12,000 until 1779 when authorized 23,000). It includes all troops on the English and related establishments, provincial troops, and German units in British pay. It might not include Hanoverian battalions in British service.

Date	Strength	(in North America)
April 1775	27,063	(6,991)
March 1776	45,130	(14,374)
August 1777	57,637	(23,694)
October 1778	112,239	(52,561)
July 1779	131,691	(47,624)
September 1780	147,152	(44,554)
September 1781	149,282	(47,301)
March 1782	150,310	(47,223)

²⁶ From Katcher. Some minor units omitted.

²⁷ Katcher shows this force, under Maj-Gen Grant, as the "expedition for Florida" but that appears to be an error, as these are the regiments in the West Indies Dec 1778.

²⁸ According to Fortescue; Katcher does not show any artillery.

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