

# **BRITISH REGIMENTS CONTACT PROJECT**

**Friends of Fort York**

2006

## Preface to this Report

The British Regiments Contact Project was initiated in 2005 by The Friends of Fort York with assistance from Dr. Douglas Dodds. It was intended to guide our efforts to find materials related to Fort York through inquiries directed at present-day British Regiments who are the successors to those serving at the Toronto Garrison from 1793 to 1870.

Substantial re-organization has taken place in the British military in the last quarter century. Proud units with long histories and rich traditions have been renamed and merged until it is difficult without a guide such as this to know who are their heirs. Patience and considerable research were needed to follow some forty or more lines of descent.

The Contact report complements another resource found on The Friends' website, Regiments and Corps at Fort York, a list compiled by David Spittal about 2000 based on earlier lists that originated as early as the 1970s, and were updated at intervals. Both his list and the report have their particular uses: the list for quick reference, the report for further in-depth research.

While The Friends have no present plans to revise or update the Contact report regularly, comments or corrections will be gratefully received by us at [info@fortyork.ca](mailto:info@fortyork.ca), and will be kept with the copy of the report in Fort York's Resource Centre.

Stephen Otto,  
Co-chair, The Friends of Fort York,  
29 April 2012.

## British Units: Introduction

A few observations on the regimental system of organisation in the British army, with particular reference to the line infantry regiments, may be useful by way of introduction. The modern British army traces its history to the restoration of the Stuart monarchy to the throne in 1660. At that time, aristocratic generals and colonels had a proprietary interest in their regiments, literally owning them and being responsible for their being equipped and clothed. Most regiments were referred to by the name of the Colonel or General that owned them. Several had honorific titles granted over time by the reigning monarch. In 1747, however, the practice of naming regiments after their commanders ceased. The existing regiments were numbered in order of seniority, and in 1782 most that did not already have a title were given a territorial or county name as well. While these titles provided a basis for esprit de corps within the unit, for roughly a century they had relatively little meaning as far as actual territorial identification or recruiting were concerned.

Most regiments had only a single battalion, although additional battalions were often raised in time of war or national emergency. The army also expanded and contracted to meet the changing demands of British foreign policy by adding and then disbanding complete new regiments. For example: in 1740 the army consisted of 43 line infantry regiments; by 1763 the demands of the Seven Years' War and colonial confrontations with the French and Spanish had raised that number to 124 line infantry regiments. With the war over, the army returned to an establishment of about 70 line infantry regiments. A similar expansion and contraction took place during the American War of Independence, when the infantry expanded to 124 regiments by 1784 then contracted after the war to 73, and particularly during the wars of the French Revolution and Napoleon, when it expanded to 135 regiments in 1796, contracted to 104 by 1810, and shrank to 93 after Waterloo. The demands of empire in the 19<sup>th</sup> century saw the army expand again, and when the British Army took over the regiments that had formerly served the Honourable East India Company in 1862, after the Indian Mutiny, the army included a total of 109 line infantry regiments.

The raising and disbanding of entire new regiments to meet the exigencies of war and threats of war was awkward and inefficient, and several schemes were tried during the 19<sup>th</sup> century to address this, including the addition of second battalions to the first 25 regiments. In 1873 the army began a comprehensive series of reforms that took eight years to implement, but which defined the organisation and character of the British army for the next 70 years. Those regiments that consisted of two battalions were left largely unchanged. Most of those that had only a single battalion were paired with another regiment of a single battalion to create new, two battalion regiments. Each regiment was linked to a permanent territorial depot. In theory, one of the pair of battalions would serve overseas while the other would remain at home to recruit and train, and send drafts to the

overseas battalion as required. Periodically, and again in theory, the two battalions would rotate home and overseas service. In establishing the depots an attempt was made to respect the hitherto almost meaningless but nevertheless tradition-honoured territorial titles that many regiments had received in 1782. It proved impossible to do this in all cases, however, and many regiments were located at depots distant from their historical affiliation. In the face of considerable resistance from the tradition-minded, the numbers by which the regiments had been known for 130 years were abandoned, and new regimental names were adopted, based either on territorial affiliation or old honorific titles. The old numbering, however, remained the basis for precedence among the new regiments.

The names and number of line infantry regiments in the British army underwent only a few changes over the 70 years following the 1873-1881 reforms, and although additional battalions were added in time of war and then disbanded upon the return of peace, the roll of regiments created by 1881 remained largely recognisable through the First and Second World Wars. The largest change came in 1922 when, with the independence of the new Republic of Ireland, five regiments with territorial affiliations in Ireland were disbanded.

This change was a foreshadowing of things to come. With the independence of India in 1947 and the withdrawal of Great Britain from other parts of its former empire, an army structured for the demands of empire was no longer required. In a series of reforms between 1948 and 1970 the infantry (and cavalry) regiments were amalgamated into a smaller and smaller number of units, some with several battalions. Some of the new regiments were amalgams of, and carried on the traditions of, up to six of the 1881 regiments. As in 1881 this administrative reform met with fierce opposition; two regiments chose to be disbanded rather than merge their identities into a new hybrid, and at least one regiment was saved from disbandment or dilution by a vigorous public outcry.

In 1991 the end of the Cold War provided an opportunity for further retrenchment and consolidation, which was again achieved by the amalgamation of regiments. By 1995, only eight of the ninety-seven cavalry and line infantry regiments in the 1881 Army List had emerged unscathed from four rounds of army reorganisations.

In 2004 the Minister of Defence announced further administrative reforms, to be completed by 2008, that rival the 1881 changes in their impact. In brief, the remaining line infantry regiments are to be consolidated into ten multi-battalion regiments, thus diluting further the lineage of each. (Of the ten, only one will not have at least one predecessor regiment that served at York / Toronto.)

Consolidated though they are, it is possible to trace the lineage of each of the modern regiments back directly to the 1881 regiments and their numbered predecessors. Beyond that, however, the quest becomes more nuanced. As

noted, new regiments were frequently raised in time of war or the threat of war, and then disbanded when no longer considered necessary. This could mean, for example, that over a period of, say, 60 years, there could be as many as six different regiments with the same number. Because the line of service between each of these has been broken, the more recent unit cannot automatically trace its lineage back to the earlier units, even though they share the same regimental number. After it is disbanded, a regiment ceases to exist. Only through special permission granted by the War Office can a regiment inherit the history, traditions, and honours of a previous regiment when there is no direct line of continuous service. Thus, to expand on the example given above, there were six regiments numbered 96 between 1760 and 1823, but the most recent of these (which became The King's Regiment and is now The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)), inherited only the history and battle honours of the fourth of these, which had that number between 1803 and 1816, and only received permission to do so in 1874.

## Notes

### 1.

As noted in the introductory comments, the British army is currently undergoing reorganisation as comprehensive as anything it has experienced in over 100 years. Regiments are being consolidated and new regiments created. Several regimental consolidations have taken place while the research for this project has been underway. Considerable effort has been made to provide details that are as up to date as possible, but it must be emphasised that things are still in transition. Efforts to identify specific individuals as a point of contact have demonstrated that such information is ephemeral at best and therefore potentially misleading and embarrassing. With respect to contact details for individual regiments, it appears that, although the newly consolidated regiments will have new regimental headquarters, the predecessor regiments will likely retain their old headquarters as battalion headquarters. In the words of the new commander of the Royal Regiment of Scotland:

In principle the new RHQ will deal with matters which pertain to the running of the new Regiment. The antecedent regiments will retain individual RHQs, although they will probably change their names to Home Headquarters. They will continue to deal with those matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments.

### 2.

Further to comments made in response to the first draft of this report, the list of regiments and corps at Fort York originally provided as the basis for this project has been cross-referenced with the details found in The Service of British Regiments in Canada and North America, compiled by Charles H. Stewart and published by the Department of National Defence in 1964. The purpose of this

effort was to help in confirming the completeness and accuracy of the list and the details contained therein. This research in Stewart has added a regiment to the list (the 34<sup>th</sup> Regiment, in 1838 and 1840-41), but suggests that at least three units on the original list may not have served at York or Toronto (the 97<sup>th</sup>, the 100<sup>th</sup>, and the Military Train). Stewart and other resources used in preparing this report also call into question the dates of service of other units. These discrepancies are discussed briefly where they occur. It would be useful to know from what resources the original list was compiled, so that as definitive a list as possible may be finalised.

## Royal Artillery

Service at York / Toronto: 1793(?); 1812-1815; 1832 – 1856(?); 1862 – 1865(?)  
[As noted with other regiments, many units passed through York during the War of 1812 on their way to the Niagara peninsula but did not stay at any great strength for any great period of time. This also seems true of the Royal Artillery, and may also explain the 1793 date as Stewart indicates an artillery presence in Niagara but no presence in York at this time. Stewart also indicates no Royal Artillery presence west of Kingston after 1815 until 1838. After this there are companies in garrison until 1843. Stewart does provide detail after 1861, but the presence of the Royal Artillery from 1862 to 1865 seems likely as part of the British response to the Trent Affair.]

Title at the time: Royal Regiment of Artillery

1899: Split into two branches: Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery; Royal Garrison Artillery

1924: Royal Regiment of Artillery (branches reunited under one name)

### HQ DRA

Artillery Centre

Larkhill

Salisbury

Wiltshire

SP4 8QT

Telephone: 01980 63 4204

Fax: 01980 84 5210

*Gunner* magazine is published monthly. Contact Gunner Publications at the above address. Email address is [gunner@hqdra.army.mod.uk](mailto:gunner@hqdra.army.mod.uk)

### Firepower

#### The Royal Artillery Museum

Royal Arsenal

Woolwich

London

SE18 6ST

Telephone: 020 8855 7755

Fax: 020 8855 7100

Enquiries are to be made by post. There may be a charge, although the website suggests that there will be no charge for researchers from "other museums".

## **Corps of Royal Engineers Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners**

Service at York / Toronto: 1793(?); 1813-1815; 1832 – 1839(?); 1861-1862(?)  
*[Prior to 1856 the Corps of Royal Engineers consisted only of officers; it is therefore possible to trace the service of individuals. Stewart provides no record of an Engineer officer at York or Toronto at any date, although as with other units it seems possible that one might have passed through Toronto, especially during the War of 1812.*

*The rank and file were gathered together as the Corps of Royal Military Artificers and Labour, which title was changed in 1813 to the Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners. Again, Stewart provides no evidence to support the 1793 date, nor any date between 1832 and 1839. Elements of the Royal Sappers and Miners appear to have arrived in Upper Canada in 1813 and were certainly there in 1814, but may not have stayed as late as 1815. As with the Royal Artillery, Stewart provides no support for the 1861 – 1862 dates, but an Engineer presence seems probable as part of the troop buildup consequent upon the Trent Affair.]*

1856: Corps of Royal Engineers (absorbed Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners)

### **HQ Corps of Royal Engineers**

Brompton Barracks

Chatham

Kent

ME4 4UG

Email: [info@reahq.org.uk](mailto:info@reahq.org.uk)

Web forum and message board:

<http://www.royalengineersforums.co.uk/forum/>

The Royal Engineers Association can be reached at the Corps HQ.

Sapper magazine: Email [SapperMag@royalengineers.com](mailto:SapperMag@royalengineers.com)

The Royal Engineers Library and the Royal Engineers Museum are located at the Corps HQ address.

Telephone: 1634 822839

The Museum and the Library have detailed rules with respect to research, and a schedule of charges applies. These details can be viewed on their website at [http://www.remuseum.org.uk/rem\\_research.htm](http://www.remuseum.org.uk/rem_research.htm)

## **13<sup>th</sup> Hussars**

Service at Toronto: 1866 – July 1869

*[A, B, C, D, and G troops occupied the New Fort and the buildings at the Crystal Palace. In October 1867 it helped to establish a Cavalry School to instruct the Canadian Mounted Volunteers.]*

Title at the time: 13<sup>th</sup> Hussars

1922: 13<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Hussars

1935: 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own)

1992: The Light Dragoons

### **RHQ The Light Dragoons**

Fenham Barracks

Barrack Road

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE2 4NP

Telephone: 0191 2611046

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ. It publishes a newsletter twice annually.

### **The 13<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Royal Hussars (QMO) and The Light Dragoons Museum**

Cannon Hall

Cawthorne

Barnsley

South Yorkshire

S75 4AT

Telephone: 01226 790270

# 19<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons

Service at York: 1813

*[As with other regiments during the War of 1812, it seems likely that this regiment passed through York but did not serve there for any significant period of time.]*

Title at the time: 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment of (Light) Dragoons

1816: 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment of (Light) Dragoons (Lancers)

1821: Disbanded

1874: History and battle honours inherited by new 19<sup>th</sup> Hussars (Raised 1858 under the control of the Honourable East India Company as the 1<sup>st</sup> Bengal European Light Cavalry. Transferred to the British Army in 1862 as the 19<sup>th</sup> Hussars.)

1902: 19th (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own) Hussars

1908: 19th (Queen Alexandra's Own Royal) Hussars

1921: 19th Royal Hussars (Queen Alexandra's Own)

1921: Disbanded

1922: One squadron reconstituted and amalgamated with 15<sup>th</sup> The King's Hussars to form 15<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Hussars

1932: 15<sup>th</sup> The King's Royal Hussars

1933: 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars

1992: The Light Dragoons

## **RHQ The Light Dragoons**

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Email: [mail@lightdragoons.org.uk](mailto:mail@lightdragoons.org.uk)

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

## **The Light Dragoons (15<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> King's Royal Hussars) Museum Collection**

Discovery Museum

Blandford Square

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Tyne & Wear

NE1 4JA

Telephone: 0191 232 6789

Fax: 0191 230 2614

*[This does not appear to be a very promising collection, but...]*

# 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot

Service at York and Toronto: July 1813 (detachment of 1<sup>st</sup> battalion); June – September 1843 (2<sup>nd</sup> battalion)

Title in 1813: 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot (Royal Scots)

1821: 1<sup>st</sup> or The Royal Regiment of Foot

1871: 1<sup>st</sup> or The Royal Scots Regiment

1881: The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment)

1921: The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

March 28, 2006: The Royal Scots Borderers, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ, and this is the appropriate point of contact for “matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments.”

## **RHQ The Royal Scots**

The Castle

Edinburgh

EHI 2YT

Scotland

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland is located at the same address.

The Regimental Association can also be reached at the RHQ address.

The Regimental Museum can be contacted at the same address. They are happy to receive historical and genealogical research enquiries, but issue the usual caveats about not holding personal service records of individuals. Enquiries should be addressed to Historical Enquiries at the RHQ address, and must be accompanied by a cheque in the amount of £15 payable to the Regimental Museum Fund.

*The Thistle* is published half-yearly in May and November as a regimental paper for all elements of the Royal Scots. All contributions and correspondence intended for insertion should reach the editor by 13th September for the November edition, and 13th March for the May edition. Correspondence should be addressed to the Editor, *The Thistle*, at the RHQ address.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at York: August 1814 (1<sup>st</sup> battalion)  
Title at the time: 6<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Warwickshire) Regiment of Foot.

1832: 6th (Royal 1st Warwickshire) Regiment of Foot  
1881: The Royal Warwickshire Regiment  
1963: The Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers  
1968: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

### **RHQ The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers**

HM Tower of London  
London  
EC3N 4AB  
Telephone: 020-7488-5609  
Fax: 020-7488-5627  
E-mail: [rhq@thefusiliers.org](mailto:rhq@thefusiliers.org)

There are seven local branches of the Regimental Association in Warwickshire. The Area Secretary for Warwickshire can be reached through the Regimental Museum.

### **The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Royal Warwickshire) Regimental Museum**

St. John's House  
Warwick  
CV34 4NF  
Telephone: 01926 491653  
Website: <http://www.warwickshirefusiliers.co.uk>

There is a Noticeboard on the regimental website and *Fusilier News* page on the regimental website: <http://www.army.mod.uk/fusiliers/index.html>

## **8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at York: 1812-1815 (1<sup>st</sup> battalion) [*The regiment was in Upper Canada throughout this time, but it should not be considered that it was at all times "in garrison" at York. Two companies were present to meet the American attack in April 1813.*]

Title at the time: 8<sup>th</sup> (The King's) Regiment of Foot

1881: The King's (Liverpool Regiment)

1921: The King's Regiment (Liverpool)

1958: The King's Regiment (Manchester and Liverpool)

1968: The King's Regiment

July 1, 2006: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ (now called a City Office), and this is the appropriate point of contact for "matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments."

### **City Office Liverpool**

New Zealand House

Water Street

Liverpool

L2 8TD

Telephone: 44 (0)151 236 6363

Fax: 44 (0)151 236 0439

Email: [rhq@kings.army.mod.uk](mailto:rhq@kings.army.mod.uk)

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the new Duke of Lancaster's Regiment is located at

Fulwood Barracks

Preston

PR2 8AA

Telephone: 01772 260426

Fax: 01772 260583

Email: [rhq.qlr@btconnect.com](mailto:rhq.qlr@btconnect.com)

Arrangements for the amalgamation of the Regimental Associations of the three predecessor regiments of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment are still being formulated, but the City office in Liverpool remains the point of contact for the Association of the former King's Regiment.

The King's Regiment Museum closed in June 2006 for major refurbishment, and is scheduled to reopen in the new Museum of Liverpool in 2010. Part of the regimental archive remains available in the Archive Section of the

**Merseyside Maritime Museum**

Albert Dock

Liverpool

L3 4AQ

Telephone: 151 478 4499

Enquiries can be submitted through

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/about/contact/maritimearchivesenquiry.aspx>

All the private soldiers in the Regiment's regular and TA battalions will be called Kingsman and not Private. The Regimental Journal of the Duke of Lancaster's regiment will be *The Kingsman*.

## **15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: 1834 – 1837

Title at the time: 15<sup>th</sup> (the Yorkshire East Riding) Regiment of Foot.

1881: The East Yorkshire Regiment

1935: The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own)

1958: The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire

June 6, 2006: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment (14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 33<sup>rd</sup>/76<sup>th</sup>)

### **RHQ The Yorkshire Regiment (14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 33<sup>rd</sup>/76<sup>th</sup>)**

3 Tower St

York

YO1 9SB

Telephone: 01904 461014

Fax: 01904 461021

Email: [rhgyorks@btconnect.com](mailto:rhgyorks@btconnect.com)

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

### **Museum of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Foot)**

3a Tower Street

York

YO1 9SB

Telephone: 01904 461010

# **16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: 1864 – 1870

Title at the time: 16<sup>th</sup> (the Bedfordshire) Regiment of Foot.

1881: The Bedfordshire Regiment

1919: The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment

1958: 3<sup>rd</sup> East Anglian Regiment (16<sup>th</sup>/44<sup>th</sup> Foot)

1964: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment (16<sup>th</sup>/44<sup>th</sup> Foot)

1968: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment

## **RHQ The Royal Anglian Regiment**

The Keep

Gibraltar Barracks

Out Risbygate

Bury St. Edmunds

Suffolk

IP33 3RN

Telephone: 01284 752394

Fax: 01284 752026

Email: [chief-clerk@anglian.army.mod.uk](mailto:chief-clerk@anglian.army.mod.uk)

Historical data dating back to the formation of the regiment is held at RHQ. It is available for serious historical research, and can be accessed by writing to the Regimental Secretary at RHQ.

## **HQ The Royal Anglian Regiment Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Association**

Blenheim House

Eagle Way

Warley

Brentwood

Essex

CM13 3BN

Telephone: 01277 213051

## **Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Regiment Museum Collection Luton Museum and Art Gallery**

Wardown Park

Luton

Bedfordshire

LU2 7HA

Telephone: 01582 546722

Fax: 0158 746763

Email: [archive@bedscc.gov.uk](mailto:archive@bedscc.gov.uk)

# 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

Service at Toronto: July 1866 – May 1868

Title at the time: 17<sup>th</sup> (the Leicestershire) Regiment of Foot

1881: The Leicestershire Regiment

1946: The Royal Leicestershire Regiment

1964: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment (Leicestershire)

1968: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment

## **RHQ The Royal Anglian Regiment**

The Keep

Gibraltar Barracks

Out Risbygate

Bury St. Edmunds

Suffolk

IP33 3RN

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Fax: 01284 752026

Email: [chief-clerk@anglian.army.mod.uk](mailto:chief-clerk@anglian.army.mod.uk)

The regimental newsletter *The Castle* is edited at the same address.

Historical data dating back to the formation of the regiment is held at RHQ. It is available for serious historical research, and can be accessed by writing to the Regimental Secretary at RHQ.

## **HQ The Royal Tigers' Association and the Royal Anglian Regiment Association (Leicestershire)**

TA Centre

Ulverscroft Road

Leicester

LE4 6BY

Telephone: 0116 262 2749

## **Royal Leicestershire Regiment Museum Collection Newark Houses Museum**

The Newarke

Leicester

Leicestershire

LE2 7BY

Telephone: 0116 225 4980

Fax: 0116 225 4982

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: 1852 – 1853 (Reserve battalion)

Title at the time: 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot (Royal Welsh Fusiliers)

1881: The Royal Welsh Fusiliers

1921: The Royal Welch Fusiliers (*ancient spelling of "Welch" officially restored, but regiment had always unofficially retained that style*)

March 1, 2006: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Welsh (Royal Welch Fusiliers)

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new The Royal Welsh Regiment, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ, and this is the appropriate point of contact for "matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments."

### **RHQ The Royal Welch Fusiliers**

Hightown Barracks

Wrexham

Clwyd

Wales

LL13 8RD

Telephone: 01978 264521

Email: [RHQRWF@AOL.com](mailto:RHQRWF@AOL.com)

For the sake of completeness, it should be noted that the RHQ of the newly amalgamated regiment, The Royal Welsh, is located at:

### **RHQ The Royal Welsh**

Maindy Barracks

Whitchurch Road

Cardiff

CF14 3YE

Telephone: 029 20 781202

Fax: 029 20 641281

Email: [rhq.royalwelsh@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:rhq.royalwelsh@ukonline.co.uk)

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

There are two Old Comrades websites dedicated to the Royal Welch Fusiliers that look promising:

<http://www.rwf-forum.co.uk>

<http://www.rwfnet.co.uk>

### **Royal Welch Fusiliers Regimental Museum**

The Castle

Caernarfon  
Gwynedd  
North Wales  
LL55 2AY  
Telephone: 01286 673362  
Fax: 01286 677042  
Email: [rwfusiliers@callnetuk.com](mailto:rwfusiliers@callnetuk.com)

## **24<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: 1837 – 1840

Title at the time: 24<sup>th</sup> (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Warwickshire) Regiment of Foot

1881: The South Wales Borderers

1969: The Royal Regiment of Wales (24<sup>th</sup>/41<sup>st</sup> Foot)

March 1, 2006: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Welsh (The Royal Regiment of Wales)

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new The Royal Welsh Regiment, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ, and this is the appropriate point of contact for “matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments.”

### **RHQ The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)**

Maindy Barracks

Whitchurch Road

Cardiff

CF14 3YE

Telephone: 029 20 781202

Fax: 029 20 641281

Email: [rhq@rrw.org.uk](mailto:rhq@rrw.org.uk)

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the newly amalgamated regiment, The Royal Welsh, is located at the same address with the same telephone and fax numbers, and the following email address: [rhq.royalwelsh@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:rhq.royalwelsh@ukonline.co.uk)

The Regimental Journal, *The Men of Harlech*, is published in May and November each year. The editor can be reached through regimental headquarters.

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

The Old Comrades website for the former Royal Regiment of Wales:

<http://www.rrw.org.uk>

### **South Wales Borderers Museum**

The Barracks

Brecon

Powys

LD3 7EB

Telephone: 01874 613310

Fax: 01874 613275

Email: [swb@rrw.org.uk](mailto:swb@rrw.org.uk)

## **29<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: May 1868 – June 1869

Title at the time: 29<sup>th</sup> (the Worcestershire) Regiment of Foot

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment

1970: The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot)

September 2007 (proposed): 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Mercian Regiment  
(Worcesters and Foresters)

### **RHQ The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot)**

Norton Barracks

Crookbarrow Road

Worcester

WR5 2PA

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Email: [rhq.wfr@lineone.net](mailto:rhq.wfr@lineone.net)

[rhq@wfr.army.mod.uk](mailto:rhq@wfr.army.mod.uk)

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

### **Worcestershire Regiment Museum Collection**

City Museum and Art Gallery

Foregate Street

Worcester

Worcestershire

Note that archive and library material are held at both the museum and RHQ. Enquiries are welcome, and are best directed using the “archive enquiry form” link on the museum website at [www.wfrmuseum.org.uk](http://www.wfrmuseum.org.uk)

## **30<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: July 1861 – September 1863

*[When the regiment arrived in 1861 three companies were housed in the Old Fort, three in the New Fort, and the remainder was encamped. In 1862 the regimental HQ moved in to the Parliament buildings.]*

Title at the time: 30<sup>th</sup> (the Cambridgeshire) Regiment of Foot

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment

1958: The Lancashire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Volunteers)

1970: The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

July 1, 2006: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)

The former RHQ of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment is now also the RHQ of the newly amalgamated Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

### **RHQ The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)**

Fulwood Barracks

Preston

Lancashire

PR2 8AA

Telephone: (01772) 260426 / 260362

Fax: (01772) 260583

Email: [rhq.qlr@btconnect.com](mailto:rhq.qlr@btconnect.com)

Arrangements for the amalgamation of the Regimental Associations of the three predecessor regiments of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment are still being formulated, but the RHQ in Preston remains the point of contact for the Association of the former Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

The Museum of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment is located at the RHQ.

## **32<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: 1838; 1840 – July 1841

Title at the time: 32<sup>nd</sup> (the Cornwall) Regiment of Foot

1858: 32nd (The Cornwall) Regiment Foot (Light Infantry)

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

1959: The Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry

1968: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Light Infantry

February 2007 (proposed): 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Rifles

### **RHQ The Light Infantry**

Peninsula Barracks

Romsey Road

Winchester

Hants

SO23 8TS

Regimental Secretary: [regsecrhqli@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:regsecrhqli@armymail.mod.uk)

Assistant Regimental Secretary: [asecrhqli@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:asecrhqli@armymail.mod.uk)

Telephone: 01962 828527

Fax: 01962 828534

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

The Regimental Museum of the regiment formed in 1968 is located at the same address as the RHQ, and displays the history of the regiment since amalgamation. Each of the counties of the predecessor Light Infantry regiments maintains a museum that houses the collections of those former regiments.

### **Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry Museum**

The Keep

Bodmin

Cornwall

PL31 1EG

Telephone: 01208 72810

Email: [dclimus@talk21.com](mailto:dclimus@talk21.com)

The journal of The Light Infantry, *The Silver Bugle*, is also published from the RHQ address. The journal is published twice annually, in June and December. Articles for potential publication should reach Regimental Headquarters by the 1st of April or 1st of October.

## **34<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: June 1838; 1840 – May 1841

Title at the time: 34<sup>th</sup> (the Cumberland) Regiment of Foot.

1881: The Border Regiment

1959 The King's Own Royal Border Regiment

July 1, 2006: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ (now called a County Office), and this is the appropriate point of contact for "matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments."

### **County Office Carlisle**

The Castle

Carlisle

Cumbria

CA3 8UR

Telephone: 01228 521275

Email: [admin-officer@kingsownborder.army.mod.uk](mailto:admin-officer@kingsownborder.army.mod.uk)

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the new Duke of Lancaster's Regiment is located at

Fulwood Barracks

Preston

PR2 8AA

Telephone: 01772 260426

Fax: 01772 260583

Email: [rhq.qlr@btconnect.com](mailto:rhq.qlr@btconnect.com)

Arrangements for the amalgamation of the Regimental Associations of the three predecessor regiments of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment are still being formulated, but the County Office in Carlisle remains the point of contact for the Association of the former King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

### **The Border Regiment & The King's Own Royal Border Regiment Museum**

Queen Mary's Tower

The Castle

Carlisle

Cumbria

CA3 8UR

Telephone: 01228 532774  
Fax: 01228 545435  
Email: [korbmuseum@aol.com](mailto:korbmuseum@aol.com)

## **37th Regiment of Foot**

Service at York: September 1816 – 1817 (two companies of the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion)  
Title at the time: 37<sup>th</sup> (the North Hampshire) Regiment of Foot (1<sup>st</sup> Battalion)

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment

1946: The Royal Hampshire Regiment

1992: The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal  
Hampshires)

### **RHQ The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)**

Howe Barracks

Canterbury

Kent

CT1 1JY

Telephone: 01227 818053

Fax: 01227 818057

Regimental message board: <http://www.123pwrr.co.uk/>

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

### **The Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum**

Serle's House

Southgate Street

Winchester

Hampshire

SO23 9EG

Telephone: 01962 863 658

Email (for research enquiries):

[enquiries@RoyalHampshireRegimentMuseum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@RoyalHampshireRegimentMuseum.co.uk)

### **Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment & Queen's Regiment Museum**

5 Keep Yard

Dover Castle

Dover

Kent

CT16 1HU

Telephone: 01304 240121

# 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot

Service at York: 1802 – 1812 (1<sup>st</sup> battalion)

*[In 1802 the regiment reported that only three companies were intact. The Colonel was at York, the Lt. Col. at Kingston, and one company at Fort George. The remainder was "in detachments." It appears that there was at least a small detachment at York throughout the period 1802 – 1812.]*

Title at the time: 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot

1831: 41st (the Welsh) Regiment of Foot

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Welsh Regiment

1921: The Welch Regiment

1969: The Royal Regiment of Wales (24<sup>th</sup>/41<sup>st</sup> Foot)

March 1, 2006: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Welsh (The Royal Regiment of Wales)

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Royal Welsh Regiment, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ, and this is the appropriate point of contact for "matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments."

## **RHQ The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)**

Maindy Barracks

Whitchurch Road

Cardiff

CF14 3YE

Telephone: 029 20 781202

Fax: 029 20 641281

Email: [rhq@rrw.org.uk](mailto:rhq@rrw.org.uk)

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the newly amalgamated regiment, The Royal Welsh, is located at the same address with the same telephone and fax numbers, and the following email address:

[rhq.royalwelsh@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:rhq.royalwelsh@ukonline.co.uk)

The Regimental Journal, *The Men of Harlech*, is published in May and November each year. The editor can be reached through regimental headquarters.

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

The Old Comrades website for the former Royal Regiment of Wales:

<http://www.rrw.org.uk>

## **Welch Regiment Museum**

Cardiff Castle

Cardiff  
CF10 2RB  
Telephone: 02920 229367  
Email: [welch@rrw.org.uk](mailto:welch@rrw.org.uk)

## **43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: 1842 [*The regiment passed briefly through Toronto from Amherstburg to Montreal.*]

Title at the time: 43<sup>rd</sup> (Monmouthshire) Regiment of Foot (Light Infantry)

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, the Oxfordshire Light Infantry

1908: The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

1958: 1<sup>st</sup> Green Jackets (43<sup>rd</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup>)

1966: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets (43<sup>rd</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup>)

1968: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets

February 2007 (proposed): 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Battalions, The Rifles

### **RHQ The Royal Green Jackets**

Peninsula Barracks

Romsey Road

Winchester

Hants

S023 8TS

Telephone: 01962 828524

Fax: 01962 828500

Email: [rhq@royalgreenjackets.co.uk](mailto:rhq@royalgreenjackets.co.uk)

There are many branches of the Regimental Association, including apparently one in Canada. Contact should be made through the Assistant Secretary, The Royal Green Jackets Association, at the RHQ address.

The regimental museum is located at the same address as the RHQ.

Telephone: 01962 828549

Email: [museum@royalgreenjackets.co.uk](mailto:museum@royalgreenjackets.co.uk)

## **47<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: April 1865 [*In the Parliament Buildings and the Old Fort. On its way to confront the Fenians in the Niagara Peninsula.*]

Title at the time: 47<sup>th</sup> (the Lancashire) Regiment of Foot

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

1921: The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)

1970: The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

2006: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)

The former RHQ of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment is now also the RHQ of the newly amalgamated Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

### **RHQ The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)**

Fulwood Barracks

Preston

Lancashire

PR2 8AA

Telephone: (01772) 260426 / 260362

Fax: (01772) 260583

Email: [rhq.qlr@btconnect.com](mailto:rhq.qlr@btconnect.com)

Arrangements for the amalgamation of the Regimental Associations of the three predecessor regiments of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment are still being formulated, but the RHQ in Preston remains the point of contact for the Association of the former Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

The Museum of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment is located at the RHQ.

Telephone: (01772) 260362

## **49th Regiment of Foot**

Service at York: July 1803 [*Appears to have been passing through on its way to Niagara from Kingston.*]

Title at the time: 49<sup>th</sup> (the Hertfordshire) Regiment of Foot

1816: 49th (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) (or the Hertfordshire) Regiment of Foot

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Berkshire Regiment)

1885: The Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment)

1921: The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's)

1959: The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire)

1994: The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment

2005: The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry

February 2007 (proposed): 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Rifles

### **RHQ The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry**

Custom House

Gloucester Docks

Gloucester

GL1 2HE

Telephone: 01452 522682

Email: [regimental-secretary@rgbw.army.mod.uk](mailto:regimental-secretary@rgbw.army.mod.uk)

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

### **The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment (Salisbury) Museum**

The Wardrobe (Archive Enquiries)

58 The Close

Salisbury

Wiltshire

SP1 2EX

The archives website (<http://www.thewardrobe.org.uk/archive.php3>) provides detailed instructions to those making enquiries. Only enquiries made by post will be entertained, and copies of documents will not normally be provided. As with many regimental museums, the museum trust is a charitable organisation. No charge is made for responding to enquiries, but it is respectfully suggested that at least the cost of return postage be remitted, and that donations to the trust in the suggested amount of £10 will be gratefully received.

## **60<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: 1868 – 1870 (three companies of the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion)  
Title at the time: 60<sup>th</sup> (The King's Royal Rifle Corps) Regiment of Foot

1881: The King's Royal Rifle Corps

1958: 2nd Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifle Corps

1966: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifle Corps

1968: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets

February 2007 (proposed): 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Battalions, The Rifles

### **RHQ The Royal Green Jackets**

Peninsula Barracks

Romsey Road

Winchester

Hants

S023 8TS

Telephone: 01962 828524

Fax: 01962 828500

Email: [rhq@royalgreenjackets.co.uk](mailto:rhq@royalgreenjackets.co.uk)

There are many branches of the regimental association, including apparently one in Canada. Contact should be made through the Assistant Secretary, The Royal Green Jackets Association, at the RHQ address.

The regimental museum is located at the same address as the RHQ.

Telephone: 01962 828549

Email: [museum@royalgreenjackets.co.uk](mailto:museum@royalgreenjackets.co.uk)

# 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

Service at York: 1833 – 1834  
Title at the time: 66<sup>th</sup> (the Berkshire) Regiment of Foot

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Berkshire Regiment)  
1885: The Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment)  
1921: The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's)  
1959: The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire)  
1994: The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment  
2005: The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry  
February 2007 (proposed): 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Rifles

## **RHQ The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry**

Custom House  
Gloucester Docks  
Gloucester  
GL1 2HE  
Telephone: 01452 522682  
Email: [regimental-secretary@rgbw.army.mod.uk](mailto:regimental-secretary@rgbw.army.mod.uk)

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

## **The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment (Salisbury) Museum**

The Wardrobe (Archive Enquiries)  
58 The Close  
Salisbury  
Wiltshire  
SP1 2EX

The archives website (<http://www.thewardrobe.org.uk/archive.php3>) provides detailed instructions to those making enquiries. Only enquiries made by post will be entertained, and copies of documents will not normally be provided. As with many regimental museums, the museum trust is a charitable organisation. No charge is made for responding to enquiries, but it is respectfully suggested that at least the cost of return postage be remitted, and that donations to the trust in the suggested amount of £10 will be gratefully received.

## 68<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

Service at York: 1819-1822(?); July 1827 – May 1829

*[One company was at York in 1819 but may have stayed only until 1820, hence the question mark against the first set of dates. During its later stay the regiment dispatched detachments to Amherstburg, Drummondville (Niagara Falls), Fort George, Grand River, and Penetanguishene. Such dispersion appears to have been fairly typical; the detachments reported by the 76<sup>th</sup> Regiment in 1822 are almost identical.]*

Title at the time: 68<sup>th</sup> (Durham) Regiment of Foot (Light Infantry)

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry

1968: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Light Infantry

February 2007 (proposed): 5th Battalion, The Rifles

### **RHQ The Light Infantry**

Peninsula Barracks

Romsey Road

Winchester

Hants

SO23 8TS

Telephone: 01962 828527

Fax: 01962 828534

Regtl Sec: [regsecrhqli@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:regsecrhqli@armymail.mod.uk)

Assistant Regtl Sec: [asecrhqli@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:asecrhqli@armymail.mod.uk)

The Durham Light Infantry Charitable Fund (which may not be the same thing as the Regimental Association) can be reached at:

Light Infantry Office (Durham)

Elvet Waterside

Durham

DH1 3BW

Telephone: 0190 3865496

The Regimental Museum of the regiment formed in 1968 is located at the same address as the RHQ, and displays the history of the regiment since amalgamation. Each of the counties of the predecessor Light Infantry regiments maintains a museum that houses the collections of those former regiments.

### **DLI Museum and Durham Art Gallery**

Aykley Heads

Durham

DH1 5TU

Telephone: 0191 384 2214

Fax 0191 386 1770

The Regimental Archive has been transferred to the Durham County Record Office, where it is being fully catalogued and made available to researchers.

**Durham County Record Office**

County Hall

Durham

DH1 5UL

Telephone: 0191 383 3253

Fax: 0191 383 4500

Email: [record.office@durham.gov.uk](mailto:record.office@durham.gov.uk)

The journal of The Light Infantry, *The Silver Bugle*, is published from the RHQ address. The journal is published twice annually, in June and December. Articles for potential publication should reach Regimental Headquarters by the 1st of April or 1st of October.

# 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

Service at York: 1817

*[There was a detachment of the regiment at York in April 1817. The regimental HQ was at Fort George.]*

Title at the time: 70<sup>th</sup> (Glasgow Lowland) Regiment of Foot

1825: 70<sup>th</sup> (the Surrey) Regiment of Foot

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment

1959: The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment

1966: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys)

1968: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Queen's Regiment

1992: The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)

## **RHQ The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)**

Howe Barracks

Canterbury

Kent

CT1 1JY

Telephone: 01227 818053

Fax: 01227 818057

Regimental message board: <http://www.123pwrr.co.uk/>

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

## **The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment Museum**

Clandon Park

Guildford

Surrey

GU4 7RQ

Telephone: 01483 223419

The regimental collection of historic documents, books, and photographs has been transferred to the Surrey History Centre, which will now be dealing with enquiries regarding regimental history.

## **Surrey History Centre**

130 Goldsworth Road

Woking

Surrey

GU21 6ND

Telephone: 01483 518737

Email: [shs@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:shs@surreycc.gov.uk)

Website: <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistoryservice>

**Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment & Queen's Regiment Museum**

5 Keep Yard

Dover Castle

Dover

Kent

CT16 1HU

Telephone: 01304 240121

# **71<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at York and Toronto: June 1829 – 1831 (1<sup>st</sup> Battalion); May 1850 – May 1852 (Reserve Battalion)

Title at the time: 71<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Regiment of Foot (Light Infantry)

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Highland Light Infantry

1923: The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment)

1959: The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment)

March 28, 2006: The Royal Highland Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ, and this is the appropriate point of contact for "matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments."

## **RHQ The Royal Highland Fusiliers**

518 Sauchiehall Street

Glasgow

G2 3LW

Scotland

Email: [reg.sec@rhf.org.uk](mailto:reg.sec@rhf.org.uk)

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland is located at

## **RHQ The Royal Regiment of Scotland**

The Castle

Edinburgh

EHI 2YT

Scotland

The Regimental Association can be reached through the RHQ.

The Regimental Museum is located at the same address.

# 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot

Service at Toronto: 1838 – 1840

Title at the time: 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot

1845: 73<sup>rd</sup> (Highland) Regiment of Foot

1862: 73<sup>rd</sup> (Perthshire) Regiment of Foot

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

1935: The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

March 28, 2006: The Black Watch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ, and this is the appropriate point of contact for “matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments.”

## **RHQ The Black Watch**

Balhousie Castle

Hay Street

Perth

PH1 5HR

Scotland

Telephone: 0131 310 8530

Email: [rhq@theblackwatch.co.uk](mailto:rhq@theblackwatch.co.uk)

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland is located at

## **RHQ The Royal Regiment of Scotland**

The Castle

Edinburgh

EHI 2YT

Scotland

There are eleven branches of the Regimental Association, which also operates out of the RHQ address. Its website is:

<http://www.theblackwatch.co.uk/assoc/index.html>

The regimental magazine *The Red Hackle* is published twice annually in May and November. It contains current news of all parts of the regiment, articles of historical interest, correspondence, and obituaries of former Black Watch soldiers. Correspondence should be addressed to *The Red Hackle* at the RHQ address, or to [redhackle@theblackwatch.co.uk](mailto:redhackle@theblackwatch.co.uk).

The Regimental Museum is located at the same address as the RHQ.

# 76<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

Service at York: 1822 – 1826  
Title at the time: 76<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)  
1921: The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)  
6 June, 2006: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment (14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 33<sup>rd</sup>/76<sup>th</sup>)

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Yorkshire Regiment, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ—now referred to as an “outstation”—and this is the appropriate point of contact for “matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments.”

## **Outstation Halifax**

**(Former RHQ The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding))**

Wellesley Park  
Highroad Well  
Halifax  
West Yorkshire  
HX2 0BA  
Telephone: 01422 352334  
Fax: 01422 341136

For the sake of completeness, the RHQ of the amalgamated regiment is:

**RHQ The Yorkshire Regiment (14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 33<sup>rd</sup>/76<sup>th</sup>)**

3 Tower St  
York  
YO1 9SB  
Telephone: 01904 461014  
Fax: 01904 461021  
Email: [rhqyorks@btconnect.com](mailto:rhqyorks@btconnect.com)

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the Halifax Outstation.

**Museum of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) (33<sup>rd</sup>/76<sup>th</sup> Foot)**

Wellesley Park  
Highroad Well  
Halifax  
West Yorkshire  
HX2 0BA

The regiment has an extensive archive, manned by volunteers, that takes enquiries on an approved form. These should be directed to "Archives Dept" at Outstation Halifax.

Website of the Friends of the former regiment: [www.dwr.org.uk](http://www.dwr.org.uk)

## **79<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at York: 1831 – 1833

Title at the time: 79<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot (Cameron Highlanders)

1873: 79<sup>th</sup> (The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders) Regiment of Foot

1881: The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders)

1961: Queen's Own Highlanders

1994: The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)

March 28, 2006: The Highlanders, 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ, and this is the appropriate point of contact for "matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments."

### **RHQ The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons & Camerons)**

Cameron Barracks

Inverness

IV2 3XD

Scotland

Telephone: 01463 224380

Fax: 0131 310 8172

Email: [info@thehighlanders.com](mailto:info@thehighlanders.com)

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland is located at

### **RHQ The Royal Regiment of Scotland**

The Castle

Edinburgh

EHI 2YT

Scotland

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ.

### **Regimental Museum of The Highlanders (The Queen's Own Highlanders Collection)**

Fort George

Ardersier

IV2 7TD

Scotland

Telephone: 01667 462800 x8701

Email: [museum@thehighlanders.com](mailto:museum@thehighlanders.com)

## **81<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: May 1846 – March 1847

Title at the time: 81<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot (Loyal Lincoln Volunteers)

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

1921: The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)

1970: The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

July 1, 2006: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)

The former RHQ of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment is now also the RHQ of the newly amalgamated Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

### **RHQ The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)**

Fulwood Barracks

Preston

Lancashire

PR2 8AA

Telephone: (01772) 260426 / 260362

Fax: (01772) 260583

Email: [rhq.qlr@btconnect.com](mailto:rhq.qlr@btconnect.com)

Arrangements for the amalgamation of the Regimental Associations of the three predecessor regiments of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment are still being formulated, but the RHQ in Preston remains the point of contact for the Association of the former Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

The Museum of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment is located at the RHQ.

Telephone: (017772) 260362

## **82<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: 1845 – 1846

Title at the time: 82<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot (Prince of Wales's Volunteers)

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment)

1938: The South Lancashire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Volunteers)

1958: The Lancashire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Volunteers)

1970: The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

July 1, 2006: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)

The former RHQ of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment is now also the RHQ of the newly amalgamated Duke of Lancaster's Regiment.

### **RHQ The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)**

Fulwood Barracks

Preston

Lancashire

PR2 8AA

Telephone: (01772) 260426 / 260362

Fax: (01772) 260583

Email: [rhq.qlr@btconnect.com](mailto:rhq.qlr@btconnect.com)

Arrangements for the amalgamation of the Regimental Associations of the three predecessor regiments of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment are still being formulated, but the RHQ in Preston remains the point of contact for the Association of the former Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

The Museum of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment is located at the RHQ.

Telephone: (017772) 260362

## **83<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: July 1842 – May 1843

Title at the time: 83<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot

1859: 83<sup>rd</sup> (County of Dublin) Regiment of Foot

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Irish Rifles

1921: The Royal Ulster Rifles

1968: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th)

1992: The Royal Irish Regiment (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th and The Ulster Defence Regiment)

### **RHQ The Royal Irish Regiment (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th and The Ulster Defence Regiment)**

St Patrick's Barracks

Ballymena

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Telephone: 028 2566 1356

Fax: 028 2566 1378

Email: [hq@royalirishregiment.co.uk](mailto:hq@royalirishregiment.co.uk)

Contact information for the Regimental Association appears to be as follows:

#### **Royal Irish Regiment and South Irish Horse Old Comrades Association**

5 Waring Street

Belfast

BT1 2EW

Northern Ireland

Telephone: 01232 232086

The regimental museum is located at the same address as the RHQ.

Telephone: 028 2566 1383

The Home Service Battalions of this regiment are being disbanded, which process is to be accomplished by 2007.

# 85<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

Service at Toronto: June – December 1838

Title at the time: 85th, or The King's Regiment of Light Infantry (Bucks Volunteers)

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The King's Light Infantry (Shropshire Regiment)

1882: The King's (Shropshire Light Infantry)

1921: The King's Shropshire Light Infantry

1968: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Light Infantry

February 2007 (proposed): 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Rifles

## **RHQ The Light Infantry**

Peninsula Barracks

Romsey Road

Winchester

Hants

SO23 8TS

Regtl Sec: [regsecrhqi@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:regsecrhqi@armymail.mod.uk)

Assistant Regtl Sec: [asecrhqi@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:asecrhqi@armymail.mod.uk)

Telephone: 01962 828527

Fax: 01962 828534

The address of the Regimental Association appears to be:

## **King's Shropshire and Hereford Light Infantry Association**

Light Infantry Office

Copthorne Barracks

Shrewsbury

SY3 8LZ

Telephone: 01743 236060 x2425

The regimental museum of the regiment formed in 1968 is located at the same address as the RHQ, and displays the history of the regiment since amalgamation. Each of the counties of the predecessor Light Infantry regiments maintains a museum that houses the collections of those former regiments.

## **Shropshire Regimental Museum**

Shrewsbury Castle

Shrewsbury

Shropshire

SY1 2AT

Telephone: 01743 262292

Fax: 01743 270023

The journal of The Light Infantry, *The Silver Bugle*, is published from the RHQ address. The journal is published twice annually, in June and December. Articles for potential publication should reach Regimental Headquarters by the 1st of April or 1st of October.

## **89<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at York: 1814 – 1815

*[The regiment passed through York in July 1814 on its way from Kingston to Niagara. It was back in York in November, and departed in February 1815.]*

Title at the time: 89<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

1866: 89<sup>th</sup> (The Princess Victoria's) Regiment of Foot

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers)

1921: The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's)

1968: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th)

1992: The Royal Irish Regiment (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th and The Ulster Defence Regiment)

### **RHQ The Royal Irish Regiment (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th and The Ulster Defence Regiment)**

St Patrick's Barracks

Ballymena

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Telephone: 02825 661356

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Email: [hq@royalirishregiment.co.uk](mailto:hq@royalirishregiment.co.uk)

Contact information for the Regimental Association appears to be as follows:

### **Royal Irish Regiment and South Irish Horse Old Comrades Association**

5 Waring Street

Belfast

BT1 2EW

Northern Ireland

Telephone: 01232 232086

The regimental museum is located at the same address as the RHQ.

Telephone: 028 2566 1383

The Home Service Battalions of this regiment are being disbanded, which process is to be accomplished by 2007.

## **93<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot**

Service at Toronto: November 1838 – May 1840; May 1841 – May 1844

[*When it arrived in November 1838, the regimental HQ was housed in the "British Coffee House".*]

Title at the time: 93<sup>rd</sup> (Sutherland Highlanders) Regiment of Foot

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Princess Louise's (Sutherland and Argyll Highlanders)

1882: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders)

1921: The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)

March 28, 2006: The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ, and this is the appropriate point of contact for "matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments."

### **RHQ The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders**

The Castle

Stirling

Scotland

FK8 1EH

Email: [www.argylls.co.uk](http://www.argylls.co.uk)

[www.army.mod.uk/infantry/argyll](http://www.army.mod.uk/infantry/argyll)

Telephone: 01786 475165

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the new Royal Regiment of Scotland is located at

### **RHQ The Royal Regiment of Scotland**

The Castle

Edinburgh

EHI 2YT

Scotland

The Regimental Association can be contacted at the RHQ address, care of The Secretary.

The regimental museum is located at the same address.

## **97<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot (?)**

Service at York: 1814(?) [*This regiment arrived in North America in 1814 and served in the Plattsburgh expedition; it seems unlikely that it served at York.*]

Title at the time: 97<sup>th</sup> (Queen's Own Germans) Regiment of Foot

1816: 96<sup>th</sup> (Queen's Own Germans) Regiment of Foot

1818: Disbanded

1874: History and battle honours inherited by new 96<sup>th</sup> Regiment (raised 1824)

1881: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Manchester Regiment

1958: The King's Regiment (Manchester and Liverpool)

1968: The King's Regiment

July 1, 2006: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)

As noted in the introduction, although this regiment has recently been amalgamated as part of the new Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, the predecessor regiment retains its old RHQ (now called a City Office), and this is the appropriate point of contact for "matters which are more properly dealt with by those familiar with the ways of the old regiments."

### **City Office Liverpool**

New Zealand House

Water Street

Liverpool

L2 8TD

Telephone: 44 (0)151 236 6363

Fax: 44 (0)151 236 0439

Email: [rhq@kings.army.mod.uk](mailto:rhq@kings.army.mod.uk)

For the sake of completeness, however, it should be noted that the RHQ of the new Duke of Lancaster's Regiment is located at

Fulwood Barracks

Preston

PR2 8AA

Telephone: 01772 260426

Fax: 01772 260583

Email: [rhq.qlr@btconnect.com](mailto:rhq.qlr@btconnect.com)

Arrangements for the amalgamation of the Regimental Associations of the three predecessor regiments of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment are still being formulated, but the City office in Liverpool remains the point of contact for the Association of the former King's Regiment.

The King's Regiment Museum closed in June 2006 for major refurbishment, and is scheduled to reopen in the new Museum of Liverpool in 2010. Part of the regimental archive remains available in the Archive Section of the

**Merseyside Maritime Museum**

Albert Dock

Liverpool

L3 4AQ

Telephone: 151 478 4499

Enquiries can be submitted through

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/about/contact/maritimearchivesenquiry.aspx>

All the private soldiers in the Regiment's regular and TA battalions will be called Kingsman and not Private. The Regimental Journal of the Duke of Lancaster's regiment will be *The Kingsman*.

## **100<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot (?)**

Service at York: 1808 – 1818(?)

*[This regiment was in North America from 1805 and was disbanded at Québec in 1818. It served extensively in the Niagara peninsula during the War of 1812, but service at York beyond perhaps simply passing through seems doubtful.]*

Titles at the time:

1808-1813: 100<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

1813: 100<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot (Prince Regent's County of Dublin Regiment)

1816: 99<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot (Prince Regent's County of Dublin Regiment)

1818: Disbanded

1875: History and battle honours inherited by new 100<sup>th</sup> Regiment (raised 1858)

Service at Toronto: 1866 – 1868(?) *[Stewart notes service in Montreal and Ottawa only.]*

Title at the time: 100<sup>th</sup> (Prince of Wales's Royal Canadian) Regiment of Foot

1881: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians)

1922: Disbanded

## **Rifle Brigade**

Service at Toronto: August 1847 – 1850 (2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion)

Title at the time: The Rifle Brigade

1862: The Prince Consort's Own Rifle Brigade

1881: The Prince Consort's Own (Rifle Brigade)

1921: The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own)

1958: 3<sup>rd</sup> Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade

1966: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets (The Rifle Brigade)

1968: 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets

February 2007 (proposed): 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Rifles

### **RHQ The Royal Green Jackets**

Peninsula Barracks

Romsey Road

Winchester

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Telephone: 01962 828524

Fax: 01962 828500

Email: [rhq@royalgreenjackets.co.uk](mailto:rhq@royalgreenjackets.co.uk)

There are many branches of the Regimental Association, including apparently one in Canada. Contact should be made through the Assistant Secretary, The Royal Green Jackets Association, at the RHQ address.

The regimental museum is located at the same address as the RHQ.

Telephone: 01962 828549

Email: [museum@royalgreenjackets.co.uk](mailto:museum@royalgreenjackets.co.uk)

## **Military Train (?)**

Service at Toronto: 1862-1864(?) (3rd battalion)

*[Stewart identifies HQ at Montréal and detachments at Québec, Montréal, and Halifax, but no mention of Toronto.]*

Title at the time: Military Train

1869: Army Service Corps

1918: Royal Army Service Corps

1965: Royal Corps of Transport

1993: Royal Logistic Corps

### **RHQ Royal Logistic Corps**

Dettingen House

Princess Royal Barracks

Deepcut

Camberley

Surrey

GU16 6RW

The Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Association can be contacted at the same address as the RHQ.

The Royal Logistic Corps Museum is also located at the RHQ and can be contacted at the same address.

The following list is a summary of the predecessor regiments that served at York/Toronto under the heading of their modern British army successor unit. It is not intended to be a complete restatement of the information just presented in a different format; rather, it is hoped that it will enable the reader to see in one place the relevant predecessor units to each modern unit, and so know where to look for detailed information.

**Modern Unit: Royal Artillery**

York / Toronto Predecessor Unit: Royal Artillery

**Modern Unit: Corps of Royal Engineers**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: Corps of Royal Engineers  
Corps of Royal Sappers and Miners

**Modern Unit: The Light Dragoons**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 13<sup>th</sup> Hussars  
19<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons

**Modern Unit: The Royal Regiment of Scotland**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot  
71<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot  
73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot  
79<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
93<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 37<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
70<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
30<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
34<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
47<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
81<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot  
82<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot  
97<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot (?)

**Modern Unit: The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers**

York / Toronto Predecessor Unit: 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Royal Anglian Regiment**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Light Infantry**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 32<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot  
68<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
85<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Yorkshire Regiment**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
76<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Royal Welsh**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot  
24<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
41<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Royal Irish Regiment**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 83<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot  
89<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
66<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot)**

York / Toronto Predecessor Unit: 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot

**Modern Unit: The Royal Green Jackets**

York / Toronto Predecessor Units: 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot  
60<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot  
The Rifle Brigade

**Modern Unit: Royal Logistic Corps**

York / Toronto Predecessor Unit: Military Train (?)

## Canadian Units: Introduction

First, it must be acknowledged that all but three of the units in the following section are not, strictly speaking, Canadian units. The exceptions are the Royal Canadian Dragoons, the Royal Canadian Regiment, and the York Militia. Although raised in Canada for service in Canada, and composed principally of Canadians, the remainder were raised as regular, provincial, or fencible regiments of the British army. The consequences of this for the existence of successor regiments will be discussed below.

When he became Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada in 1791, John Graves Simcoe attempted to organise a militia establishment. All able-bodied males between the ages of 16 and 60 were liable for service in the militia. Regiments were organised according to county and officers appointed. In practice, few provisions existed for more than rudimentary training one or two days per year. Units of embodied volunteers were raised to meet specific crises, such as the War of 1812 and the Rebellions of 1837, and some of these were kept intact for several years. In general, however, the model of a "sedentary" militia—that is, one based on the universal obligation to military service—meant that there was little in the way of coherent and ongoing identity among militia units in the first part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The Militia Act of 1855 retained the principle of the sedentary militia, but also provided for companies of volunteers to be established on a permanent basis, with the government paying for training and equipment. The companies formed under this Act soon coalesced into battalions, and the units so formed became the forebears of many of the regiments still on strength with the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Canadian Armed Forces follows the same principle as the British Army in recognising the lineage of individual regiments; that is, lineage is based on an unbroken line of continuous service. When it is disbanded, a regiment ceases to exist. It will be immediately apparent that this principle means that none of the Canadian units that are the subject of this project has a successor regiment in the current Armed Forces with the exception of the Royal Canadian Dragoons and the Royal Canadian Regiment, which were raised after 1855. As a spokesperson for the Department of National Defence expressed it: "...no currently serving land force unit has continuous service dating back to before 1855."

The Canadian Armed Forces also follows the model of the British Army, however, in permitting individual units to perpetuate earlier units even though there is no link of continuous service to connect them. In the Canadian Forces the system of perpetuation was developed after the First World War and was used primarily to safeguard the heritage of units of the Canadian Expeditionary

Force, although there are several cases of modern units perpetuating pre-1914 units. Only combatant units that have gained an honour and/or distinction in the field can be perpetuated, and only by a combatant unit authorized to bear honours.

None of the "Canadian" units that are the subject of this project and that do not have a record of continuous service is perpetuated by any unit of the current Canadian Armed Forces for the simple reason that, as noted earlier, they were part of the British establishment. It does not therefore fall within the jurisdiction of the Canadian Armed Forces to authorise (or refuse to authorise) their perpetuation.

The Canadian Armed Forces acknowledges that many contemporary units celebrate or draw upon the heritage and traditions of earlier units. Any such commemoration is purely unofficial and does not constitute the establishment of a lineage or of perpetuation. As a spokesman for DND put it: "Units are free to celebrate who they please as it would be entirely wrong for the Department of National Defence to tell a regiment who and what they should celebrate or commemorate."

# **Royal Newfoundland Regiment**

Service at York: 1812 – 1813

Title at the time: Royal Newfoundland Fencible Infantry

1816: Disbanded at Halifax

## **Glengarry Light Infantry**

Service at York: 1812 – 1815

Title at the time: The Glengarry Light Infantry Fencibles

1816: Disbanded

## **The Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment**

Service at Toronto: 1847 – 1850, 1853 – 1861

Title at the time: The Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment

1870: Disbanded

This unit was raised in 1840 as a British Army regiment with its HQ at Toronto, from volunteers of good character with a record of good conduct, from the British regiments then serving in Canada. Canadian pensioners who had served 15 years in a British regiment were also eligible for service. Not surprisingly, the regiment was originally called **The Royal Canadian Veterans Regiment**. Before the year was out, however, the name was changed to **The Royal Canadian Regiment** (not to be confused with the current Royal Canadian Regiment, which was raised in 1883), and very shortly thereafter to **The Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment**.

*The history and service of this regiment require further research. Sources indicate that the regiment's original HQ was in Toronto, which makes the dates of "Service at Toronto" curious to say the least.*

## Queen's Rangers

Service at York: 1793-1802  
Title at the time: The Queen's Rangers

1802: Disbanded

1927: Title, symbols, and uniform revived in Canadian militia by The Queen's Rangers (1<sup>st</sup> American Regiment), now The Queen's York Rangers (1<sup>st</sup> American Regiment). [*This is an example of the unofficial celebration or commemoration of an historical unit by a modern one. It does not establish a direct lineage, nor does it constitute an official perpetuation.*]

## **Royal Canadian Veteran Battalion(?)**

Service at York: 1800(?)

*No reference has been found to a unit with this title that would fit this date of service. It may be that there has been some confusion with the 10<sup>th</sup> Royal Veteran Battalion, which was raised in 1806 specifically for service in North America. It served in Canada from 1807 and throughout the War of 1812, principally in the Northwest. It was renumbered the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion in 1815 and was disbanded at Quebec in 1816.*

*Alternatively, there may be some confusion with the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment, whose original but very short-lived title was The Royal Canadian Veterans Regiment (see above).*

# **Royal Canadian Volunteer Regiment**

Service at York: 1802 (2<sup>nd</sup> battalion)

Title at the time: The Royal Canadian Volunteer Regiment of Foot

1802: Disbanded

# **Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry**

Service at York: 1814-1816

Title at the time: The Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry

1816: Disbanded

# **The Royal Canadian Regiment**

Service at Toronto: 1883 - ?

Title in 1883: "C" Company, Infantry School Corps

1892: Canadian Regiment of Infantry

1893: The Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry

1899: The Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry

1901: The Royal Canadian Regiment

When it was founded in 1883, the Infantry School Corps consisted of three companies: one in Fredericton, one in St. Jean, Québec, and one at Stanley Barracks in Toronto. The Toronto company was sent to Saskatchewan during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. The Corps (and later the Regiment) expanded over the years; by 1906 it consisted of ten companies, six of which were in Halifax and one each in Québec City, St. Jean, Toronto, and London, Ontario. Although the regimental headquarters was later established at London, Ontario the regiment maintained a company-strength presence in Toronto well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## **RHQ The Royal Canadian Regiment**

Wolseley Barracks  
750 Elizabeth Street  
London, ON  
N5Y 4T7

The Regimental Association can be contacted through the RHQ address.

The regimental museum is located at the same address as the RHQ.

# Royal Canadian Dragoons

Service at Toronto: 1893

Title at the time: Canadian Dragoons / The Royal Canadian Dragoons (*Royal title granted in May 1893*)

1941: 1st Armoured Car Regiment (Royal Canadian Dragoons)

1946: 1st Armoured Regiment (Royal Canadian Dragoons)

1949: Royal Canadian Dragoons (1st Armoured Regiment)

1958: Royal Canadian Dragoons

The regiment is based at CFB Petawawa:

**Canadian Forces Base Petawawa**

Box 9999, Station Main

Petawawa, ON

K8H 2X3

Telephone: (613) 687-5511 x7537 (Orderly Room)

## **York Militia**

Service at York: 1812-1815

When he became Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada in 1791, John Graves Simcoe attempted to organise a militia establishment. All able-bodied males between the ages of 16 and 60 were liable for service in the militia. Regiments were organised according to county and officers appointed. In practice, few provisions existed for more than rudimentary training one or two days per year. Anticipating the coming war with the United States, however, in March 1812 each county battalion was ordered to form two "flank companies" of volunteers under the age of 40 who were to be mustered for training up to six days per month and embodied for up to six months in case of war. The York county militia, of which there were three regiments, served at the capture of Detroit and the battle of Queenston Heights in 1812, but saw little service after the capture of York in April 1813. The wartime unit was disbanded at the end of the war.

In the spring of 1813 a Battalion of Incorporated Militia was authorised. Thirteen volunteer companies from York, eastern Upper Canada, and Niagara were reorganised and trained as a ten-company battalion at York in March 1814. It was sent to Niagara in July where it saw active service, including the battle of Lundy's Lane. It was disbanded in March 1815, but not before having been awarded the battle honour "Niagara". This unit is not currently perpetuated by any modern unit in the Canadian Armed Forces, although the DND appears to believe that it could be.