

## Dragoons

(See the note preceding chapter 1.)



### Royal Regiment of Dragoons

| CAPTAINS, &C.      | LIEUTENANTS              | CORNETS                 | QUARTER-MASTERS   |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Pierre de La Roque | John Richardson ☞        | <i>John Farnham</i>     | Robert Richardson |
| James Crofts       | <i>Charles Green</i>     | <i>r. John Marshall</i> | John Anderson †   |
|                    | <i>r. Thomas Cropley</i> | Charles Harris          |                   |
|                    |                          | James Johnson           | <i>Chaplain</i>   |

*Note:* The list of officers from March 1699 and that of March 1700 differ significantly on one lieutenant and one cornet. No clear explanation could be found, other than that the officers indicated in *italics* vacated their place in lieu of the officers listed next.

The Royal Regiment of Dragoons has its origin in a troop of horse raised in 1661 for service at Tangier. In 1684 there were four troops of horse in Tangier. Two troops of dragoons were raised in England in November 1683. In 1684 the four Tangier troops were repatriated and converted to dragoons subsequently. These six troops were united as The King's Own Royal Regiment of Dragoons (named for Charles II). The regiment was redesignated the Royal Regiment of Dragoons in 1690. The regiment served in Ireland between 1689 and 1691, and in the Low Countries from May 1694.

#### Succession of colonels:

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



### Colonel William Lloyd's Regiment

| CAPTAINS, &C.                    | LIEUTENANTS                     | CORNETS                            | QUARTER-MASTERS                   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Walter Leveson ☞<br>Peter Hawker | John Perkins<br>Thomas Huntback | Joseph Scaife<br>Cornelius de Witt | Thomas Haley<br>Charles Headlam † |
|                                  | John Hilton                     |                                    | <i>Chaplain</i>                   |

This regiment was raised on 2 August 1685 as The Queen Consort's Regiment of Dragoons (the designation Queen's Regiment is also found in literature). The regiment was formed from troops reduced from the Royal Regiment of Dragoons and Princess Anne of Denmark's Regiment of Dragoons. The Royal designation was not used between 1689 and 1692 - 94 (when the regiment was named after Queen Mary). The regiment was composed of six troops, and two additional troops were added in February 1694. The regiment served in the major campaigns in Ireland, and in the Low Countries from April 1694. The regiment surrendered to the French at Diksmuide on 18 July 1695, and was exchanged later that year (see table 7.1).

Succession of colonels:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| · Charles (Seymour), 6th Duke of Somerset       | 2 Aug 1685  |
| · Alexander Cannon                              | 2 Aug 1687  |
| · Richard Leveson                               | 31 Dec 1688 |
| · Thomas (Fairfax), 5th Lord Fairfax of Cameron | 20 Jan 1694 |
| · William Lloyd (until 31 Dec 1703)             | 21 Feb 1695 |



### Earl of Essex's Regiment

| CAPTAINS, &C.                          | LIEUTENANTS                       | CORNETS                            | QUARTER-MASTERS                    |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Andres Samazon<br>Francis St. George † | Benjamin Martin<br>James Hamilton | Walter Phillips ☞<br>John Gravenor | John Olivier<br>Nathaniel Manchier |

The Earl of Essex's Regiment was raised on 17 July 1685 as The Princess Anne of Denmark's Regiment of Dragoons (named for the future Queen Anne). The designation Princess Anne of Denmark's Regiment fell into disuse after 1689, so the regiment became known by the name of its colonel. The regiment served in Scotland in 1689, and embarked for service in the Low Countries in early 1692. The regiment was composed of six troops, and two additional troops were added in February 1694. Two troops were reduced in March 1699. By August 1700, the regiment had become part of the Irish Establishment.

Succession of colonels:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| · John (Berkeley), 4th Viscount Fitzhardinge               | 17 Jul 1685 |
| · Thomas Maxwell   | 24 Nov 1688 |
| · John (Berkeley), 4th Viscount Fitzhardinge [reappointed] | 31 Dec 1688 |
| · Algernon (Capel), 2nd Earl of Essex (until 24 Apr 1710)  | 1 Sep 1693  |



### Colonel Edward Leigh's Regiment

| CAPTAINS, &C.                                | LIEUTENANTS                       | CORNETS                            | QUARTER-MASTERS                      |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Edward Leigh, <i>as Col. and Captain</i>     | <i>Capt. Lt.</i> William Emmett   | Thomas Edward<br>Henry Rodney      | Anthony Bishop<br>Edward Orfeur      |
| Anthony Rodney, <i>as Lt. Col. and Capt.</i> | Benjamin Columbine ♂              | Thomas Chetwood<br>George Phillips | Robert Cunningham<br>Duncan Mackenny |
| John Corbett, <i>as Major and Captain</i>    | Francis Brown<br>Gideon Bonnivert | John Pearson<br>John Usher ☉       | Arthuer Buckeridge<br>George Snow    |
| <i>Capt.</i> John Orfeur                     | Henry Hartus                      | Anthony Tackenhoff                 | George Newman                        |
| William Coward ♂                             | John Nicholson ♂                  | Thomas Hodges †                    | Richard Searle                       |
| Robert Hedges                                | George Walker ☉                   |                                    |                                      |
| Henry Carter                                 | Henry Powney                      |                                    |                                      |
| Edward Goddard                               |                                   |                                    |                                      |

Charles Johnson

*Chaplain*

Edward Leigh's regiment was raised on 16 February 1694, and was disbanded again on 7 December 1697.  
Succession of colonels:

· Edward Leigh

16 Feb 1694



### Earl of Denbigh's Regiment

| CAPTAINS, &C.                                       | LIEUTENANTS                         | CORNETS                             | QUARTER-MASTERS                       |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Basil, Earl of Denbigh, <i>as Col. and Captain</i>  | <i>Capt. Lt.</i> Eliakim Studholm ♂ | John Feilding ♂<br>George Jukes     | John Hodgson<br>Elias Pratt †         |
| Rupert Billingsly, <i>as Lt. Col. and Captain</i> † | Edward Nicholls<br>Arthur Pepys ♂   | William Cecill<br>Edward Cooper     | Daniel Wayte<br>Peter de La Rue       |
| William Oglethorpe, <i>as Major and Captain</i>     | Francis Harwood<br>Samson Brady     | Henry Chester<br>Bartholomew Wickam | William Hewitt<br>Christopher Clapham |
| <i>Capt.</i> Thomas Hartop                          | John Creed                          | Younger Cooke                       | John Hilton                           |
| George Whitmore                                     | Louis de L'Estang                   | John Grace                          | Robert Lightfoot                      |
| Richard Creed                                       | Daniel Bonner                       |                                     |                                       |
| Henry Cromwell                                      |                                     |                                     |                                       |
| Samuel Lennard                                      |                                     |                                     |                                       |

Thomas Rose

*Chaplain*

The regiment of Denbigh was raised on 16 February 1694. It was reduced on 19 December 1697.  
Succession of colonels:

· Basil (Fielding), 4th Earl of Denbigh

16 Feb 1694

TABLE 2.1: Regiments at the battle of the Boyne 1/11 July 1690.

| <i>Horse</i>                                 |   |
|--|---|
| 1st and 3rd Troops of Guards <sup>a</sup>    | Garde du Corps <sup>b</sup>                   |
| Royal Regiment of Horse                      | Regiment Garde te Paard <sup>b</sup>          |
| Sir John Lanier's Regiment                   | Hon. Edward Villiers' Regiment                |
| John Coy's Regiment                          | Robert Beverley's Regiment                    |
| Count of Schomberg's Regiment                | Francis Langston's Regiment                   |
| Theodore Russell's Regiment                  | William Wolseley's Regiment <sup>f</sup>      |
| Duke of Schomberg's Regiment <sup>d</sup>    | Seven Dutch regiments of horse <sup>c</sup>   |
| Three Danish regiments of horse              |   |
| <i>Dragoons</i>                              |   |
| Royal Regiment of Dragoons                   | Richard Leveson's Regiment                    |
| James Wynne's Regiment <sup>f</sup>          | Sir Albert Cunningham's Regiment <sup>f</sup> |
| Regiment Garde Dragonders <sup>b</sup>       |   |
| <i>Foot</i>                                  |   |
| Regiment Garde te Voet <sup>b</sup>          |   |
| Piercy Kirke's Regiment                      | Charles Trelawney's Regiment                  |
| Edward Lloyd's Regiment                      | John Beaumont's Regiment                      |
| William Steuart's Regiment                   | Sir John Hanmer's Regiment                    |
| Richard Brewer's Regiment                    | Ferdinando Hastings' Regiment                 |
| Earl of Meath's Regiment                     | Jonathan Foulkes' Regiment                    |
| Gustavus Hamilton's Regiment                 | Sir Henry Belasyse's Regiment                 |
| Charles Herbert's Regiment                   | Lord Lisburne's Regiment                      |
| Hon. James Douglas' Regiment <sup>e</sup>    | Earl of Drogheda's Regiment                   |
| Thomas Erle's Regiment                       | John Michelburne's Regiment <sup>g</sup>      |
| Zachariah Tiffin's Regiment <sup>f</sup>     | Thomas St. John's Regiment <sup>g</sup>       |
| Lord George Hamilton's Regiment <sup>f</sup> |   |
| La Melonière's Regiment <sup>d</sup>         | Cambon's Regiment <sup>d</sup>                |
| La Caillemotte's Regiment <sup>d</sup>       |   |
| Philip Babington's Regiment                  | John Cutts' Regiment                          |
| Three regiments of Dutch foot                | Eight battalions of Danish foot               |

*Note:* This table pursues to give a correct overview of regiments that were part of the Williamite army at the battle of the Boyne on 1 July 1690. Lists of regiments found in literature may give rise to confusion, amongst the most prominent causes of that confusion being the assumed presence of English and Scots foot guards. The list is based on Walton (1894), Story (1691) and Ferguson (1990).

<sup>a</sup> Including the troops of grenadiers. <sup>b</sup> Dutch regiments. <sup>c</sup> Each of one squadron.

<sup>d</sup> Regiment composed of Huguenot refugees. <sup>e</sup> Often mistaken to be a battalion of the Scots Regiment of Foot Guards. <sup>f</sup> Enniskilling regiments. <sup>g</sup> Londonderry regiments.