

Distribution of the army in 1714

Between 1712 and 1714 the army was greatly reduced, both in the number of regiments and in overall strength. Basically, all regiments raised after the Treaty of Rijswijk in 1697 were to be disbanded or reduced. This, however, was not carried out consequentially. In particular some regiments raised in Ireland after 1697 were saved from disbandment, whereas regiments raised in England were disbanded.¹ Also several regiments still serving overseas were exempted from being disbanded.

The size for the Irish Establishment was set at 12,000, by the same proclamation that fixed the Irish Establishment in 1699. The Irish Establishment remained at this peace-time strength until 1769. The British Establishment was fixed at 8,000 men in 1714. This was exclusive of several independent companies in Britain, and also exclusive of the various garrisons and troops in Minorca, Gibraltar, the Americas, Flanders and Dunkirk. Listed here is the distribution of the army in 1714, when it comprised four troops of Horse Guards, two troops of Grenadier Guards, eight regiments of horse, six regiments of dragoons, three regiments of foot guards and 35 marching regiments of foot².

TABLE D.1: The distribution of the army in 1714.

	numbers	remarks
<i>Guards & Garrisons</i>		
First Troop of Horse Guards (p. 3)	181	
Second Troop of Horse Guards (p. 3)	181	
Third Troop of Horse Guards (p. 4)	181	
Fourth Troop of Horse Guards (p. 4)	181	
First Troop of Grenadier Guards (p. 4)	176	
Second Troop of Grenadier Guards (p. 4)	177	
Royal Regiment of Horse Guards (p. 5)	341	
Henry Lumley's Regiment of Horse (p. 5)	337	
Viscount Windsor's Regiment of Horse (p. 5)	226	
Royal Regiment of Dragoons (p. 7)	363	
Royal Regiment of North British Dragoons (p. 7)	363	
Lord Carpenter's Regiment of Dragoons (p. 8)	273	

¹According to [Fortescue, 1899b, p. 1] the disbandment was organised such that officers and corps that favoured the Protestant succession were removed, and those that had Jacobite tendencies were put in their place. [Fortescue, 1899b] also claims that the regiments of Thomas Harrison (p. 26), Jasper Clayton (p. 93), Andrews Windsor (p. 94) and Lord Mark Kerr (p. 38) were disbanded, which is not supported by other references though.

²[Guy, 1985, p. 11] states there were only 31 regiments of foot. This number possibly omits the two regiments in the West Indies, and assumes two more regiments as being disbanded.

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	numbers	remarks
Robert Echlin's Regiment of Dragoons (p. 8)	273	
First Regiment of Foot Guards (p. 21)	1,383	
Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards (p. 22)	694	
Third Regiment of Foot Guards (p. 22)	890	
Piercy Kirke's Regiment of Foot (p. 24)	445	
William Seymour's Regiment of Foot (p. 25)	445	
Joseph Wightman's Regiment of Foot (p. 31)	445	to Ireland Apr 1714
William Breton's Regiment of Foot (p. 33)	445	to Ireland Apr 1714
<i>Total</i>	8,000	
Twelve companies of invalids (p. 117)	696	
Two companies in the Highlands (p. 117)	182	
<i>Flanders</i>		
Earl of Forfar's Regiment of Foot (p. 25)	613	to England Aug 1714, Ireland afterwards
John Richmond Webb's Regiment of Foot (p. 27)	613	to England Aug 1714, Ireland afterwards
Lord North and Grey's Regiment of Foot (p. 28)	613	to England Aug 1715
Robert Stearne's Regiment of Foot (p. 32)	613	to England Feb 1716
Richard Sutton's Regiment of Foot (p. 33)	613	to England Aug? 1714, Ireland afterwards
Earl of Orrery's Regiment of Fusiliers (p. 32)	613	to England Aug 1714, Ireland afterwards
<i>Total</i>	3,678	
<i>Dunkirk</i>		
Royal Regiment of Foot (p. 23)	1,343	to England Aug 1714, Ireland afterwards
John Hill's Regiment of Foot (p. 29)	669	to England Aug? 1714, Ireland afterwards
Earl of Hertford's Regiment of Foot (p. 30)	669	to England late 1715
Hans Hamilton's Regiment of Foot (p. 31)	669	to England Apr 1714
Henry Disney's Regiment of Foot (p. 37)	669	to England Apr 1714, Ireland afterwards
<i>Total</i>	4,019	
<i>Minorca</i>		
Royal Regiment of Fuzileers (p. 27)	625	
Richard Phillips's Regiment of Foot (p. 29)	625	
Thomas Whetham's Regiment of Foot (p. 36)	625	
Nicholas Sankey's Regiment of Foot (p. 38)	625	
<i>Total</i>	2,500	
<i>Gibraltar</i>		
Thomas Pearce's Regiment of Foot (p. 26)	500	
Earl of Barrymore's Regiment of Foot (p. 30)	500	
John Newton's Regiment of Foot (p. 33)	500	

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	numbers	remarks
<i>Total</i>	1,500	
<i>North America and Plantations</i>		
Roger Handasyde's Regiment of Foot (p. 34)	445	
Francis Alexander's Regiment of Foot (p. 52)	445	
Thirteen independent companies (p. 117)	1,235	
<i>Total</i>	2,125	
<i>Irish Establishment</i>		
John Bland's Regiment of Horse (p. 83)	261	
George Jocelyn's Regiment of Horse (p. 83)	261	
George Kellum's Regiment of Horse (p. 83)	261	
Leigh Backwell's Regiment of Horse (p. 84)	261	
Charles Sybourg's Regiment of Horse (p. 84)	261	
William Evans's Regiment of Dragoons (p. 87)	272	
Royal Dragoons of Ireland (p. 87)	362	
Thomas Harrison's Regiment of Foot (p. 26)	444	
William Steuart's Regiment of Foot (p. 28)	444	
Jasper Clayton's Regiment of Foot (p. 93)	444	
Royal Regiment of Welsh Fuzileers (p. 34)	444	
Gilbert Primrose's Regiment of Foot (p. 35)	444	
George Preston's Regiment of Foot (p. 35)	444	
Andrews Windsor's Regiment of Foot (p. 94)	444	
Lord Mark Kerr's Regiment of Foot (p. 38)	444	
<i>Sir Henry Goring's Regiment of Foot</i> (p. 40) ³	444	
Richard Gorges's Regiment of Foot (p. 36)	444	
William Windress's Regiment of Foot (p. 40)	444	
<i>Total</i>	6,379 (6,823)	

³Conjectural, see regimental narrative.