

Excerpt from *Kilts & Courage, Vol. III, The Documentary History of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment in the American War for Independence, 1776-1783*

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Recreated 42nd Lt. Infantry Company

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Appendix C: Other Official Army Records

Enclosure C-3: Regimental Reviews

Introduction

Every year in peacetime, British regiments were normally reviewed by general officers to evaluate the regiment's appearance, general readiness and tactical capability. This Enclosure contains two full pre-war reviews of the 42nd Regt conducted in 1774 and 1775 and one post-war review from Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1784 as well as news items etc. regarding regimental reviews.

There was a review of the regiment conducted by Lt. Gen James Adolphus Oughton at Glasgow in Mar. 1776, just prior to the regiment's departure for the American War for Independence. However, the records of this review have not been found and are not filed with the War Office records transferred to the National Archives of the United Kingdom (TNA).

Review records are valuable for the study of regiments of the American war period because of the general's remarks and because of the tables of data prepared by the regiment as part of the review. The general's remarks document any variances from the uniform regulations. For example, the 1775 review of the Royal Highlanders noted that "*Their Drums are not painted according to the Kings Regulation*" and that "*Their White purses [sporrans] are not part of the Establishment but bought by the Men as an Ornament*" and that "*The Grenadiers had no Swords. 190 Wanting for the Battalion...*" The order books of the Northern Fencibles and the 81st Highlanders (excerpts below) provide insight on the level of preparations of the regiments for the conduct of the review. Uniforms were freshly issued, officers were

instructed to make sure all articles are compleat, and the men were instructed to carry several items to the review tied up in a clean cloth so they don't get dirty marching to the review.

The details of the preparations and conduct of the reviews of the 42nd Regt. are not available. However, an idea of the review process can be derived from the existing descriptions of other regiments. Shown below is a description of the 1781 review of the Irish volunteer battalions. The individual soldiers are reviewed by the general as noted by the description *"When the whole of the lines were examined with that critical eye and military exactness for which the General is so remarkable."* Following the inspection of the lines the companies passed in review. The regiments also conducted a maneuver demonstration usually opposed by another regiment of the garrison. The maneuvers are described in detail in the review documents.

The tables of data prepared as part of the review documents provide officer commission data, demographic information of the age, years of service, heights, and national origin of the soldiers. They also provide information on the condition of the arms and uniforms issued to the regiments. A comparison of the demographic information is shown below. There is little change over the course of the ten years from 1774 to 1784. The grenadiers of the regiment are on average three inches taller than the soldiers of the line companies and the light infantrymen are on average an inch shorter than the line battalion men. Soldiers averaged about ten years service. For the officers, captains averaged about 16 years of service, lieutenants about ten years and ensigns about three years.

Demographic Comparisons of 42nd Regt. Reviews

Categories	May 14, 1774	May 30, 1775	June 17, 1784
Average age of enlisted soldiers	26.8	26.5	30.1
Average years service of enlisted soldiers	11.5	7.4	10.2
Average height of grenadiers	5 ft. 10 in.	5 ft. 10 in.	5 ft. 10 in.
Average height of light infantry	5 ft. 6 in.	5 ft. 6 in.	5 ft. 6 in.
Average height of line companies	5 ft. 7 in.	5 ft. 7 in.	5 ft. 7 in.
Average age of ensigns	22.9	21.3	23.0
Average years service of ensigns	3.5	4.4	3.2
Average age of lieutenants	30.0	30.4	28.4
Average years service of lieutenants	10.9	11.6	9.0
Average age of captains and capt. lieutenant	32.3	34.5	33.7
Average years service of captains and capt. lts.	15.3	16.4	15.2

General Review Documents

Military Dictionary Definition of Review. 1778

Review. The drawing out all, or part of the army in line of battle, to be viewed by the general in chief, or other great officer, that he may know the condition of the troops, see that they are compleat, and be a witness to the expertness with which they perform their evolutions and other exercises.

Source: *A Military Dictionary Explaining and Describing the Technical Terms, Phrases, Works, and Machines used in the Science of War*, Printed for G. Robinson, London, 1778, Google Books, p. marked ROL. The maneuver demonstration portion of the review was conducted on following days.



Detail from "The Dublin Volunteers on College Green, 4th November 1779," by Francis Wheatley

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Alex Good

Initial Portion of Review of Irish Volunteer Battalions, Belfast, Ireland, July 1781

July, 1781

Volunteers Journal, at Belfast...

On Wednesday morning...the various companies assembled, mostly before the quarters of their captains, and afterwards filed off ...to compleat the battalions and form the different brigades. About ten the whole began to move...The Belfast first company entered the field and took station upon the right of the line, as being the oldest corps upon the ground...The other corps, that formed the brigades to be reviewed this day, took station according to seniority of formation, while the other corps kept the lines...Precisely at twelve the General entered the field, escorted by Colonel O'Neill's horse; he was announced with a salute of thirteen guns [cannon], and after going to the right of the line, was received by the whole with presented arms. When the whole of the lines were examined with that critical eye and military exactness for which the General is so remarkable, he took his station opposite the centre, when the troops began to form and pass in slow time in review...At six o'clock in the evening, the army returned to Belfast.

Source: *Remembrancer; or Impartial Repository of Public Events. For the Year 1781.* Part II, printed for J. Debrett, London, 1781, Google Books, pp. 133-136

Review Preparations in the Order Book of the Northern Fencible (Highland) Regt., Glasgow, Scotland, June 1780

Glasgow 4th June 1780

The Regiment to be under arms to morrow at 12 o'clock noon in order to fire 3 volleys. The Officers to be in full uniform, the men to be dressed in their new clothing, the new clothing is to be delivered next day into the Regimental Store, where they are to be lodged until the Review. The new bonnets are to be worn to-morrow but not again until the Review. The Officers of Companies are to take care that their men be provided with Regimental purses, red garters and Regimental buckles."

Glasgow 17th June 1780

Regimental orders. The Officers to provide themselves with new Buff colored gloves and with Bonnets for the Review according to the Regimental pattern...the Officers and men of the Battalion companies are to have their hair clubbed on the day of the Review.

Source and Note: "Northern (Gordon) Fencibles Order Book Extracts" in *The Northern or Gordon Fencibles 1778-1783*, by H. B Mackintosh, Edinburgh 1908, pp. 53-54. Transcribed by William Tatum. The regiment was reviewed at Glasgow on June 21, 1780 by Major-General Robert Skene (see: TNA, WO 27/45).

**Review Preparations in the Order Book of the 81st Highland Regt. (Aberdeenshire),
Youghal, Ireland, Aug. 1781 – Mar. 1782**

Younghall 5th Aug^t 1781

The Colonel expects that each Officer will be provided with a perfect good set of Regimentals to wear at the review, made in every respect Agreeable to the Kings Regulations.

The Exact Uniformity of dress to be Observed by both Officers & men on that Occasion - The Officers to wear their hair Clubb'd except the Grenadier Company, who are to have theirs plated and turned up under their Caps.

The whole to have Black Velvet Stocks and Turndowns. The Officers to have their Regimental Shoe buckles, and white washed leather Gloves the whole as near of a colour as possible. Neither Pistol or Dirk to be Worn on that day.

The men to have their Arms & Accoutrements perfectly clean, and in every other respect in the very best Order. No other kind of Feather to be worn in the Bonnets but the Regimental One. The Battalion and Light Infantry Companies to have their hair Clubbed in the same manner as directed by the Order of the 22^d Decr 1780, and tied as much of the same length as possible.

The Grenadiers to have their Hair neatly platted in an Uniform Manner under their Caps. The whole to have their Cloaths perfectly clean, and not a break or hole to be seen in them.

It is much for the Credit of the Regiment to be able (without being fatigued) to March Six Irish Miles to Exercise. The Colonel expects the men will perform their Exercise with the same life and spirit as if they had not Marched a Mile.

Younghall 7 Aug^t 1781

An Inspection of the mens arms, acoutrements, shirts, turndowns & hose such as they are to appear in at the review, to be made to morrow morning at 10 Oclock, and it is reminded to the Officers to examine every article with the greatest exactness and to direct such things as may be found out of Order to be imediately put to rights.

The men are to appear in the same stocks and shoe buckles that they are to do at the review but are to bring their shirts, turndowns & hose tied up in a Clean Cloth

Younghall 8 Aug^t 1781

Each man to be furnished with 22 rounds of powder without ball no man to be absent but the sick. The men to take the hose that they are to appear in, in their pockets carefully folded up

Younghall, 30 March 1782...

The Companies at the out Quarters are to parade at Morning roll callings with their arms and if the weather Permits they are to be exercized for some time in the Manual and firing motions marching in slow and Quick time and take particular Care that they hold up their Heads Look well to the right and to gain ground in Marching, as that was the greatest falt found with the Regiment by the General at the last review, in the Quick marching to be carefull that they do not poke their heads forward but march erect and the Chest well out.

Source and Note: 81st Order Book Extracts, Captain [Alexander] Leith's Company beginning the 14th May 1781 and ending the 9th April 1782, National Records of Scotland, *Papers of the Hay family of Leith Hall*, Aberdeenshire at GD225/ 1057 (previously GD225/Box 40/2). Youghal is located on the southeast coast of Ireland, about 150 miles southwest of Dublin.

Documents



Detail showing Watson's Ferry from "A Sketch of Part of Staten Island," 1755

Map Source: Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center, Boston Public Lib. North is to the right.

42nd Regt. Orders for Preparation for a Review, Watson's Ferry, Staten Island, Sept. 20, 1761

Camp at Watsons Ferry 20th September 1761.

Reg^{tl} Orders.

The Battalion to receive 10 cartridges of powder for each man this evening. The awkward men who cannot be trusted not to receive any, and the Officers to see them delivered and be careful that the mens cartridge boxes be emptied of their present ammunition and that no ball through mistake may be In the new cartridges.

That the battalion may appear to the best advantage at the review, the tallest men in each company to be drawn upon the flanks of the battalion, the best exercisers to compose the front half files and the Serj^{ts}. To make up a list of their companys this evening by files, that the battalion may be formed in that manner in the morning, and without loss of time the Serj^{ts}. at the same time having an eye towards the sizing of their men. The best plaids and the best cocked bonnets and the cleanest coats and waistcoats as far as can be got to fit, to be given to the men of the front rank tomorrow. No swords to be carried into the field; the Officer & Serjeants to have bayonets and such as cannot procure bayonets may carry dirks. The arms to be perfectly clean without any grease, the brasses also to be well scoured and the firelocks to be rubbed again in the morning with a dry cloth. The men to beat and brush their coats well in the morning. They are to carry their oil cloths for wiping their pans and bayonets, also their brushes for brushing their coats, bonnets and shoes, which the non-commissioned are to see done, how soon the men are allowed to rest themselves in the field: the men to curl their hair and put some powder in it in the evening before they go to bed, which will make it dress more easily in the morning, when it is again to be powdered and qued taking care to week the powder off their ears and necks. The bonnets will be well fixed at the time the men are allowed to rest in the field inclining towards the right eye. The ram-rods to be well fixed to prevent their flying out when the battalion secures their firelocks and shoulder – The men to use their best flints, which are to be well fixed, the touch holes right in the spring and inner part of the lock to be oiled.

Source and Note: *Extracts from the Order books of Capt. James Stewarts Company Royal Highland Regiment, 1759-61*, Transcribed by William B. Wilson from originals in The Black Watch Museum, Perth, Scotland, Dec. 23, 1947.



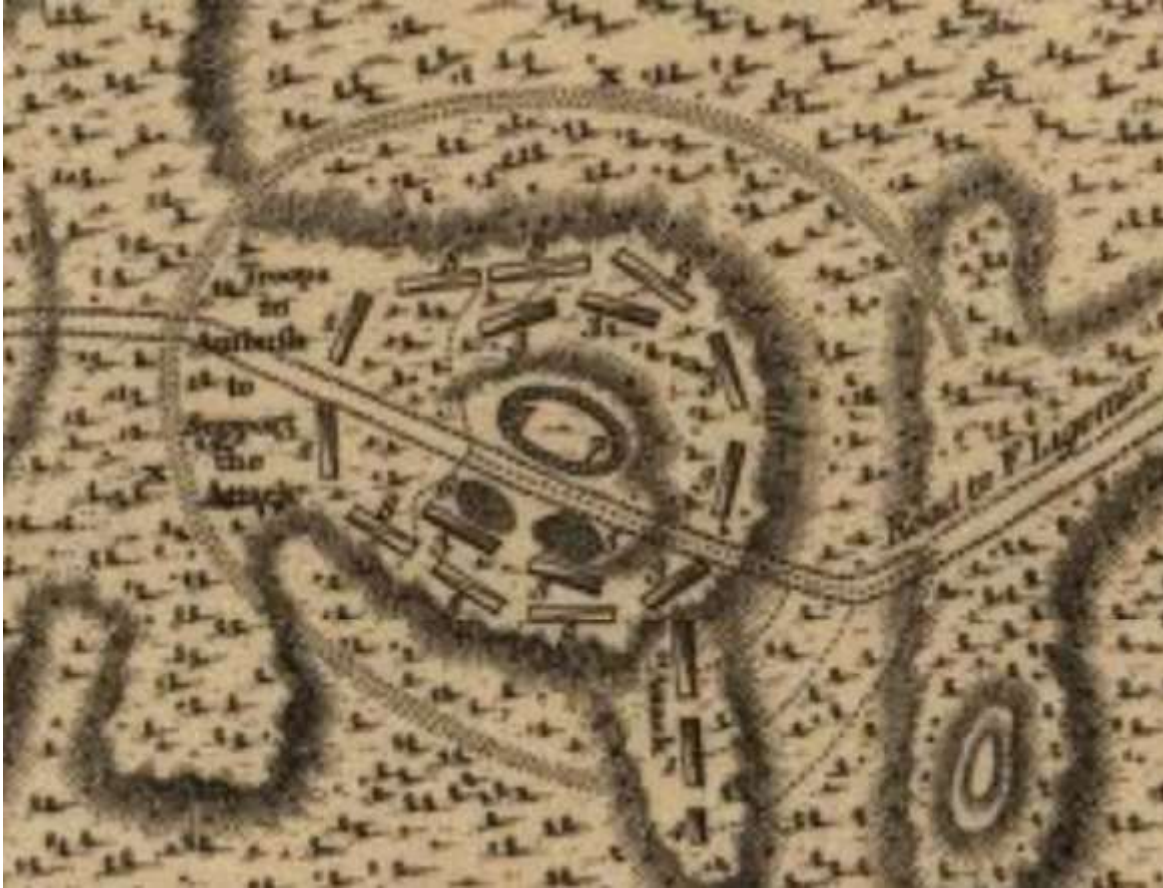
"The Phoenix which gives its Name to His Majesty's Park," 1799, by Francis Jukes

Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

News Account of Review of 42nd Regt. Including Demonstration of Flanking Maneuver Used in Battle of Bushy Run; Phoenix Park, Dublin, Sept. 23, 1769.

SATURDAY, Sept. 23] His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, with Gen. [Michael O'Brien] Dilkes and Gen. [Rt. Hon. H. Seymour] Conway, reviewed the 28th, 42d, and 46th regiments of this garrison in Phoenix park, who went through their exercise and manœvers with general satisfaction. After the review the Highland regiment, under the command of Col. [Gordon] Graham, practised in the wood that judicious and celebrated manœver, by which the late Gen. [Henry] Bouquet gave the severest blow, with that regiment, to the Indians in the French interest which they ever received, in the late American war.

Source and Notes: *Dublin Mercury*, Sept. 28-30, 1769, p. 1. The action mentioned under Col. Bouquet was the Battle of Bushy Run of Aug. 1763 in Western Pennsylvania. Col. Gordon Graham was the father of Lt. Col. Charles Graham and Lt. William Graham of the 42nd Regt. The article was also published in *The Bagshawes of Ford, a Biographical Pedigree*, William H. G. Bagshawe, Mitchell and Hughes, London, 1886. p. 541 where it was noted that it was forwarded to Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray by Lt. Col. Gordon Graham, 42nd Regt.



Detail of "Plan of the Battle near Bushy-Run, Gained by Colonel Bouquet, over the Delawares, Shawanese, Mingoes, Wyandots, Mohikons, Miamies, & Ottawas on the 5th & 6th. of August 1763," by Thomas Hutchins

Map Source: *A general topography of North America and the West Indies. Being a collection of all the maps, charts, plans, and particular surveys, that have been published of that part of the world, either in Europe or America.*, Image 65, Thomas Jefferys, 1768, Lib. of Congress, Geography and Map Div.

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Lt. Col. Gordon Graham Regarding Reenactment of the 1763 Battle of Bushy Run at the Regimental Review, Bannercross, Near Sheffield, England, Oct. 31, 1769

Copy Letter to Lieu^t. Col^o. [Gordon] Graham dated

Bannercross 31st. Oct^r. 1769

D^r. S^r.

... It gives me great pleasure My Lord Lieutenant [George, Viscount Townshend] & others you Mention were so well pleased with my Regiment at the reviews and is very much for your Credit they are so well Disciplined which I hope you'll take care they always are that they may keep up the Reputation they have always had ever Since I have the Honour to Command ^{it}. but I desire you'll lett me know what was that Judicious and Celebrated manœvre you made them practice in the wood as they did against the Indians, when under Colonel [Henry] Boquets command [at the Battle of Bushy Run, Pennsylvania, Aug. 1763.], as is mentiond in the printed paper [*Dublin Mercury*, Sept. 28-30, 1769] you sent me... my best Comp^{ts}. to the Officers and am Sincerely

D^r. S^r.

Your most Obed^t. Ser^t.

/Signed/ John Murray

Source: John Rylands University, Manchester University, *Bagshawe Muniments*, I-XI. Correspondence and Papers, V. Lord John Murray (d. 1787) and his Wife Mary, nee Dalton (d. 1765), 5/1/1-460. Correspondence, 1-408. Bound manuscript volume of copies of private letters, pp. 52-53.



Detail of Portrait of George, Viscount Townshend, Lord Lt. of Ireland, 1792, by George Romney

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *California Palace of the Legion of Honor*

Newspaper Account of Review of the 42nd Regt., Dublin, May 1, 1770

DUBLIN...

TUESDAY, May 1st His Excellency [Maj. Gen. George] Lord Townshend reviewed his own [28th] regiment of foot, and that of the Highlanders, commanded by [Lt. Gen.] Lord John Murray, in his Majesty's park Phoenix who went through all the exercises, firings and evolutions, with the greatest exactness, to the entire satisfaction of his Excellency, all the officers, and the numerous spectators who were present.

Source: *Dublin Mercury*, May 3, 1770, p. 1.

Irish Newspaper Account of Regimental Review of 42nd and Other Regiments, Dublin, Mar. 3, 1773

DUBLIN. August 4...

3d...

The [Charles Moore, 6th] earl of Drogheda's [18th] light dragoons, with the 5th, 42d, 54th, 55th, 62d, and 63d regiments of foot, were reviewed in the Phoenix-park, by gen. [Michael O'Brien] Dilkes, and went thro' the different evolutions, &c. to the intire satisfaction of the general, and all the officers.

Source: *Saunders's News-Letter* (Dublin), Aug. 2-4, 1773, p. 1.



Detail of Portrait of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Simon, 1st Earl Harcourt, 1754, by Sir Joshua Reynolds

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons

Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Col. Thomas Stirling, 42nd Regt., to William Graham of Airth, Describing Preparations for Regimental Review, Dublin, July 13, 1773

Dear Airth

... I have very little to say about myself only we are preparing for a review on the 3^d next month before Gen^l. [Michael O'Brien] Dilkes and one on the 13th before the Lord L^t [of Ireland; Simon, 1st Earl Harcourt], this gives me no time to think either of my health or to say any more to you at present but to offer my kindest Love to Annie and the Babes & to assure you I am

Dear Airth Yours most sincerely
Tho^s. Stirling

Dublin 13th July 1773

Source: *Stirlings of Ardoch and Grahams of Airth Family Letters, A Personal View of the Value of Kinship*, Transcribed and Ed. by Sarah Harrison, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge (UK), p. 10 from NLS, *Graham of Airth Papers and additional papers at MS.10943*, ff.40-41.

Review of the Dublin Garrison, Including the 42nd Regt., by Lt. Gen. William Gansell, Col., 55th Regt. and Maj. Gen James Gisborne, Col., 16th Regt., May 14, 1774

Plan of the Review of the six Battalions of Infantry which composed the Garrison of Dublin.

The six Battalions were formed in one line viz. 22^d; 54th; 62^d; 63^d; 55th; 42^d; With 4 pieces of Cannon on each flank. They received & saluted the General as he passed along the lines. Performed the Manual Exercise and General salute. Wheel'd by Grand Divisions. Marched by the General & saluted. Formed in two lines – 150 Paces distant from each other viz. 1st Line 22^d; 63^d; 55th - 2^d Line 54th; 63^d; 42^d With two pieces of cannon of the flanks of each Line.

They had a small wood in their front, behind which the 18th Dragoons were posted to act as the Enemys Cavalry; whose infantry were supposed to be posted in the front of the wood. The lines advanced very slow and the Cannon of the first line having fired some time its Light Infantry were detached to Skirmish in the front. On their recoiling, the Grenadiers were pushed forward to support them; and firing by Companys sustained the Attack till the Line came up. The line still advanced firing 1st by Companies & afterwards by double Companies. The Cannon advancing & firing with the line & the 2^d line preserving its distance. The 1st line retreated; on which the Cavalry came out from the wood, in order to attack it as

often as they Approached. The Line Faced, firing by Single Companies & by double Companies. The Cavalry were Checked but still hung on their rear which being now ready to be drove upon the 2^d Line the Right hand Companies of the 2^d Line sprung forward about 12 paces which afforded an opening through which the 1st line (each Company facing to the right) passed in an instant & formed in the rear of the 2^d line, whose left hand Companies sprung forward & closed the line – And then the 2^d line Performed the same firings advancing that the 1st line did. It then retreated and after firing a round or two in good order it fell into confusion and was drove Pell Mell by the Cavalry upon the Rear line – on sight of which the Right hand Companies of that line sprung forward briskly about 12 paces and the left hand Companys with the same Celerity, doubled upon the right hand Companys, by which there were large intervals for the Runaways to pass through; and by being six deep they were in less danger of being broke by the Cavalry, upon whom as soon as the broken Line had passed through, they fired very briskly and beat them off. The 1st line instantly formed and the lines advanced. The first line attacked again, Firing by double Companies, by wings, and by battalions. The enemy were beat into the wood and the Grenadiers and Light Infantry of both Lines sent to pursue & the 62^d Reg^t. to Support them. The Grenadiers & Light Infantry advanced into the wood & kept up a constant fire there. They were beat out, and joined the 62^d Reg^t. And retreated along with it firing by double Companies, till seeing the Cavalry ready to attack them, they threw themselves into Column & Retreated briskly. Skirmishing parties of the Cavalry were detached to impede their retreat, who surrounded the Column; but were dispersed by the fire of 4 Companies who had formed on the Angles of the Column, which continued its retreat without halting. The whole Cavalry advanced and surrounded the Column and Prepared to charge it on all sides. The column halted and dispersed them by an uninterrupted fire from the 4 sides. The Cavalry Rallied and forming into 4 columns made one home push on the 4 sides of the column at once. A general discharge from the whole column dispersed them entirely and finished these at tacks. The Column was reduced, and the Six Regiments formed into one line again – 6 companies of Grenadiers being on the right, and 6 Companies of Light Infantry on the left & 2 Squadrons of Cavalry now making part of the same Army, being posted about 60 paces in the rear of each flank. The Enemy was supposed to be drawn up on a plain in a Line in front. The line advanced slowly and the light infantry were sent forward to Skirmish, and Sustained by the Grenadiers. During the Skirmish two small columns were imperceptibly formed in the line, by the four right hand companies of the r^t. hand center battalion /62/ and the 4 left hand companies of the left hand center battalion /63/ doubling upon each other in their respective Regiments, the line closing to the Center. The line coming up and the Grenadiers and Light Infantry having regained their posts on the flanks, the line fired four times by battalions advancing with great rapidity between each fire, the heads of the Columns firing with their respective regiments and the artillery keeping a constant fire along with the line. Whilst Advancing after the third fire the Grenadiers and Light Infantry imperceptibly formed two Columns by which means there were four columns in the Line, whose heads dressing with the line were hardly to be discovered. After the last fire (Which is supposed to be given in the very teeth of the Enemy) the line rushed forward with their Bayonets; and the weight of the columns having broke the Enemys line they were defeated and pursued by the Columns. And the Cavalry immediately Advancing from the flanks scoured the front and compleated their rout. The Line being formed again, Performed a running fire of 2 rounds, the Artillery firing at the same time...

Major General Gisbornes Report of the 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Reviewed by him at Dublin on the 14th day of May 1774.

Officers-	{ Made a good Appearance – Well Armed – Saluted Well – Uniforms { Conformable to the Kings Regulation
NonCommiss ^d Officers	– Made a good Appearance
Drummers & Fifers –	Well Taught
Men	{ Of a Middling Size _ Some rather Old – Clean and Well dressed – Steady and { Attentive – Wear Bonnets – Have no Black Splatterdashes

Cloathing – Good – Well Fitted – And Agreeable to the Kings Regulation
 Arms – Clean – 190 Swords Wanting –
 Accoutrements – Good – And agreeable to the Kings Regulation –
 Recruits – Good – 41 Inlisted since last Review – 12 in the Ranks – 28 Not fit for the Ranks
 – 1 Discharged
 Complaints – None
 Non Effective Acco^t – Properly Settled to 24th March 1774 –
 Orderly Books – Regularly kept –
 Manual Exercise – Well Perform'd – And Agreeable to the Kings Regulation.

Movements {
 Evolutions { Described in the Report of the Twenty Second Regiment –
 Firings and {
 Maneuvers {
 General Remarks { This Regiment Perform'd its Business with a good degree of Attention and
 { Steadiness – And is fit for Service

Ja: Gisborne MGen^l

General Return of the NAMES, COUNTRY, AGE & Service, of the Officers, of
His Majestys 42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot
 Commanded by *General Lord John Murray*
 With the Dates of their Several Commissions

Reviewed at *Dublin* on the 14th Day of *May* 1774 By *Major General Gisborne*

OFFICERS Ranks, and Names	Country				Years of	
	English	Scotch	Irish	Foreigners	Age	Service
Colonel <i>Lord John Murray</i>		1			66	37
Lieuten ^t Col ^l <i>Thomas Stirling</i>		1			39	28
Major <i>William Murray</i>		1			36	20
{ <i>William Grant</i>		1			40	30
{ <i>Alexander Donaldson</i>		1			36	16
{ <i>George M^cKenzie</i>		1			30	14
Captains { <i>Earl Balcarres</i>		1			22	7
{ <i>James Macpherson</i>		1			49	17
{ <i>Charles Graham</i>		1			24	15
{ <i>Archibald Erskine</i>		1			25	8
Cap ^t Lieu ^t <i>Thomas Robinson</i>	1					
{ <i>John Smith</i>		1			42	17
{ <i>John M^cIntosh</i>		1			31	17
{ <i>Charles Grant</i>		1			31	15
{ <i>John Graham</i>		1			34	16
{ <i>Valentine Chisholme</i>		1			43	14
Lieutenants { <i>John Peebles</i>		1			33	11
{ <i>John Rutherford</i>		1			27	10
{ <i>Robert Reid</i>		1			23	7
{ <i>William Graham</i>		1			21	5
{ <i>James Graham</i>		1			20	5
{ <i>Robert Potts</i>		1			25	3
{ <i>John Grant</i>		1			35	13

	{ <i>Robert Franklin</i>		1		22	3
	{ <i>John Stewart</i>		1		23	2
	{ <i>Thomas Lyttleton</i>	1			17	4
Ensigns	{ <i>Patrick Graham</i>		1		19	2
	{ <i>Alexander Grant</i>		1		23	2
	{ <i>Alexander M^cKenzie</i>		1		28	1
	{ <i>George Dalrymple</i>		1		16	1
Total		2	27	1		
Chapl ⁿ	<i>James M^cLaggan</i>		1		45	12
Adjut ^t	<i>John McIntosh</i>		1		31	17
Qu ^r Ma ^r	<i>William Graham</i>		1		21	5
Surg ⁿ	<i>Alex^r Potts</i>		1		33	11
Mate	<i>James Murdoch</i>		1		33	16
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OFFICERS Ranks, and Names	Dates of their several Commissions in the Army						
	Cornet or Ensign...	Lieuten ^t	Cap ^t Lieu ^t	Captain	Major	Lieu ^t Col ^l	Colonel
Colonel <i>Lord John Murray</i>						23 ^d July 1738	25 th April 1745
Lieut ^t Col ^l <i>Thomas Stirling</i>	30 th Sep ^r 1747	9 th Oct ^r 1754		24 th July 1757	12 th Dec ^r 1770	7 th Sep ^r 1771	
Major <i>William Murray</i>	30 th Dec ^r 1755	26 th Dec ^r 1757		18 th July 1758	7 th Sep ^r 1772*		
{ <i>William Grant</i>	20 th May 1745	22 ^d Nov ^r 1746		23 ^d July 1758			
{ <i>Alexander Donaldson</i>	18 th July 1758	18 th Mar: 1760		31 st Mar: 1770			
{ <i>George M^cKenzie</i>	25 th Mar: 1760	25 th Apr ^l 1766		12 th Dec ^r 1770			
Captains { <i>Earl Balcarres</i>	15 th July 1767			28 th Jan ^y 1771			
{ <i>James Macpherson</i>				1 st Sep ^r 1771			
{ <i>Charles Graham</i>	17 th Sep ^r 1760	10 th Sep ^r 1762		7 th Sep ^r 1771			
{ <i>Archibald Erskine</i>		10 th Sep ^r 1768		7 th Sep ^r 1771			
Cap ^t Lieu ^t <i>Thomas Robinson</i>		25 th Dec ^r 1770	1 st May 1773	1 st May 1773			
{ <i>John Smith</i>	15 th May 1757	26 th July 1758					
{ <i>John M^cIntosh</i>	4 th Decem ^r 1759	15 th May 1762					
{ <i>Charles Grant</i>	28 th July 1760	9 Aug ^t 1762					
{ <i>John Graham</i>	25 th July 1758	31 st July 1760					
{ <i>Valentine Chisholme</i>	17 th Oct ^r 1761	23 ^d July 1762					
Lieutenant { <i>John Peebles</i>	23 ^d Aug ^t 1763	31 st Mar: 1770					
{ <i>John Rutherford</i>	31 st May 1764	31 st Mar: 1770					
{ <i>Robert Reid</i>	28 th Mar: 1768	7 th Sep ^r 1771					
{ <i>William Graham</i>	10 th Feb ^y 1770	23 ^d Nov ^r 1772					
{ <i>James Graham</i>	31 st Mar: 1770	1 st Mar: 1773					

	{ <i>Robert Potts</i>	7 th Sep ^r 1771	12 th July 1773					
	{ <i>John Grant</i>	17 th Oct ^r 1761						
	{ <i>Robert Franklin</i>	16 th Oct ^r 1771						
	{ <i>John Stewart</i>	15 th May 1772						
	{ <i>Thomas Lyttleton</i>	23 ^d Nov ^r 1772						
Ensigns	{ <i>Patrick Graham</i>	31 Dec ^r 1772						
	{ <i>Alexander Grant</i>	1 st Mar: 1773						
	{ <i>Alexander M^cKenzie</i>	12 th July 1773						
	{ <i>George Dalrymple</i>	12 th July 1773						
Chapl ⁿ	<i>James M^cLaggan</i>	15 th June 1764	Description of the Officers Uniforms Scarlet Frocks with Gold Laced Button holes, and Epaulletts, Lappell'd to the Waist with dark blue, small round Sleeves with blue Cuffs, Buttons Numbered 42 ^d Regiment with White Linings, Waistcoats White Belted Plaids & Hose, Blue Bonnets in Place of Hatts, with Black Ostrich Feathers.					
Adjut ^t	<i>John M^cIntosh</i>	2 ^d Nov ^r 1768						
Qu ^r Ma ^r	<i>William Graham</i>	18 th Jan ^y 1770						
Surg ⁿ	<i>Alex^r Potts</i>	10 th April 1764						
Mate	<i>James Murdoch</i>	10 th Nov ^r 1758						

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* Error. Maj. Murray became Major in 1771.

General Return of the Country, Size, Age & time of Service, of the Men, of *His Majestys 42^d Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot*

Commanded by *General Lord John Murray*

Including Serjeants, Corporals, and Drummers.

Dublin 14th May 1774

Number of each Country											
COMPANIES											
Country	Col ^o <i>Lord John Murray</i>	L ^t Col ^o <i>Thomas Stirling</i>	Major <i>William Murray</i>	Capt. <i>William Grant /Maj^r/</i>	Capt. <i>Alexander Donaldson</i>	Capt. <i>George M^cKenzie</i> [Light Infantry Co.]	Capt. <i>Earl Balcarres</i> [Grenadier Co.]	Capt. <i>James Macpherson</i>	Capt. <i>Charles Graham</i>	Capt. <i>Archibald Erskine</i>	Total
English											
Scotch	41	41	41	41	42	41	44	41	42	41	415
Irish											
Foreigner ^s											
Total	41	41	41	41	42	41	44	41	42	41	415
SIZE											
from 5 ^F – 6 ^I & under to 6 ^F – 2 ^I & upwards											
Size	Companies as above										Total

Feet Inch											
6-2											
6-1 ½											
6-1							2			1	3
6- ½											
6-							8				8
5-11 ½									1		1
5-11			1				9				10
5-10 ½			1		1						2
5-10				2			13		2		17
5-9 ½			4		2			3			9
5-9	3	9	3	4			9	2	2	8	40
5-8 ½	4							3	4	11	22
5-8	3	6	4	6	7	1	3	3	2		35
5-7 ½	6	12	4		6			3	11	7	49
5-7	4		4	18	4	13		4	2		49
5-6 ½	11	8	6		5			14	7	8	59
5-6	5		6	5	6	19		4	5		50
under 5-6	5	6	8	6	11	8		5	6	6	61
Total	41	41	41	41	42	41	44	41	42	41	415

Nº. 2

AGE from 18 & under to 55 Years & upwards											
COMPANIES											Total
Years of Age	Col ^o Lord John Murray	L ^t Col ^o Thomas Stirling	Major William Murray	Capt. William Grant /major/	Capt. Alexander Donaldson	Capt. George M ^c Kenzie [Light Infantry Co.]	Capt. Earl Balcarres [Grenadier Co.]	Capt. James Macpherson	Capt. Charles Graham	Capt. Archibald Erskine	
55										1	1
50										1	2
45		5		4			1	2	2		14
40	2	6			4		3	1	4	7	27
35	4	5	5	6	1	1	4	6	1	3	36
30	7	3	6	7	9	5	7	8	5	6	63
25	14	15	13	17	13	17	17	15	13	13	147
20	11	2	10	6	10	14	11	5	8	7	84
18	3	5	7		5	4	1	4	9	3	41
Total	41	41	41	41	42	41	44	41	42	41	415
SERVICE from 1 Year & under to 35 & upwards											
Years	Companies as above										Total
35											
30											
25								1			1
20	2			2					2	2	8
15	4	14	5	3	5	3	5	6	6	10	61
10	2		2	3	1	1	4	3	1	3	20
8	1		6	4	5		3	2	3	5	29
7	9		7	4	5	5	12	1	2	2	47

6			1	7	19	4	2	4	8	4	49
5	9	10	10	3		1	2	1	1	7	44
4	4	7	2	9	2	15	6	9	7		61
3	4	2	5		1	6	3	3	1		25
2	2	2		1		2	5	5	5	4	26
1	4	6	3	5	4	4	2	6	6	4	44
Total	41	41	41	41	42	41	44	41	42	41	415

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Return of His Majestys 42 ^d or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray Dublin 14 th May 1774												
COMPANIES	Officers Present											
	Commission.			Staff								
	Colonel	Lieut Colonel	Major	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns, or 2 ^d Lieut ^{es}	Chaplain	Adjutant	Quartermaster	Surgeon	Mate	
Col ^l Lord John Murray	1	1	1	1	1		
L'Col ^l Thomas Stirling	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Major William Murray	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Capt ^s { William Grant, Maj ^r	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
{ Alexan ^r Donaldson	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
{ George M ^c Kenzie	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
{ Earl Balcarres	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
{ James Macpherson	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
{ Charles Graham	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
{ Archid ^d Erskine	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	1	1	6	11	6	1	1	1	1	1	1

COMPANIES	Sergeants Present	Drummers & Fifers Present	Effective Rank And File							Wanting to Complete the Allowance			Alterations since last Review				
			Present & Fit for Duty	Sick in Quarters	Sick in Hospitals	On Command	Recruiting	On Furlow	Total	Sergeants	Drummers & Fifers	Rank & File	Inlisted	Dead	Discharg ^d & Recomm ^d	Discharg ^d & not Recomm ^d	Deserted
Col ^l Lord John Murray	2	1	36	1	1				38			1	5			1	
L'Col ^l Thomas Stirling	2	1	33	3	1		1		38			1	4	2	1	1	1
Major William Murray	2	1	34	2	2				38			1	4				1
{ William Grant /Maj ^r	2	1	31	5	1		1		38			1	4		2	2	
{ Alexan ^r Donaldson	2	1	35	3	..		1		38				4		2	2	2
{ George M ^c Kenzie	2	1	34	2	1		1		38			1	4				
Capt ^s { Earl Balcarres	2	3	37	1	1				39				4			2	
{ James Macpherson	1	1	34	2	2				38			1	4	1			
{ Charles Graham	2	1	35	3	1				39				4			1	
{ Archid ^d Erskine	1	1	33	3	2				38			1	41	3	3	2	

Total	18	12	342	25	12		4		383		7		8	11	4
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ABSENT OFFICERS.				VACANT OFFICERS.		
Ranks & Names	Since What Time	By whose Leave	For What Time	Rank	Since What time	By what Means
<i>General Lord John Murray</i> <i>Captain James Macpherson</i> <i>Captⁿ Lieu^t Thom^s Robinson</i> <i>Ensign John Grant</i> <i>Ensign John Stewart</i>	10 th April 1774 10 th April 1774	<i>Generals Recruiting in Scotland</i> <i>Lord Lieutenants Recruiting in Scotland</i> <i>Lord Lieutenants</i>	10 th July 1774 10 th July 1774			<i>Serjeants Recruiting...2</i>

Field Return &C.																						
	Commis ^d Officers						Staff Officers					Non.Com ^{sn} Officers & Private Men				Detail of Officers & Men on Duty						
	Colonel.	Lieut ^t Colonel.	Major.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns or 2 ^d Lieut ^{ts} .	Chaplain.	Adjutant.	Quart ^r Master.	Surgeon.	Mate.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drum ^{rs} & Fifers.	Private.	Places Where	Captains.	Subalterns.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drum ^{rs} & Fifers.	Private.
Under Arms		1	1	4	10	6	1	1	1	1	1	18	28	12	286	Recruiting On Guard	1	1	2	2		4
On Duty				2		1						2	2		30		1					26
Sick in { Quarters				1	1										25							
{ Hospital															12							
Prisoners																						
Absent by Leave	1			1		1																
Total Effectives	1	1	1	8	11	8	1	1	1	1	1	20	30	12	353	Total	2	1	2	2		30
Wanting to Complete to the Allowance															7							
Total of the Allowance	1	1	1	8	11	8	1	1	1	1	1	20	30	12	360							

No. 3

Return of the Arms of <i>His Majestys 42^d Or Royal Highland Reg^t of Foot Commanded by</i> <i>General Lord John Murray</i> <i>Dublin 14th May 1774</i>						
	Halberts.	Drums.	Firelocks.	Bayonets.	Cartridge. Boxes.	When Received.
Good	20	12	390	390	390	The Firelocks & Bayonets for the } Establishment at Dublin 12 th July } 1773
Bad						
Wanting						
Complement	20	12	390	390	390	

Return of Accoutrements											
	Colours.	Serjeants Sashes	Grenadier Swords	Waist Belts	Pouches with Shoulder Belts	Slings	Grenadier Match Cases	Pioneers			When Received
								Axes	Saws	Aprons	
Good	2		232		422	390		9	9	9	
Bad											
Wanting			190					1	1	1	
Complement	2		422		422	390		10	10	10	

Return of Cloathing																
N ^o Delivered in 1773 Wanting to Comp ^t to y ^e Allowance. Ten of the Rank and File are Cloathed as Musicians	Serjeants.							Drummers & Fifers.							N.B. the Contingent Men p ^r Company with their Arms, Accoutrements and Cloathing are not inserted in y ^e Several Returns The Colonel Allows the Serjeants , Corporals, Drumm ^{rs} Fifers, & Private full half Mounting money to Supply them with Shirts Rollers & Shoes	
	Coats.	<i>Plaids.</i>	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	<i>Hose.</i>	<i>Bonnets.</i>	Coats.	<i>Plaids.</i>	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	<i>Hose.</i>	<i>Bonnets.</i>		Drum Carriages.
	27	20	20	20	20	108	20	12	12	12	12	12	48	12		12
Total of the Allowance	27	20	20	20	20	108	20	12	12	12	12	12	48	12	12	

Return of Cloathing								
	Rank & File							N.B. the Contingent Men p ^r Company with their Arms, Accoutrements and Cloathing are not inserted in y ^e Several Returns The Colonel Allows the Serjeants , Corporals, Drumm ^{rs} Fifers, & Private full half Mounting money to Supply them with Shirts Rollers & Shoes
	Coats.	Plaid.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	
	383	383	383	383	383	1532	383	
Total of the Allowance	383	383	383	383	383	1532	383	

Abstract of Non Effective Account from 25 th June 1772 to 24 th March 1774		
Dr.	NON EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT	Cr.

To Balance of Last Years Acco ^t	£	342	2	11 ½		By Stopped for Non Effectives, Warrant Men & Recruiting party Subs ^{ce} for the above time			
To Levy Money for 55 Recruits		303					873	6	5 ¾
To Subsistence of ditto from the days of landing till Joind, Passage of ditto & Partys, Charges on Deserters, Muster Office Fees, Fees on Warrants, Exchange on Bills, hire of Store Houses, Monthly Returns Postage of Letters, Stationary Regimental Clerk and Drill Serjeants Allowance to 24 th March 1774		186	..	7		Balance	28	2	¾
To Pay master Allowance from 1 st July 1773 } To 24 th March 1774 }		30							
To 7 Non Effectives 14 May 1774		37	18	4					
	£	901	8	6 ½		£	901	8	6 ½

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Source: TNA, War Office, Inspection returns, Irish, 1774 at WO 27/32, May 14 1774. The combined review of the six regiments is filed with the review of the first regiment listed; the 22nd Regt.



Detail from "East View of the City of Waterford," 1795, by Samuel Alken

Picture Source: *King George III's Personal Coloured Views Collection*, British Lib., London

Review of the 42nd Regt., by Maj. Gen Robert Cuninghame, Col., 58th Regt., Waterford, Ireland, May 30, 1775

Major General Cuninghames Observations on the Fortysecond Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot reviewed By Him at Waterford on the 30th Day of May 1775.

Officers- Their Uniforms according to Regulation. And their general Appearance much in their favour. They were Steady and Saluted tolerably well. The Major appeared on Foot.

NonCommiss^d Off^{rs} - In every respect as they should be.

Drummers – Beat tolerably well. Their Drums are not painted according to the Kings Regulation.

Fifers –	Play very well.
Musick -	A Good Band of 10.
Private-	Of a very tolerable Size. Active and Strong. A few of them Old and ill set up for a Parade, but all of them are serviceable. The Recruits of the two last years have greatly improved the Regiment. Steady and well dressed.
Cloathing -	Good well fitted and according to Regulation. Their White purses are not part of the Establishment but bought by the Men as an Ornament.
Arms -	In perfect good order. The Grenadiers had no Swords. 190 Wanting for the Battalion, which was ordered to be provided forthwith. Lieutenant Colonel Stirling says that the Highlanders on several occasions declined using Broad Swords in America [during French & Indian War]; That they all prefer Bayonets; and that Swords for the Battalion Men tho' part of their dress and Establishment are incumbrances.
Accoutrements -	Uniform and according to Regulation.
Recruits and	23 Inlisted since last Review. All remarkably good. 12 In the ranks, 11 not fit
Discharged Men -	for them. 8 Discharged, of which 2 recommended to the Hospital.
Complaints -	None
Accounts -	Settled to the 24 th of June 1774, But so Stated as not to be intelligible. Nothing requires more regulation than the Stock purse, and NonEffective accounts of the Irish Establishment. They are now under no Regulation whatever, Some Commanding Officers charge review Dinners, Musick, and whatever else they think proper, and blend such a variety of articles together they cannot be Decyphered. Till these abuses are rectified; The Regiments in Ireland cannot be tolerably Complete. £ 40, is now charged by every Regiment of Foot for a paymaster formerly 5 ^{sh} per Month from every Company was reckoned sufficient.
Orderly Books –	Produced and found very properly kept.
Manual Exercise -	Tolerably well but slower than the general practice in Ireland, and not strictly conformable to Regulation.
Movements {	Received the General. General Salute. Marched by Grand Divisions.
Evolutions {	Fired by Companies from the flanks to Center. Fired by Companies to
Firings and {	the Rear from Center to flanks. Advanced in Slow time. Fired by Grand
Maneuvers {	Divisions from flanks to Center. Advanced in Slow time. Fired by
	Wings. Fired by Right and Left hand Companies Retreating. Advanced by files
	from the Right of Grand Divisions. Formed Battalion. Retreated from the Right
	of Grand Divisions. Changed front to the Left. Wheeled by Companies to the
	Right. Street Firing Advancing and Retreating. Formed Battalion to the Left.
	Changed front to the Right. Formed a Solid Column. Charged in Column.
	Formed Battalion and fired by Companies from Center to flanks. Retreated in
	Solid Column. Advanced from the Center of Wings by single files. Formed
	Battalion and retreated by files from the Center of Wings. Formed Column from
	the Center. Formed the Square and fired by Companies. Formed Battalion.
	Retreated in Column from the Center. Fired a Volley. Charged. Volley and
	General Salute.
	In all 20 rounds.
	The Maneuvers were well done, and through the whole the Men were Steady and
	Attentive.
General Observations-	This is an Excellent Steady well disciplined Regiment, And in every respect fit
	for immediate Service.

Robert Cuninghame

Maj^r Gen^l

General Return of the NAMES, COUNTRY, AGE & Service, of the Officers, of *His Majestys 42^d / Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot*

Commanded by *The Right Honorable General Lord John Murray*

With the dates of their Several Commissions

Reviewed at *Waterford* on the 30th Day of *May 1775* By *Major General Robert Cuninghame*

OFFICERS Ranks, and Names	Country				Years of	
	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Foreigners.	Age.	Service.
Colonel <i>Lord John Murray</i>		1			67	37
Lieuten ^t Col ^l <i>Thomas Stirling</i>		1			40	28
Major <i>William Murray</i>		1			37	20
{ <i>William Grant</i>		1			41	30
{ <i>Alexander Donaldson</i>		1			37	17
{ <i>George M^cKenzie</i>		1			31	15
Captains { <i>Earl Balcarres</i>		1			23	8
{ <i>James M^cPherson</i>		1			50	18
{ <i>Charles Graham</i>		1			25	16
{ <i>Archibald Erskine</i>		1			26	9
Cap ^t Lieu ^t <i>John Smith</i>		1			43	18
{ <i>John M^cIntosh</i>		1			32	18
{ <i>Charles Grant</i>		1			32	16
{ <i>John Graham</i>		1			35	17
{ <i>Valentine Chisholme</i>		1			44	15
{ <i>John Peebles</i>		1			34	12
Lieutenants { <i>John Rutherford</i>		1			28	11
{ <i>Robert Reid</i>		1			24	8
{ <i>William Graham</i>		1			22	6
{ <i>James Graham</i>		1			21	6
{ <i>Robert Potts</i>		1			26	4
{ <i>John Grant</i>		1			36	14
{ <i>Robert Franklin</i>			1		23	4
{ <i>Thomas Lyttleton</i>	1				18	5
{ <i>Patrick Graham</i>		1			20	3
Ensigns { <i>Alexander Grant</i>		1			24	3
{ <i>Alexand^r M^cKenzie</i>		1			29	15
{ <i>George Dalrymple</i>		1			17	2
{ <i>James Campbell</i>		1			22	2
{ <i>James Lees</i>		1			17	1
Total	1	28	1			
Chap ⁿ <i>James M^cLaggan</i>		1			46	13
Adjut ^t <i>John M^cIntosh</i>		1			32	18
Qu ^r Ma ^r <i>William Graham</i>		1			22	6
Surg ⁿ <i>Alexander Potts</i>		1			34	12
Mate <i>William Robertson</i>		1			22	2
		5				

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OFFICERS Ranks, and Names	Dates of their several Commissions in the Army						
	Cornet or Ensign	Lieuten ^t	Cap ^t Lieu ^t	Captain	Major	Lieu ^t Col ^l	Colonel
Colonel <i>Lord John Murray</i>						23 ^d July 1738	25 th April 1745
Lieuten ^t Col ^l <i>Thomas Stirling</i>	30 th Septem ^r 1747	9 th October 1754		24 th July 1757	12 th Decem ^r 1770	7 th Septem ^r 1771	
Major <i>William Murray</i>	30 th Decem ^r 1755	26 th Decem ^r 1757		18 th July 1758	7 th Septem ^r 1771		
{ <i>William Grant</i>	20 th May 1745	22 ^d Novem ^r 1746		23 ^d July 1758			
{ <i>Alexander Donaldson</i>	18 th July 1758	18 th March 1760		31 st March 1770			
{ <i>George M^cKenzie</i>	25 th March 1762	25 th April 1766		12 th Decem ^r 1770			
Captains { <i>Earl Balcarres</i>	15 th July 1767			28 th January 1771			
{ <i>James M^cPherson</i>		18 th October 1761		1 st Septem ^r 1771			
{ <i>Charles Graham</i>	17 th Septem ^r 1760	10 th Septem ^r 1762		7 th Septem ^r 1771			
{ <i>Archibald Erskine</i>	2 ^d Decem ^r 1766	10 th Septem ^r 1768		7 th Septem ^r 1771			
Cap ^t Lieu ^t <i>John Smith</i>	15 th May 1757	26 th July 1758	14 th January 1775				
{ <i>John M^cIntosh</i>	4 th Decem ^r 1759	15 th May 1762					
{ <i>Charles Grant</i>	28 th July 1760	9 th August 1762					
{ <i>John Graham</i>	25 th July 1758	31 st July 1760					
{ <i>Valentine Chisholme</i>	17 th October 1761	23 ^d July 1762					
{ <i>John Peebles</i>	23 ^d August 1763	31 st March 1770					
Lieutenants { <i>John Rutherford</i>	31 st May 1764	31 st March 1770					
{ <i>Robert Reid</i>	28 th March 1768	7 th Septem ^r 1770					
{ <i>William Graham</i>	10 th Febry 1770	23 ^d Novem ^r 1772					
{ <i>James Graham</i>	31 st March 1770	1 st March 1773					
{ <i>Robert Potts</i>	7 th Septem ^r 1771	12 th Febry 1773					
{ <i>John Grant</i>	1 st October 1761	14 th January 1775					
{ <i>Robert Franklin</i>	16 th October 1771						
{ <i>Thomas Lyttleton</i>	23 rd Novem ^r 1772						
{ <i>Patrick Graham</i>	31 st Decem ^r 1772						
Ensigns { <i>Alexander Grant</i>	1 st March 1773						
{ <i>Alexand^r M^cKenzie</i>	19 th October 1761						
{ <i>George Dalrymple</i>	12 th July 1773						
{ <i>James Campbell</i>	28 th April 1774						
{ <i>James Lees</i>	14 th January 1775						

Chap ⁿ	<i>James M^cLaggan</i>	15 th June 1761	Officers Uniforms <i>Dark Blue Facings with Gold Laced Button Holes & Epaulettes, Buttons Numbered, The Lapells, Cuffs, Waistcoats, Belted Plaids, Hose and Blue Bonnets, according to Regulation.</i>
Adjut ^t	<i>John M^cIntosh</i>	2 ^d November 1768	
Qu ^r Ma ^r	<i>William Graham</i>	18 th January 1770	
Surg ⁿ	<i>Alexander Potts</i>	10 th April 1761	
Mate	<i>William Robertson</i>	1 st May 1774	

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Commanded by The Right Honorable General Lord John Murray
Including Serjeants, Corporals, and Drummers.

Number of each Country											
COMPANIES											
Country	Col ^o <i>Lord John Murrays.</i>	L ^t Col ^o <i>Thomas Stirlings.</i>	Major <i>William Murrays.</i>	Capt. <i>William Grants.</i>	Capt. <i>Alexand^r Donaldsons.</i>	Capt. <i>George M^cKenzies.</i>	Capt. <i>Earl Balcarres's</i>	Capt. <i>James M^cPhersons.</i>	Capt. <i>Charles Grahams.</i>	Capt. <i>Archibald Erskines.</i>	Total
English											
Scotch	39	37	39	37	38	35	43	37	38	35	378
Irish											
Foreigners ^s											
Total	39	37	39	37	38	35	43	37	38	35	378
SIZE											
from 5 ^F – 6 ^I & under to 6 ^F – 2 ^I & upwards											
Size	Companies as above										Total
Feet Inch											
6-2											
6-1 ½											
6-1							3				3
6- ½											
6-							4				4
5-11 ½	1			1							2
5-11							6		1		7
5-10 ½					1		12				13
5-10			1	2			6	2	1		12
5-9 ½			1				9	2	1	1	14
5-9	4	8	6	5	2				3	3	31
5-8 ½	3			4	2			7	3	3	22
5-8	3	4	6		7		3	3	4	5	35
5-7 ½	8		5	10	7	7			7	9	48
5-7	5	10	8		4	7		5	11	9	59
5-6 ½	6	6	4	9	5	3		10	3	4	50
5-6	4	6	5	3	6	13		5	3	2	47
under 5-6	5	3	3	3	4	5		3	1	4	31

Total	39	37	39	37	38	35	43	37	38	35	378
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Nº. 2

AGE from 18 & under to 55 years & upwards											
COMPANIES											Total
Years of Age	Col ^o Lord John Murrays.	L ^t Col ^o Thomas Stirlings.	Major William Murrays.	Capt. William Grants.	Capt. Alexander Donaldsons.	Capt. George McKenzies.	Capt. Earl Balcarres's.	Capt. James McPhersons.	Capt. Charles Grahams.	Capt. Archibald Erskines.	
55											
50										1	1
45		3						2	2	1	8
40	3	3	2	2	3		6	1	4	2	26
35	5	3	3	9	3	2	3	5	3	1	37
30	9	6	6	5	7	4	8	4	7	9	65
25	10	15	9	10	10	17	17	11	8	8	115
20	10	3	11	4	12	11	8	7	10	9	85
18	2	4	8	7	3	1	1	7	4	4	41
Total	39	37	39	37	38	35	43	37	38	35	378
SERVICE from 1 Year & under to 35 & upwards											
Years	Companies as above										Total
35											
30								1			1
25										1	1
20	3			2		2		3	6	1	17
15	4	12	5		4	1	7	3	2	3	41
10	4		1	12	2	2	6	5	4	3	39
8	8		4	5	2	8	14	3	7	6	57
7			5		3		1		2	4	15
6	7			6		12	5	7	5	7	46
5	3	9	6		13	3	3	3	1	1	42
4	5	6	2		5	5	2	4	4	5	44
3	2	2	3		5		1	3	2	1	19
2	3	6	7	7	6	1	1	4	4	5	44
1		2	6	5	3	1		3	1	2	23
Total	39	37	39	37	38	35	43	37	38	35	378

Nº. 2 [continued]

Return of *His Majestys 42^d Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot*
Commanded by *The Right Honorable General Lord John Murray*

COMPANIES	Officers Present	
	Commission.	Staff

	Colonel	Lieut' Colonel	Major	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns, or 2 ^d Lieut ^{ts}	Chaplain	Adjutant	Quartermaster	Surgeon	Mate
Col ^l Lord John Murray				1		1	1	1	1	1	1
L'Col ^l Thomas Stirling		1			1	1					
Major William Murray			1		1						
Capt ^s { William Grant				1		1					
{ Alexan ^r Donaldson				1	1	1					
{ George M ^c Kenzie				1	2						
{ Earl Balcarres				1	2						
{ James M ^c Pherson					1						
{ Charles Graham				1	1	1					
{ Archibald Erskine				1	1	1					
Total		1	1	7	10	6	1	1	1	1	1

Nº. 3

COMPANIES	Sergeants Present	Drummers & Fifers Present	Effective Rank And File							Wanting to Complete to Allowance			Alterations since last Review				
			Present & Fit for Duty	Sick in Quarters	Sick in Hospitals	On Command	Recruiting	On Furlow	Total	Sergeants	Drummers & Fifers	Rank & File	Inlisted	Dead	Discharg ^d & Recomm ^d	Discharg ^d & not Recomm ^d	Deserted
Col ^l Lord John Murray	2	1	32	3	1				36			3	2			4	
L'Col ^l Thomas Stirling	2	1	31	1			2		34			5	2		3	4	1
Major William Murray	2	1	31	1	2		2		36			3	3	1		6	1
Capt ^s { William Grant	2	1	30	3			1		34			5	3		4	5	
Alexan ^r Donaldson	2	1	33	1					35			4	2	1		5	
George M ^c Kenzie	1	1	30	1	1		1		32			7	1			4	
Earl Balcarres	2	3	38						38			1	1	1		1	
James M ^c Pherson	2	1	32		1		1		34			5	3			6	
Charles Graham	2	1	31	1	3				35			4	3			5	
Archibald Erskine	1	1	26	1	4		1		32			7	3		3	5	
Total	18	12	314	12	12		8		346			44	23	3	10	45	2

Nº. 3 [continued]

ABSENT OFFICERS				VACANT OFFICERS		
Ranks & Names	Since What Time	By whose Leave	For What Time	Rank	Since What time	By what Means
C ^l Lord John Murray Gen ^l	September 1773	His Majestys	-----			
Captain James M ^c Pherson	-----	Recruiting	-----			
Lieut John Grant	-----	Recruiting	-----			
Ensign Thomas Lyttleton	10 th April 1775	His Majestys	10 th October 1775			
Ensign James Lees	15 th May 1775	Commander in Chiefs	15 th November 1775			

<i>NB 23 Of the Number Discharged and not Recommended were Drafted to Compleat the Regiments that went to America</i>	<i>Nº of Sergeants Recruiting -- 13</i>
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Nº. 3 [continued]

Field Return																							
	Commis ^d Officers						Staff Officers					Non.Com ^{sn} Officers & Private Men				Detail of Officers & Men on Duty							
	Colonel.	Lieut ^t Colonel.	Major.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns or 2 ^d Lieut ^{ts} .	Chaplain.	Adjutant.	Quart ^r Master.	Surgeon.	Mates	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drumm ^{rs} & Fifers.	Private.	Places Where	Captains.	Subalterns.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drum ^{rs} & Fifers.	Private.	
Under Arms		1	1	6	9	6	1	1	1	1		17	28	12	270	<i>On Guard Recruiting</i>					1		15
On Duty				1	1							3	2		22		1	1	3	1		7	
Sick in { Quarters				1	1					1					8								
{ Hospital															16								
Prisoners																							
Absent by Leave	1					2																	
Total Effectives	1	1	1	8	11	8	1	1	1	1	1	20	30	12	316								
Wanting to Complete to the Allowance															44								
Total of the Allowance	1	1	1	8	11	8	1	1	1	1	1	20	30	12	360		1	1	3	2	-	22	

Nº. 3 [continued]

Return of the Arms of His Majestys 42 ^d Or Royal Highland Reg ^t of Foot Commanded by The Right Honorable General Lord John Murray											
	Halberts.	Drums.	Firelocks.	Bayonets.	Cartridge. Boxes.	When Received.					
Good	20	12	390	390	39	<i>A Compleat Set of Firelocks and Bayonets Received at Dublin in 1773</i> <i>N.B. The Cartridge Boxes are in good Condition, But the Construction Bad, not being deep enough to Contain Cartridges with Ball</i>					
Bad					351						
Wanting											
Complement	20	12	390	390	390						
Return of Accoutrements											
	Colours.	Serjeants Sashes	Grenadier & Battalion Swords	Waist Belts	Pouches with Shoulder Belts	Slings	Grenadier Match Cases	Axes	Saws	Aprons	When Received
Good	2		232		422	390		9	9	9	<i>Colours in 1774</i> <i>Swords in 1773</i> <i>Shoulder Belts in 1772</i> <i>Slings in 1767</i> <i>Pioneers Appointments 1772</i>
Bad											
Wanting			190					1	1	1	

Complement	2		422		422	390		10	10	10							
Return of Cloathing																	
N ^o Delivered in 1774 Wanting to Comp ^t to y ^e Allowance. Ten of the Rank and File are Cloathed as Musicians Total of the Allowance			Serjeants.						Drummers & Fifers.								
			Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	Coats.	Plaids.	Shirts.	Rollers.	Shoes.	Hose.	Bonnets.	Drum Carriages.
			20	20				80	20	12	12				48	12	12
			20	20				80	20	12	12			48	12	12	

Abstract of Non Effective Account from 25 th June 1773 To 24 th June 1774										
Dr.		NON EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT						Cr.		
To Balance of last years Account		28	2	¾		By 12 Months Pay of 20 Warrant Men		121	13	4
To Levy Money for 50 Recruits		270	16	8		By Non Effectives Stopt from Abstracts		306	12	3
To Subsistence of Recruits from the Days of their Landing in Ireland till Joined, Passage of Recruits and Parties to and from Britain, Charges on Deserters, Muster Office Fees, Exchange on Bills, Hire of Store Houses, Monthly Returns, Fees of Warrants, Postage of Letters &c ^a , &c ^a		99	12	11 ¾						
To Pay Master Allowance for One Year		40				Ballance		10	6	1 ½
£		438	11	8 ½		£		438	11	8 ½

Source: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief and War Office: Adjutant General and Army Council, Inspection Returns, Irish, 1775-1776* at WO27/35.



Detail from "Portrait of John Campbell, 5th Duke of Argyll," by Thomas Gainsborough

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from Sotheby's

**Excerpt of Letter from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. John Campbell,
5th Duke of Argyll, Commander-in-Chief, North Britain, Regarding Inspection
of the 42nd Regt. by Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, London, Mar. 2, 1776**

War Office 2^d March 1776.

See page 223 Lord Barrington presents his Compliments to the Duke of Argyll...
Duke of Argyll Lord Barrington has the honor to enclose for His Grace's information a Copy of his Letter
to Sir Adolphus Oughton, relative to the inspecting the Royal Highland Regiment

Source: TNA, *War Office Out-Letters, General Letters, Jan. 1776 – Apr. 1776* at WO 4/96, p. 225 (f.113).

**Order from Secretary at War Viscount Barrington to Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton,
Col., 31st Regt., to Inspect the 42nd Regt., Mar. 2, 1776**

War Office 2^d March 1776

Sir,

I have the honor to signify to you H.M.P. [His Majesty's Pleasure] that you do inspect the 42^d /or Royal Highland/ Reg^t of Foot, as soon as the same shall be assembled and transmit to me for H.M.'s information an accurate Report of the Age, Size, and general fitness of the Recruits for the Service.

You are to specify the Number of Men under five feet four Inches in height, and under eighteen Years of Age, or upwards of Forty; At the same time acquainting me whether in your Opinion any of those who fall under this description are in every other respect fit for duty.

You are likewise to distinguish the respective Numbers of Highlanders, Lowlanders, Irish and English Recruits.

You will also be pleased to inform me how far the Recruiting Instructions of the Colonel or Commanding Officer have been observed in completing the said Corps.

Should there be any supernumeraries they are to be subsisted by the Regiment until further order.

I have the honor &c

Barrington

Sir Adolphus Oughton
Edinburgh

Source and Note: TNA, *Secretary-at-War, Out-letters*, WO 4/96, p. 223 (f. 112). Unfortunately no record of this this review can be located in the War Office files.



Detail of Portrait of Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, 1778, by John Downman

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**Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North Britain,
to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Assignment to Inspect the 42nd Regt.,
Edinburgh, Mar. 9, 1776**

My Lord

I am honoured with Your Lordship's of the 2^d by last Night's post, acquainting me with His Majesty's Pleasure that I should inspect the 42^d. Regiment as soon as assembled and transmit to Your Lordship accurate Reports of the Fitness of the Recruits for Service, with other Particulars. This I have notified to Lord John Murray, who commands his Regiment; and have given Orders for calling in all their Out Parties as soon as may be.

I have the Honour to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant

Caroline Park, March 9, 1776 –

Ja^s: Adol^s: Oughton

Source and Note: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO 1/865, p. 351. The image of Gen. Oughton is provided under the license of the National Gallery of Scotland and is for personal use only. Personal use means non-commercial use of the image(s) for display on personal websites and computers, or making prints for personal use. The image(s) may not be used in any way whatsoever in which you charge money, collect fees, or receive any form of remuneration. The image(s) may not be used in advertising. The image(s) may not be resold, relicensed, or sub-licensed.

**Excerpt of Letter from Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, North
Britain, to Secretary at War Viscount Barrington, Regarding Plans to Inspect the 42nd Regt.,
Edinburgh, Mar. 26, 1776**

My Lord

I am honoured with Your Lordship's several Letters of the 20th, and 21st. I shall take Care that the Recruits of the 26th Regiment embark with the Highlanders...

As the 42^d Regiment is now assembled, I shall inspect them, agreeable to His Majesty's Commands, on Friday next: but shall not embark them 'till I receive further Orders; as their Cloathing and camp Necessaries are not yet arrived, and the Transports for the 71st will not be ready before the 20th of next Month. [Maj.] General [Simon] Fraser [71st Highland Regt.] writes me that he has raised about 2500 Men; but the Inverness Division will not be able to join for some Time...

I have the Honour to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and most obedient Servant

Ja^s: Adol: Oughton

Caroline Park March 26. 1776...

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 2. Government Departments: f. Various Departments, 1770 – 1776* at WO 1/865, p. 399.

**News Account of Review of the 42nd Regt., by Lt. Gen. James Adolphus Oughton,
Glasgow, Mar. 29, 1776**

On Friday last [Mar. 29] the 42^d regiment or Royal Highlanders (Lord John Murray's), were reviewed by General Oughton, before several officers of distinction. The regiment made a fine appearance, and went through their evolutions to the general satisfaction of all present. They are allowed to be as fine a body of men as is in his Majesty's service. We hear they are ordered to be on board the transports destined for America by the 10th instant; and the 71st regiment (Fraser's), are ordered to be on board by the 20th instant.

Source and Note: *Edinburgh Advertiser* April 2, 1776. The report of this review is, unfortunately, not on file at the National Archives in the War Office Inspection Returns files for 1776.

**Excerpt of Letter from Gen. Lord John Murray, Col., 42nd Regt. to Secretary at War
Viscount Barrington, Regarding Lt. Gen. Sir James Adolphus Oughton's Review,
Glasgow, Apr. 2, 1776**

My Lord...

I have sent duplicates of the Returns Signed by Lieu^t. Colonel [Thomas] Stirling to S^r. Aud^s. Oughton last Friday [Mar. 29] When he inspected the Reg^t for Severall hours, and afterwards Revised them.

I refer to his Report and have the honor to be

My Lord

Glasgow 2^d. April 1776
Lord Barrington

Your Lordships most obed^t and most humble Serv^t
John Murray...

Source: TNA, *War Office In-Letters: 3. General Correspondence: b. Series II: M-R, 1776* at WO 1/993.



South Aspect of Halifax from near Point Pleasant Park (showing Fort George), c. 1780, engraved by Edward Hicks

Picture Source: Wikimedia Commons, from *Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management*

**Review of the Garrison, Including the 42nd Regt., by Maj. Gen John Campbell,
Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 17, 1784**

Head Q^{rs} Halifax 17th June 1784

Report of a General Review of His Majestys Forces that compose the Garrison of Halifax by Major General Campbell Commanding all His Majesty's Troops in Nova Scotia &c &c &c on the 9th June 1784

Consisting of a Detachment of the Royal Artillery the 17th, 33rd & 42nd Regiments.

Major General Campbell begs leave to report the high pleasure and satisfaction he received in Reviewing the Garrison of Halifax on the 9th of June from the Soldierly appearance of the Royal Artillery and Troops under Arms; which truly merited his Sincere acknowledgment and thanks to Colonel [John] Yorke [33rd Regt.] and the Commanding Officers of Corps for the care and attention evidently given by them to the dress and Discipline of both Officers and Men.

The Officers were properly Armed and saluted well.

The NonCommissioned Officers made a good appearance; both attentive and expert at their business.

The Drummers and Fifers beat & Play well.

All the Corps composed of strong active serviceable Men.

Their Arms clean and in good firing Order.

The Accoutrements made according to the Regulation.

Their Cloathing good and made according to the Regulation, and well fitted; their Hatts and Bonnets well cocked, and the Black Cloth Gaiters made according to the Regulation. The State and condition of their Arms and Accoutrements are exactly as specified in their several Returns.

Regimental Books properly kept and the Orders regularly entered.

The Men are properly cleared and their Accounts settled to 24th April inclusive.

The Regiments very fit for immediate service, were they all complete.

The 42nd Regiment could not appear in their full uniforms for want of Plaids &^c which the Commanding Officer thought proper annually to dispose of, during the late War, in order to purchase a more commodious Dress for the American Service, with the Approbation of the Commander in Chief. The Regiment appeared remarkably clean dressed the men had on white strong Ticken Trowsers, with short black Cloth Gaiters perfectly well fitted, and performed their firings & Maneuvers admirably well.

The Regiment Complete and fit for actual Service –

John Campbell
MGen^l

Source and Note: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief and War Office: Adjutant General and Army Council, Inspection Returns, Foreign, 1783-1784*, at WO 27/52 (page not marked). The note that plaids were annually disposed of is not accurate at least through 1781. New plaids are mentioned by Capt. John Peebles, 42nd Gren. Co., in his journal entry for Dec. 9, 1779. As plaids were issued on a biannual basis, they would not have been due to be issued again until the fall of 1781. See App. K: *Uniform Accounts* of this volume for additional details.

<i>General Return of the Names, Country, Age and Service of the Officers Present and Absent of His Majestys 42nd /or Royal Highland Reg^t of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray with the dates of their several Commissions. Reviewed by Major General John Campbell Halifax 9th June 1784</i>						
Rank and Names	Country				Years of	
	English	Scotch	Irish	Foreigners	Age	Service
Colonel Lord John Murray		1			76	46
Lieut ^t Col ^l Charles Graham		1			34	25
Major Walter Home		1			40	34
{ Charles Grant		1			41	25
{ James Campbell		1				
{ John Rutherford		1			37	21
Captains { George Dalrymple		1			26	12
{ David Anstruther		1				
{ Robert Potts		1			35	14
{ William Dickson		1			31	5
Cap ⁿ Lieut ^t Robert Franklin			1		32	14
{ Alex ^r Grant		1			32	12
{ Gavin Drummond		1			29	9
{ James Stewart		1				
{ Alex ^r Stewart		1			27	10
{ Alex ^r Innes		1			26	9
Lieuten ^{ts} { James Stirling		1			25	8
{ Alex ^r Cumine		1			27	
{ William M ^c Donald		1			23	8
{ George Campbell		1			23	8
{ Hugh Fraser		1			48	8
{ Henry D. Fraser		1			24	
{ William Fraser		1			17	5
{ James Rose		1			38	4
{ James Rivington	1				20	3
{ Donald M ^c Nivan		1			23	3
Ensigns { William Anstruther		1			18	2
{ Alex ^r Fraser		1			22	2
{ Vacant						
{ Vacant						

Chaplain	James M ^c Laggan		1		55	21
Adjutant	Hugh Fraser		1		48	9
Qu ^r Master	Hector M ^c Lean		1		37	6
Surgeon	William Robertson		1		30	8
Mate	Alex ^r Stewart		1		28	10

Ranks, and Names	Dates of their several Commissions in the Army						
	Ensigns	Lieutenants	Captain Lieutenants	Captain	Major	Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel
Colonel Lord John Murray						23 ^d July 1738	25 th April 45
Lieut ^t Col ^l Charles Graham	17 th Septem ^r 1760	10 th Septem ^r 1762		7 th Septem ^r 1771	25 Aug ^t 1778	28 April 1782	
Major Walter Home		12 June 1760		25 May 1772	28 April 1782		
{ Charles Grant	28 th July 1760	9 th August 1762		20 March 76			
{ James Campbell				18 August 78			
{ John Rutherford	31 May 1764	31 March 1770	18 August 1778	31 Decem 80			
Captains { George Dalrymple	12 July 1773	24 Feb ^y 1776		25 Aug ^t 1778			
{ David Anstruther				6 Dec ^r 1778			
{ Robert Potts	7 Sept ^t 1771	12 July 1773	31 Decem ^r 1780	27 July 1783			
{ William Dickson	15 May 1780	28 April 1781		2 Feb ^y 1782			
Cap ^t ⁿ Lieut ^t Robert Franklin	16 Octo ^r 1771	6 Sept ^t 1775	27 July 1783				
{ Alex ^r Grant	1 March 1773	23 Aug ^t 1776					
{ Gavin Drummond	31 Jan ^y 1776	5 October 1777					
{ James Stewart		7 October 1777					
{ Alex ^r Stewart	28 Aug ^t 1775	17 Decem ^r 1777					
{ Alex ^r Innes	21 Sept ^t 1776	3 Aug ^t 1778					
Lieuten ^{ts} { James Stirling	22 April 1777	3 Aug ^t 1778					
{ Alex ^r Cumine		18 Aug ^t 1778					
{ William M ^c Donald	5 October 1777	25 Aug ^t 1778					
{ George Campbell	27 Sept ^t 1777	18 Octo ^r 1778					
{ Hugh Fraser	17 Dec ^r 1777	19 Octo ^r 1778					
{ Henry D. Fraser		23 Nov ^r 1778					
{ William Fraser	13 Sept 1780						
{ James Rose	1 Jan ^y 81						
{ James Rivington	28 Feb ^y 1782						
{ Donald M ^c Nivan	4 May 1782						
Ensigns { William Anstruther	27 th July 1783						
{ Alex ^r Fraser	8 Aug ^t 1783						
{ Vacant	25 April 1781						
{ Vacant	25 July 1781						
Chaplain James M ^c Laggan	15 June 1764	<u>Description of Officers Uniforms.</u> Scarlet Frocks with Gold laced Button holes & Epauletes, Lapelled to the waist with dark blue & white lining, small round Sleeves, with blue Cuffs, buttons N ^o 42 ^d Reg ^t . White waist Coats, belted plaids & hose, blue Bonnets in place of Hatts, with Black Ostrich Feathers.					
Adjutant Hugh Fraser	20 March 1776						
Q ^r Master Hector M ^c Lean	21 Decem ^r 1779						
Surgeon William Robertson	11 Sept ^t 1777						
Mate Alex ^r Stewart	25 Aug ^t 1775						

Signed W. Home Major
R. H. Regt

*General Return of the Country, Size, Age & Time of Service of the Men of His Majestys
42nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot, Commanded by General Lord John Murray
Including Serjeants, Corporals, and Drummers. Reviewed by Major General John
Campbell
Halifax 9th June 1784*

N ^o . of Each Country									
	Companies								
	Colonel Lord John Murray's	Lieutenant Col Charles Graham's	Major Walter Home's	Captain Charles Grant's	Captain James Campbell's	Captain John Rutherford's	Captain George Dalrymple's	Captain David Anstruther's	Total
English	1			2			3		6
Scotch	53	55	53	53	54	54	50	57	429
Irish	1		2			1	1		5
Foreigners									
Total	55	55	55	55	54	55	54	57	440
Size from 5 ^F - 6 ^I and under to 6 ^F - 2 ^I and upwards									
Size	Companies as above								Total
5 ^F - 1 ^I								3	3
6...1 ½									
6...1									
6-...½									
6...			1					8	9
5...11 ½								5	5
5...11	1					1		7	9
5...10 ½	2	1			1			7	11
5...10		1		1		2		8	12
5...9 ½	3	1	3	3	2	1		6	19
5...9	2	5	6	4	2	2		6	27
5...8 ½	3	5	4	4	5	3		1	25
5...8	2	2	6	6	8	4	4	2	34
5...7 ½	8	6	5	5	7	5	3		39
5...7	7	6	5	6	6	5	5		40
5...6 ½	11	5	7	3	6	7	3		42
5...6	6	9	7	5	9	10	22	1	69
under 5...6	10	14	11	18	8	15	17	3	96
Total	55	55	55	55	54	55	54	57	440
Age from 18 and under to 55 years and Upwards									
	Companies								

Colonel Lord John Murray's								1		1			1	1	1	1	2	2
Lieutenant Colonel Charles Graham's								1		1							2	2
Major Walter Home's							1	1	1								2	2
{ Charles Grant's								1	1	1							2	2
{ James Campbell's									1								2	2
Captains { John Rutherford's									1								2	2
{ George Dalrymple's									1								2	2
{ David Anstruther's									1								2	4
Total							1	4	6	3			1	1	1	1	16	18
Companies	Effective Rank And File						Total Effectives			Wanting			Alterations since 25 th Aug ^t 1783					
	Present Fit for Duty	Sick in Quarters	Sick in Hospitals	On Command	Recruiting	On Furlow	Sergeants	Drummers	Rank and File	Sergeants	Drummers	Rank and File	Inlisted	Dead	Discharged and Recommended	Discharged and not Recommended	Deserted	
	Colonel Lord John Murray's	43	1	2	5			2	2	51								
	Lieutenant Colonel Charles Graham's	43		2	6			2	2	51								
	Major Walter Home	45	1	2	3			2	2	51								
	Captains {Charles Grant's	44	3	1	3			2	2	51								
	{James Campbell's	40	3	1	7			2	2	50			1					
	{John Rutherford's	43	3		5			2	2	51								
	{George Dalrymple's	44	1	2	3			2	2	50			1					
	{David Anstruther's	42	1	3	5			2	4	51								
Total	344	12	13	37			16		406			2						
Absent Officers										Officers on Duty and on what Duty			Vacant Officers and by what Means					
Rank and Names		Since what Time				By whose Leave							Two Ensigny's by the promotion of Ensign Dickson and Lorrain					
General Lord John Murray		29 th April 1776				His Majestys				Lieutenant George Campbell on Command								
Lieutenant Colonel Charles Graham		12 th do 1783				Sir Guy Carleton's												
{James Campbell		Kept as Hostage with the Spaniards																
{John Rutherford		12 th April 1783				Sir Guy Carleton's												
Captains {George Dalrymple		19 th Octo ^r 1781				Sir Henry Clinton's												
{David Anstruther		12 th July 1783				Sir Guy Carleton's												
{James Stewart		19 th Octo ^r 1781				Sir Henry Clinton's												
Lieutenants { James Stirling		10 th Sept ^r 1783				Sir Guy Carleton's												
{ Henry David Fraser		12 th April 1784				Sir Guy Carleton's												
{ Alexander Cumine						Major General Campbell's												
{William Anstruther						{ Not joined since												
{ James Rivington						{ Appointed												
{ Alexander Fraser						{												
Chaplain M'Laggan						Officiating by Deputy												
W. Home Major R. H. Regim ^t																		

Note: Capt. James Campbell had been released from being a Spanish Army hostage in Dec. 1783 and returned to Great Britain.

Return of the Arms, Accoutrements and Cloathing of His Majestys 42^d Or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray Reviewed by Major General John Campbell

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	<i>Carabines.</i>	<i>Drums.</i>	<i>Firelocks.</i>	<i>Bayonets.</i>	<i>Cartridge Boxes.</i>	<i>When Received.</i>		
<i>Good.....</i>			68	68		<i>The Firelocks and Bayonets for the Irish Establishment at Dublin 12th July 1773. Ditto....ditto.. for the Augmentation at Glasgow 23^d January 1776. The 13 Carabines, 6 drums, 333 Firelocks, 333 Bayonets and 417 Cartridge Boxes Returned bad wore out on Actual Service and unrepairable. The 7 Firelocks, Bayonets and Cartridge Boxes were lost on Service.</i>		
<i>Bad.....</i>	13	6	333	333	417			
<i>Wanting.....</i>	3	10	7	7	7			
<i>Complement...</i>	16	16	408	408	424			
<i>Accoutrements</i>								
	<i>Colours.</i>	<i>Swords</i>	<i>Shoulder Belts</i>	<i>Slings</i>	<i>Pioneers</i>			<i>When Received</i>
					<i>Axes</i>	<i>Saws</i>	<i>Aprons</i>	
<i>Good</i>								<i>The Colours at Dublin 12th May 1774. Totally wore out. The Cartridge Boxes for the Establishment at Glasgow 23^d January 1776. All unserviceable. The 442 Swords wanting Returned to the Ordnance Store at Halifax 8th December 1783. The 442 Shoulder Belts, 442 Slings, 8 Pioneer Axes, 8 Saws and 8 Aprons totally wore out and unserviceable.</i>
<i>Bad</i>	2							
<i>Wanting</i>		442	442	442	8	8	8	
<i>Complement</i>	2	442	442	442	8	8	8	

<i>Cloathing</i>														
	<i>Serjeants.</i>							<i>Drummers & Fifers.</i>						
	<i>Coats.</i>	<i>Plaids.</i>	<i>Shirts.</i>	<i>Rollers.</i>	<i>Shoes.</i>	<i>Hose.</i>	<i>Bonnets.</i>	<i>Coats.</i>	<i>Plaids.</i>	<i>Shirts.</i>	<i>Rollers.</i>	<i>Shoes.</i>	<i>Hose.</i>	<i>Bonnets.</i>
<i>N° Delivered in 1783</i>	16	18				72	18	18	16				64	16
<i>Wanting to Complete the Allowance.</i>														16
<i>Total of the Allowance</i>	16	18				72	18	18	16				64	16

<i>Cloathing [continued]</i>								
	<i>Rank & File</i>							
	<i>Coats.</i>	<i>Plaids.</i>	<i>Shirts.</i>	<i>Rollers.</i>	<i>Shoes.</i>	<i>Hose.</i>	<i>Bonnets.</i>	
								<i>N.B. The Colonel Allows the Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers, Pipers and Private full half mounting Money to Supply them with Shirts</i>

N° Delivered in 1783	408	408				1632	408	Rollers & Shoes.
Wanting to Complete the Allowance.								The 16 Drum Carriages wanting to complete were by neglect not sent out with the Cloathing.
Total of the Allowance	408	408				1632	408	
(Signed) W. Home Major R. H. Regiment								

Note: This return incorrectly implies the Grenadiers, Light Infantry and Musicians were wearing bonnets instead of their regulation headgear, i.e. caps.

Field Return of His Majestys 42 nd or Royal Highland Regiment of Foot Commanded by General Lord John Murray Reviewed by Major General John Campbell																								
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	Officers										Non Commiss ^d Officers & Private Men				Detail of Officers & Men on Duty									
	Commissioned						Staff								Places Where Captains. Lieutenants Ensigns Serjeants. Corporals. Drummers Private.									
	Colonel.	L ^t . Colonel	Major.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Chaplain	Adjutant	Q ^r Master	Surgeon	Mates	Serjeants	Corporals	Drummers									Privates	
Under Arms			1	3	6	3		1	1	1	1	14	19	18	312	Eastern Battery Spanish River Halifax		1		1	1		17	
On Duty					1							2	4		39					1	1		12	
Sick{ Quarters				1											12						2		10	
{ Hospital													1		13									
Absent with Leave	1	1		4	4	3	1								6									
Total Effectives	1	1	1	8	11	6	1	1	1	1	1	16	24	18	382									
Wanting to Complete						2									2									
Total	1	1	1	8	11	8	1	1	1	1	1	16	24	18	384				1		2	4		39
Sign'd W. Home Major R: H: Regim ^t																								

Source: TNA, *Office of the Commander-in-Chief and War Office: Adjutant General and Army Council, Inspection Returns, Foreign, 1783-1784* at WO27/52, 75124. Unlike the Reviews of 1774 and 1775, the 1784 review did not use a preprinted form. A more accurate source of Commission data is provided in *Kilts & Courage*, Vol. II, App. K *Succession and Commission Books*.