

THE BRITISH CAVALRY.

The following list is compiled from the Army List for August, 1871, shewing the stations, uniform, facings, &c., of the various regiments. To the members of the Volunteer Cavalry of the Dominion it may perhaps not be found devoid of interest. The Hussar uniform as adopted by the Volunteer Cavalry, is a *fac simile* of the 13th Hussars.

- 1st Life Guards, Scarlet uniform, Blue facings, White plume, Helmet or Morion of steel, stationed at Windsor.
- 2nd Life Guards, Scarlet uniform, Blue facings, White plume, Helmet or Morion of steel, stationed at Regent's Park.
- Royal Horse Guards, Blue uniform, Scarlet facings, Red plume, Helmet or Morion of steel, stationed at Hyde Park.
- 1st King's Dragoon Guards, Scarlet uniform, Blue facings, Red plume, Helmet, stationed at Newbridge.
- 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays), Scarlet uniforms, Buff facings, Black plume, Helmet, stationed at Colchester.
- 3rd Prince of Wales' Dragoon Guards, Scarlet uniform, Yellow facings, Black plume, Helmet, stationed at Aldershot.
- 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, Scarlet uniform, Blue facings, White plume, Helmet, stationed at Manchester.
- 5th Princess Charlotte of Wales' Life Guards, Scarlet uniform, Dark Green facings, Red and White plume, Helmet, stationed at York.
- 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabineers), Blue uniform, White facings, Black plume, Helmet, stationed at Dundalk.
- 7th Princess Royal's Dragoon Guards, Scarlet uniform, Black facings, Black and White plume, Helmet, stationed at Maidstone.*
- 1st Royal Dragoons, Scarlet uniform, Blue facings, Black plume, Helmet, stationed at Curragh.
- 2nd Royal North Britain, Dragoons, Scarlet uniforms, Blue facings, White plume, Bear skin, Busby, bag Garter Blue, stationed at Edinburgh.
- 3rd King's Own Hussars, Blue uniform, Scarlet collars, White plume, Busby, Bag Garter Blue, stationed at Bombay
- 4th Queen's Own Hussars, Blue uniform, no facings, Scarlet plume, Busby, Bag Yellow, stationed at Bengal.
- 5th Royal Irish Lancers, Blue uniforms, Scarlet facings, Green plume, Lancer Cap, stationed at Bengal.
- 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, Scarlet uniform, Yellow facings, White plume, Helmet, stationed at Cahir.
- 7th Queen's Own Hussars, Blue uniform, no facings, White plume, Busby, Bag Scarlet, stationed at Aldershot.

*Ancient name of the regiment, Virgin Mary's Guards, or Black Horse, raised in Ireland in 1717 by Lord Ligonier, as a regiment of gentleman volunteers.—ED. VOL. REV.

8th King's Royal Hussars, Blue uniform, no facings, Red and White plume, Busby, Bag Scarlet, stationed at Dublin.

9th Queen's Royal Lancers, Blue uniform, Scarlet facings, Black and White plume, Lancer Cap, stationed at Aldershot.

10th Prince of Wales' Own Royal Hussars, Blue uniform, no facings, Black and White plume, Busby, Bag Scarlet, stationed at Houndslow.

11th Prince Albert's Own Hussars, Blue uniform, Crimson overalls, no facings, Crimson and White plume, Busby, Bag Crimson, stationed at Bengal.

12th Prince of Wales' Royal Lancers, Blue uniform, Scarlet facings, Scarlet plume, Lancer Cap, stationed at Aldershot.

13th Hussars, Blue uniform, Buff collars, White plume, Busby, Bag Buff, stationed at Leeds.

14th (King's) Hussars, Blue uniforms, no facings, White plume, Busby, bag Yellow, stationed at Ballincolig.

15th (King's) Hussars, Blue uniform, no facings, Scarlet plume, Busby, bag Scarlet, stationed at Bombay.

16th (Queen's) Lancers, Scarlet uniform, Blue facings, Scarlet and White plume, Lancer Caps, stationed at Madras.

17th Lancers, Blue uniform, White facings, White plume, Lancer Caps, stationed at Curragh.

18th Hussars, Blue uniform, no facings, Green plume, Busby, Bag Lincoln Green, stationed at Madras.

19th Hussars, Blue uniform, no facings, White plume, Busby, bag White, stationed at Brighton.

20th Hussars, Blue uniform, no facings, Crimson plume, Busby, bag Crimson, stationed at Bengal.

21st Hussars, Blue uniform, no facings, White plume, Busby, bag French Grey, stationed at Bengal.

The above list comprises the whole force of the Cavalry of the British army up to the present date, viz: August 31st, 1871. The 3rd, 4th, 13th and 14th Hussars were formerly designated as "Light Dragoons." The 2nd or "Royal North Britain Dragoons," are the famous "Scotch Greys," they wear the bear skin cap and were formerly called Horse Grenadiers. The tunic has been substituted in all Hussar regiments for the "Dolman and the Pelisse, vulgarly called by some the hanging jacket," about the origin of which most ridiculous ideas are still prevalent. The Hussar Pelisse was copied from the Hungarian Hussars, was worn over the "Dolman" or short jacket in cold weather, and slung on the left shoulder in hot. The Pelisse is still kept up as part of the national costume in Hungary and the Principalities. The Sabretasch is worn by officers, non-commissioned officers and troopers of all Hussar regiments; in the heavy Cavalry and Lancers only by the officers and staff non-commissioned officers. The 11th Hussars formerly Lord Cardigan's crack corps and yelet the "Cherubims" are the only

corps that wear the crimson overalls. All Hussars wear the busby, the color of the busby bag being different in regiments.

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A VISIT TO THE ROYAL ARSENAL AT WOOLWICHL

Entering the arsenal by the main gate the visitor is at first struck by the utterly deserted look of the place; the huge chimneys, it is true, are pouring out smoke, and in the air around the peculiar rumble and rattle of distant machinery is discernible; but all the great departments work with closed doors, and it is not until entering the first great door on the right—the Royal Carriage Department—that standing amid a bewildering haze of whirling lathebands with the crash of machinery and the din of hammers ringing on every side of him, that a chance visitor can appreciate the fever of industry—to coin an expression—into which he has entered. Talk of being bound to the wheel! Every man here seems a perfect Ixion, engaged in perfecting his own instrument of torture; for big wheels of "wing-carts, medium wheels of gun-carriages, little wheels for traversing guns, my each and all be seen here, from the rough wood or brass to the almost perfected article. Here are two great side boards of iron, apparently faced by another of the same material. Watch the machinery in this three-sided box as it looks; it is the great Moncrieff gun carriage in embryo. The room on the other side is full of these gigantic colfers in every stage of advancement, all being finished as fast as skilled labor, steam and money can finish them. If you are a Britisher and a tax-payer, you leave this part of the establishment with a satisfied grunt, "Come there's something being done here, at any rate." What are all these boys doing to the left, in the Laboratory? To the uninitiated eye, countless little urchins seem to be sitting before constantly-working pumps, into which they are putting little bits of metal; but in reality hundreds of thousands of the metal portions of the Snyder small armed cartridge are turned out every day, each boy having worked before him on a card the number that have passed through his hands during the current and previous week; and in another portion of the same building the paper portion of the same cartridge is being turned out as rapidly by young women and girls. As fast as these cartridges are finished, they are passed on to be filled, and are issued for the service for which they have been made as soon as possible, as it is a rule never to retain more filled cartridges than are absolutely required in the arsenal. Turning round to the right, an immense row of guns attracts the attention. These are all absolute patterns—serviceable still but not of the present approved pattern of issue; and like thousands and thousands of their brethren, they are resting in peaceful quiet till some emergency may call the smoke and flame from their throats. Behind three or four immense heaps of Palliser shot and shell is the shell foundry, the interior of which at once brings to the mind of the visitor, a subterranean scene in a pantomime before the transformation. Amid the roaring, crackling furnaces, which, when open, seem almost to shrivel up the eyes of those unaccustomed to look upon them, dusky figures flit to and fro, stoking, hammering, or wheeling masses of dull blue-looking metal,