

General Statement of the Number of Men received by the 78th, or Seaforth Highlanders; also of the number Dead, Discharged, Deserted, or Prisoners, and transferred to other Regiments; from the date of the issuing of the Letters of Service, on the 8th of March 1793, till 24th June 1820.

Number of men recruited from the formation till the 24th December 1793,	1,090
Recruits from 25th December 1793 till the peace of 1801,	225
Drafted from the second battalion and other corps in 1795 and 1796,	1,104
Recruits from 1801 till the peace of 1815,	408
Volunteers from the Perth, Ross, and other militia regiments in 1808,	290
Drafts from the second battalion from 1808 till 1814,	646
Transfers from other regiments till this date,	26
Recruits from the peace of 1815 till the 24th of June 1820,	168
Drafts from the second battalion within this period,	412
Total increase,	4,369
Number of men killed and dead from the formation till the peace in 1801,	573
Discharged within this period,	449
Transferred to other regiments,	353
Deserted or taken prisoners,	71
Number of men killed and dead from 1801 till the peace of 1815,	1,382
Discharged within this period,	305
Deserted or taken prisoners,	10
Transferred,	1
Number of men dead from 1815 till 24th June 1820,	96
Discharged,	224
Deserted,	1
Transferred when the regiment embarked from India in 1817,	234
Do. to other regiments in 1818,	32
Total decrease from 1793 till 1820,	3,731
Effective strength of the regiment, 24th June 1820,	638

This statement includes all the changes in the 78th regiment for twenty-seven years. Similar statements respecting the other Highland regiments would give similar results. It has been already stated, that the number of men received by the 42d, from 1783 till the 24th of June 1815, was 4,005.

The service of the 42d, 79th, and 92d, was very similar, these regiments having been much employed together, and subject to the same casualties. Those of the 92d have been less, as, during the war, the regiment was not employed in the West Indies along with the other two corps. Indeed, it is not probable, that, in the Highland corps, there was any difference of vigour or of capability to support the trials of constitution incident to the

* It is proper to mention, that the men stated as prisoners or deserters, previous to 1801, were those who fell behind in the harassing marches through Holland and Westphalia during the almost unprecedented falls of snow in 1794 and 1795. The enemy being close in the rear of the army, the soldiers fell into their hands; but whether they voluntarily surrendered, or were incapable of marching, was not ascertained, though there can be little doubt that the exhaustion of the young soldiers was the cause of their falling into the hands of the enemy. The same remark applies to those who fell behind in the heavy marches in the East Indies.