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Royal Veteran Regiment 1810-1823

History:

Companies of Invalids and Veterans had been formed from the earliest years of the British Army. Their members were men considered unfit for active service but fit for guard duty.

The first to serve in NSW was raised in 1810 at the instigation of Governor Macquarie and consisted of men from the 102nd Regiment (formally the NSW Corps) which returned to England in 1810. Members of the Regiment were old soldiers who had been from 20 years or more in Australia, many had married and received land grants. The Commander was Captain John Brabyn. Soldiers joined from 1810 to 1817 and remained, if fit, until the Regiment was dispersed in 1823.

Records Used:

Original records dealing with the Regiment are held in the War Office series at The National Archives in Kew, London, England. Some of these records have not been filmed and with the vast quantity of military records it is unlikely that they will be scanned for many years.

Some of the more important records which relate to the Regiment's period in Australia were filmed under the Australian Joint Copy Project and are available in major libraries in Australia. The series from which our project chose to extract data, are the Army Regimental Pay Lists, 1810-1823 - WO 17/2295.

Data extracted:

The project extracted data from each Pay List. Not all the information was extracted, notably the rate of pay. Items extracted include, full name, alias or name variation, rank, previous residence in Britain (if recorded); enlistment date, date their service ended, illness and discharge, if noted. Place of birth in some cases and death date for those who died during service in the Regiment. The lists often contains remarks e.g. giving the number of years enlisted for, change in rank, period of sickness etc.

In all there are only 145 men listed. With cross references to aliases etc. the Dataset numbers 242 entries.

References:

Some of the above details have been extracted from:

Dress & Insignia of the British Army in Australia & New Zealand 1770-1870
by R.H. Montague, p.28. Pub. 1981 by Library of Australian History, Sydney.

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Further reading:

Military Forces in New South Wales - an Introduction - Part 1 1788-1904, 3rd edition by Ralph Sutton, Ken Thompson & Bill Storer. Pub. 2000 by The Army Museum Foundation.

Manuscripts in the British Isles relating to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific, Editor Phyllis Mander-Jones. Pub. 1972 by Australian National University Press, Canberra.

Abbreviations:

HRA - *Historical Records of Australia*.

TNA - The National Archives - Kew, London, England.

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