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57th (West Middlesex) Regiment of Foot

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History

This British Regiment was first raised in 1741, re-numbered the 46th. Between 1755 and 1782 it was re-numbered from the 46th to the 55th and from the 55th to the 59th and finally from the 59th to the 57th.

Men began to arrive in April 1825 with the commander Lieutenant Colonel James Allen appearing to arrive a couple of years later. They began to depart early in 1831 for Madras, India.

Records Used

The original records dealing with the Regiment are held in the War Office series at The National Archives (TNA) in Kew, England. Records relating to the Regiment's period in Australia were filmed under the Australia Joint Copy Project (AJCP) and are available in major libraries in Australia.

The Pay Lists in from those records are what has been used to extract the data.

Data extracted

The Dataset includes, name of the officer or soldier, their rank, Company, original regiments they served in, some give employment as well as soldier, for many their previous residence, for most their date and place of enlistment, their ship and date and place of arrival, for many the date and reason for them leaving the Regiment, for some their date of departure from Australia, for a few their birth town and year. for a few their date and place of death and for all, details of their duty and other remarks about them.

The PayList often had different spelling of a soldiers name from one pay quarter to the next. These have all been included and cross indexed.

The Dataset contained 887 entries, full cross indexed it now contains 1069 which includes some other people mentioned such as a widow.

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. by Library of Australian History, Sydney, 1981.

Shipping Arrivals and Departures, Sydney, 1788-1825 by J.S. Cumpston. Pub. by Roebuck Press, Canberra, 1977.

Historical Records of Australia, Series 1, Volumes VII & VIII. (see under ship names and Regiments – 46th, in their Indexes).

Original Sources used are detailed above under Sources.

Further reading:

Military Forces in New South Wales - an Introduction Part 1 1788-1904, 3rd edition

by Ralph Sutton, Ken Thompson & Bill Storer. Pub. by The Army Museum Foundation, Paddington, 2000.

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

Abbreviations:

HRA *Historical Records of Australia*

TNA The National Archives, Kew, London, England.

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List of all British Regiments that served in Australia:
(see Military - British Regiments in Australia)

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