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46th Regiment of Foot

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History:

This British Regiment was first raised in 1741 as the 57th Regiment of Foot. From 1748 it was known as the 46th Regiment of Foot.

Records used:

Original records dealing with the Regiment are held in the War Office series at The National Archives in Kew, 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, May 1809 to December 1815 - WO 12/5809 & WO 12/5810.

Most are quarterly returns. The men are divided into separate lists according to their rank, and are listed in each return in the same order except when they were promoted or demoted, in which cases they were recorded into their new rank list. The movement of some men caused some confusion for the clerks in their compilation of these records and it is possible that occasional duplication has crept into our dataset.

Additionally, the *1812 Army List* volume was consulted for extra details of the Officers.

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Data extracted:

Project Board member Keith Johnson extracted data from each Pay List starting with the month beginning 25 December 1812 and ending with 24 December 1817. Not all the information was extracted, notably the rate of pay for each rank. Items extracted include, full name, rank, previous occupation and previous residence (if recorded); enlistment date and place, the length of service contracted, either 14 or 7 years, the Company(ies) served in, birthplace, ship and date of arrival in NSW, (generally added by the Editors), dates and places of desertion, illness and discharge (if noted). Place of Service (if noted) it can be assumed that most of the men were in Sydney, unless noted otherwise.

The Pay Lists often contained variations in spelling of a soldier's surname between one list and another. Some also had completely different given names. All these variations have been cross indexed into the Database.

The Pay Lists can record the date and place of death of a soldier during the period covered.

Pay details have not been extracted but as an example, the daily rates paid to Non Officer ranks between August and September 1814 were:

	Shillings & Pence & Farthings	
Sergeant-Major	2s.	6d.
Quartermaster-Serjeant	2s.	
Paymaster's Clerk	1s.	4d.
Armourer as Serjeant	1s.	4d.
Drum Major as Serjeant	1s.	4d.
Serjeants	1s.	4d.
Corporals		10d.
Drummers & Fifers	7d.	3
Privates		6d.

The soldiers were paid a higher daily rate if they had served in the Army for longer periods, some Privates were paid 7d. per day, a few 8d. Per day

Arrival in Sydney:

Men arrived in Australia (Sydney and Hobart) mainly as Detachments of guards on convict ships. The main body with the commanding officer, George Molle, arrived on the *Windham* in February 1814. Most departed for Madras. Some men's ship of arrival or departure were noted in the Pay Lists, but it is impossible to ascertain the ship of arrival and departure of all of the men.

Some men arrived on a convict ship after Headquarters had departed in late 1817 and left on the same ship for Madras only weeks later. The Pay Lists do not necessarily indicate that they actually arrived in Australia for a very short period. Some of these men may therefore not be recorded in the Database, as their identity is unknown.

The following is a list of ships detected (mainly recorded in *Historical Records of Australia*, Series I volumes VIII & IX), which carried men of the 46th Regiment, and

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also from *Shipping Arrivals & Departures, Sydney, 1788-1825* by J S Cumpston, pub. 1977, Roebuck Press.

Ship Arrivals:

General Hewitt	7 Feb 1814	
Windham	11 Feb 1814	HQ - Lt-Colonel George Molle
Three Bees	6 May 1814	4 Subaltern Officers & 38 soldiers
Surrey	28 July 1814	1 Sgt & 4 soldiers died at sea
Somersetshire	16 Oct 1814	
Marquis of Wellington	27 Jan 1815	
Canada	5 Aug 1815	
Baring	7 Sep 1815	
Ocean	30 Jan 1816	
Elizabeth	5 Oct 1816	
Mariner	11 Oct 1816	
Surry	20 Dec 1816	
Fame	8 Mar 1817	
Morley	10 Apr 1817	
Shipley	24 Apr 1817	
Chapman	26 July 1817	
Pilot	28 July 1817	
Almorah	31 Aug 1817	
Lord Eldon	30 Sep 1817	
Batavia	6 Apr 1818	
Lady Castlereagh	1 May 1818	

Leaving Australia:

Matilda	23 Sep 1817	500+ men - those in Sydney & vicinity only, left for Madras, India, leaving about 200 men at VDL and Newcastle.
Lloyds	24 Sep 1817	
Dick	5 Oct 1817	
Lady Castlereagh	4 June 1818	
Greyhound	8 June 1818	Leaving a Captain & about 60 men at Newcastle.

Statistics:

Recorded in the Database – 50 Officers & 1135 men. Many would have been married but their wives and children are not named.

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.

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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 Records Used.

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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