

LETTERS FROM THE PENINSULA 1812-1814—Part I

WITH NOTES BY

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A PACKET of letters written by Gunner officers during the Peninsular War has recently been presented to the Royal Artillery Institution through the generosity of Mr. Henry Dansey of Taunton. Of the sixteen letters, one dated 27th November, 1812 was written by Second Captain Charles Cornwallis Dansey, R.A. (Kane 1138) to his uncle in England, another dated 26th March 1814 was written by Captain George Henry Dansey, 88th Regiment (later The Connaught Rangers), to his brother Charles Cornwallis, while the remaining fourteen were written between November 1813 and May 1814 by Lieutenant Richard Hardinge (Kane 1318) of E Troop R.H.A. to Captain C. C. Dansey, of ¹Captain L. Carmichael's Company, 8 Battalion, R.A. The fourteen last named letters are signed only by the initials "R.H.", but from internal evidence and from that provided by the Muster Rolls in the Public Record Office, it is clear that the writer was Lieutenant Richard Hardinge.

Second Captain C. C. Dansey, who had only shortly before returned to England after serving in Sicily and the Ionian Islands, embarked at Portsmouth on 18th December, 1811, landed at Lisbon on 10th January 1812 and there joined ¹Captain R. W. Gardiner's Company, 8 Battalion R.A. He served with this Company, which was equipped as a 9 pounder field battery, at the siege of Badajoz in March 1812 and at the battle of Salamanca in July, 1812.

In September 1812 Gardiner's Company, which was attached to the 1st Division, took part in the advance through Valladolid and the unsuccessful siege of Burgos. Captain Dansey was detached on 10th September for duty with the Battering Train. His description of the operations until he was ²wounded on, 24th September adds little to what is already known of this very unsatisfactory operation, but he emphasised the utter inadequacy of the British siege train of three 18 pounder guns and five 24 pounder howitzers. Describing the withdrawal of the artillery from Burgos on the night of 21st October, Captain Dansey wrote;

¹ This Company was disbanded at Woolwich on 28th February, 1819 as Captain C. F. Sandham's Company, 8 Battalion, R.A. and has not been reformed.

² Duncan, in his *History of the Royal Regiment of Artillery*, 2nd Edition, 1874, pp. 333-334, wrongly states that Dansey was wounded on 30th September.

“The infantry marched by the high road through Burgos, passing over a bridge within musquet shot of the Castle (but strange enough were not fired on) and the whole of the artillery, not less than 150 carriages, were obliged to avoid the town to march a circuitous route across the country by Villa Toro, and the road at all times bad, in such a state from the quantity of rain that had fallen and number of carriages that had been constantly passing and repassing, that for about four leagues we were up to the axletrees in mud; we came into the high road about a league to the south of Burgos and joined the Army, having left the wreck of the unfortunate Battering Train on the ground. After marching across a river on this side of Bunjel, which is two leagues from Burgos, we encamped.”

In November 1812 Lieutenant Richard Hardinge joined Captain Gardiner’s Company, 8 Battalion, R.A. from England. Born on 14th April, 1790 the fourth son of Rev. Henry Hardinge, Rector of Stanhope, Durham and of his wife Frances, daughter of James Best of Park House, Penshurst, Kent, Richard Hardinge had obtained a cadetship at The Shop on 20th June, 1804 and had been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, R.A. two years later at the age of 16. He came of a distinguished family; his uncle was Attorney General to the Queen and one brother had had an outstanding career in the Royal Navy and had been killed while commanding *H.M.S. San Fiorenzo* in her celebrated action off Ceylon with the French frigate *Piédmontaise* in 1808. His elder brother Henry, then serving with the Portuguese Army, was later destined to become Governor General of India, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and a Field Marshal.

Captain R. W. Gardiner was posted to E Troop R.H.A. in January, 1813 and was replaced by Captain S. du Bourdieu, (Kane 1001), who was killed in action at St. Sebastian on 21st July, 1813 and was succeeded by Captain L. Carmichael, (Kane 1007). Dansey and Hardinge served together in du Bourdieu’s Company, 8 Battalion¹ attached to 1st Division throughout the 1813 campaign, including the battle of Vittoria and the siege of St. Sebastian.

In November, 1813 Lieutenant Hardinge was posted to E Troop, R.H.A., which was commanded by his former battery commander, Captain (Brevet Major) R. W. Gardiner (Kane 979) and was serving with the Hussar Cavalry Brigade. It is to be presumed that Gardiner had applied for him, since E Troop was short of officers, having its Second Captain (T. Dyneley) and one Subaltern (W. Swabey) in England. In a letter dated 3rd November, Hardinge gave Dansey an account of his arrival at his new unit as follows;

“My d[ea]r Dansey,

- - -. We found Gardiner and Subs. all fresh, and to my satisfaction not such Bloods as ³Bridges of Cairnes’ had told us they were. Sir Stapleton⁴ and the 10th⁵ they touch off every now and then with claret. The Mess is good, of course, which the Doctors cut the 1st of this month on account of expense; the monthly average I know not. Gardiner made a few enquiries after his old hands. The day before yesterday in a *tete a tete* he said that he had written to you about coming to him (as he could not forget the obligation he owed you) that it might second your prospects of the Horse Arty, but in my own mind I have *very little* doubt but he knew that Parker⁶ had made interest for the same to H[ea]d Q[uar]ters.

³ Lieut. E. J. Bridges (Kane 1438) of Capt. A. Dickson’s Company, 10 Battalion R.A., which was disbanded on 30th April, 1817. This Company was being commanded by its Second Captain—R. M. Cairnes (Kane 1106)—While Dickson was employed on the Staff.

⁴ Sir Stapleton Cotton, Cavalry Commander.

⁵ 10th Hussars.

⁶ Second Captain J. B. Parker (Kane 1117), who had been commanding Captain J. Michell’s Company, 9 Battalion, R.A. (disbanded 1906 as 92 Coy., R.G.A.). Parker had applied to join E Troop as replacement for T. Dyneley, who was in England: evidently C. C. Dansey had hoped to get this posting.

For myself, I am not clear that I have benefited myself by coming here, but time will shew. The following are one or two reasons. I don't think we shall fire a shot before [the] next campaign, when by the time it commences and after an expensive winter, Swabey⁷ will either come out or leave the Service, and as the namesake tells me, there is now an officer (Chapman) expecting to be ordered out from Woolwich. by Macleod⁸. Another thing is I am so shabbily appointed in cavalry clothing, without being able to rig out till we halt for a long spell, which however then shall only be in the medium style, as from what my uncle says, (among a good lump of letters enclosed in a Freeling which I found at [*illegible*]), my brother the Midshipman's interests require most pressing and consequently retard mine, which have only gone as far as Lord Camden's promise to write to Lord Mulgrave.⁹

Parratt¹⁰ had set off for Vittoria 10 days back in a Helmet and Jacket; how mortified, poor fellow, he will be to drop them again. A good chestnut horse of his is with us, which his groom threw down the other day and cut his knees. Gardiner is Hussar *en tout*, the style of the Troop and discipline he does not now superintend *in person*, the men seem very willing and well disposed, but the lots of H.M.'s men and animals in the employ of Mess and officers made me stare. He bought Dyneley's¹¹ mare and horse which made four with *Bater* and *Choaky*, and a cart and four bag(gage) mules. The horse he says he offered for [*illegible*—?general] service and orders in some letters which I have not yet received. I did not see Pamplona garrison march out the day before yesterday, nor have I yet been in the place or over the works, both of which are very fine. The Spanish troops and peasants will murder and waylay lots of the late garrison. The *Volontarios* worked for the French party the first night. Provisions are going in fast. Gardiner's speculation is that after it is provisioned, W[ellington] will fall back, leave the Spaniards in the passes and canton the remainder of Allies behind them, and perhaps send a Corps to the Alicant Army. Adieu—keep yourselves, Monro¹², Doc¹³ and all, warm in the hut, and believe me,

Yours ever,

R.H.

We marched the 1st instant. This place is a league and a half from Pamplona on the Tolosa road. The Hussars I believe are gone over the hills and up the Lauz¹⁴ road. The horses, though they have never gone above a league for forage, are only in middling fair condition, yet the difficulties in other respects have been great. My squad is the Duck Gun and Howitzer."¹⁵

Another letter from Hardinge related chiefly to regimental gossip;

“D[ecembe]r 10th [1813]

Dear Dansey,

Tell Monro¹² I got his letter last night, for which I return many thanks. I am afraid that my rejoining you again may be the means of his being sent to some other Brigade, but how he makes out that Woodyear¹⁶ was in May's Company¹¹ I don't know. He used to belong always to Morrison's¹⁸ and which if it is the case he will be

⁷ Lieut. W. Swabey (Kane 1327) belonged to E. Troop; he had been wounded at Vittoria and was then in England on leave. Hardinge was serving in his place.

⁸ Major General J. Macleod (Kane 456) was Deputy Adjutant General, R.A.

⁹ Lord Mulgrave was Master General of the Ordnance.

¹⁰ Lieut. H. M. Parratt (Kane 1445); he served later in K and H Troops.

¹¹ Second Captain T. Dyneley (Kane 1114) of E Troop, was in England.

¹² 2nd Lt. F. Monro (Kane 1498), Carmichael's Company, 8 Battalion, R.A.

¹³ Doc. Not identified. Presumably the Assistant Surgeon attached.

¹⁴ Lauz road. St. Jean de Luz.

¹⁵ Duck Gun and Howitzer. A “division” (*i.e.* Section) consisting of a long 6 pdr. and howitzer.

¹⁶ Lieut. L. Woodyear (Kane 1343) died on 1st Sept. 1813, of wounds received at Vittoria while acting as Adjutant, R.A.

¹⁷ Capt. J. May's Company, 1 Battalion, R.A. (now 12 (Minden) Field Bty, R.A.)

¹⁸ Capt. W. Morrison's Company, 4 Battalion R.A. (now 44 L.A.A. Bty., R.A.)

ordered away immediately, as Stanway¹⁹ went to the rear sick, and at other times Morrison always was talking of wanting Subs. However as orders are expected for this Brigade to go up during the next week to relieve Colonel Vivian,²⁰ we will get the jawing tasks aboard when we meet and can settle that and divers sundry weighty affairs and also open policies on the ensuing campaign. This being a wet day, it is very dark and cold and I should have no objection to ½ an hour's toast at your French fireside, you cozy dogs. I gave Gardiner Monro's letter last night to read. When he came to "withered grass and rushes" he pricked up with a "Well, I'm sure" and Newland²¹ thinks of nothing else, but how much forage (fine hay) he can carry up.

I had a letter from my brother²² yesterday who waits to see whether affairs wont take a peaceable turn, which if they do, but which I doubt, he intends going to England. All the late news is very glorious and great, and I hope before another year is run, the balance of Powers in Europe will be arranged *A'propos*, I hope you take in and get your papers more regularly than formerly. Monro's account of his stud is rather bad. Mine are in high fig and trim, and as one copies bad examples faster and sooner than good ones, Mr. Mills has (till I get a Portuguese boy) old bare footed Harrison for a *Helper*—such being the style with us Hussards, who can "Face a brook—Top a rail—Rasp a fence—and skim a furrow" before any man going. Our horses generally are in good condition, but after so much comfort, comparatively speaking, I don't think they will stand hardship so well as other Troops. Bean²³ is down beyond Tafalla where he has been this age. Macdonald,²⁴ who was at last ordered back to join him, abuses poor Georgey shockingly.

How is *The Division*²⁵. What a parcel of hempen dogs the Drivers²⁶ are. Keep your temper and a steady hand, Sir! !

Lord George Lennox in a note to Gardiner mentions 4,000 peasants having come in, the greatest number disguised as women, Soult having ordered that no man between 15 and 50 should pass the outposts.

Maclaughlane²⁷ is turned off, but Fallen still holds his ground, though there is an odd story about money given him, which has not been satisfactorily explained. Between ourselves, I don't understand what Gardiner means by writing to Carmichael to take them both again, whom I am glad acceded, as they are both good men and clean soldiers when not spoilt, but Gardiner seems to have changed his opinion and [is] not going to send them, or else to make it his own convenience solely. He, G, has not been well lately, with a touch of rheumatism. I hope before another week we shall meet. Till then with best regards to your whole party,

Yours,

R.H."

Writing after the crossing of the *Nive* and the action at St. Pierre on 13th December, 1813, Hardinge wrote to Dansey as follows;

"Fontarabia,²⁸ Friday, Decr. 17th [1813], 8 p.m.

¹⁹ Lieut. H. Stanway (Kane 1474).

²⁰ Colonel Vivian, commanding a Cavalry Brigade.

²¹ Lieut. R. Newland (Kane 1229) of E Troop, R.H.A.

²² Lieut-Colonel Henry Hardinge—later Field Marshal Viscount Hardinge of Lahore—then serving with the Portuguese Army.

²³ Captain George Beane (Kane 914), Commanding D Troop, R.H.A. (Now V Fd. Bty.).

²⁴ Second Captan A. Macdonald (Kane 1174) serving in D Troop, R.H.A.

²⁵ 1st Division, to which Carmichael's Brigade of 9 pdrs. was attached.

²⁶ The Corps of Royal Artillery Drivers, which provided the drivers for the field batteries.

²⁷ Gunners John McLaughlan and James Fallen had been transferred from Carmichael's Company, 8 Battalion, R.A. to E Troop R.H.A. with Lieutenant R. Hardinge, presumably as batman and groom.

²⁸ Fuenterrabia on the coast 12 miles east of St. Sebastian.

My D[ear] Dansey,

—The Troop marched from Betelu on Tuesday and came in here yesterday and occupies the quintas in rear of Cairne's cantonments. Today Parker²⁹ came back from Hd. Qrs. and says we are (from Dickson)³⁰ to march on Monday by St. Pée to the right, and the advance [guard] of our Brigade crossed the *Bidassoa* this morning, to bear off in that direction.

Gardiner was in a terrible fidget this morning that we should not be allowed to go on with the Hussars, but which Parker's return dissipated. We dined—three of us—with Cairnes's people in the Palaccio. Cairnes does not suffer any pain, and but little inconvenience from his wound.³¹

I don't very clearly understand the late fighting on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th and Hill's distinguished business on 13th,³² but am happy to hear that they, as might be expected *all* ended in the discomfiture of Soult, and to his mortification.

For myself, I was seriously meditating a week ago to write to Colonel Frazer³³ and say that I requested, if it did not interfere with his arrangements and that if he would excuse me altering my mind etc. etc., I should be obliged to him to procure me an order to rejoin No. 1 Brigade.³⁴ But as we are now moving and it is the fashion to talk of the Light Cavalry affairs in which we are to take part and as I long to see some Hussar work, I shall lay on my oars for the present, though I can assure you had the Troop been left to itself, our Society—which was not of "*mon gout*"!—I should have preferred running the risk of annoying Gardiner and hurting my interest at Hd. Qrs. to staying here. More of this however when I see you".

The next letter was started at Cambo on Christmas Day but continued on 27th December, 1813.

“—After you left us last Monday we got on pretty well and had only one more upset, which was my little store cart, and arrived in St. Pée before dark; every one well drenched, but least of any myself on account of the knee caps. The next day we reached Cambo, Newland's heavy store cart getting again two more overthrows and Hardinge left behind altogether with a waggon.

I roughed it a la Hussard. The 22nd (after having had the *greatest difficulty* in covering³⁵ ourselves in Upper Cambo the night before) we crossed the *Nive* into Basse Cambo where we are at present with a squadron of the 15th [Light Dragoons]. The village is dirty and bad, but we are pretty well together which is a great object.

December 27th

I was out foraging all day yesterday and today the Namesake takes it up. We throw out our videttes while on the above duty, which is in front of our picquets, but which country the enemy don't occupy, but occasionally patrol to. I heard from my brother, who has got again a Brigade in the 2nd Division which I believe was Ashworth's.³⁶ He holds it however on his own terms, viz optional when to give it up.

²⁹ Second Captain J. B. Parker (Kane 1117) was serving with E Troop in place of Dyneley, who was in England. Previously he had been in command of Capt. J. Michell's Company, 9 Battalion R.A.

³⁰ Captain (Brevet Major) A. Dickson (Kane 844) was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Portuguese Army and was commanding the Allied artillery under Wellington.

³¹ Captain R. M. Cairnes had been accidentally wounded near Seville in 1812.

³² Sir Rowland Hill and the action at St. Pierre on 13th December, 1813.

³³ Captain (Brevet Lt.-Colonel) A. S. Frazer, R.H.A. (Kane 765), Commanding the R.H.A. in Wellington's army.

³⁴ No. 1 Brigade—*i.e.* The "Brigade of Guns" or field battery attached to 1st Division. This was the field battery manned by Carmichaels' Company, 8 Battalion, R.A.

³⁵ covering ourselves; *i.e.* finding accommodation.

³⁶ Brigadier Charles Ashworth's Portuguese Brigade in 2nd Division, consisting of the 6th Cacadores and 6th and 18th Portuguese Infantry Regiments. Ashworth had been severely wounded on 13th December.

I intend going to see him in a few days. Ross³⁷ is down on the side of the main road. Brandreth³⁸ with his old Division. Douglas³⁹ is in our front, occupying cantonments which should have been ours, and is nearer the hay by a league and a half than us, which Gardiner has tried to oust him from, but has not yet succeeded. This part of our position is rather odd, having a Corps facing directly the reverse to Sir Rowland Hill to cover him.

I was at the advanced picquets the other day. Nothing to see but a bad country for cavalry. The 18th [Hussars] some ten days ago lost a Captain killed and three officers wounded, and only one man—they say it was a *Bitch* and they were too eager.

Manners⁴⁰ is with Buckner⁴¹ near us, and I saw him the other day for a couple of hours. Sir Stapleton Cotton⁴ commands this covering corps; Generals Fane, Lord Somerset and Colonel Vivian⁴² under him, and General Power the 3rd Division. I called at your brother's⁴⁹ quarters [on] the 24th, but he was out on picquet. Sam Reynell⁴³ and Lemoine⁴⁴ are gone home; the 1st *is to go* out, the 2nd very doubtful which will end in remaining in.

Yours truly,
R.H.

Tell Carmichael I delivered his message. The Major however seems to have altered his mind and prefers keeping them. Fallen²⁷ is still with him.”

By that time Hardinge was greatly concerned with his situation in E Troop. Though doing duty with E Troop while Swabey was in England, his official appointment to R.H.A. was into a vacancy in G Troop at Woodbridge, and he was anxious to avoid having to leave the Peninsula for England. He was therefore attempting to exchange with Lieutenant W. Bell (Kane 1242) who was on the strength of G Troop and about to be posted to A Troop. In fact, Bell was acting as Adjutant to Lt.-Col. A. S. Frazer R.H.A. Captain (Brevet Major) H. D. Ross had agreed to take Hardinge in A Troop if Bell would agree to exchange. The next letter explains the plan and includes more regimental gossip.

“January 7th, 1814

Dear Dansey,

We have been humbugging hereabouts a good deal.

January 16th

I had begun this sheet the day after the skirmish of the 6th, but was prevented going on with it from press of business. The first time however I had to myself I wrote to you which was on the 10th or 11th from my brother's. On the 11th I received a note from Frazer mentioning my appointment to the Horse [Artillery], though not officially, and a 2nd to the same effect from Dickson on 13th adding that if I could devise any plan for myself in preference to going home to Woodbridge, I might depend upon its meeting his concurrence. So much for getting the very first vacancy since Dickson wrote from Vera, undoubtedly originating in his desire to oblige my brother. I wrote to Bell and Frazer to thank the latter and proposing an

³⁷ Capt. (Brevet Major) H. D. Ross (Kane 890), later Field Marshal, then commanding A Troop R.H.A.

³⁸ Captain T. A. Brandreth's Company, 8 Battalion R.A. (disbanded 1819) equipped as a field battery with 5 Division.

³⁹ Captain R. Douglass Company, 9 Battalion R.A. (now 108 H.A.A. Bty.) equipped as a 9 pdr. field battery.

⁴⁰ Probably Lieutenant Robert Manners (Kane 1437).

⁴¹ Major Richard Buckner (Kane 746); Brevet Lieutenant Colonel 22nd November 1813.

⁴² Fane, Somerset and Vivian were all commanding Cavalry Brigades.

⁴³ Captain (Brevet Major) S. Reynell (Kane 812) was on paper in command of a Company of 5 Battalion R.A. (disbanded in 1819) at Malta. He transferred to a Company of the Invalid Battalion R.A. on 10th February, 1814.

⁴⁴ Lieutenant-Colonel John Lemoine (Kane 812).

exchange to his Adjutant, who was transferred at Home to Ross's Troop when Smyth⁴⁵ went to England. Now as Ross and Bell = Fire and Water, I hope to get into the Troop without much difficulty. Ross, before he set off, told Gardiner he should be glad if I would apply for his Troop. Your prospects [for] Horse [Artillery] I think all depend on Dickson's backing your claims and application; his Lordship's answer is a civil put off. The Vittoria Pension you never talked of to me. I don't know what to say about it, either as a proper reward at the time or the probability of your getting it. But if they will (this Honourable Board)⁴⁶ throw your two irons in the fire into one and give you an early vacancy in Horse, or make a Skyrocket Jack⁴⁷ of you, it will make me very happy, and it is you know what they did not ought to do at least, without the least delay. I wrote to Monro to brush it, if his sentiments were the same as when I last saw him and [if] he could manage the transfer before my official appointment came out, not knowing at the time that Christie⁴⁸ was to be my successor. He will kick up a devil of a breeze if he hears of the negotiation, but which is immaterial to me. Gardiner has been foraging *sans cesse* the last ten days. The hay and straw are both however nearly exhausted, and then I shall get a little idle time to myself, which I have not had the last three weeks.

Your brother⁴⁹ I saw several times when his Brigade was on the main road; now however he is gone to the left beyond Hasparren to worse cantonments. We are likely to be moneyless for some time—43½ Dollars messing for December, truly absurd. Parker's²⁹ appointment to the Rockets you will have heard of; his destination however is not yet known. Ramsay⁵⁰ we hear is going Home. Speculations are at this moment numerous.

Frazer and Gardiner have begun war on paper about some transfers of men. Frazer did not like his style and told him so. G— looks very blue about these changes. Remember me to those of your party I know. Car's crying out so soon quite shocks me; I recommend every man to be content and satisfied in his situation in life whatever it is. —”

On 10th January Lieutenant Hardinge wrote to Captain Dansey describing the abortive attempt by Marshal Soult to counter attack Wellington across the river *Nive* between 3rd and 6th January, 1814.

“I was on the main road with three guns anxious for the enemy to advance that I might immortalise my command. The Fates decreed otherwise, the enemy's videttes only to be seen. The next morning, the 7th, all was in *statu quo* as before their advance on the 3rd, on which day great numbers of them were drunk, and the abuse between their skirmishers and the Portuguese, who opposed them, [was] quite absurd. On the 8th the Troop exchanged cantonments with Douglas.³⁹ On the 9th the undersigned left his picquet with leave and came over here to see his brother,²² who lives in a good farm house, with good fare and rosy lasses about him. The said brother is Colonel and commands the late General Ashworth's Brigade.³⁶

Cator⁵¹ and Blachley⁵² have got the Horse Artillery vacancies. Loud talks by the last mails of augmentation by Field Officers and Rocket Brigades. I hear nothing

⁴⁵ Lieutenant G. B. Smyth (Kane 1299) had returned to England on posting from A Troop to G Troop and resigned on 1st December, 1813. G Troop was Frazer's Troop, commanded by Second Captain A. C. Mercer, and was at Woodbridge.

⁴⁶ The Honourable Board of Ordnance.

⁴⁷ Skyrocket Jack—presumably a slang term for an officer of the Rocket Troop.

⁴⁸ Lieutenant James Christie (Kane 1504) joined Captain Carmichael's Company, 8 Battalion R.A. in November, 1813 to replace Hardinge.

⁴⁹ Captain George Henry Dansey, 88th Regiment, in Brisbarne's Brigade, 3rd Division.

⁵⁰ Captain William Norman Ramsay (Kane 1019), previously Second Captain of I Troop R.H.A.

⁵¹ Second Captain W. Cator (Kane 1134) was appointed to B Troop, which was in England.

⁵² Second Captain C. Blachley (Kane 1171) was appointed to M Troop (disbanded 1815), which was in England.

more about the Horse Artillery. The odds seem to be that we shall have peace. I have no letters except one from Mudge⁵³ by the mails.

I am sorry to hear Monro⁵⁴ has left you. Forage is getting scarcer. The Army I believe next to *cannot* advance these two months without immense sacrifices.”

(to be continued.)

⁵³ Probably Lieutenant-Colonel William Mudge (Kane 584) who was Lieutenant Governor of the Royal Military Academy from 1809 to 1820.

⁵⁴ Second Lieutenant F. Monro left Carmichael's Company, 8 Battalion, R.A. on promotion and was posted to 4 Battalion R.A.