

## BDA Source Description Pages

<https://www.bda-online.org.au>**28th Regiment (North Gloucestershire) 1835-1842**

This dataset generates a biographical profile for each of the 1,272 members of the 28th regiment recorded on regimental muster books and pay lists as serving in Australia 1835-1842. The officers and rank and file and their families were posted mainly in New South Wales, with others serving in Hobart, Moreton Bay, Port Phillip and Norfolk Island.

Specific locations where the men were stationed in Australia include:

**In New South Wales:** Sydney, Parramatta, Liverpool, Pennant Hills, Campbelltown, Emu Plains, Illawarra, Berrima, Towrang (near Goulburn) Maitland, Newcastle, Harpers Hill (Hunter Valley), Port Stephens, Port Macquarie, Bathurst, Hassans Walls, Coxs River, Mudgee, 17 Mile Hollow, Norfolk Island.

**In Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania):** Hobart.

**In what is now Victoria:** Port Phillip,

**In what is now Queensland:** Moreton Bay

Some officers and rank and file served with the Mounted Police in frontier districts. The majority of this regiment's troops were concentrated in coastal ports, the Hunter Valley, the Blue Mountains and Bathurst in New South Wales.

Some in regional areas away from established barracks were based in stockades or convict labour depots like Emu Plains. Others may have been billeted in private homes or inns. Their duties often involved guarding and supervising convicts and public property, as well as backup to police. The troops were on some occasions ordered into military operations against Aboriginal communities resisting colonisation.

## Note on the pay lists

The records usually indicate where a soldier was stationed at the time of a return and may contain details of enlistment (sometimes place of birth or enlistment in Britain or Ireland), illness and death. Occupations are sometimes given. The rank given at the beginning of an entry is the rank held around the time of arrival in Australia.

The returns note if a soldier was a member of the regimental band. Military bands played an important role in the civilian and military cultural life of the colonies, playing at vice-regal events, funerals, processions, balls and concerts.

The original records are held by the UK National Archives, Kew, London under the title Muster Books and Pay Lists, 28th Foot 1st Battalion, April 1835 - March 1843 (TNA ref: WO12/4443-4450).

They were microfilmed by the National Library of Australia's Australian Joint Copying Project and are now available for online viewing on the Trove website ([www.trove.nla.gov.au](http://www.trove.nla.gov.au)) under the 'Diaries, letters, archives' tab.

The records, some faded and difficult to read on the microfilm and online versions, were transcribed for BDA by Keith A Johnson, data entry by John Ross, editing by Malcolm Sainty. Most are quarterly returns (tables of regimental expenditure compiled for accounting purposes).

The men are divided into separate annual pay lists according to their rank and are listed in each return in roughly the same order, except when they were promoted or demoted, in which case they were added to their new rank list. The pay year commenced on 1 April and ended 31 March.

For example, an annual list on file reference WO12/4447 begins in April 1839 and runs to March 1840. It begins at page 1 with a quarterly return running from 1 April to 30 June, with separate sections for different ranks, the men usually being listed in approximate alphabetical order within each rank.

Other sections of the pay lists deal with varying accounting requirements, lists of soldiers punished, a section on discharges by death, transfer, retirement, conviction, or other reasons. These exit records often note a soldier's birthplace and previous occupation.

The annual return is in a similar format for each of the four quarters, the fourth quarter starts on 1 January and ends on 31 March 1840. The whole set of quarterly returns runs to 202 pages.

Relevant events in a soldier's Australian service are extracted and listed in the BDA result with relevant dates. The movement of men sometimes caused the clerks to make mistakes in their compilation of these records and there is a risk of confusion with common names.

### **Biographical data on soldiers and families**

The pay lists mention the birthplace of 151 of the. Of these 80 (53%) were in Ireland, 68 in England, one in Wales and one in Scotland and one in an unidentified town in the British Isles.

In addition to the 1,272 men identified in pay lists who travelled to Australia with the regiment, an additional 368 names are indexed. These include:

- ) wives of soldiers named following the death of a soldier, usually residing with him Australia (or if a widower a child living with the father).
- ) non-spouse beneficiaries noted when a serving soldier died or deserted (a parent or sibling, usually in the UK or Ireland)
- ) variant spellings of soldiers' names are also indexed

Many junior officers were unmarried, and regulations stipulated that only six out of one hundred non-commissioned officers and rank and file men were allowed to bring wives on overseas service. This proportion was sometimes exceeded.

Wives were not usually mentioned by name in the pay records, except as beneficiaries of a deceased soldier. Eighteen wives whose husbands died in the colonies are named in the pay lists, as are 112 other relatives, mostly in Ireland and England, identified by name, relationship to the deceased and place of residence.

The numbers of wives and children are usually mentioned in newspaper reports of arriving and departing contingents. Wives and children of officers are occasionally named in these reports (as well as in birth, marriage and death

notices). Military parents who had children in the colony appear in colonial baptism records.

Wives and children of the rank and file are rarely identified by name in shipping reports except in terms of numbers of free woman and children on board (and these can sometimes be lumped in with free passengers or children of convicts on a transport).

However, the specific report of 735 men, 55 women and 99 children belonging to the 28<sup>th</sup> as it departed for India in June 1842, suggests that more than 7% of the men had living wives.

### **Background**

The 28th Regiment of Foot was an infantry regiment designated the 28<sup>th</sup> in 1751 and known as the 28th (North Gloucestershire) Regiment of Foot from 1782. It had served in numerous battles in the Napoleonic Wars, including at the in Spain and at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. After the war ended the regiment was stationed in Continental Europe, the Mediterranean (chiefly the Greek Islands), Ireland and England. The regiment acquired the nickname 'The slashers'. The sites of the regiments prominent roles in wartime were commemorated on the army list with the words Sphinx, Egypt, Corunna, Barrosa, Albuera, Vittoria, Pyrenees, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes, Peninsula, Waterloo.

The regiment was based in Manchester by mid-1835 when a decision was announced to transfer it to Chatham, Kent, whence the men would be progressively transferred to Australia as guards on outgoing convict transports from England and Ireland. The Irish transports usually began their journey in London, picking up the guard from Chatham before proceeding to Ireland to collect the convicts.

### **Posting in Australia and transfer to India**

An initial detachment of the regiment reached Sydney in March 1835. The numbers were progressively augmented with soldiers arriving as guards convict ships. By May 1840 the regiment was reported to have a total of 338 men in Van Diemens Land (Tasmania) and New South Wales (the latter then included modern Queensland and Victoria). The arrival of more than 400 additional

troops between early 1841 and late 1842 more than doubled the regiment's numbers.

After a seven-year posting, the 28th's Australian contingent left for India in June 1842. A reported 735 men, 55 women and 99 children sailed in three ships from Sydney to Bombay (Mumbai), narrowly avoiding shipwreck in the Torres Strait en route.

Of 1,272 men who came into the colony in the years 1835-1842, about 418 had died or left the regiment or the colony in that time. The departures were attributed to the following reasons in the pay lists:

Died in the Australian colonies (116)

Retired (12)

Discharged (110)

Exchanged (4)

Departed or Invalided (150)

Supernumerary (41)

Transferred (42)

Deserted (27)

Transported (32)

Those classed as supernumeraries mainly appear to be men transferred to non-military positions in the (quasi-military) Mounted Police Force in various parts of the eastern Australian colonies.

Those marked transported had been convicted of a criminal offence in the colonies and sentenced to transportation.

Those marked as departed or invalided returned to the regimental depot in England for health or other reasons, usually with a view to lodging an application for discharge to a pension.

On reaching India in 1842 the regiment was transferred from Bombay to Kurrachee, Lower Scinde (Sindh in modern Pakistan), where British forces were engaged in a war of conquest against the Muslim Sindh Kingdom. Over the following year at least half the men and an even greater proportion of the women and children of the regiment died of cholera and other diseases. By February 1844 the regiment had been transferred south to Hyderabad, which had a healthier climate.

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### Officers

The following table lists commissioned officers served in the Australian colonies with the 28<sup>th</sup> regiment

Lieutenant Colonel Cudbert French KH	<p>1830 <i>Army List</i>: Capt 2 Mar 1826 1835 <i>Army List</i>: Lieutenant-Colonel 19 Dec 1834</p> <p>Lieutenant-colonel. Cudbert French, K.H., entered the army 3rd September, 1812. Colonel French served in the campaigns of 1813 and 1814, in the Peninsula, including the battles of Nivelles, Nive, Orthes, and Toulouse, besides minor affairs.</p> <p>Source: <i>Sydney Herald</i> 25 May 1841: 2 <a href="https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12869251">https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12869251</a></p>
Major John Messiter	<p>1830 <i>Army List</i>: Capt 19 Sep 1826 1835 <i>Army List</i>: Major 27 Sep 1833</p> <p>J. Messiter, entered the army 18th July, 1815. Source: <i>Sydney Herald</i> 25 May 1841: 2 <a href="https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12869251">https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12869251</a></p> <p>MARRIED. Nov. 10, at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, Lieutenant Colonel John Messiter, H. M. 28th Regiment, to Mariam Sophia Adelaide Gammell, only daughter of Major Gammell, of Stonehouse and granddaughter of the late Lieutenant-General Gammell, of the 1st Foot Guards.</p> <p>Source: <i>The Argus</i> (Melbourne) 21 February 1850: 2. <a href="https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article255610830">https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article255610830</a></p>
Major Sydney John Cotton	<p>1840 <i>Army List</i>: Major 25 Mar 1836</p> <p>John Cotton, entered the army 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1810. Major Cotton served in India with the 22<sup>nd</sup></p>

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	<p>Dragoons, and was present in the Pindaree campaigns of 1816 and 1817.  Source: Sydney Herald 25 May 1841: 2  <a href="https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12869251">https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12869251</a></p>
Captain James Henry Crummer	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 20 Jul 1815; Major 10 Jan 1837
Captain William Irwin	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 9 May 1816; Major 10 Jan 1837
Captain Samuel Moore	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 14 Dec 1826;
Captain George Symons	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 28 <sup>th</sup> 8 Oct 1829; Capt 27 Sep 1835 1837 <i>Army List</i> : Retires
Captain Wanley Elias Sawbridge	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 29 Mar 1833
Captain Thomas Wheeler	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 18 Dec 1817; Adjutant 4 Sep 1823 1837 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 28 Sep 1832
Captain Frederick Wimbledon Priestley Parker	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 8 May 1828 1837 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 12 Jul 1833
Captain Frank Adams	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 30 Dec 1826 1835 army list: Capt 31 Dec 1833
Captain William Hunter	1837 army list: Capt 29 Jan 1836
Captain Maurice Charles O'Connell	<p>1840 <i>Army List</i>: Capt m22 Jun 1838</p> <p>Assistant Military Secretary 1841. Captain Maurice Charles O'Connell, 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment, entered the army 25th March 1828. Captain O'Connell belonged to the British Auxiliary Legion in Spain, and received Honorary Medals for the actions in May 1836, and for the capture of Irun. He has been permitted to accept and wear the Cross Extraordinary of Charles III., the Cross of the Second Class of San Fernando, with the Crown of a Commander of Queen Isabella the Catholic.</p> <p>Source: Sydney Herald 25 May 1841: 2  <a href="https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12869251">https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12869251</a></p>
Captain George Minter	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 28 Jun 1839

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Captain William Lloyd Russell	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 20 Dec 1839
Lieutenant Thomas Beckham 28 Sep 1832	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 4 Sep 1828 1838 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 28 Sep 1832, marked as retired 1838
Lieutenant William Cadell	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 14 May 1829 1835 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 12 Jul 1833
Lieutenant John Campbell	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 5 Dec 1834, marked as retired 1837
Lieutenant Samuel James Crummer Irving	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 19 Dec 1834, marked as retired 1837
Lieutenant Eric Mackay	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 11 Jul 1834
Lieutenant John James Peters	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Quartermaster 12 Feb 1824; Lieut 12 Dec 1818
Lieutenant George Thomas Potter	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 3 Jan 1828 1835 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 4 Apr 1832 1837 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 26 Ju 1835
Lieutenant Charles Ferdinand Hamilton Smith	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 18 Jun 1829 1837 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 27 Sep 1833 1840 <i>Army List</i> : Capt 26 Dec 1837
Lieutenant Francis Plaistow Trapand	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 14 May 1829 1837 <i>Army List</i> : marked as retired
Lieutenant Francis Durell Vignoles	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 26 Dec 1837
Lieutenant George Wardell	1830 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 9 Apr 1825
Lieutenant Joshua John Whitting	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 3 Jul 1833 1838 <i>Army List</i> : marked as retired
Lieutenant Mottram Andrews	1838 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 24 Jul 1828
Lieutenant Frederick Browne Russell	1838 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 28 Jun 1831
Lieutenant Donald McPhee	1838 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 3 Nov 1837  Donald McPhee, (served in the Peninsula, and present at Waterloo), 15th December, 1808 Source: <i>Sydney Herald</i> 15 March 1841: 2.



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Ensign James Garland	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 25 Dec 1835, marked as retired 1837
Ensign Ranald J McDonell	1835 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 2 Sep 1832 1837 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 26 Jun 1835
Ensign Charles Henry Nicholetts	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 19 Dec 1834 1838 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 6 Oct 1837
Ensign John Edward Harryman Pryce 1 Mar 1839	1838 <i>army list</i> : Ensign 30 Jun 1837 1840 <i>army list</i> : Lieut 1 Mar 1839
Ensign Quentin Swift	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 14 Aug 1835, marked as retired 1837
Ensign William Augustus Gwynne	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 11 Jul 1834
Ensign George Hilliard	1838 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 13 Feb 1835
Ensign Hallam D'Arcy Kyle	1837 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 12 Jul 1833 1838 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 23 Jun 1837
Ensign Henry Halsey Lake	1838 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 15 Dec 1837
Ensign Edward Missenden Love	1838 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 22 Jun 1837
Ensign Percy Archer Butler	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 1 Mar 1839
Ensign George Gravatt	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 31 May 1839
Ensign Robert Julian Baumgartner	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 30 Jun 1837
Henry Dalton Smart	1838 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 25 Aug 1837
Ensign William George Cormick	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 24 May 1839
Ensign John Guise Rogers Aplin	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 7 Oct 1837
Ensign Samuel Rawson	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 31 May 1839
Ensign Sydney Cotton	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 25 Oct 1839
Ensign Eyre Coote Grant	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 26 Oct 1839

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Ensign Andrew Brown	1842 <i>Army List</i> : Lieut 14 Oct 1842
Ensign Henry Mostyn Owen 24 May 1839	1840 <i>Army List</i> : Ensign 24 May 1839
Paymaster George Thomas Benson 20 May 1836	<p>1840 <i>Army List</i>: Paymaster 20 May 1836, Lieut 25 Aug 1813</p> <p>Paymaster George Thomas Benson, entered the army 13th February, 1812. Paymaster Benson served in the Peninsula from July 1812, to the end of the year, including the battle of Vittoria, the Pyrenees (wounded in the arm), Pampeluna, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes, and Toulouse. Served also in the American war, and was severely wounded in the right breast, by a rifle ball, at Plattsburgh.</p> <p>Source: <i>Sydney Herald</i> 15 March 1841: 2.  <a href="https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12868252">https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12868252</a></p>
Adjutant William Russell	<p>Ensign without purchase 11 Feb 1825 1<sup>st</sup> West India Regiment (Ensign)          Lieut 13 Nov 1826 Royal Africa Corps ex 1<sup>st</sup> West India Regiment (Ensign)          Lieut Cape Mounted Riflemen 3 Aug 1829 Lieut ex African Colonial Corps          Lieut 28<sup>th</sup> 11 Jun 1830 Lieut ex Cape Mountain Riflemen          1835 <i>Army List</i>: Adjutant 13 Apr 1832; Lieut 11 Jun 1830          1838 <i>Army List</i>: Resigns adjutancy (replaced by D McGregor Aug 1838)</p> <p>28th Regiment of Foot.—Lieutenant Robert Butler Staveley, from the Ceylon Rifle Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Russell, who retires.</p> <p>Source: <i>Evening Star</i> (London) 14 Jan 1843:4, British Newspaper Archive / Findmypast.</p>
Adjutant Donald McGregor	1842 <i>Army list</i> : Adjutant 17 Aug 1838; Lieut 1 May 1842; died 29 May 1843
Surgeon James Campbell	1842 <i>Army list</i> : Surgeon 19 Jun 1835

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Assistant Surgeon Alexander Sherriff Macdonnell	1840 <i>Army list</i> : Assistant surgeon 19 Nov 1830
Assistant Surgeon Archibald Alexander	1842 <i>Army list</i> : Assistant surgeon 8 May 1835
Quartermaster William Kerr	1842 <i>Army list</i> : Quartermaster 1 Jun 1838; ensign 7 Jul 1837  QUARTER-MASTER. William Kerr, promoted to an Ensigncy 7th July, 1837. Mr. Kerr was present in the following engagements in the Peninsula, Albuera, Nivelle, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse, Quatre Bras, and Waterloo. Source: <i>Sydney Herald</i> 15 Mar 1841: 2. <a href="https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12868252">https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12868252</a>

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National Army Museum (UK) 28th (North Gloucestershire) Regiment of Foot

<https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/28th-north-gloucestershire-regiment-foot>

Gloucestershire Regiment

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloucestershire\\_Regiment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gloucestershire_Regiment)

### Select news reports:

28th Regiment.—This corps being under orders for New South Wales, have received the route for Chatham, that they may furnish detachments to the different convict ships proceeding to that colony.

*Cork Constitution*, 23 Oct 1834: 3. British Newspaper Archives / Findmypast.

WEST KENT.... The 28th regiment arrived in Chatham on Monday from Manchester, to succeed the 50th, in embarkation for New South Wales.

*Kentish Gazette*, 11 Nov 1834:4, British Newspaper Archives / Findmypast.

From the Downs, yesterday, having sailed from thence the 27th of March, the barque Marquis of Huntley, 564 tons, Captain Molison, with 319 male prisoners. Passengers, Lieutenant Beecham and Lieutenant Irving, 28th Regiment, Francis Fisher, Esq., Crown Solicitor, Dr. Osborne, R. N., Surgeon Superintendent, Mrs. Osborne, Miss Ann Osborne, Jane, Mary, and Isabella Osborne, twenty-nine rank and file of the 28th Regiment, eight women, and five children.

*Sydney Herald* 6 Jul 1835: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12852578>

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The ship Mangles, 595 tons, Capt. Carr, arrived on Saturday, from London, 25th April, with 310 male prisoners. Surgeon Superintendent, Dr. Suther — the guard consists of 1 sergeant, 2 corporals, and 25 privates of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 28th regiments, under the command of Ensign Cory of the 17th, Lieut. Wardell, and Assistant-Surgeon M'Donald, of the 28th. Also 8 women and 12 children.

*Hobart Town Courier* 7 Aug 1835: 3.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article4179527>

From Hobart Town, yesterday evening, having sailed on the 10th instant, the ship New York Packet, Captain Gregory, with wheat, &c. Passengers, Lieutenant Warden, 28th Regiment, Ensign Cory, 17th Regiment, Captain Anlaby, (late of the Elizabeth,), Mrs. Anlaby, Mr.M'Donald, Assistant Surgeon, 28th Regiment, Mr. Foote, Mr, John Mathews ,Mr. Thomas Bellamy, 26 rank and file of the 28th Regiment, 8 women, 12 children, and 6 prisoners of the Crown.

*Sydney Herald* 20 Aug 1835: 2

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12852899>

ARRIVED-August 28th, the barque Norfolk, 536 tons, Captain Gatenby, from Sheerness 14th of May, with 280 prisoners. Surgeon Superintendent Dr Savage, R. N., the guard consisting of twenty-nine rank and file of the 28th Regiment, under the command of Major Phelps and Lieutenant Ebrington of the 4th Regiment, also seven women, and thirteen children.

*Sydney Monitor* 16 Sep 1835: 2

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article32149721>

On Monday, the barque Norfolk, 536 tons, Captain Gatenby, from Hobart Town 19th instant. Passengers-Major Phelps, 4th Regiment, Lieutenant Elrington, 4th Regiment, Dr. Savage, R. N., Mr. John Gatenby, Mr. H. Watt, and Mr. R. Murdock, and thirty-three rank and file of the 4th, 28th, and 50th Regiments.

Same day, the barque England, 425 tons, Captain Bacon, from Portsmouth June 8th, with 230 male prisoners, under the superintendence of Dr. O'Pines, R. N, Passengers-D. A. C. G. Smith, Captain Cranmer, Mrs. Cramer and three children

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Ensign Ewyn, twenty-nine rank and file 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment, nine women, and seven children

Last night, the barque Backwell, 346 tons, Captain Dowson, from Cork June 12th, with 150 male prisoners, under the superintendence of Dr. John Love, R. N. Passengers - Captain Irvine and Ensign Stowe, 28th Regiment, Mrs. Irvine, and twenty-nine rank and file 17th Regiment, seven women, and ten children.

*Sydney Monitor* 30 Sep 1835: 2

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article32149822>

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT. WE have much pleasure in extracting the following passage from a Narrative of the Campaigns of the Twenty-eighth Regiment (the regiment that is now arriving in detachments in the colony) published in London during the present year by Lieutenant-Colonel Cadell, a brother of Mr. Cadell, of Queen's Place. Sydney, and late Major of the twenty-eighth regiment. The twenty-eighth is evidently a regiment of high character in the service, and our readers, we doubt not, will peruse the animated account, of its history and exploits, given by the brave Earl of Anglesea in the course of his address to the regiment, on presenting it with a new stand of colours, in the City of Dublin, about three years ago, with much interest [see link for full article].

*The Colonist* (Sydney) 22 Oct 1835: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31717103>

From Sheerness, same day, the ship Mary Ann, 585 tons, Captain Smith, with 305 male prisoners, Campbell France, Esq., Surgeon Superintendent. The guard consists of 20 rank and file of the 28<sup>th</sup> regiment, under the command of Captain Brown, 4th Regiment, and Lieutenant Robertson, 50th Regiment...From Dublin, yesterday, whence she sailed the 23d June, the ship Lady M'Naughton, 558 tons, Captain Hustwick, with 300 male prisoners. Surgeon Superintendent George E. Farmer, Esq. The guard consists of 29 rank and file of the 28th Regiment, under the command of Lieutenants Yrapaud, and George Baumgartner. Passengers, Mr. M. Brown, Clerk of Works for Sydney, Mrs. Brown and four children; eight woman and twelve children.

*Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* 27 Oct 1835: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2200881>

THE "HIVE." The report which reached Sydney on Sunday last, of the Hive, convict ship, being on the Coast, having on board up-wards of 300 souls, was the means of producing much excitement in Sydney for the last four days, indeed so much anxiety was felt by the inhabitants for the fate of the vessel and those on board, (expecting an addition to the late melancholy shipwrecks near our shores) that as soon as the Tamar steam-packet was signalled yesterday, great numbers of the Town people were observed flocking to the Dock-yard and other places where information might be obtained relative to the accident. The following particulars have been derived from authentic sources, principally from a gentleman passenger in the vessel. The ship Hive, Captain Nutting, (not Luscombe), left Portsmouth, for Dublin and Cork, on the 3d of August, with £10,000 in specie for the Commissariat Department of Sydney. She took prisoners at Dublin, and completed her complement at Cork, from which port she sailed on the morning of the 24th of August, having on board John Donohoe, Esq., Surgeon, R. N., Lieutenant Lugard, 31st Regiment, Ensign Kelly, 17th Regiment, Henry Lugard, Esq., of the Royal Engineers, 29 rank and file of the 28th Regiment, 8 women, 11 children, and 250 male prisoners. The vessel touched no-where on the passage, and nothing occurred of any consequence, except the death of one of the prisoners, up to the night of Thursday the 10th instant. During the whole of Thursday, the Hive it appears, kept within sight of land, and it is said, passed the Royal Sovereign; in the night it blew pretty fresh, and a dense fog came on. Our informants here leave us in the dark, as well as the ship, and we next hear of the vessel being stranded on the Coast near the Pigeon House, within 10 miles of Cape George.—All hands were immediately called up, and the boats lowered, one of which was stove in the attempt, and the persons capsized,—one of whom reached the land, by whose exertions a hawser from the ship was made fast ashore. This enabled the Captain and crew to lower the rest of the ship's boats, lines being made fast stem and stern, when as soon as one boat was filled with the persons on board, those on shore dragged the boat towards them, and they were landed. By this means the whole of the men, women, and children, were discharged from the ship, which was done without the least confusion. On the morning of Friday, Ensign Kelly, of the 17th Regiment, by the assistance of some blacks, found his way to the station of John Lamb, Esq., to whom he reported the circumstance. From this place Ensign Kelly travelled to the estate of Alexander Berry, Esq., a few miles further on, and from whence a messenger was despatched to Wolongong; the Police Magistrate there being

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requested to forward the account of the accident with all despatch to head quarters. The people belonging to the ship were, during this time, engaged in getting the luggage and stores from the ship, and the prisoners ashore forming bowers for resting places at night. Mr. Berry, in the most prompt manner, as soon as he heard of the circumstance, sent his schooner to the Hive well manned, but her assistance was not required — the weather being fine and the vessel close in upon the land. One accident happened during the night, the boatswain in attempting to save the life of a lad belonging to the ship, was unfortunately drowned, the boy being washed ashore by the surf. On Sunday the Revenue Cutter started for the Hive, and took charge of the specie, all of which was saved. Shortly after the Revenue Cutter, the Zebra, brig of war, and the steam packet Tamar, reached Jervis Bay; and, as soon as practicable, Dr. Donoghoe, Surgeon Superintendent of the Hive, Mr. Lugard, of the Royal Engineers, part of the guard, and 100 of the prisoners, were forwarded in the steamer to Sydney. The Zebra also took charge of the specie, all the mails, and 100 prisoners, the rest being ordered to remain near the ship to render assistance in getting her off the beach, if possible. The Zebra is expected in port to-day, with the mails, &c. Several gentlemen who have been to the Hive, state that she has not the appearance of being damaged in anyway—and that every thing on board has been preserved ; the only difficulty remaining is the hauling of the vessel of the shore—in which she is unfortunately embedded in the sand. Ensign Kelly ,chief officer, part of the crew, and the guard, are mentioned in terms of commendation for their praiseworthy exertions after the vessel grounded. We have now given every particular that we could glean of this strange "mistake," as it is called, waiting the explanation of Captain Nutting when he reaches Sydney. It was a most providential circumstance that the vessel did not go ashore a few miles higher up the Coast, or but few would have been left to tell the tale.

*Sydney Herald* 17 Dec 1835: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12853633>

Arrivals... On Tuesday the ship Layton; Capt. Wade, from Hobart Town 3rd inst Cargo sundries. Passengers--Lieut. Wilkinson, 13 Regt Mr. Wm. Wallace, Mr. Thos. Clayton, Miss Clayton, 29 rank and file 28th regiment, 7 women, 8 children, and 6 prisoners for Norfolk Island.

*Sydney Monitor* 16 Jan 1836: 2

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article32150528>



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From Torbay, same day, whence she sailed the 21st September, the ship John Barry, Captain Robson with 318 male prisoners, under the superintendence of Dr. McTernan, R N. The guard and passengers consist of Lieutenant-Colonel French, Lieutenant McDonnell, and Ensign Smart, of His Majesty's 28th Regiment, Mr. Cheodille, Bandmaster, Mrs Cheodille, and thirty rank and file of the 28th Regiment, seven women, and three children

*Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* 19 Jan 1836: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2202312>

The headquarters of the 28th regiment landed from the John Barry on Wednesday afternoon. The 80th is the next regiment under orders for this Colony; they will be forwarded in detachments so soon as the whole of the 28th have been dispatched.

*Sydney Monitor* 23 Jan 1836: 2

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article32150575>

The 28th Band. — The Band of the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment has attended parade for the last few days, in the place of the 17th; there is no comparison between the two as far as sweetness and tone is concerned, the 28th being harsh to a degree compared with the 17th ; this is perhaps owing to the great preponderance of brass instruments, of which a keyed trumpet and a nondescript of the base-horn tribe are remarkably displeasing to the lovers of soft over loud music; take them for all in all, we shall be long before we hear the 17th equalled. We may observe that the base of the 28th is peculiarly fine— perhaps too powerful for the remainder.

*The Australian* (Sydney) 29 Jan 1836: 2. Web

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36853153>

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31st ultimo, the ship Bardaster, Captain Macdonald, with troops. Passengers, Captain Potter, 28th regiment, Mr. J. Clark, Mrs. Montgomery and 1 child, 29 rank and file of the 28th regiment, 8 women and 7 children, and 1 prisoner of the Crown, for Norfolk Island.

*Sydney Herald* 8 Feb 1836: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12853826>

NEWS. HOBART TOWN.FEB. 21.—Arrived the ship Asia, 536 tons, Captain Head, from Sheerness 8th November, with 290 male prisoners, two having died on the passage. Surgeon Superintend [sic], Peter Leonard, Esq., R. N. Capt. Irwin, of the 4th Regiment, Ensign Short, of the 4th Regiment, 30 rank and file of the 4th, 28th, and 40th regts, 6 women and 11 children.

*Bent's News and Tasmanian Three-Penny Register* (Hobart Town) 27 Feb 1836: 4.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article232485077>

From Portsmouth, same day, having sailed from thence the 31st of October, the ship Recovery, Captain Thomas Johnson, with 280 male convicts, under the superintendence of Alexander Neill, Esq., Surgeon, R. N. The Guard consists of Adjutant Russell, and Ensign Swift, 28<sup>th</sup> regiment, 27 rank and file of the 28<sup>th</sup> regiment, 8 women and 5 children.

*Sydney Herald* 29 Feb 1836: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12853942>

March 23.—Sailed the brig Syren, with sundries, for Sydney. Passengers—Capt. and Mrs. Hindman, family and servants, W. Dalton, Esq., Mrs. J. Weavill, Master Ellard, Mr. Foot, Mrs. Anderson and children, Alice Tillery, Peter Seal, Charles Casey, 1 Serjeant and 4 privates 28th regiment.

*The Tasmanian* (Hobart Town, Tas) 25 Mar 1836: 3.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article232801386>

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17. - Surry (ship), Sinclair, from Cork, January 9, 229 male prisoners, Dr. Robertson Surgeon Superintendent. Passengers - Dr. Arthur, Inspector General of Hospitals for Van Dieman's Land, Mrs. Arthur; two children and two servants, Lieut. Bonham, 50th Regiment, Ensign O'Neil, 4th Regiment, thirty-two male emigrants, twenty-six rank and file, 28th Regiment, four rank and file, 50th Regiment, eight women and two children.

*The Colonist* (Sydney) 19 May 1836: 7.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31718037>

On Tuesday the 25th ult. the ship "Elphinstone," 425 tons, Captain Fremlin, with 238 male prisoners, Surgeon Superintendent Dr. Browning, R. N. Guard-Captain Adams, Lieut. Whiting, 2 sergeants and 26 soldiers 28th regiment, 8 women, and 11 children.

*Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* 7 Jun 1836: 3.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2204713>

From Portsmouth, via Rio Janeiro, last evening, having sailed from the former port the 18th of February, and the latter the 10th of April, the barque Strathfieldsay, Captain Philip Jones, with 216 male convicts, under the superintendence of Dr. Wilson, R. N.. The guard consists of Lieutenant Cadell, and Ensign Garling, of the 28th regiment, and 28 rank and file of the 28th regiment. Passengers, Mr. Thomas Smith, farmer; Miss Cameron, governess; Mary Peacock, and Caroline Freeman, servants; eight soldiers' wives, and thirteen children.

*Sydney Herald* 16 Jun 1836: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12854538>

ARRIVALS. August 23. — His Majesty's Ship Rattlesnake, William Hobson, Esq. commander, from Madras and Hobart Town. Passengers of the 28th Regiment, with 27 rank and file of the same regiment, and 8 women and 1 children.

*The Australian* (Sydney) 26 August 1836: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36857372>

August 31. — The ship *Moffatt*, Bolton, master, from Portsmouth, with male prisoners. . Passengers— Captain Parker and Dr.Campbell, 28th Regiment, Ensign Harrison, 63d Regiment, John Smith, Esq., R. N., Surgeon Superintendent, and 29 rank and file of the 28th Regiment, 6 women and 10 children.

*The Australian* (Sydney) 2 Sep 1836: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36855257>

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE ARRIVALS. From Dublin, on Tuesday last, whence she sailed 21st May, the ship *Waterloo*, Captain Cow with 222 male prisoners; Surgeon Superintendent Dr.Roberts, R. N. Passengers Major Cotton, of H.M.28th Regiment, Mrs. Cotton and four children, Lieutenant Mackay, H.M. 28th Regiment, 20 rank and file of the 28th, and 9 of the 50th Regiments; 7 women and 5 children. From Port Macquarie last evening, the steamer *William the Fourth*.

*Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* 8 Sep 1836: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2206486>

September 14. — The ship *Lord Lyndoch*, Baker, master, from London via HobartTown. Passengers, Lieutenant Wood, 50<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Ensign Nichiletts, 28th Regiment, James Lawrence, Esq., Surgeon of the Royal Navy, Mr. and Mrs. Burne, Mr. and Mrs.Berry and child, 27 rank and file of the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 7 women and 14 children, and 6 prisoners of the Crown.

*The Australian* (Sydney) 16 Sep 1836: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36858597>

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ARRIVALS. On Friday the bark Lady Nugent, Fawcett, master, from London 14th July, and Hobart Town, the 25th ultimo. Passengers, Captain Keane, Lieutenant Russell, Ensign Peck, 80th Regiment, Ensign Hicks, 4th Regiment, Dr. Dubie, R. N., 57 rank and file of the 28th, 50th, and 80th Regiments, 9 women, 6 children, and 21 convicts.

*Sydney Monitor* 5 Dec 1836: 2

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article32154125>

Arrived... From Cork same day, whence she sailed the 13th September, the ship St. Vincent, with 195 male prisoners, under the superintendence of Dr. A. Henderson R.N. The guard consists of 31 rank and file of the 80th and 28th regiments, under the command of Lieutenant Stewart, 3d Regiment, and Lieutenant Scully, 80th Regiment. Passengers, 10 free boys, 6 women, and 7 children.

*Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* 7 Jan 1837: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2208722>

ARRIVALS. May 30. — The ship Margaret, Canney, master, from Cork, with female prisoners. Surgeon Superintendent, Henry Kelsale Esq. R.N. Passengers — Paymaster Benson, of the 28th Regiment, Mrs. Benson, and Mr. Thomas Benson ; also, twenty-five emigrants in the steerage.

*The Australian* (Sydney) 2 Jun 1837: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36856463>

From London, same day, having sailed the 20<sup>th</sup> July, the ship William Harris, Captain Terry, with merchandise Passengers—Lieutenant Russell, 28th Regiment, Mr. Croft, Mrs. Robinson, John Graham, Elizabeth, Louisa, Selina, Frederick and William Byers, Mary, Ann and Thomas Burton, and Mr Cormick.

*Sydney Herald* 14 Dec 1837: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12861084>

From London, on Friday, having sailed the 6th of November, the barque Emma Eugenia, with 199 male Convicts, under the superintendence of Dr. Wylie, R. N. The guard consists of Ensign Love, 28th Regiment, Lieut Rice, 51st Regiment, 29 rank and file of 28th, 50th, 51st and 80th Regiments, with their wives and families.

*Sydney Herald* 12 Feb 1838: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12858082>

April 10.— The ship William Jardine, Crosslie, master, from Dublin, the 28th November, with 214 male convicts - Surgeon Superintendent, R. Lewis, Esq., R.N. Passengers— Captain Austin, 51st regiment. Ensign Cormick, 28th regiment, 28 rank and file of the 28th and 21st regiments, and 14 women and 6 children.

*The Australian* (Sydney) 13 Apr 1838: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36856008>

SEPT. 28.— Arrived the barque Minerva, Brown, from Sheerness, May 28, with 159 prisoners, (boys) 1 sergeant, and 14 privates of the 51st, 4 privates of the 21st, and one private of the 28th regiment; Surgeon-superintendent J. Wilson, Esq. Passengers from the Cape—Lieutenant E. Bagot, 51st, Lieutenant Vignolles and Ensign Pryce of the 28th.

*Colonial Times* (Hobart) 2 Oct 1838: 6.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article8749037>

18.-- Portsea, barque, Lowe, from Portsmouth, July 31, with 239 male prisoners, - Bell, Esq., R.N., Surgeon Superintendent; the guard consists of Lieutenant Donald M'Phee, 28th Regiment, Ensign Gavatt 28th Regiment, and twenty-five rank and file of the 28th, 50th, 51st, and 80th Regiments. Passengers, Mrs. M'Phee, and the Misses Isabella and Euphemia M'Phee.

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*The Colonist* (Sydney) 19 Dec 1838: 2. Web

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31722234>

3.-The barque Augusta Jessie, Edenborough, from Sheerness, 14th August, with 210 male prisoners ; cargo, rails for iron railways, & c. - passengers, Lieutenant Carey, 51st regiment, Dr. Miller, Ensign Gavatt, 28th regiment, Mr. Leyson, surgeon superintendent, 19 privates 51st, 5 women, 8 children, 5 privates of 80th, and 6 privates of 28<sup>th</sup>

*Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* 20 Dec 1838: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2544259>

August, the ship Barossa, Capt. Austin, with 334 male convicts, under the superintendence of Dr. Wyley, R.N. Passengers, Rev. Mr. Woodward, lady, and two daughters; Lieut. Chambre, 69th regt., Ensign Hough, 50th regt, twenty-nine rank and file of the 28th, 50th, and 69th regiments, with their wives and children.

*Australasian Chronicle* 10 Dec 1839: 4.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31727005>

Captain William Lloyd Russell, from half-pay 'unattached, to be Captain, vice Crummer, promoted ;

*Globe* (London) 20 December 1839:3. British Newspaper Archive / Findmypast.

BIRTH. At Melbourne, Port Phillip, 18<sup>th</sup> December, the Lady of Captain Hamilton Smith, 28th Regiment, of a son.

*Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* 9 Jan 1840: 3.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2549122>

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From Dublin, same day, having left the 17th September, the barque Nautilus, Captain Alloway, with 199 male convicts, under the superintendence of Dr McClure, R. N. Passengers, Lieut. de Muran, 96th regiment, Ensign Lake, 28th regiment, 23 rank and file, 28th and 96<sup>th</sup> regiments, 7 women and 4 children, and 4 free settlers.

*Sydney Herald* 10 Feb 1840: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12861304>

26. Woodbridge, ship, 516 tons, Dobson, from Sheerness, October 12, and the Cape of Good Hope, January 6, with 229 male convicts, under the superintendence of - Moxey, Esq., surgeon, R N. Passengers, Captain Miqler,- 28th Regiment, lady, and family, Ensign Green, 50th Regiment, Mr. and Mrs. Murray; twenty-nine rank and file of the 50th and 96th regiments, four women, and three children.

*The Colonist* (Sydney) 29 Feb 1840: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31724655>

SUPREME COURT. MONDAY.— Before His Honor the Chief Justice John Smith, William Martin, and Richard Chapman, soldiers of the 28th Regiment, were indicted for highway robbery on the Pennant Hills Road to Parramatta, on the 6th of May last. Plea not guilty. It appeared that a sawyer, a native of the Colony, named Eyles, was proceeding along the road to Parramatta, on the day laid in the Indictment, when he was attacked from behind a bush by three persons armed with bludgeons. They demanded his money, which he readily gave them, being two £1 notes, and divested him of two silk handkerchiefs, Eyles immediately returned to the military stockade at two-miles distance, and acquainted the Sergeant in command of the detachment of the circumstance, who mustered his men, and found none missing. He then proceeded to headquarters, at Parramatta; the men were absent, and Mr Hunt, the Chief Constable, was informed of the affair. He proceeded to Walker's Public house, in Church-street, Parramatta, where he found the three soldiers, who had partaken of a ham tiffin, drinking, and took them into custody. On their way to the lock-up,



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they did not deny the robbery, but said, one and all, that they were tired of soldiering, and had rather be "lagged." Martin said, he had had some money sent out to him from England, and he could neither procure his discharge, nor find time to spend it. The Sergeant of the station stated that the prisoners were raw recruits lately arrived from the depot at Chatham, and recommended one of them (Chapman), a youth of eighteen, to mercy on account of his previous uniform good conduct. The prisoners declined saying anything in their own defence, or calling any witnesses. The Jury returned a verdict of guilty against all the prisoners, but recommended Chapman to the mercy of the Court. Sentence — Smith and Martin, fifteen years transportation, and Chapman, (in consideration of the recommendation of the Jury), ten years.

*The Australian* (Sydney) 6 August 1840: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36850493>

28th April, the barque -King William, 380 tons, Captain George Thomas, 'with 180 male prisoners, under the superintendence of Campbell France, Esq. Surgeon R N. Passengers, (Lieutenant Montgomery, 80th Regiment, Ensign J. P.B. Aplin, 28th Regiment, 29 rank and file of the 80th and 96th Regiments, 4 women and 7 children.

Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser 18 Aug 1840: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2542403>

THE MILITARY-The following is a statement of the number of the military on duty in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land. Of the 28th Regiment, there are 3 field officers, 10 captains, 20 subalterns, 6 staff, 37 sergeants, 12 drummers, and 250 rank and file. 50<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 3 field officers, 10 captains, 20 subalterns, 6 staff, 30 sergeants, 12 drummers, and 525 rank and file. 80th Regiment, 3 field officers, 10 captains, 20 subalterns, 6 staff, 37 sergeants, 2 drummers, and 590 rank and file. 95th and 21st Regiments, 3 captains, 6 subalterns, 2 staff, 14 sergeants, 2 drummers, and 234 rank and file. 51st Regiment, 3 field officers, 10 captains, 20 subalterns, 6 staff, 33 sergeants, 11 drummers, and 580 rank and file. The amount of the forces in the two Colonies being 2,812 persons.

*Colonial Times* (Hobart) 19 May 1840: 5.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article8750739>

THE ABORIGINES.—Great excitement prevailed in town on Sunday, in consequence of a number of blacks, about five hundred, having been arrested, and during the day successive crowds of persons were attracted towards the place where they were confined. The particulars are as follows :—On Saturday night Major Lettsom and Captain Russell, of the mounted police, and Captain Smith and Lieut. Vignolles, of the 28th Regiment, accompanied by bodies of the military and mounted police, proceeded to the black encampment situated about three miles from Melbourne, on the Heidelberg road, for the purpose of apprehending several notorious characters who were known to be with them, Jacky Jacky among the rest. The bivouac was reached at break of day, and means adopted by which the whole party were surrounded before they were aware of the near proximity of their foes. On perceiving the military the blacks appeared greatly alarmed, and some attempts were made to escape, which, through the vigilance of their assailants, were frustrated. One of the natives whom two soldiers were attempting to iron broke from them, and with a waddy in his hand ran towards Lieut. Vignolles, who was standing near them ; the club was uplifted and in the act of descending on the lieutenant's head, when the sergeant of the mounted police, seeing the imminent peril in which the officer was placed, fired and shot the savage ; he fell, and on examining him it was found that the ball had entered at his neck and came out at his cheek, passing through the carotid artery. The name of the savage was Winberry, a chieftain and a most determined scoundrel. They succeeded in bringing the remainder into the town, and lodged them in the prison-yard ; thirty three of them were identified as capital offenders, amongst whom was the notorious Jacky Jacky, the perpetrator of a hundred crimes ; these were transmitted into the gaol, and these double-ironed. The Yarra Yarra tribe were permitted to depart, being less hostile to the whites than their more ferocious brethren of the Goulburn, and on their being put at the other side of the river were allowed to go at large. The remnant of the Goulburn tribe, consisting principally of women, were placed in the new government store near the barracks ; seven stand of arms and a case of pistols were taken from them. All their warlike instruments were destroyed, and on Sunday afternoon his honor the superintendent issued directions to the government men to proceed to the encampment, and kill all the dogs belonging to the natives found there ; these animals being employed by the blacks in destroying the sheep of the settlers. One of the prisoners in the gaol has been identified as the person who murdered a shepherd a few miles from

Melbourne on Saturday last, as the man was proceeding to his station ; some others as the parties who robbed the station of Mr. Snodgrass a few days ago.— P. P.Herald.THE BLACKS' ESCAPE .—On Sunday night the blacks imprisoned in the new Government store made a daring attempt to escape, which some of them effected. Between two and three o'clock in the morning the inhabitants residing in that part of the town were alarmed by the quick report of several muskets. On proceeding towards the store it was discovered that one of the blacks had been killed and another wounded in attempting to escape. The small windows of the store are thickly set with iron, and on the previous evening it was thought sufficient to barricade the door and place a few sentries there, leaving the sides of the building unprotected. The blacks, taking advantage of this, excavated beneath the foundation of the building until they had made a hole of sufficient size for a man to escape through. Through this a number of them got out and fled to their native hills.—Ibid.

*Australasian Chronicle* (Sydney) 29 Oct 1840: 4.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31729652>

18. - From Portsmouth, via the Cape of Good Hope, having left the former on the 20th August, the latter the 25th November, the barque Palmyra, 602 tons, Captain Daniel, with stores, &c. Passengers - Mr. Russell, Captain Russell, 28th regiment, Miss Maria Martin, Ensigns Butler and Owen, J. Burke, Esq., Surgeon ; steerage, 207 rank and file of the 28th regiment, 51 rank and file of the 51<sup>st</sup> regiment, 2 women and 7 children.

*Australasian Chronicle* (Sydney) 19 Jan 1841: 3.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31730541>

22.-From London, via Cape of Good Hope, having left the Downs 2nd October, and the latter 28th December, the barque Prince George, 482 tons, Captain Grant, with 227 rank and file of the 50<sup>th</sup> and 28th regiments. Passengers, Captain and Mrs. Beers, of the 80th regiment, Ensigns Burnard, Parker, and Moat, of the 50th regiment, and Dr. Sommers, of the 21st regiment; steerage, thirteen women and eleven children.

*Australasian Chronicle* (Sydney) 23 Feb 1841: 3.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31730954>

SERVICES OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS NOW ON DUTY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE STAFF. MAJOR OF BRIGADE. Captain William Hunter, 28th Regiment, entered the army 13th May, 1812. Captain Hunter served in the Peninsula from February, 1813, to the end of the war, including the crossing of the Bidassoa, (severely wounded by musket shot through the body) ; battles of the Nive, 10th, (wounded) 11th, and 12th December, Orthes and Toulouse.

ASSISTANT MILITARY SECRETARY. Captain Maurice Charles O'Connell, 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment, entered the army 25th March, 1828. Captain O'Connell belonged to the British Auxiliary Legion in Spain, and received Honorary Medals for the actions in May, 1836, and for the capture of Irun. He has been permitted to accept and wear the Cross Extraordinary of Charles III., the Cross of the Second Class of San Fernando, with the Crown of a Commander of Queen Isabella the Catholic.

TWENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT. LIEUTENANT-COLONEL.

Cudbert French, K.H., entered the army 3rd September, 1812. Colonel French served in the campaigns of 1813 and 1814, in the Peninsula, including the battles of Nivelle, Nive, Orthes, and Toulouse, besides minor affairs.

**MAJORS.**

J. Messiter, entered the army 18th July, 1815.

Sydney John Cotton, entered the army 19th April, 1810.

Major Cotton served in India with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons, and was present in the Pindaree campaigns of 1816 and 1817.

**CAPTAINS.**

Thomas Wheeler, entered the army 24th May, 1814;

Wanley Elias Sawbridge, 23rd October, 1823;

F. Wimbleton P. Parker, 10th June, 1826;

Frank Adams, 30th December, 1826 ;

William Hunter, 13th May, 1812 ;

C. Frederick Hamilton Smith, 18th June, 1829;

Maurice Charles O'Connell, 25th March, 1828;

George Minter, 14th November, 1810;

William Lloyd Russell, 17th January, 1816.

**LIEUTENANTS.**

George Wardell, entered the army 2nd January, 1817;

Mottram Andrews, 9th April, 1825 ;

William Russell, 3rd February, 1827;

Frederick Browne Russell, 2nd November, 1826;

Robert Julian Baumgartner, 27th September, 1833;

Henry Dalton Smart, 31st December, 1833;

Charles Henry Nicholetts, 10th December, 1834;

Donald McPhee, (served in the Peninsula, and present at Waterloo), 15th December, 1808;

Francis Durell Vignolles, 10th May, 1833;

JohnEdward H. Pryce, 30th June, 1837;

W. G. Cormack, 10th July, 1837;

G. Gravatt, 25th August, 1827;

Thomas Bunbury, 23rd June, 1828.

## **ENSIGNS.**

J. G. R. Aplin, entered the army 7th October, 1837;

H. Halsey Lake, 15th December, 1837;

Donald M'Gregor, 4th May, 1838;

Percy Auber Butler, 1st March, 1839;

Henry Mostyn Owen, 21st May, 1830;

Samuel Rawson, 31st May, 1839;

Sydney Cotton, 25th October, 1839;

Eyre Coote Grant, 26th October, 1839.

## **PAYMASTER.**

George Thomas Benson, entered the army 13th February, 1812. Paymaster Benson served in the Peninsula from July, 1812, to the end of the year, including the battle of Vittoria, the Pyrenees (wounded in the arm), Pampeluna, Nivelles, Nive, Orthes, and Toulouse. Served also in the American war, and was severely wounded in the right breast, by a rifle ball, at Plattsburgh.

## **ADJUTANT.**

Donald M'Gregor, entered the army in 1838.

## **QUARTER-MASTER.**

William Kerr, promoted to an Ensigncy 7th July, 1837. Mr. Kerr was present in the following engagements in the Peninsula:--Albuera, Nivelles, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse, Quatre Bras, and Waterloo.

## **SURGEONS.**

Surgeon John Campbell,

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Assistant Surgeons, A. S. Macdonell and Archibald Alexander.

*Sydney Herald* 25 May 1841: 2

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12869251>

MARRIAGES. By special license, at Penrith, on Tuesday last, the 11th instant, by the Rev. Francis Vidal, William Russell, Esq., H. M. 28th Regiment, to Jane Rebecca, second daughter of Sir John Jamison, K. G. V. [sic], M. C, of Regentville.

*Sydney Herald* 15 March 1841: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12868252>

Arrivals...December 11. — The steamer Seahorse, Captain Tallan, from Port. Phillip, having left the 7th instant; ... with sundries. Passengers— Mrs Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Skerington, Captain and Mrs. Fox and servant, Mrs. Massie, Miss Massie, Dr. Sullivan, Rev. Dr. Lang, Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Sells, Mr. D. Jones, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Garratt, Lieutenant Vignoles, and Ensign Ralston (28th regiment; thirty-six rank and file 28th regiment, twenty-six steerage, and ten convicts.

*Colonial Observer* (Sydney) 16 Dec 1841: 4.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article226359597>

Yesterday the troops which arrived on Sunday, per the Maitland, were landed at the New Pier, and marched up to the Barrack. They consist for the most part of a detachment of the 28th Regiment, and smaller detachments from the 96th and 80th Regiments ; one hundred and eighty of them proceed to Parramatta this afternoon. A part of the troops at present in barracks it is supposed will shortly proceed to India.

*The Australian* (Sydney) 8 March 1842: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36853008>

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6.— The barque Maitland, Captain Thompson, from Portsmouth, having left the Downs the 20th October; with troops. Passengers — Captain F. Adams 28<sup>th</sup> regiment, Ensign Brown, 28th regiment. Ensign Welsh, 80th regiment, Assistant-Surgeon De Lisle, 60th regiment, Lieutenant M'Gregor, 21st Fusilliers, Mrs. M'Gregor and child, Mr. Eichbaum, commissariat clerk, 313 rank and file of the 28th, 66th, and 80th regiments, 11 women, and 9 children.

*Colonial Observer* (Sydney) 9 Mar 1842: 180.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article226361176>

MARRIED. By special license, on Saturday, the 4th instant, Frederick Browne Russell, Esq., of Her Majesty's 28th Regiment, to Mary Elizabeth, third daughter of Sir John Jamison, Knight, K.G.B., M.C., of Regentville.

*Sydney Herald* 7 Jun 1842: 3. <https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12875584>

The 28th Regiment. This fine regiment embarks this morning onboard the John Brewer, Kelso, and Arab, on their passage to India. During yesterday we observed many of them following the drays which conveyed their luggage on board. We were glad to observe the cheerful appearance that their faces wore—may it long be such, and may they in the precarious warfare in which they will in all probability be employed, go to work with the same cheerfulness and undaunted spirit which have ever characterised this gallant corps while fighting the battles of their country" on the blood red fields of Spain." We can only say," God bless them ;" they carry with them the best wishes of every true British heart. The following is a list of the officers of this regiment, and the different vessels on board of which they will embark tomorrow morning; By the John Brewer — Lieutenant Colonel French, K. K., Captain Wheeler, Captain Sawbridge, Surgeon Campbell, Paymaster Benson, Lieut. Smart, Adjutant MacGregor, Ensign Butler, Ensign Owen, and Ensign Brown. In the Arab—Lieutenant Colonel Cotton, Captain Parker, Lieutenant Andrews, Lieutenant Gravatt, Ensign Cotton, and Ensign Grant. By the Kelso—Major Messiter, Captain Adams, Captain Minter, Captain Baumgartner, Lieutenant F. B. Russell, Lieutenant Cormick, Lieutenant Aplin, Assistant Surgeon Alexander, Quartermaster Kerr, and Ensign Rawson. The following address was presented to Lieut Colonel Cotton on his vacating the Police Magistracy at Parramatta, on the eve of his departure with his regiment



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for India: ADDRESS. To Lieut, Colonel Sydney Cotton, Police Magistrate of Parramatta. Parramatta, 9th June, 1842. Dear Sir,—With feelings of considerable regret we heard that the duties, of your profession would shortly deprive us of the assistance which we have for the last eighteen months derived from the zeal and intelligence with which you performed the duties of Police Magistrate of this district. We would, on your departure, take the opportunity of expressing in homely but honest language, our opinion of the efficiency and entire integrity of purpose with which you have performed the duties which have devolved upon you. We cannot permit you to leave us without the assurance that we wish yourself Mrs. Cot-ton, and your family, a safe and prosperous voyage to India. And that we have every confidence, when an opportunity offers itself of adding still further honour to a name and family already so greatly distinguished in the Military annals of our country, that our friend and Brother Magistrate, Lieutenant Colonel Cotton, will not fail to justify our high estimation of his character and talents :We remain, dear Sir, Yours most sincerely, W. M. Rotherie, J. P.; John Betts, J. P.; M. Anderson, J. P. ; J. B. Bettington, J. P. ; E. Lockyer, J. P.; W. Lawson ,J. P. ; J. Forrester, J. P.; R. G. Moffatt, J. P. ; J. Blaxland, J. P. REPLY. Police Office, Parramatta, 9th June, 1842. Dear Sirs.—I acknowledge with feelings of gratitude, the receipt of your letter of this date, which places on record the opinion you have formed of my services, as Police Magistrate of your district, and I cannot express to you in terms sufficiently strong, the pride I feel in receiving at the hands of gentlemen of your magisterial experience, a testimonial so flattering. In your anxiety to evince to me your kind and friendly feelings, you have I am sure, given too favourable an estimate of my services. To your experience, ready cooperation, unanimity, and cordial support, must be attributed, chiefly, the success which you have been pleased to state has attended my efforts to conduct the police business of the district. The sudden demand for the Services of the 28th Regiment, in India, under a peculiarly pressing emergency, has determined me to adopt the only course which I could conscientiously and honourably pursue, and to abandon my civil post. And I do trust, that at no future period of my life, will any act of mine give occasion to you to regret that you have now placed in me so much friendly confidence. I assure you, with unaffected sincerity, that I quit you all will deep regret. I feel that I part with you not only as brother magistrates, but, as friends. That success, prosperity, and happiness, may ever attend your families and yourselves, is my most anxious wish; and may Australia daily rise more and more in importance, and flourish under wise and salutary laws. I am, dear Sirs, Yours, most faithfully and sincerely, SYDNEY COTTON, Lieutenant-Colonel, 28th Regiment, Police Magistrate. To William Lawson, Esquire, J. P. ; Thomas Forster, Esquire, J. P. ; R. G. Moffatt, Esquire, J. P.; J. B. Bettington, Esquire, J. P.; J. Blaxland, Esquire, J. P.;

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E Lockyer, Esquire, J. P. ; William Montague Rotherie, Esquire, J. P. ; John Betts Esquire, J. P. ; and M. Anderson, Esquire J. P. CAPTAIN R. J. BAUMGARTNER At a Meeting, held at Mrs. Black's, Bathurst on Wednesday, the 8th of June, Captain Piper, J. P., in the chair, It was unanimously resolved, a testimonial be presented to Captain Baumgartner, of Her Majesty's 28th Regiment, as a memorial of the sincere respect and esteem in which he has been held during his residence at Bathurst, and of the approbation of his public conduct as commandant. And that in consequence of his unexpected departure, this day, R. B. Carter, Esq., now in Sydney, be deputed to make choice of, and to present such testimonial to Captain Baumgartner, requesting his acceptance thereof, with the warmest wishes of his friends, for his health and prosperity. And that Mr. Carter he requested to procure an inscription on this memento, as follows : —" Presented to Captain R. J. Baumgartner, H.M. 28th Regiment, by the inhabitants of Bathurst, New South Wales, in token of their esteem for his private character, and public conduct as Commandant.—June, 1842." That the Rev. C. Woodward, John Balfour, Esq , and Thomas Raine, Esq., be deputed to present a copy of these resolutions to Captain Baumgartner, and that John Balfour, Esquire, be requested to communicate with Mr. Carter. The memorial was signed by a very large majority of the resident gentry of the Bathurst district. In consequence of the above resolution, Mr. Carter procured a very handsome gold watch, rich chased and engraved, and bearing the above inscription, which was presented with the following letter : —Sydney, June 14, 1842. My dear Baumgartner—Permit me to present you with this memorial from the inhabitants of Bathurst, and though I feel myself unequal to the task of expressing their feelings and my own on the occasion of your departure from these shores, to assure you that the sincerest feelings of esteem, both for your private and public character, are rooted in the hearts of those you are about to leave—feelings which are exceeded only by their deep regret on being deprived of so inestimable a member of society. Believe me to be your's most sincerely, A. R. CARTER. Captain Baumgartner, &c. &c. To the above Captain Baumgartner returned the following appropriate reply :—Sydney, June 14, 1842. I beg that the inhabitants of Bathurst will accept my best and heartfelt thanks for the very kind manner in which they have been pleased to express themselves in my behalf, on my departure from their district, and for the handsome tribute of esteem which they have conferred upon me. I tender in return, my earnest prayer for their welfare, and I do trust that the cloud which now hangs over the colony, and which in particular has so darkened the prospects of the district where I have been so long resident, being dispelled, they may each and every one of them enjoy that prosperity they so well deserve. And, more than all, I pray that that happiness which it is the end and aim of us all to attain, may be their portion. Once again, thanking the inhabitants of the district

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of Bathurst, for the very kind feeling they have evinced towards me. I remain their sincere well wisher and friend, R. J. BAUMGARTNER ,Captain, 28th Regt. To Captain Piper and the inhabitants of the District of Bathurst.

*Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* 16 Jun 1842: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article2556763>

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.THE EMBARKATION OF THE 28TH. Yesterday, soon after daybreak, several hundred persons assemble! in George-street, for the purpose of witnessing the embarkation of this celebrated corps for Bombay. A little before 8 o'clock, the regiment, headed by their gallant Colonel, and accompanied by Major Hunter Brigade Major, left the Barrack-square, and proceeded down George Street, amid the cheers of the crowd, till they reached Dawes' Point, where the soldiers saluted their colours with three hearty cheers. In the brief space of three-quarters of an hour afterwards, all of them were on board their respective vessels. As soon as the last boat for the Arab had pushed off, Major Hunter expressed his approbation of the manner in which the embarkation had been effected, and, in conjunction with Colonel French, thanked Mr. Watson, the Harbour-master for the efficient aid which he had rendered in getting the boats, do, so quickly loaded and despatched for their respective vessels. Notwithstanding the great strength of the regiment, and the great number of young men in it, there were only six prisoners taken on board. It is not expected that the ships in which they have embarked will sail before Sunday.

The 80TH REGIMENT. The head quarters of this regiment arrived in Sydney, yesterday at 9 a.m., from Parramatta, and marched into the barracks headed by Lieutenant Colonel Baker; during the course of the day several other detachments of the same regiment also arrived by the various steamers from the same place. The whole number that arrived was, 203 rank and file, six sergeants. Assistant-Surgeon M'Niosh, Adjutant Lightbody, Lieutenants Ormsby, Riley, and Cookson, Captain Marsh, and Lieutenant Colonel Baker. The 80th will troop the guards in Sydney to-day at the usual hour.

*Sydney Herald* 17 Jun 1842: 2. <https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12875720>

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DEPARTURES.19. For Bombay, the ship John Brewer, Captain Brown, with government stores and troops. Passengers - Lieutenant Colonel French, Captains Wheeler and Sawbridge, Surgeon Campbell, Paymaster Benson, Adjutant Macgregor, Ensigns Butler, Owen, and Brown, Mrs. Macgregor, 225 rank and file 28th regiment, 24 women, and 36 children.

19.For Bombay, the ship Kelso, Captain Roxburgh, with government stores and troops. Passengers - Major Messiter, Captains Adams, Minter, and Baumgartner, Lieutenants F. B. Russell, Cormick, and Aplin, Assistant Surgeon Alexander, Quartermaster Cox. Ensign Rawson, Mrs. Minter and four children, Mrs. Russell, Mrs Cox, 236 rank and file 28th regiment, 18 women, and 40 children .

For Bombay, the barque Arab, Captain Westmorland, with government stores and troops. Passengers-Lieutenant Colonel Cotton, Captain Packer, Lieutenants Andrews and Gravatt, Ensigns Cotton and Grant, Mrs. Cotton, two Misses Cotton, and Master Cotton, 160 rank and file 28th regiment,13 women, and 23 children.

*Australasian Chronicle* (Sydney) 21 June 1842: 3.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31736288>

SYDNEY.THE head-quarters of the 28th regiment will be removed to India by the John Brewer. The Arab and Kelso had been chartered for the conveyance of the remainder of the troops.

*Launceston Examiner* (Tas) 25 June 1842: 6

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36248991>

On the departure of the 28th regiment for India, per Bencoolen, Kelso, and John Brewer, the barracks were to be occupied by the 80th, at present stationed at Windsor, which town will then be the head quarters of the 96th.

*Port Phillip Patriot and Melbourne Advertiser* (Vic) 27 Jun 1842: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article226511091>

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Departures... 6 [Oct]. — The ship Candahar, Captain Ridley, for Bombay, with stores, See. Passengers — Lieutenant Chambre, Mrs. Chambre, Messrs. Wells, Wrotesby, Homer, Dr. Leonard, R.N., and Mr. Wells. Intermediate — Messrs. Mignor and Moulla. Sixty-one rank and file 28th regiment, nine women, and four children.

*Colonial Observer* (Sydney) 8 Oct 1842: 4. <https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article226359847>

DIED.—On the 11th of September, at Minora Point, Kurrachee, Bombay, of cholera, Captain Wanley Elias Sawbridge, of her Majesty's 28th Regiment, second son of Samuel Elias Sawbridge, Esq., of Olantigh, Kent.

*The Age* (London), 20 Nov 1842:4. British Newspaper Archive / Findmypast.

The Army. — The 28th Regiment, which lately left our shores, have suffered severely from disease since their arrival in India. A detachment, consisting of 150 rank and file, with seventeen women and children had embarked at Bombay, on board the steamer Zenobia, bound for Kurrachee. A short time after they had put to sea, cholera broke out among them with excessive violence, and on the steamer reaching Kurrachee it was found that forty-seven men and seven women belonging to the Regiment had died; and that eighty-six cases of alarming virulence remained behind. So numerous were the deaths that the shot onboard the steamer was exhausted in sinking the dead bodies, and recourse was had to lumps of coal for that melancholy purpose.

*Colonial Observer* (Sydney) 4 Feb 1843: 794.  
<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article226359567>

SHOULD this advertisement meet the eye of any person acquainted with the children of Silvester Murphy, (formerly a private in the 28th regiment,) who died about five years since, it is requested that information thereof may be given to Captain King, R. N., Port Stephens.

*Sydney Morning Herald* 3 Aug 1843: 1.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12420731>

Lieutenant-Colonel French and Lieutenant G.Gravatt of the 28th regiment, died of cholera, on the 29th of December, at Kurrachee, Bombay; and Lieutenant Mostyn, of the same corps, died on the 1st of January.

*Australasian Chronicle* (Sydney) 12 Aug 1843: 4. <https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article31740806>

The 28th Regiment lost from sickness, in three months in India Lieutenant-Colonel, 1 Captain, 9 Lieutenants, and 168 men, besides a great number of women and children. A fine specimen of the climate of India.

*Colonial Times* (Hobart) 24 Oct 1843: 4.  
<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article8754144>

TWENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT-Extract of a letter from an officer of the 28th Regiment, dated Poona, February 3rd -"You will be happy to hear of our having left Scinde, as our calamities there were unprecedented. In the short space of one year we lost considerably more than half the regiment by sickness, and nine officers (not including poor Lake, who died at Calcutta). Poor M'Gregor died rather suddenly of fever, and Gravatt and Owen of the same disease. Cormick went to a court martial, was taken ill and obliged to leave the room-he died in three hours afterwards. Butler is quite well now-he had an attack of fever soon after his arrival at Kurrachee, and did not go to Haydrabad, but returned to Bombay for change of air, which in all probability saved his life. I enjoyed good health till a week before leaving Hdrabad, when I caught the fever as well as the rest, and have had another attack lately, in fact no one escaped. Colonel Cotton lost both his daughters, the yungest died very suddenly coming down the Indus, and the eldest two months afterwards. Captain Winter lost three out of the four children he brought to India-Mr. Webb, his only child, and nearly all the women who were with us at Sydney have been cut off. Before we left Scinde we could muster only fifty-four men on parade, and the junior Captain commanding the corps, all the others being laid up from fever. We are now at what is considered

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the most healthy station in the Bombay Presidency-all kinds of gaiety are going on, but I do not much like Indian society, in fact we are not near so happy as we were in New South Wales, all regret leaving it, and cannot forget the numerous acts of kindness and attention received from those with whom we had the pleasure to be acquainted."

Sydney Morning Herald 27 Apr 1844: 2.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12413584>

We regret to hear that Lieut. Lake, of her Majesty's 28th Regiment, who had recently come round from New South Wales, to join, we believe, one of the regiments under this Presidency, has been carried off by cholera. of the 3d May. He died yesterday, in the fort – Calcutta paper of the 3d May.

Stamford Mercury 15 July 1842:3. British Newspaper Archive / Findmypast.

FROM LAST NIGHTS GAZETTE. 28th Regiment of Foot. —Lieutenant Robert Butler Staveley, from the Ceylon Rifle Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Russell, who retires.

Evening Star (London) 14 Jan 1843:4, British Newspaper Archive / Findmypast.

At Madron on Monday last George Symons Esq of Grove Cottage, Mylor, late captain in the 28th Regiment, to Catherine Letitia daughter of Captain H. Cary Portarlington, Queens County

West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser 10 May 1844:3 British Newspaper Archive / Findmypast.

SLASHER REEF, AUSTRALIA.(From the Nautical Magazine.) Camp Kurrachee, Lower Scinde, March25th, 1843.—It has been a subject of the greatest surprise

to us here, that although now a period of nearly nine months has elapsed since Her Majesty's 28th regiment had a providential escape from shipwreck, not a single notice (that we have seen) has ever appeared on the subject in any paper, although I know a full account was forwarded to one of your leading journals in London, in September last; and one would think that a detail relating to a corps which "has done some service to the State," might be as worthy of notice as the numerous and melancholy calamities which have lately befallen Indian cotton and merchant ships, and with which the English press is teeming. Concluding that you have been silent only because you have never heard the circumstances, I now regret that I did not, at the time, send you an account, as after so many months I can now only briefly state the facts in general; for such is, perhaps fortunately, our nature, that the events of the past fade as their distance from the present increases; and hours of anxiety and excitement are all comprised in one general recollection of the main cause which gave rise to them. On the 16th June, 1842, the whole regiment, consisting of 26 officers and 709 men, embarked at Sydney, and on the 19th sailed for Bombay on board the ships John Brewer, (head quarters,) Kelso, and Arab, to proceed by the inner passage, Torres Strait, and to keep company through, the Kelso leading as Commodore. On the night of the 29th, being now two or three days in the Straits, it blew very fresh, and the ships were going very fast before the wind as we ran along by the coast, which was some thirty miles from us. You must be aware that this is, perhaps, one of the most dangerous passages known, as it is studded with reefs and rocks, hidden and visible, and that the vessels are obliged to anchor each day with good light. We had not done so yet, and whether we ought to have done it is a question I do not mean to venture an opinion on; it is sufficient for my present object to state we did not do so, but continued running through the night and the following morning. About half-past five o'clock, just as day was breaking, the three ships above named, with a barque that joined us the day before, named the Hopkinson, were almost at the same moment fast, having struck against a coral reef! It was indeed a curious scene to see them almost within hail. The John Brewer, Kelso, and Hopkinson, almost in a line, were held by the bows; the Arab had gone more a-head, and got her broad-side on, in which position she was rocking and striking in a manner that led us to conclude she must either go to pieces or never get off. The limits of a letter will not permit my entering at any length into the various means were sorted to, or the many fortuitous circumstances to which we owe our escape. Kedge anchors were got out, as we were afloat astern, while we had not two feet water at the bows, and, after a hard day's work, we succeeded in dragging the ships, all but the Arab, out of the reef and into deep water again; but here we were in almost greater danger than before, as it blew hard, and we were surrounded by rocks, so close, that if the



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anchors yielded the least, we must have gone against them. During the night the Arab swung off, when the tide rose, and was afloat. In fact we worked unceasing for six days, until 5th July, during which time we had recourse to every possible expedient. At length all was ready to attempt getting out of what the Americans would call our pre-sent "fix," and this was the greatest difficulty of all. To give you some idea of this, I must try and explain our position. It seems that on the 29th we had kept too much to the eastward, and that right a-head of us, stretching from east to west, ran a long barrier of coral reef, not visible, and of course stretching across our course. Had we struck against this, our doom would have been sealed; but here, as in many other instances, Providence interposed in our behalf; in the line of this barrier was a gap of about a mile, within which was formed a bay, running about two miles back; in fact, forming a sort of harbour under water. Through this opening the four vessels entered almost together, and from the tide being full at the time, we must have sailed over some of the rocks, which showed themselves everywhere behind us at its fall, and presented a fearful opposition to our attempts at getting out. Another difficulty was, that the wind, which is always favourable to the onward course, as it blows from the south, for that same reason must be against us in our efforts to return. However, on this morning, with God's blessing, we did make the effort, and succeeded, after truly many "hair-breadth 'scapes" in clearing this reef, and that night anchored at the Palm Islands. That my letter may have something to recommend it, I shall give you a copy of the only document I now have relating to this event; it is the position of the reef which we called "28th, or the Slasher's reef. "From Palm Islands W. & by S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. 29 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Lat. 18° 32' Bear. by From Mt. Hinchinbrock, W.Long. 140° 3' Comp. & by N.  $\frac{1}{4}$  N. 45 miles. From Magnetical Island, S. S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  W. 38 miles. After clearing this, and making for the Palm Island, we passed another long reef, bearing 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles W. by S.; this we called "John Brewer Reef." As to the causes which led to our getting into this place at all, I do not feel myself competent to give an opinion; but had I time or space to enter more into detail, I think I could show you that our getting out of it forms one of the most wonderful instances of escape on record. A SLASHER.

*Shipping Gazette and Sydney General Trade List* 13 Jul 1844: 121. ‘

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article161167483>

DIED. At Sydney Cottage, Chatham, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July last, Captain Wardell, of H.M., 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

*Sydney Morning Herald* 19 Dec 1845: 3.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12884192>

DIED. At Cavan, near Yass, in the 39th year of his age, on the 20th October, Captain George Thomas Potter, late of Her Majesty's 28th Regiment, sincerely regretted, and leaving a widow with eight children to lament their irreparable loss. Captain Potter was the only son of Major Potter, of the same Regiment, who was killed at the storming and capture of Badajoz, in 1812.

*Sydney Morning Herald* 2 Nov 1849: 4.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article12908316>

Deaths..... RUSSELL—April 2nd, William Russell, late H. M. 28th Regiment, and of Regentville, Penrith, aged 59 years.

*Sydney Morning Herald* 21 April 1866: 7.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article13129975>

MOORE—April 16th, at Liverpool, Captain Samuel Moore, late of H.M. 28th Regiment, aged 72 years, eldest son of the late George Moore, Esq., Paymaster H.M. 32nd Regiment. He entered the army in 1808, and served with distinction under the late Duke of Wellington in the Peninsula, also at Waterloo.

*Sydney Morning Herald* 23 May 1866: 10.

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article13131642>

DEATH OF MAJOR CRUMMER, LATE OF THE 28TH REGIMENT. FROM Port Macquarie we learn the death of Major James Henry Crummer, late Police Magistrate of that place; and on the passing away of perhaps the latest survivor in this colony of "those that fought at Waterloo," the tribute of a few words, in memory of past services, will not be misplaced. Gazetted to an ensigncy in the 28th Regiment, in July, 1805, when scarcely fourteen years of age, and being

promoted to a lieutenancy in the same corps in July, 1807, J. H. Crummer, in the latter part of that year, served with his regiment at the siege and capture of Copenhagen. In June, 1809, he entered on the Peninsular campaign, and remained in active service to the close of the war in 1814, and was personally engaged with his regiment against the enemy in the following, of which eight were general actions: Busaco, Campo Mayor, first siege of Badajos, Albuera (severely wounded), 21st June, 1813, Vittoria (slightly wounded), Pyrenees (severely wounded), Nivelles, Nive (Bayenne), St. Palais, Orthos, Lombega, 10th April, 1814, Toulouse. Writing of the services of this regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Cadell states that "at Albuera Lieutenant Crummer was badly wounded in the left leg and would not apply for a pension, to which he was entitled at the time, nor was he absent from the corps for a single day, except while under cure, during all their subsequent services abroad." Also, "This excellent officer performed a most important service just before the battle of Albuera. The Fusilier Brigade was detached. Lieutenant Crummer was sent off, with the small escort of two Portuguese dragoons, to bring up the brigade. He succeeded in avoiding the enemy's outposts, and brought up the brigade to perform their glorious part in that desperate action. He adds, "in 1832, his wounds broke out afresh, when several splinters of bone came away, so that he suffered more pain than at first ; on recovery he applied for the usual pension, but in consequence of the time he had allowed to elapse, his case could not be taken into consideration. I do not think there is such another leg in the United Kingdom without a pension." And again Lieutenant-Colonel Cadell states that "during the ten months' fighting, from 21st June, 1813, to 10th April, 1814, we had in killed and wounded 43 officers, 27 sergeants, 3 drummers, and 731 rank and file. Returning home in July, 1814, on the 18th May, 1815, Lieutenant Crummer sailed again with the regiment for Ostend, and reaching Brussels on the 26th, was closely engaged at 'Quatre Bras' on the 16th June, and throughout the 18th was incessantly engaged at 'Waterloo.'" The 28th, which could then muster only 4 companies, was amongst the regiments that advanced on Paris after Waterloo, where it remained until 29th October, when it was ordered home, but in December, 1817 embarked again for the Mediterranean, and was quartered in the Ionian islands until 1829. During part of this time - from 1822 to 1827 - Captain Crummer was Commandant of the Island of Calamos, and Protector of the Greek Refugees during the War of Independence against the Turks. In October, 1835, the 28th arrived in New South Wales, and in 1840, having attained his Majority and the regiment being ordered to India, Major Crummer sold his commission and became a settler in the colony. He from 1836 served as Police Magistrate at Newcastle, and afterwards at Maitland until the year 1858, when he was removed to the police magistracy of Port Macquarie, but losing his

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strength rapidly from the effects of a serious accident, he obtained in September, 1864, a pension for colonial services under the Superannuation Act of that year, after an imperial and colonial service of over 59 years. The last wish of the old soldier, "a parting salute from comrades in arms," was fulfilled, as far as practicable at Port Macquarie - a firing-party of eight men (warders from the gaol, and all of them old Crimean or Indian soldiers) escorting the body to the grave, and firing three volleys over it.

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