

British Army Regimental Succession of Titles: Cavalry



In times of war and peace, the British Army has undergone significant changes.

The following defence reviews have impacted the make-up of British Army regiments:

- 1881 The Childers Reforms
- 1922 Reduction in Government spending following the Great War ('The Geddes Axe') led to several cavalry regiments being combined, retaining their original cap badges into the late-1920s/1930s, with several changes in name along the way
- 1957 Defence White Paper (implemented by 1962)
- 1966 Defence White Paper (implemented by 1970)
- 1990 'Options for Change' (implemented by 1994)
- 2010 'Strategic Defence and Security Review' (implemented by 2015)
- 2021 'Defence in a Competitive Age' (implemented by 2025)

Regiments are shown in order of precedence (by today's regiments)

1881	1922-35	1958/60	1970/71	1992/94	2014/15	2025
1st Life Guards	The Life Guards (1st and 2nd) LG			The Life Guards LG		
2nd Life Guards						

Royal Horse Guards <i>then</i> Royal Horse Guards (The Blues) <i>from</i> 1920 RHG		The Blues and Royals (Royal Horse Guards and 1st Dragoons) RHG/D
1st (Royal) Dragoons	1st The Royal Dragoons 1D	

1st (King's) Dragoon Guards	1st King's Dragoon Guards KDG	1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards QDG
2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays)	The Queen's Bays (2nd Dragoon Guards) BAYS	

3rd (Prince of Wales's) Dragoon Guards	3rd/6th Dragoon Guards 3/6 DG	3rd Carabiniers (Prince of Wales's Dragoon Guards) 3 DG	The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys) SCOTS DG
6th Dragoon Guards (Carbiniers)	Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons) GREYS	Royal Scots Greys	
2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys)		GREYS	

4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards	4th/7th Dragoon Guards 4/7 DG	4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards 4/7 RDG	The Royal Dragoon Guards RDG
7th (Princess Royal's) Dragoon Guards	5th/6th Dragoons 5 DG then 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards from 1927 5 INNIS DG	5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards from 1935 5 INNIS DG	
5th (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) Dragoon Guards			
6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons			

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1881	1922-35	1958/60	1970/71	1992/94	2014/15	2025			
3rd (The King's Own) Hussars	3rd The King's Own Hussars 3H	Queen's Own Hussars QOH		The Queen's Royal Hussars (Queen's Own and Royal Irish) QRH					
7th (Queen's Own) Hussars	7th Queen's Own Hussars 7H								
4th (Queen's Own) Hussars	4th Queen's Own Hussars 4H	Queen's Royal Irish Hussars QRIH							
8th (The King's Royal Irish) Hussars	8th King's Royal Irish Hussars 8H								

9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers	9th Queen's Royal Lancers 9L	9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) 9/12L		The Royal Lancers (Queen Elizabeths' Own) RL
12th (Prince of Wales's Royal) Lancers	12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) 12L			
16th (Queen's Lancers)	16th/5th Lancers	16th/5th Queen's Royal Lancers	The Queen's Royal Lancers QRL	
5th (Royal Irish) Lancers	16/5L	16/5L		
17th (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Lancers	17th/21st Lancers			
21st Hussars (Empress of India's)	17/21L			

10th (Prince of Wales's Own Royal) Hussars	10th Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own) 10H		The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own) RH	The King's Royal Hussars KRH
11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars	11th Hussars (Prince Albert's Own) 11H			
14th (King's) Hussars	14th/20th Hussars 14/20H	14th/20th King's Hussars 14/20H		
20th Hussars				

13th Hussars	13th/18th Hussars <i>then</i> 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) <i>from</i> 1935 13/18H	The Light Dragoons LD
18th Hussars <i>then</i> 18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) <i>in</i> 1921		
15th (The King's) Hussars	15th/19th King's Royal Hussars <i>then</i> 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars <i>from</i> 1933 15/19 KRH	
19th Hussars <i>then</i> 19th (Queen Alexandra's Own Royal) Hussars <i>from</i> 1908		

1st Royal Tank Regiment	4th Royal Tank Regiment 4 RTR	1st Royal Tank Regiment 1 RTR	Royal Tank Regiment RTR	
4th Royal Tank Regiment				
7th Royal Tank Regiment				
2nd Royal Tank Regiment	3rd Royal Tank Regiment 3 RTR	2nd Royal Tank Regiment 2 RTR		
3rd Royal Tank Regiment				
6th Royal Tank Regiment				
5th Royal Tank Regiment	5th Royal Tank Regiment 5 RTR	<i>disbanded in 1969</i>		
8th Royal Tank Regiment				