

SOUFFLENHEIM SOLDIERS DURING THE MONARCHY

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Soufflenheim soldiers during the monarchy, 1737 to 1793. Found in the regimental registers at Memoire des Hommes and the French Ministry of Defense: <https://www.memoiredeshommes.sga.defense.gouv.fr/>

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Royal Bavarian Infantry private circa 1757, New York Public Library.

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THE MUSTER ROLLS

Muster books were begun on a specified date, with separate sections for each company, with all its current soldiers listed, sometimes in order of enlistment, sometimes not. New company members were subsequently added to the end of each company list. At some later date, a new book would be begun by copying over entries for remaining soldiers from the previous roll, rather than collecting it anew from the soldiers. This propagated any errors and/or quirky spellings from roll to roll. When a soldier left the unit or died, this information would be entered on the current roll, and sometimes older rolls. Rolls thus include enlistment dates well before the date of the roll, as well as well after. Departure/death dates will all be after the date of the roll, perhaps even from after a book was superseded. When a soldier transferred to a different company within the regiment, their entry in the new company typically just had an annotation of the company from which they came and the date of transfer, but did not repeat their personal information.

Care taken within each individual roll declines over time. Soldier information was careful and detailed when the roll was initiated and in early additions, but subsequent new entries became less detailed, perhaps giving only birthplace and height in soldiers' personal descriptions, until finally only a name and enlistment date would be given. Carelessness also seems to have affected late-in-roll recording of discharges, desertions and deaths, with the departure of some soldiers not noted in one roll, yet they were not among those entered at the start of the next roll, suggesting their departure failed to be noted and leaving their fate with the company unknown. Also, some rolls do not survive, leaving gaps in our knowledge.

The volumes of muster rolls, as they currently exist, were created by binding together multiple individual muster rolls. An individual archive catalog number may comprise what were originally several separate rolls, representing different brigades within a regiment or even different regiments, or alternatively rolls from different dates. For cataloging purposes they were dated reflecting the widest range appearing in the book, from the earliest enlistment date of the oldest soldier in the earliest roll to the last death or discharge date subsequently recorded. A. Corsivier (*Les contrôles de troupes de l'Ancien Régime*, 1968), has compiled a numbered list describing the contents of each individual roll within each book, arranged by regiment, including company commanders and the date the roll was initiated.

Companies bore their commanders' names, which changed as the officers changed. Most recorders did not note such changes as new soldiers were entered, only noting them on the company's beginning page, or even only in the index at the start of a regimental roll. As a result, it often cannot be determined who

commanded a company, and hence what the name of a company was, during the precise period a specific soldier served.

Height is given in pieds, pouces and sometimes lignes (abbreviated p l). A pied was equivalent to an English foot and divided into 12 pouces (inches), with 12 lignes per pouce. When given, lignes are typically 3, 6, or 9, so used to show $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

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Michel Kelhoffer	Bercheny Hussars	Werneck	GR 8 Yc 3	1776-1786	78
Jacob Dangel	Bercheny Hussars	Werneck	GR 8 Yc 3	1776-1786	87
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Michel Hecht	Bercheny Hussars	Bilderbeck	GR 8 Yc 3	1776-1786	91
Bernard Elichinger	Bercheny Hussars	Bonnaire	GR 8 Yc 3	1776-1786	109
Michel Kelhofer	Bercheny Hussars	Horwath	GR 8 Yc 3	1776-1786	123
Bernhard Eissen	Bercheny Hussars	Horwath	GR 8 Yc 3	1776-1786	124
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Michael Schaffter	Bercheny Hussars	Douchsza	GR 8 Yc 3	1776-1786	164
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Jean Eschenlauer	Conflans Hussars	Schaetzel	GR 8 Yc 8	1776-1786	78
Adam Lehmann	Conflans Hussars	Schaetzel	GR 8 Yc 8	1776-1786	80
George Lengert	Conflans Hussars	Bernard	GR 8 Yc 8	1776-1786	132
Michel Sensenbrenner	Conflans Hussars	Bernard	GR 8 Yc 8	1776-1786	149
Andrei Schaeffter	Conflans Hussars	Bernard	GR 8 Yc 8	1776-1786	149
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Amtoine Gottgeb	Esterhazy Hussars	Stetzel	GR 8 Yc 10	1763-1776	91
Michel Schaeffer	Esterhazy Hussars	Wardner	GR 8 Yc 10	1763-1776	119
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Antoine Gottgeb	Esterhazy Hussars	Stetzel	GR 8 Yc 10	1763-1776	199
Pierre Kieffer	Esterhazy Hussars	Gravenreuth	GR 8 Yc 10	1763-1776	229
Michel Scheffer	Esterhazy Hussars	Wardner	GR 8 Yc 10	1763-1776	259
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*Image 125 - individual roll page 90v. Note: this is from a separate roll that looks to be poorly-maintained and very incomplete, that was subsequently replaced by a post-dated complete one containing the earlier entries above.

**Rolls of former soldiers, no longer in regiment.

*** Company of Valbelle, reorganized under the name of Champeaux (Réformée sous le nom de Champeaux non reçu). 'Non reçu' most commonly means 'not received', but minor usages would include 'unsuccessful' or 'not accepted'. Corsivier has a highly-

compressed accounting of the leadership of companies in the Berry regiment up to the time of a pair of company reorganizations that were carried out in 1748 and 1749: 2e créée avec le Régiment La Berchère : Streiff, Pont-Saint-Pierre, Germinon, La Paire de Milhau, d'Amboise, du Mesnil, Logois d'Imbercourt, de Chieza, Dondel, chev. Dondel, Valbelle, Champeaux non reçu sous le nom duquel elle a été réformée tout de suite. Valbelle's company was reorganized 31 March 1749, and what seems to be described here is that Champeaux had been nominated as its captain, but as of the date of this roll, his appointment had yet to be confirmed/accepted. At the start of the next roll in 1754, Champeaux appears as head of a company, so presumably his appointment had been formalized in the interim.

ROYAL AND ROYAL BAVARIAN INFANTRY

Soufflenheim soldiers, with descriptions, in the regimental registers of the Royal Infantry (Bavarian) and Royal Bavarian Infantry from 1737 to 1793.

Soufflenheim soldiers in the Royal and Royal Bavarian Infantry: 1737-1793

Regiment Muster Roll Date	Name	Birthplace, Province, Jurisdiction, Description	Enlistment Date	Death Discharge Desertion	Source
Royal Infantry 05 Oct 1749	Joseph Vindrich	Soufflheim in Lower-Alsace jurisdiction of Haguenau, aged 30 years, 5p tall, red hair, gray eyes, round face heavily pockmarked, brownish eyebrows	30 May 1748	Discharged 13 Jul 1750	GR 1 Yc 828 Page 122
Royal Infantry 05 Oct 1749	Antoni Adam Sergeant	Soufflheim in Lower-Alsace, jurisdiction of Lauterbourg, aged 28 years, 5p 4p tall, black hair, small gray eyes, face oval, long aquiline nose	01 April 1739		GR 1 Yc 828 Page 133
Royal Infantry 05 Oct 1749	Matheus Adam	Soufflheim in Lower-Alsace, jurisdiction of Haguenau, aged 20 years, 5p 3p tall, black hair, gray slitted eyes, oval face, long nose	13 July 1749		GR 1 Yc 828 Page 140
Royal Infantry 05 Oct 1749	Adam Adam	Native of Souffelheim in Alsace, jurisdiction of Haguenau, 17 years, 5p	10 Apr 1752		GR 1 Yc 828 Page 147
Royal Infantry 05 Oct 1749	Johannes Volli	Soufflheim in Alsace, jurisdiction of Haguenau, aged 22 years, 5p 3½p tall, brown hair and eyes, full round face	04 Jun 1746	Discharged 13 Jul 1750	GR 1 Yc 828 Page 218
Royal Infantry 05 Oct 1749	George Nuspaum	Soufflheim in Alsace, jurisdiction of Haguenau, aged 18 years, 5p 2p 6l tall, frizzy black hair, gray eyes, found face, narrow nose	28 Jul 1749		GR 1 Yc 828 Page 220

Royal Infantry 05 Oct 1749	Martin Senes	Soufflenheim in Alsace, jurisdiction of Hagenau, aged 24 years, 5p 3p 6l tall, brown hair, yellow eyes, square pockmarked face	03 Sep 1749	Adjudged Deserted 18 Jun 1750	GR 1 Yc 828 Page 221
Royal Infantry 05 Oct 1749	Joseph Messner	Native of Souffelheim in Alsace, jurisdiction of Hagenau, 20 years, 5p 3p 6l tall	14 Oct 1750		GR 1 Yc 828 Page 224
New Roll					
Royal Bavarian Inf. 16 Jul 1737	Franz Vincent	Of Soufflem in Alsace, 22 years, 5p, brown hair, blue eyes	13 Dec 1737		GR 1 Yc 839 Page 224
Royal Bavarian Inf. 16 Jul 1737	Antony Adam	Of Sanclouis, 18 years, 5p 3p 9l, black hair	01 Apr 1739		GR 1 Yc 839 Page 226
New Roll					
Royal Bavarian Inf. 05 Aug 1752	George Nousbaum	Of Souffelheim in Alsace, jurisdiction of Hagenau, aged 21 years, 5p 2p 3l tall, chestnut hair, gray eyes, round face, small nose, black eyebrows, pointed chin	28 Jul 1749	Died 07 Mar 1753	GR 1 Yc 852 Page 58
Royal Bavarian Inf. 05 Aug 1752	Joseph Mesner	Of Souffelheim in Alsace jurisdiction of Hagenau, aged 22 years, 5p 4p tall, ash blonde hair, blue eyes, long face, narrow and long nose, scar on the right ear, a dimple on the left side of chin	14 Oct 1750		GR 1 Yc 852 Page 60
Royal Bavarian Inf. 05 Aug 1752	Antoni Adam	Of Souffelheim in Lower Alsace, jurisdiction of Hagenau, aged 31 years, 5p 4p tall, black hair, gray eyes, oval face, long aquiline nose	01 Apr 1739		GR 1 Yc 852 Page 77
Royal Bavarian Inf. 05 Aug 1752	Matias Adam	Of Souffelheim in Lower Alsace, jurisdiction of Hagenau, aged 23 years, 5p 3p 6l tall, black hair, gray eyes, long face a little brown, blotchy forehead, large nose, black eyebrows	13 July 1749		GR 1 Yc 852 Page 78
Royal Bavarian Inf. 05 Aug 1752	Adam Adam	Of Souffelheim in Lower Alsace, jurisdiction of Hagenau, aged 18 years, 5p 4p 6l tall, frizzy brown hair, gray eyes, oval face marked with smallpox scars, nose large at the end	10 April 1752		GR 1 Yc 852 Page 80
Royal Bavarian Inf. 05 Aug 1752	Thomas Mosser	Native of Souffelheim in Alsace, jurisdiction Hagenau, 20 years, 5p 2p 9l	06 Feb 1753		GR 1 Yc 852 Page 82
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Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Michael Humell Grenadier	Native of Soufflem in Alsace jurisdiction of Fort-Louis, aged 27 years, 5p 4p 6l tall, chestnut hair and eyebrows, gray eyes, long face, Catholic	04 Jan 1756		GR 1 Yc 853 Page 4

Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Michael Frey	From Dehorne	26 Sep 1765	Passed to Haindel Company	GR 1 Yc 853 Page 10
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Michael Frey	From Haindel	30 Sep 1775		GR 1 Yc 853 Page 60
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Joseph Obermeyer	Native of Soufflem in Alsace, jurisdiction Haguenau, 21 years, 5p 3p 3l	06 Jan 1775	Discharged 31 July 1775	GR 1 Yc 853 Page 119
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Michael Frey	From the Gunderode Grenadiers	31 Aug 1775	Passed to Dalençon Company	GR 1 Yc 853 Page 179
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Sebastien Burger Fusilier	Native of Soufflenheim, in Alsace, jurisdiction of Haguenau, aged 21 years, 5p 2p tall, chestnut hair and eyebrows, gray eyes, long face, Catholic	20 Jan 1761	Discharged 25 Nov 1763	GR 1 Yc 853 Page 207
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Johann Dangel	Native of Soufflenheim, jurisdiction of Haguenau in Alsace, 17 years, 5p 4p 5l	01 Jun 1771		GR 1 Yc 853 Page 255
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Joseph Hasser	Native of Soufflenheim, jurisdiction of Haguenau in Alsace, 18 years, 5p 2p 6l	23 Mar 1773		GR 1 Yc 853 Page 255
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Joseph Zollermeyer	Native of Suufflenheim, jurisdiction Haguenau in Alsace, 18 years, 5p 2p 10l	17 Mar 1773		GR 1 Yc 853 Page 294
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Adam Adam Sergeant	Native of Soufflenheim, in Alsace, jurisdiction of Haguenau, aged 29 years, 5p 6p tall, chestnut hair and eyebrows, gray eyes, oval face, Catholic	10 Apr 1752	Discharged 25 Sep 1767	GR 1 Yc 853 Page 299
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Michel Frey Fusilier	Native of Soufflenheim, in Alsace, jurisdiction of Haguenau, aged 21 years, 5p 4p tall, chestnut hair and eyebrows, gray eyes, oval face, Catholic	01 Oct 1759	Passed to Truchsess Grenadiers	GR 1 Yc 853 Page 302
Royal Bavarian Inf. 10 Jul 1763	Antoni Kiffer	Native of Soufflenheim, jurisdiction of Haguenau, 17 years, 5p 2p	29 Dec 1765	Discharged 17 Sep 1770	GR 1 Yc 853 Page 350

Note: Roll dates are from *Les contrôles de troupes de l'Ancien Régime*, 1968, by A. Corsivier.

Alsace Militia (Strasbourg Militia)

There is a set of rolls for the Alsace militia, technically Strasbourg militia with responsibility for Alsace. There were two battalions, Colmar and Strasbourg. The former, found in roll SHD/GR 2 Yc 46, was entirely of Haut-Alsace origin, while the latter, SHD/GR 2 Yc 118 (Corsivier 3244), included four men with Soufflenheim connections. Two were Soufflenheim natives. Of the others, one was from Soufflenheim at the time of their service though not native, the other from a village within the jurisdiction of Soufflenheim, to which his service was credited (there were usually quotas for militiamen each town/area was expected to provide). This last probably was only associated with Soufflenheim in an administrative sense and not really a Soufflenheim person. There are no page numbers in either roll.

Alsace Militia: 1753-1758

Given Names, Surnames and Noms De Guerre	Places of Birth, Provinces, Jurisdiction and Details of Militiamen, in Which Their Age is Mentioned	Parishes and Communities for Which They Serve	Date They Joined the Battalion	Source
Christian Brigner Sergeant	Of Soufflenheim, province of Alsace, jurisdiction of same, native of Sarrebourg, aged 34 years, 5p tall, long skinny face scarred by smallpox, brown hair and eyebrows, blue eyes	Sourbourg	1753	SHD/GR 2 Yc 118 1753-1758, Image 87 (Corsivier 3244)
Mathia Trieb Fusilier	Of Surrebourg, province of Alsace, jurisdiction of Sufflenheim, born at Henschloch, aged 24, 5p 3p tall, brown beard and eyebrows, gray eyes	Sufflenheim	1758	SHD/GR 2 Yc 118 1753-1758, Image 88 (Corsivier 3244)
Philippe Kieffer Fusilier	Of Sufflenheim, province of Alsace, jurisdiction of Sufflenheim, aged 19 years, 5p 3p tall, long face, scar on the lips, chestnut hair and eyebrows, gray eyes	Sufflenheim	1758	SHD/GR 2 Yc 118 1753-1758, Image 102 (Corsivier 3244)
Joseph Östreicher* Fusilier	Of Soufflenheim, province of Alsace, jurisdiction of Soufflenheim, aged 21 years, five pieds 2p tall, round pale face, black beard and eyebrows, gray eyes	Soufflenheim	1758	SHD/GR 2 Yc 118 1753-1758, Image 126 (Corsivier 3244)

*Joseph Östreicher: Entered the hospital at Fort Louis the 25th July 1760, leaving 10th August.

Infantry Searched

The birthplace given to Antony Adam on page 226 is 'Sanclouis', but this is likely a misread of someone else's rendering of something like Soufleim. The record doesn't say he is from Soufflenheim, but this is the same man, same enlistment date, who appears in later rolls as from Soufflenheim. It names the company as Bruckner's, but this roll writes the name of the commander when the roll was started for the entire duration, even though the index at the start of the roll shows that at some point during the use of this book Bruckner was replaced by Lallemand, Adam's company commander in later rolls. A web page states Jean Nicolaus de Lallemand was given the company in 1737, so that would put Adam (and probably Vincent, the other Soufflenheim man in the regiment, enlisted in December 1737) only under the latter's command, after he replaced Bruckner.

Never found was Adam Haaser, mentioned in a 1780 inventory as a "soldier in Regiment Colonie", so he wasn't a hussar. 'Regiment Colonie' might have originally been Regiment Colonelle, which doesn't really help given that every regiment was headed by a Colonel.

Joseph Hasser in the Royal Bavaria emigrated. He has the annotation 'went to America' as the explanation for his leaving the unit.

Hussards Searched

Joseph Hasser in Ferrary's Regiment was found in GR 8 Yc 13, 1749-1763, and right above him on the roll is another Soufflenheim man, Jean Schefter.

With regard to the hussards, the regiment switching actually makes sense. At the end of the War of Austrian Succession (1740-1748), the hussard regiments were severely reduced in size - many by half. Also, there was a reorganization of the hussards, and they were given ethnic designations. Poleresky's was made a Hungarian regiment, and Ferrary became German, so it makes sense that the German-speaking Joseph Hasser would go to Ferrary's (which had been in the same division with Poleresky's) when he reenlisted. Then in the mid-1750s there was another reorganization, and Ferrary's was broken up, the majority being added to Poleresky's, so again it makes sense that Joseph Haaser and Johannes Schaeffter would re-up into Poleresky's.

Poleresky's Regiment was searched and two Scheffters found, plus the later enlistment of Joseph Hasser (1756 for 6 years), but not his earlier one that predated his time in Ferrary.

Pollaresky's were disbanded in 1758. Some men were sent to Bercheny hussards, some to Turpin hussards. Neither have surviving muster rolls that cover the period in question. There were no Soufflenheim men in the Bercheny regiment in 1757, but several of them joined in the 1760s. Something seems to have made them the regiment of choice in between.

Johannes Schaeffter went to Turpin, which was then renamed the Regiment Chamborant when its commander changed. No sign of Joseph Hasser in either but he probably went with Schaeffter, then completed his service before the surviving roll started. That leaves his 1766 service still unexplained.

Reforms

1671: Berry cavalry were founded in 1671 as Roussillon cavalry and renamed in 1675 the St. Louis cavalry, then to Berry cavalry in 1689 when the Duc de Berry became owner of them. They continued under that name until 1791, when such naming was replaced by numbering and they were christened the 18th cavalry, renumbered to 17th in 1792. They transitioned into dragoons (mounted infantry), becoming the 26th dragoons in 1803, before being disbanded in 1814.

1748: 50% downsizing of most regiments at end of War of Austrian Succession, foreign units designated German or Hungarian

1756: Start of Seven Years' War, reorg. of foreign regiments - ethnic designations abandoned; Lynden, Beausorbe, Ferrary consolidated into Bercheny, Turpin and Polleresky

1758: Polleresky disbanded for looting allies, split between Bercheny and Turpin (2 divisions to each)

1762: Cavalerie Liegeoise disbanded (end of Seven Years' War)

1776: Royal Nassau divided among Bercheny, Chamborant, Conflans, Esterhazy (1 division each)

1791: All army regiments (including Hussards) numbered to replace naming for commander or region

Note: Not all of the rolls survive. In particular, neither those for Polleresky and Turpin during the period when the former was disbanded and half sent to the latter are preserved.

Summary of the Hussar Regiments with Soldiers from Soufflenheim

Hussar Regiment	Years	Summary
Cavalerie du Berry	1701-1762	Renamed the 18th Cavalry in 1791, renumbered the 17 th Cavalry in 1792
Saint Genies Hussards	1701-1707	Renamed Rattsky Hussards
Rattsky Hussards	1707-1743	Renamed Lynden Hussards
Lynden Hussards	1743-1756	Disbursed to Bercheny, Turpin & Polleretsky Hussards
Beausorbe Hussards	1743-1756	Disbursed to Bercheny, Turpin & Polleretsky Hussards
Ferarry Hussards	1745-1756	Disbursed to Bercheny, Turpin & Polleretsky (majority) Hussards
Polleretsky Hussards	1743-1758	Split to Bercheny & Turpin Hussards
Raugrave Hussards	1743-1756	Renamed Volontaires Liegeois
Volontieres Liegeoise	1756-1758	Renamed Cavalerie Liegeoise
Cavalerie Liegeoise	1758-1762	[Fate not reported by source]
Volontaires de Nassau-Saarbruck	1756-1758	Renamed Volontaires Royaux de Nassau
Volontaires Royaux de Nassau	1758	Renamed Royal Nassau Hussards
Royal Nassau Hussards	1758-1776	Split to Bercheny, Chamborant, Conflans, Esterhazy [2] Hussards
Bercheny Hussards	1720-1791	Renamed 1st Regiment Hussards
Esterhazy [1] Hussards	1734-1743	Renamed David Hussards
David Hussards	1743-1747	Renamed Turpin Hussards
Turpin Hussards	1747-1761	Renamed Chamborant Hussards
Chamborant Hussards	1761-1791	Renamed 2nd Regiment Hussards
Esterhazy [2] Hussards	1764-1791	Renamed 3rd Regiment Hussards
Chasseurs de Fischer	1743-1761	Renamed Chasseurs de Conflans
Chasseurs de Conflans	1761-1763	Renamed Legion de Conflans
Legion de Conflans	1763-1776	Renamed Conflans Hussards
Conflans Hussards	1776-1791	Briefly renamed Saxe Hussards, then 4th Regiment Hussards, then defected
Colonel General Hussards	1783-1791	Renamed 5th Regiment Hussards, shifted to 4th after original 4th defected
Lauzun Hussards	1783-1791	Renamed 6th Regiment Hussards, shifted to 5th after defection of original 4th

REGISTERS SEARCHED

The regimental registers listed below were searched in their entirety for soldiers from Soufflenheim unless otherwise noted. The search focused on regiments with short rolls or those in which it was known had multiple soldiers from Soufflenheim.

There are over 300 pages in the rolls of the Saxe Infantry Regiment. Only Joseph Durrenberger was searched for as the name of his company and regiment was known.

Registers Searched for Soufflenheim Soldiers

Regimental Register	Series
Infantry	
Royal Infantry (Bavarian)	GR 1 Yc 828
Royal Bavarian Infantry	GR 1 Yc 96, 839, 851, 852, 853
Hesse-Darmstadt Infantry	GR 1 Yc 972
Royal Hesse-Darmstadt 94 th Infantry	GR 14 Yc 137, 138
Saxe Infantry (partial search)	GR 1 Yc 959
Cavalry	
Berry Cavalry	GR 3 Yc 1*, GR 3 Yc 22, GR 3 Yc 24, GR 6 Yc 34, GR 3 Yc 25, 23, GR 5 Yc 2
Beausorbe Hussards	GR 8 Yc 1
Bercheny Hussards	GR 8 Yc 2, 3, 4
Chamborant Hussards	GR 8 Yc 6
Colonel General Hussards	GR 8 Yc 7
Conflans Hussards	GR 8 Yc 8
Legion de Conflans	GR 1 Yc 271
David Hussards	GR 8 Yc 9
Esterhazy Hussards	GR 8 Yc 10, 11, 12
Ferrary Hussards	GR 8 Yc 13, 14
Gantes Hussards	GR 8 Yc 15
Geschrocy Hussards	GR 8 Yc 16
Lauzun Hussards	GR 8 Yc 17
Lynden Hussards	GR 8 Yc 18
Nassau Hussards	GR 8 Yc 19
Poleresky Hussards	GR 8 Yc 20
Rattsky Hussards	GR 8 Yc 21
Turpin Hussards	GR 8 Yc 23
Alsace Militia	
Colmar	GR 2 Yc 46
Strasbourg	GR 2 Yc 118

*SHD/GR 3 Yc 1 contains bound rolls of several different regiments. Only those for the Berry cavalry were searched.

CORSIVIER: LES CONTROLES DE TROUPES DE L'ANCIEN REGIME

The volumes of muster rolls, as they currently exist, were created by binding together multiple individual muster rolls. An archive catalog number may comprise what were originally several separate rolls, representing different brigades within a regiment or even different regiments, or alternatively rolls from different dates. Andres Corsivier (*Les contrôles de troupes de l'Ancien Régime*, 1968), has compiled a numbered list describing the contents of each individual roll.

Corsivier vol. 1: A Source for Social History: Research Guide (Introduction)

https://francearchives.gouv.fr/fr/file/884e4fdc4d1ab7978be30d1a5859c677a992f2ca/FRSHD_PUB_00000201_0001.pdf

Corsivier vol 2: Infantry

https://francearchives.gouv.fr/fr/file/d2728eb798f004e3f4ed74f102c7f1da89da865f/FRSHD_PUB_00000201_0002.pdf

Corsivier vol 3: Cavalry, artillery, militia, French guard, Swiss troops, invalid companies, colonial and marine troops

https://francearchives.gouv.fr/fr/file/caf6b45a579f0f78107d8d7ce98bf62d69c8e91e/FRSHD_PUB_00000201_0003.pdf

Corsivier vol 4: Indexes

https://francearchives.gouv.fr/fr/file/4626e190798eea52c7ca1d4056a5191b86e96108/FRSHD_PUB_00000201_0004.pdf

Corsivier numbers are for each roll (not bound books, but the individual rolls being bound together). He first arranged the regiments. Infantry first, then specialized troops (artillery, cavalry, guard, militia), and within categories in an order loosely based on the later numbers of the regiments they would evolve into (or be merged into), then the surviving rolls for each regiment are arranged chronologically. With them all lined up, he just numbers them sequentially, starting at 1 and going well above 3000, but this has the advantage of being a unique identifier for each individual document that can be specifically identified and dated (as opposed to each individual book, the archive catalog numbers, that can contain 1-5 documents).

Battalion numbers are from Corsivier. This information might also be provided on the face page of the rolls, which gives a brief description, date and is signed by the regimental major, versus being deduced from context (e.g. you would only need to identify one battalion as the 2nd to know the other was the 1st, and they could be followed through time from one known instance). There may also be instances where it is Corsivier who is arbitrarily calling one battalion 1st and the other 2nd based on the order in which their rolls are bound.

The roll dates are from Corsivier. The date also appears on the face page of the roll (if the face page survives). The roll date is when the roll was begun, but many of the soldiers listed joined after that date.