

The Royal Oxford Garrison

1643

This Army List represents the Oxford Army operating in 1643. The regiments listed were active around this time either at the siege of Bristol / 1st Newbury or as being part of the Oxford Garrison. I have reviewed each regiment and have based their equipment and morale rating based upon the historical records and experience. I have introduced additional restrictions and have applied them despite my better judgement (eg giving carbines to Sir Arthur Aston's Horse)

As a precis I have the force being led by the Lord General, Patrick Ruthven (Lord Forth) who commands a mixed arm force of 2 Regiments of Horse, 3 Regiments of Foot, a unit of Dragoons and some trayne. The Horse regiments are Sir Arthur Astons and the Queens Lifeguard. The Foot regiments are Kings Lifeguard of Foot, Sir Charles Gerrard and the Oxford Garrison. This is supported by Prince Ruperts Dragoons and a Saker artillery piece.

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WPS membership: 119
Army Points: 1750AP
Figure Manufacturers: Bicorné & Redoubt
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Major General

Lord Forth

Character

	##	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Cost
Lord Forth												
Galloper	1	6	4	4	4	4	2	4	2	8	6+	104
General; Any unit within 12" of the general may use his leadership value when it takes a leadership test.; Galloper; Horse; Heavy Armour, Brace of Pistols												



Patrick Ruthven Earl of Forth was a Scot with many years experience (having served Gustavus Adolphus as Major General). He was promoted to Lord General (after Edgehill and the death of Lord Linsey) and assisted his Majesty at 1st Newbury.

Local rule - Cannot join Cavalry (as he fought mainly with the foot)

Major General 100
Pistols 2
Heavy Armour 2

Total Cost	104 Points
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Regiments of Horse

Gallopers

Queens Lifeguard of Horse

Strength - 8

	##	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Cost
Queens Lifeguard of Horse												
Gallopers	8	8	4	3	3	3	1	3	1	7	4+	208
Galloper, Heavy Armour, Brace of Pistols, Leader, Cornet, Trumpeter, Rash												



Queens Lifeguard was raised early 1643 with Lancashire Royalists and French volunteers. It fought at 1st Newbury in Prince Rupert's brigade, commanded by Col. Henry Jermyn (Lord St Albans).

Rated as Steady due to unit inexperience but countered by being well armed (from Foreign arms import) and strengthened by experienced French troopers.

Steady Galloper Trooper	14	Leader	8
Heavy Armour Upgrade	2	Cornet	16
Brace of Pistols	2	Trumpeter	8
Rash	4		

Total Cost	208 Points
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Gallopers

Sir Arthur Aston's Horse

Strength - 8

	##	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Cost
Sir Arthur Aston's Horse												
Dragoons	8	8	4	3	3	4	1	4	1	8	4+	272
Galloper, Heavy Armour, Brace of Pistols, Carbine, Leader, Cornet, Trumpeter, Rash												



Sir Arthur Aston raised this regiment around the Oxford area in 1642. After April 1643 they were based in Oxford, at this point they were issued with carbines. The regiment fought at Bristol and 1st Newbury.

Rated as Veteran due to unit experience and armed with Carbines as historically testified.

Veteran Galloper Trooper	20	Leader	8
Heavy Armour Upgrade	2	Cornet	16
Brace of Pistols	2	Trumpeter	8
Carbines	2		
Rash	4		

Total Cost	272 Points
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Regiments of Foote

Foote

Kings Lifeguard of Foot

Strength – 44

	##	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Cost
Kings Lifeguard of Foot												
Pike	20	4	4	2	4	4	1	4	1	7	6+	528
	Veteran; Light Armour; Pike; Leader; Ensign (Standard); Drummer (Musician); Shot Unit #1; Shot Unit #2											
Shot	12	4	3	3	3	4	1	4	1	7	X	[144]
	Veteran; Musket											
Shot	12	4	3	3	3	4	1	4	1	7	X	[144]
	Veteran; Musket											



This regiment was raised in Lancashire and fought alongside the King in many battles. It fought valiantly during the battle of Edgehill (1642) and at 1st Newbury. This regiment was larger than most and was uniformly coated in red.

I have classified this regiment as veteran due to their experience and training. I have opted for giving the pike “light armour” as they obviously have the experience to drop the tassets whilst keeping the “back and breast” (having experienced this myself I can understand).

Veteran Pikeman	10 (x20)	Leader	5
Light Armour	1 (x20)	Standard Bearer	10
Veteran Musketeer	12 (x24)	Drumer	5

Total Cost	528 Points
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	##	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Cost
Sir Charles Gerards												
Pike	16	4	3	2	3	3	1	3	1	7	6+	288
Steady; Light Armour; Pike; Leader; Ensign (Standard); Drummer (Musician); Shot Unit #1; Shot Unit #2												
Shot	10	4	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	7	X	[70]
Steady; Musket												
Shot	10	4	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	7	X	[70]
Steady; Musket												



This regiment was raised in the North West in 1642 and fought alongside the King as part of the Oxford Army until 1644. It fought as part of the Royal army during the battle of Edgehill (1642) and at 1st Newbury.

I have classified this regiment as steady due to their experience and training. I have opted for giving the pike "Heavy armour" as they obviously have the experience to equip themselves as best they could (and still being early in the war, anyway the figures were too nice to omit).

Steady Pikeman	6 (x16)	Leader	5
Heavy Armour	2 (x16)	Standard Bearer	10
Steady Musketeer	7 (x20)	Drumer	5

Total Cost	288 Points
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Foote

Oxford Garrison

Strength – 32

	##	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Cost
Sir Charles Gerards												
Pike	16	4	3	2	3	3	1	3	1	7	6+	148
Steady; Light Armour; Pike; Leader; Ensign (Standard); Drummer (Musician); Shot Unit #1; Shot Unit #2												
Shot	10	4	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	7	X	[40]
Steady; Musket												
Shot	10	4	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	7	X	[40]
Steady; Musket												



This regiment was raised in Oxford to fortify and defend the city. I have therefore classified this regiment as raw due to their inexperience.

Raw Pikeman	3 (x16)	Leader	5
Raw Musketeer	5 (x16)	Standard Bearer	10
		Drumer	5

Total Cost	148 Points
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Dragoons

Prince Ruperts Regiment

Strength – 8

	##	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Cost
Prince Ruperts Regiment												
Dragoons	8	8	3	3	3	3	1	3	1	7	6+	144
	Firelock Muskets											



Prince Rupert raised this regiment in 1642 under the command of Colonel John Innes. At 1st Newbury it was commanded by Colonel Thomas Hooper.

Rated as Steady due to unit experience and being armed with the Firelock muskets and their need for greater care.

Steady Trooper 12

Firelock Musket 2

Total Cost 112 Points

Artillery Trayne

Field Gun

Artillery Trayne

1 x Saker

	##	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Cost
Trayne												
Saker	1					6	3				X	90
	48" Range. Strength 7 (No Save); Crew											
Crew	4	4	2	3	3	3	1	3	1	5	X	[20]
	The only character that can join a gun crew is the Master Gunner, all other generals are ignored, even the army general.											



Typical heavy field piece as used at Bristol and 1st Newbury.

Saker 70

Crew 5 (x4)

Total Cost	90 Points
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Lifeguard of Foote

Charles Gerards

Price Ruperts Dragoons

Artillery Trayne

Oxford Garrison

Sir Arthur Astons

Queens Lifeguard

Lord Forth