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Muster Rolls

4<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons – WO 12/657 thru WO 12/663  
 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars – WO 12/843 thru WO 12/848  
 11<sup>th</sup> Hussars – WO 12/1011 thru WO 12/1017  
 13<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons – WO 12/1116 thru WO 12/1123  
 17<sup>th</sup> Lancers – WO 12/1337 thru WO 12/1343

Medal Rolls

WO 100/24  
 4<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons pp. 197-229  
 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars pp. 279-312  
 11<sup>th</sup> Hussars pp. 389-421  
 13<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons pp. 456-488  
 17<sup>th</sup> Lancers pp. 490-523