

- Five IR of 10 companies each - Farrell (or Longford), MacNeny, Maguire, F. O'Neill, O'Donnell
- Nine independent "troops" of horse
- No artillery!

### 3. England's "Army of Ireland"

Beginning in 1650 the English military dictator maintained a standing force in conquered Ireland. When royal authority was restored in 1660, the garrison was decreased but still maintained. In the beginning the troops were mostly English, Scots or Protestant colonists. It was only in the 18th century that large numbers of natives began to serve in the ranks. The "Irish Army" was maintained as a separate establishment until Ireland was incorporated into the United Kingdom in 1801. For a list of Irish units serving the English Kings, see below.

However, an important exception to the non-Irish character of the "Army of Ireland" occurred during the 1680's. King James II deliberately recruited Irish Catholics as part of his campaign to end the persecution of the Church.

In 1684, James inherited an "Irish" Army which contained 1 troop of Horse Guards, the Guard Infantry Regt [raised in 1662], 24 troops of line horse, and 75 independent companies of line foot. After 1685 he brought the independent troops of horse together to create 3 regiments, and the independent companies of foot together to create 8 regiments.

In 1688 the Irish Army consisted of 2 troops of Horse Guards, the Guard Infantry Regiment, 3 regiments of horse, 1 of dragoons, and 6 of foot. One of the Inf Regts (Forbes') still had about 33% Protestant troops. Stationed in England, it went over to the invading Dutch Army, and eventually became the 18th "Royal Irish" Regiment of the English Army. William III declared the rest of the Irish army dissolved, but his order was obeyed only in part (many of the troops did leave service, but the units stayed in existence). Consequently, James II found an Irish Army already in existence when he came to the country in March 1689 to resume the struggle for his crown.

## B. THE JACOBITE ARMY, 1689-90

When Ireland declared its support for the legitimate King, James II, against the Protestant revolutionaries, the country raised the last army it would field before the achievement of independence in 1922.