

The Battle of Prestonpans 1745

The Redcoat Soldier

Tricorn Hat

A round hat with the sides pinned up to make a triangle shape.

Musket

A long and heavy gun which fires small balls made of lead, called musket-balls.

Bayonet

A metal spike used to protect me when I cannot shoot. I can take it off and put it into my waist belt.

Cartridge bag

A bag made of thick black leather. I keep my musket-balls in here, in paper tubes called cartridges.

Soldiers of King George II were nicknamed Redcoats.
Help me to remember the names of all my equipment
by drawing a line to the right word.



Coat

Each part of the army, called a Regiment, has its own colour for the cuffs and lapels of its uniform. The coat is made of thick wool.

Stock

A white linen cloth wrapped around my neck, a bit like a tie.

Waist belt

Made of strong leather.

Gaitors

These have lots of buttons and a small belt to keep them up. They protect my legs when I am marching. They could be black, brown or white.

Breeches

Short trousers which cover the knees but not the lower leg.

Battle Facts

The redcoats were the soldiers of the British Army. They are sometimes called the Government Forces, or the Hanoverians because King George's family came from Hanover in Germany. The redcoat soldiers of 1745 came from all over Britain, including lots from Scotland.

