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I mainly put this together for discussion on swordsmanship as I teach British military swordsmanship as well as collect the antiques, but I figure many of you would like to see it too.

A look at British military swords by weight, lowest to highest, (plus police and customs swords). I thought this might give an interesting perspective on British swords as well as some sense of scale and size comparison. I also recorded blade lengths and balance in the key below. Of the 43 swords, 35 are in my collection, whilst the remaining 8 belong to [@Alex Timmerman](#)

Obviously you'll find plenty of variation on antique swords and so try not to draw too many conclusions from this, it's merely an interesting exhibition. The L measurement below is the blade length from tip to quillon.

1. Smallsword W: 376g L: 82.5cm PoB: 7cm
2. Smallsword W: 444g L: 83.5cm PoB: 8cm
3. Colichemarde Smallsword W: 446g L: 85cm PoB: 11cm
4. Lenticular cross section Smallsword W: 510g L: 84cm PoB: 13cm
5. Diamond section 1786 inf officer W: 554g L: 83cm PoB: 12cm
6. 1786 reg inf officer W: 580g L: 83cm PoB: 10.5cm
7. 1796 NCO W: 594g L: 77cm PoB: 9.5cm
8. Pre or non reg infantry sabre circa 1800 W: 632g L: 72cm PoB: 12cm
9. Pre or non reg slot hilt inf sabre Plain slot W: 634g L: 67cm PoB: 12cm
10. 1786 reg inf officer W: 644g L: 78cm PoB: 14cm
11. 1786 reg inf officer W: 648g L: 82.5cm PoB: 9cm
12. Infantry officer hanger, circa 1770 W: 654g L: 70cm PoB: 11cm
13. 1796 Inf with double edged blade, probably Scots W: 656g L: 83cm PoB: 12cm
14. Victorian Police cutlass W: 668g L: 59.5cm PoB: 12cm
15. 1796 inf officer W: 694g L: 81cm PoB: 8cm
16. Non reg inf or flank officer W: 690g L: 70cm PoB: 12.5g
17. 1796 inf officer W: 700g L: 82cm PoB: 10.5cm
18. 1803 inf officer W: 702g L: 64cm PoB: 11cm
19. 1796 NCO W: 720g L: 80cm PoB: 12cm
20. 1803 inf officer with shamshir type blade W: 732g L: 66cm PoB: 11cm
21. 1796 Light Cavalry officer W: 736g L: 82cm PoB: 18cm
22. Non reg inf or flank officer W: 744g L: 69cm PoB: 9cm
23. 1796 inf officer W: 748g L: 81.5cm PoB: 10cm
24. 1803 inf officer W: 764g L: 75cm PoB: 12.5cm
25. 1821/45 Artillery officer W: 792g L: 84cm PoB: 12cm

26. 1845 pattern inf officer W: 802g L: 83cm PoB: 11.5cm
27. 1803 inf officer W: 808g L: 72cm PoB: 15cm
28. 1796 Heavy cav dress/dismounted W: 808g L: 84cm PoB: 12cm
29. 1803 Inf officer W: 812g L: 81cm PoB: 15cm
30. Victorian Coastguard & Customs Hanger W: 816g L: 63.5cm PoB: 10cm
31. 1907 pattern Gymnasium Trainer W: 842g L: 87cm PoB: 6cm
32. 1796 Light Cavalry Trooper W: 892g L: 81.5cm PoB: 18cm
33. 1897 Inf officer W: 918g L: 82cm PoB: 12cm
34. 1803 inf officer W: 926g L: 83cm PoB: 17cm
35. 1796 Light Cav officer W: 936g L: 82.5cm PoB: 18cm
36. Foot artillery circa 1810 W: 958g L 64cm PoB: 17cm
37. 1822 Inf Officer W: 962g L: 89cm PoB: 15cm
38. Dragoon cica 1780 W: 974g L: 92cm PoB: 15cm
39. Backsword circa 1620 W: 982g L: 82cm PoB: 10cm
40. 1853 Trooper W: 998g L: 90cm PoB: 15cm
41. 1796 Heavy cav trooper W: 1030g L: 88cm PoB: 15cm
42. 1885 Trooper W: 1055g L: 84.5cm PoB: 13cm
43. 1908 Trooper W: 1335g L: 89cm PoB: 6cm















