

## The Napoleon Series Reviews

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*The Waterloo Journal* is the official publication of the Waterloo Association, whose mission is

- To promote public education and appreciation of the history of the wars between Great Britain, her allies and France known as the Napoleonic Wars.
- To preserve and safeguard the site of the battle.
- To encourage a better understanding of events which preceded the Battle of Waterloo and the course of military operations in the campaign of 1815 and its consequences.
- To encourage research on all matters pertaining to the campaign and to assist in the publication of such research.

The Association publishes *The Waterloo Journal* three times a year (Spring, Summer, and Winter). In addition to information about upcoming events sponsored by the Association, it also contains many articles related to Waterloo.

The Spring 2017 Issue has:

- "In the Footsteps of Marshal Blucher" by Denis Kenyon. This is a topographical study of the Prussian Army's march from Wavre to Waterloo.
- "Ensign John Bramwell, 93rd Regiment" by Stuart Jeffray. Ensign Bramwell lost his leg at Quatre Bras. The letter is from one of his fellow officers, who wrote to John's parents about the wound. It includes a transcription and photocopy of the letter.
- "The Lion Hamlet: a History in Postcards" by Robert Pocock is the story of how the village grew around the Lion Mound and contain vintage postcards of it.
- "The Allure of Napoleon at the Bowes Museum" by Clare Harding looks at the exhibit by the same name that was held in Bowes Musuem in Barnard Castle from 28 January to 12 March 2017. The exhibit is centered on the collection of John Bowes who lived from 1815 - 1885). During his lifetime he acquired over 15,000 Napoleonic related objects.
- "Assistant Surgeon William Whympier, Coldstream Guards" by David Rogers. Surgeon Whympier was at Waterloo, but his real distinction was being one of the

medical staff who stayed behind to take care of the sick and wounded after the British retreated from Talavera in 1809. He was taken into captivity by the French, but escaped five months later. The bulk of the article is a letter written about his experiences caring for the wounded and the treatment that they received at the hands of the French.

- "Lieutenant Gairdner, 95<sup>th</sup> Rifles" by Gareth Glover is a short biography about an American who served in the 95<sup>th</sup> Rifles. The lieutenant's journal can be found in Mr. Glover's *The American Sharpe*.

- "Intelligence" by Paul Chamberlain. This is more a column than an article. This issue's topic is how to do research in Napoleonic prisoner of war records online.

While the Summer 2017 issue gives us:

- "Quatre Bras: Now and Then" by Ken Rowley has two photographs comparing Quatre Bras in May 2017 to 1982

- "Captain William Deane, Paymaster 18<sup>th</sup> Hussars" by Colin Yorke is a short biography of a regimental paymaster.

- "John Straphen Builder of Lord Hill's Column" by Paul Ridgley and Richard Hayes is not just a biography of Mr. Straphen but also a history of how the monument was built.

- "Truth in Crisis" by Nigel Sale tries to answer the old question of which units were most responsible for stopping the assault by the Imperial Guard late in the day at Waterloo.

- "Letter from Major Way (29<sup>th</sup> Foot) to His Uncle Lord Sheffield" by David Rogers. Major Way commanded the army's advance guard, which consisted of a company from the 43<sup>rd</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, and 95<sup>th</sup> Foot, and the Light Company of the 29<sup>th</sup> Foot. The letter is mostly about the battle of Grijo on 11 May 1809

- "Intelligence" by Paul Chamberlain focuses on new Napoleonic books that will be/ or have been published from March to September 2017. It also has reviews of *Where Did That Regiment Go? The Lineage of British Infantry and Cavalry Regiments at a Glance* and *Wellington's Eastern front: the Campaigns on the East Coast of Spain 1810 – 1814*.

To obtain the journal you must be a member of the Waterloo Association. Information on how to join can be found in the Membership Section. In addition to the Waterloo Journal members receive

- Free entry to The Wellington Museum at Waterloo.

- An interesting programme of regional events and visits. Such as Waterloo and Portsmouth

- Two talks a year in London
- 10% Discount in the National Army Museum Shop on production of a membership card.

Membership is:

	UK	Overseas
Individual	£20	£25
Student	£5	£11
Family	£30	£35
Joint	£30	£35
Corporate	£30	£40

The Waterloo Journal is in itself worth the price of joining the association. The other benefits they offer, especially the talks and private tours of museums, makes it even more so! Recommended.

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