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**At the beginning of the
Napoleonic period, the British
Army's record left something
to be desired. During the**

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Peninsular War (1808-1814), however, Wellington led and trained an army that never knew a major defeat on the field. Even Wellington himself described his army as "able to go anywhere or do anything."

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This book examines the formidable British Army which played an integral part in stalling Napoleon's advance, focusing on the staff, infantry, cavalry, artillery and sieges and sappers. Numerous

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illustrations, including eight color plates, vividly depict the weaponry and uniforms of Wellington's Peninsular Army. Napoleon's invasion of the Iberian Peninsula brought Spain, Portugal, and Britain

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**into a close, if sometimes
uneasy alliance. When an
expeditionary force led by
General Sir Arthur Wellesley,
later the 1st Duke of
Wellington, disembarked in
Portugal in August 1808, the**

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British Army had been at war with France for five years. If the experience gained during campaigns on five continents had sharpened the efficiency of the Commissary Department, whose staff

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supplied and transported its rations, Wellington might not have complained after only one week in Portugal: “I have had the greatest difficulty in organizing my commissariat for the march. The logistic

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challenges faced by the Duke of Wellington during the Peninsula War were daunting. The role logistics played in deciding the outcome of the war in the Peninsula as well as detailing the needs of the

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troops is important in understanding how the war was conducted. The procurement, transport, distribution, and payment of supplies for the use of the Anglo-Portuguese Army during

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the Peninsula War played a direct role in determining its final outcome.

In February 1810, Wellington formed what became the most famous unit in the Peninsular War: the Light Division.

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Formed around the 43rd and 52nd Light Infantry and the 95th Rifles, the exploits of these three regiments is legendary. Over the next 50 months, the division would fight and win glory in almost

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every battle and siege of the Peninsular War. Key to the understanding how the division achieved its fame is an understanding of their excellence and tradition that was established from its

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founding. It began on the border of Spain and Portugal where it served as a screen between Wellington's Army and the French. For six months while vastly outnumbered, it manned outposts, guarded

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fords and bridges, and fought numerous skirmishes. When it came time pull back from the border, the division endured a harrowing retreat with a relentless enemy at their heels. It was during this

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eventful year it developed an esprit-de-corps and a belief in its leaders and itself that was unrivaled in Wellington's Army. Wellington's Light Division in the Peninsular War uses over 100 primary sources

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to recount the numerous skirmishes, combats, and battles, as well as the hardships of a year of duty on the front lines. Many of these sources are from British and Portuguese archives and have

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never been published before. Others are from long-forgotten books published over 150 years ago. It is through the words of the officers and men who served with it that this major, and long-anticipated

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study of the first critical year of the Light Division is told. In the course of the Peninsular War, Wellington's army fought several hard battles and smaller actions, but it was the bloody sieges that troubled

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him more than anything else. Indeed, the performance of his army during the sieges was probably the most disappointing aspect of what was otherwise an extremely successful campaign. Taking

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1808 as its starting point, this title deals with the fortress sieges that involved Wellington's Anglo-Portuguese army, and concentrates on four key sites in particular (Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz,

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Burgos and San Sebastián). All of these played a vital role in the war due to their strategically important positions. It documents both the sieges and the storming of the fortresses, as well as the

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**general role of the fortresses
in Spain and the impact they
had on the thinking of the
commanders and strategies of
the armies involved.**

**The Lines of Torres Vedras
Busaco, Salamanca, Vitoria,**

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Nivelle

Wellington's Men in Australia

Wellington's Brigade

Commanders

The Fifth Division in the

Peninsular War, 1810-1814

The Final Phase of the

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Peninsular War, 1813-1814 Peninsula and Waterloo

Wellington's Peninsular War provides a concise and comprehensive account that can be enjoyed by both

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professional and amateur historians and which includes details of the battlefields as they are today and how to find and explore them. The Peninsular War

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(1808–1841) was part of the twenty year struggle against Napoleon Bonaparte that involved campaigns in Europe, the Middle East, Russia, the West Indies, South

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America and South Africa and until 1914 was known as 'The Great War'. The author has presented a balanced picture of the whole campaign and gives due credit to the

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Spanish and Portuguese efforts without which victory would not have been possible. Arranged in sections, the author starts with a review of the whole war and the

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background to it and follows with a complete chronological account of the war year by year. Finally a chapter on each of the major battles includes maps

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and photographs of the battlefields, orders of battle and instructions on how to find the battlefield today and what to see there. The maps show the ground as

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it was at the time but
also include modern
features to identify
where the fighting took
place enabling the
reader to stand where
Wellington would have

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stood when surveying the
battlefield.

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War Battles and
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A detailed account of

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Wellington's campaign in the south of France. Drawing on eyewitness accounts and official dispatches, Ian Robertson outlines the nature of the war as

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well as traces the complicated maneuvering and operations of the British and French armies. He describes in detail such hard-fought actions as the Nivelle,

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Orthez, Toulouse, and Bayonne and throws light on some less well-known clashes, many of which were fought in the unforgiving terrain of the Pyrenees.

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Wellington's campaign
against Marshal Soult
The content of this
concise book
concentrates on the
final phase of the
Peninsular War from the

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Battle of the Nivelle to the close of hostilities following the battles at Toulouse and Bayonne. Maguire's work on the subject was originally published in the United

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Services Institute
Magazine. He wrote
widely on military
history, including a
highly regarded work,
'Outlines of Military
Geography', which

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explores the issue of terrain from a tactical perspective giving several different campaigns as examples. This present book follows the last months

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of the campaign in the
South of France and
includes erudite
insights into
Wellington's
capabilities as a
military commander, as

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Legion During the
Peninsular War
Wellington's Unsung
Heroes
Wellington's Eastern

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Front

The Cornerstone of
Wellington's Strategy in
the Peninsular War,
1809-1812

Voices from the
Peninsula

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This highly detailed study provides a clear account of how the British Army was organised, who commanded it, and how it functioned in the field during the Peninsular War. Focusing principally on infantry, cavalry and artillery, including foreign units in British pay, it provides a

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detailed and comprehensive order of battle. Doctrine, training, tactics and equipment are discussed in depth, and medical services and engineers are also covered. Concise biographical details of key commanders, over 60 unit tree diagrams, organisational tables, plus

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numerous illustrations make this an essential reference work for students of this period.

The Portuguese of Wellington's foreign legion raiders The Loyal Lusitanian Legion was part of the British Army. Though manned principally by

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Portuguese troops, there were also Germans and British soldiers among its ranks and, as one might expect, its commanding officer, Colonel Robert Thomas Wilson, was British. The creation of the unit was the initiative of two Portuguese army officers who were

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exiled after the domination and occupation of the Iberian peninsula by Napoleon's French Army. This light infantry regiment, with a battery of artillery attached was, of course, to fight the invading French during the Peninsular War. The 'LLL' had a

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comparatively short existence, between 1808 and 1811, but it fought in both Portugal and Spain most notably in battles at Busaco and Talavera.

However, battlefields were not the best places to employ troops of this kind and their services were best performed in

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conducting raids behind enemy lines in concert with guerrilla and other Portuguese and Spanish forces-the covert operations of the day. Upon disbandment 'LLL' troops were transferred into Cacadore battalions of the Portuguese Army where they

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continued to be a highly valued and efficient part of Wellington's Army in the field. Leonaur editions are newly typeset and are not facsimiles; each title is available in softcover and hardback with dustjacket; our hardbacks are cloth bound and feature gold foil lettering on

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In 1809 French armies controlled almost every province of Spain and only Wellington's small force in Portugal stood between Napoleon and the conquest of Iberia. The French invaded

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Portugal in the summer of 1810 but found their way blocked by the most extensive field fortifications the world had ever seen the Lines of Torres Vedras. Unable to penetrate the Lines, the French were driven back into Spain having suffered the heaviest defeat yet

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experienced by Napoleon's armies. The retreat from Portugal marked the turning point in the Peninsular War and, from the security of the Lines, Wellington was able to mount the offensive campaigns that swept France's Imperial armies back across the

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Pyrenees. The Lines of Torres Vedras is an authoritative account of the planning, construction and occupation of the Lines and of the battles, sieges and horrors of the French invasion. It is also an important study of Wellington's strategy during the crucial years of the war

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against Napoleon. 'This is a well-researched, well-written, closely argued and fascinating contribution to the historiography of the Peninsular War.' The Spectator 'Essential reading for every Peninsula enthusiast, this is recommended highly.' Military

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Illustrated

Now back in print, this new and revised edition of The Peninsular War Atlas has added new and updated maps and content to reflect the latest research into the long struggle for control of the Iberian Peninsula, all in an attractive

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slip case gift package. Colonel Nick Lipscombe, who is based in Spain and is the chairman of the Peninsular War 200 organization, has used his unique perspective to make this new edition the very best study of the subject on the market. The Peninsular War saw some

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of the bloodiest fighting of the Napoleonic Wars. Over a period of five years it is estimated that half a million soldiers and civilians were killed in this bloodbath, however the battles there are far less well-known than other Napoleonic battles like Waterloo. Despite

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the exposure given this theatre in the Sharpe novels, the soldiers who fought there have received little public recognition. The bicentennial commemorations of this war aim to bring the war to wider recognition, bringing the Spanish, Portuguese and

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*British together in remembering the
dead, and re-examining the war in a
balanced way.*

Battles and Battlefields

*A History of the Peninsular War,
Volume VII: August 1813 to April 14,
1814*

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*British Military Intelligence in the
Peninsular War*

*August 1813 to April 14, 1814, The
capture of St. Sebastian, Wellington's
invasion of France, battles of the
Nivelle, The Nive, Orthez and Toulouse
Peninsular War Veterans and the*

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Making of Empire c.1820-40

*Wellington's Peninsular War Generals
and Their Battles*

Wellington's Campaigns

Though pressed many times
to write about his battles
and campaigns, the Duke of

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Wellington always replied that people should refer to his published dispatches, and he refused to add further to his official correspondence, famously remarking that:

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'The history of a battle, is not unlike the history of a ball. Some individuals may recollect all the little events of which the great result is the battle won or lost,

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but no individual can recollect the order in which, or the exact moment at which, they occurred, which makes all the difference as to their value or importance.' Yet

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Wellington did, in effect, write a history of the Peninsular War in the form of four lengthy memoranda, summarizing the conduct of the war in 1809, 1810 and 1811 respectively. These

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lengthy accounts demonstrate Wellington's unmatched appreciation of the nature of the war in Spain and Portugal, and relate to the operations of the French and Spanish

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forces as well as the Anglo-Portuguese army under his command. Unlike personal diaries or journals written by individual soldiers, with their inevitably limited

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knowledge, Wellington was in an unparalleled position to provide a comprehensive overview of the war. Equally, the memoranda were written as the war unfolded, not

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tainted with the knowledge of hindsight, providing a unique contemporaneous commentary. Brought together by renowned historian Stuart Reid with reports and key dispatches

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from the other years of the campaign, the result is the story of the Peninsular War told through the writings of the man who knew and understood the conflict in

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Iberia better than any other. These memoranda and dispatches have never been published before in a single connected narrative. Therefore, Wellington's History of

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the Peninsular War
1808-1814 offers a
uniquely accessible
perspective on the
conflict in the own words
of Britain's greatest
general.

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The author of Wellington at Waterloo delivers an in-depth history of the military commander's tactics and strategy in the Peninsular War. After gaining strategic and

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tactical experience in Colonial India, Arthur Wellesley went to battle against French forces in the Peninsular War. With his decisive victories there, he ascended to the

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peerage of the United Kingdom as the 1st Duke of Wellington. In this volume, historian Jac Weller delivers a complete account of Wellington's career on the Iberian

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Peninsula, covering all the battles in which he took part. Talavera, The battles of Busaco, Salamanca and Vitoria are among the famous conflicts Weller brings to life in

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the lively chronicle,
combining meticulous
research with extensive
visits to the historic
battlefields.
Supplementing his
accessible narrative with

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photographs, Weller demonstrates how this great commander finally achieved victory after six years of battle against Napoleon's army. Illustrated with 18 maps

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and illustrations The
1807-14 war in the Iberian
Peninsula was one of the
most significant and
influential campaigns of
the Napoleonic Wars.
Arising from Napoleon's

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strategic need to impose his rule over Portugal and Spain, it evolved into a constant drain on his resources. Sir Charles Oman's seven-volume history of the campaign is

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an unrivalled and essential work. His extensive use and analysis of French, Spanish, Portuguese and British participants' accounts and archival material,

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together with his own
inspection of the
battlefields, provides a
comprehensive and balanced
account of this most
important episode in
Napoleonic military

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Sebastian; the final campaigning in eastern Spain; Wellington's invasion of France; and the last actions of the war in the Battle of Toulouse and the French

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cannot be overestimated.
At the outset in 1808
Napoleon and his Marshals
appeared unstoppable. By
the close Wellington and
his Army had convincingly
defeated the French and

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taken the war across the Pyrenees into France itself. He and his Generals had waged a hugely successful campaign both by conventional means and guerrilla warfare. This

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book contains the pithy biographies of some forty senior officers who served Wellington, in the majority of cases, so ably during this six year war. Many had experience of

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battle prior to the Peninsular and went on to greater heights thereafter. There is a section summarizing the major engagements that this 'band of brothers'

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took part in. The book is arranged in alphabetical order and each thoroughly researched entry places its subject's life in his historical and political context. The result is a

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highly entertaining,
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authoritative book.

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Victories

The British Army Under
Wellington in the Pyrenees
& South of France, 1813-14

The Peninsular War was one of the
most successful campaigns ever
fought by the British Army.

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Between 1808, when British troops landed in Portugal, and 1814, when Wellington's Army advanced into the south of France, British soldiers were involved in countless battles and sieges against Napoleon's vaunted French veterans. Drawing

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on rare letters, diaries and memoirs, Ian Fletcher presents a superb insight into the daily lives of British soldiers in this momentous period and evokes such key battles and sieges as Vimiero, Talavera, Badajoz, Salamanca, Vittoria and

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San Sebastian. The author s skillful compilation of accounts, placed in context by important background detail, make this the story of the Peninsular War in the words of the men who marched, fought and triumphed with Wellington.

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Although there have been many accounts of soldiering in Wellington's army, *Voices from the Peninsula* throws new light on the experience of Napoleonic warfare and brings to life what Wellington called 'the finest military machine in

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A Leonaur Original--never before available in this form The Duke of Wellington is widely regarded as one of the finest British generals, and there are many books about his most famous campaigns during the

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Peninsular War in Portugal and Spain against Napoleon's French army. Accounts of Wellington's victory in 1815 at Waterloo, which brought about the final downfall of the emperor are, if anything, more numerous, such is the interest in the

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great captains who faced each other in the most renowned battle in world history. Leonaur has published many histories and personal accounts of those who fought in these campaigns, and although our two linked volumes by C. W.

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Robinson concern Wellington in the Peninsular War and Waterloo campaign respectively, they are quite different to most other books on the subject. In these books, originally intended for military students, and now of equal value to

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war-gamers, the campaigns are described from the perspective of the tactical choices and options open to the antagonists. The potential consequences, and the outcomes which may have arisen, had the choices that were made been from

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Sir Charles Oman, the great historian of that long-drawn-out contest then being fought out in Basque Provinces, stated that, in addition to its literary merit, Gleig's record 'may be better trusted than Blakeney's equally vivid narrative',

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among others which were to appear in later years. A recommended book and one which should help many get an insight into the army of that period.

An exploration of the little-known yet historically important emigration

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convict colony to a free society.

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(1807-1814): the Battle of
Busaco of September 27,
1810; the Battle of
Salamanca of July 22,

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1812; the Battle of
Vitoria of June 21, 1913;
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of November 10, 1913.
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Toulouse in April,
1814...quotes freely from
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the Nivelle...which routed
the finest soldiery in

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Europe and sent four of its most famous Marshals cringing back to Napoleon in disgrace"—The Daily Telegraph "Michael Glover's book is a brilliant success, like

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the campaign which
inspired it"—The Times
Literary Supplement
The British army reached
the apogee of its success
in the war against
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particular in the famous campaigns in the Peninsula, while under Wellington's command. Yet many aspects of how it achieved its victories have been ignored. This

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book breaks new ground in a series of meticulous studies which reveal the hidden mechanisms that lie behind triumphs such as Salamanca and Vitoria. At the same time it places

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Wellington's campaigns in their strategic context and explains how he achieved his success. The principles underlying the organization of Wellington's army are

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uncovered in a penetrating analysis. His key subordinates are given the attention they deserve, and there is an authoritative explanation of the importance of rank

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objective was to explain
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during the five years the
Peninsular campaign

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Bayonne. A chapter on the place of the Peninsular War in history concludes Oman's monumental work. At last, in this absorbing and authoritative study, the story of the epic

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struggle on Spains eastern front during the Peninsular War has been told. Often overlooked as not integral to the Duke of Wellingtons main army and their campaigns in

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Portugal and western Spain, they were, in point of fact, intrinsically linked. Nick Lipscombe, a leading historian of the Napoleonic Wars and an expert on the fighting in

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the Iberian peninsula, describes in graphic detail the battles fought by the French army of General Suchet against the Spanish regulars and guerrillas and

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subsequently the Anglo-Sicilian force sent by the British government to stabilize the region.

Despite Suchet's initial successes and repeated setbacks for the allied

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armies, by late 1813 the east coast of Spain held a key to Wellington's invasion of France and the ultimate defeat of Napoleon's armies in the Peninsula. At a tactical

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level the allies were undeniably successful and made an important contribution to the eventual French defeat. Under Wellington's Command Battling Napoleon in

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Hamilton's Campaign with

Moore and Wellington

During the Peninsular War

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Orthez, Toulouse

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Wellington's Portuguese

Troops 1809-11

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the Peninsula 1808-1814

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A Chronicle of the Peninsular War

By July 1807, following his spectacular victories over Austria, Prussia and Russia, Napoleon dominated most of Europe. The only significant gap in his continental system was the Iberian Peninsula. He therefore begun a series of diplomatic and

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military moves aimed at forcing Spain and Portugal to toe the line, leading to a popular uprising against the French and the outbreak of war in May 1808.

Napoleon considered the war in the Peninsula, which he ruefully called 'The Spanish Ulcer', so insignificant that he rarely bothered to bring to it his military

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