

NAPOLEONIC WARS 1803-1815

The Napoleonic Wars (1803–1815) were a series of major conflicts pitting the French Empire led by Emperor Napoleon I against an array of European powers formed into various coalitions. They revolutionized European armies and played out on an unprecedented scale, mainly owing to the application of modern mass conscription. The wars are traditionally seen as a continuation of the Revolutionary Wars, which broke out in 1792 during the French Revolution. Initially, French power rose quickly as the armies of Napoleon conquered much of Europe.

In his military career, Napoleon fought about 60 battles and lost seven, mostly at the end. The great French dominion collapsed rapidly after the disastrous invasion of Russia in 1812.

Napoleon was defeated in 1814 and once more in 1815 at Waterloo after a brief return to power. The Allies then reversed all French gains since the Revolutionary Wars at the Congress of Vienna.

Before a final victory against Napoleon, five of seven coalitions saw defeat at the hands of France. France defeated the first and second coalitions during the French Revolutionary Wars, the third (notably at Austerlitz), the fourth (notably at Jena, Eylau, and Friedland) and the fifth coalition (notably at Wagram) under the leadership of Napoleon.

These great victories gave the French Army a sense of invulnerability, especially when it approached Moscow. But after the retreat from Russia, in spite of incomplete victories, France was defeated by the sixth coalition at Leipzig, in the Peninsular War at Vitoria and at the hands of the seventh coalition at Waterloo.

The wars resulted in the dissolution of the Holy Roman Empire and sowed the seeds of nationalism that would lead to the consolidations of Germany and Italy later in the century. Meanwhile, the global Spanish Empire began to unravel as French occupation of Spain weakened Spain's hold over its colonies, providing an opening for nationalist revolutions in Spanish America. As a direct result of the Napoleonic wars, the British Empire became the foremost world power for the next century,^[20] thus beginning *Pax Britannica*.

No consensus exists about when the French Revolutionary Wars ended and the Napoleonic Wars began. An early candidate is 9 November 1799, the date of Bonaparte's coup seizing power in France. However, the most common date is 18 May 1803, when renewed war broke out between Britain and France, ending the one-year-old Peace of Amiens, the only period of general peace in Europe between 1792 and 1814.

Most of the actual fighting ceased following Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo on 18 June 1815. Although skirmishing continued as late as 3rd July 1815 at the Battle of Issy. The Second Treaty of Paris officially ended the wars on 20 November 1815.

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DOUGLASS, Dr. Henry Grattan

Birth 1790 Dublin, Ireland
Parents Adam Douglass & Ann Edwards
Spouse Hester Murphy
Marriage 1812 St. Anne's Dublin, Ireland
Occupation Physician
Residence
Service Assistant Surgeon with the 18th Regiment British Army
1809/10 in the Peninsular War and 1811 in the West Indies
Arrived convict ship 'Speke', free 18-May-1821 in Sydney NSW
Death 01-December- 1865 Woollahra, NSW
Cemetery St. John's Church Cemetery Camden NSW
Notes Arrived 29-December-1809 "Dromedary" soldier; aide-de-camp to Governor

DUNK, Jesse, Private

Birth 22-April-1787 Battle, Sussex, England
Parents John Dunk & Sarah Blunden
Spouse (1) Charlotte Martha Sellings;
06-June-1818 Mountfield, Sussex, England

(2) Susanna Silvaris
1836 Mountfield, Sussex, England

(3) Sarah Hilder Marriage
04-March-1858 South Sydney, NSW

Occupation Soldier
Service Served with the 39th Regiment of Foot British Army.
Arrived 'Florist', free 26-October-1839
Death 15-June-1860 Cawdor, NSW
Cemetery St. John's Church Cemetery Camden NSW

HEPBURN, Robert William (James), Captain

Birth 1791 Omagh, Co Antrim, Ireland
Parents
Spouse
Marriage
Occupation
Service fought in the Napoleonic wars; severely wounded at the siege of Badajoz; reported to have fought both under British and Napoleon's flag
Arrived "Phoebe", free 23-August-1847
Death 14-November-1875 Coleman's Creek, Burragorang NSW
Buried Coleman's Creek, Burragorang NSW

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MARTIN, Alexander, Commander R. N.

Birth 02-September-1784 Portsea, Hampshire, England
Parents John Martin & Mary
Spouse (1) Henrietta Maria Fullagher;
Marriage 02-September-1816 Chatham, Kent, England

(2) Sarah Smith Fullagher
1823 London, England

Occupation Naval Officer
Service Took part in the Battle of Trafalgar on board HMS 'Prince'
on 21-October-1805
Arrived 'Caroline', free 02-January-1832
Death 07-September-1868 Theresa Park NSW
Cemetery St. John's Church Cemetery Camden NSW

SHADFORTH, Thomas, Lieutenant Colonel

Birth 1771 Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Northumberland, England
Parents Henry Shadforth & Esther Giles
Spouse Frances Hinson
Marriage 1801 Bermuda, West Indies
Occupation Army Officer
Service 57th Regiment British Army "the Die Hards"; took part in
the Battle of Waterloo; wounded at the battle of Albuera
in Spain
Arrived Convict ship 'Mangles', free 23-February-1826
Death 04-August-1862 "Everleigh House, Redfern, NSW
Cemetery St. Mark's, Greendale

SHOBRIDGE, William, Private

Birth 23-July-1790 Rolvenden, Kent, England
Parents Thomas Shobridge & Mary Buss
Spouse (1) Mary Ann Piall; (2) Jane Kedwell
Marriage
Occupation Foot soldier
Service British Army Battle of Waterloo
Arrived "Cornwall", free 20-February-1864
Death 25-April-1874 Thirlmere, NSW
Cemetery Upper Picton – Anglican

STARR, William, Private

Birth 04-May-1800 Mountfield, Sussex, England
Parents Thomas Starr & Ann Wood
Spouse Elizabeth Arnold
Marriage 5-March-1832 Kensington, Middlesex, England
Occupation Foot soldier

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Service British Army Battle of Waterloo
Arrived "Orient" free 04-April-1839
Death 18-July-1878 Menangle, NSW
Cemetery St John's C/E Camden, NSW

WHEELER, Jonathan, Private

Birth 04-September-1791 Bisley, Gloucestershire, England
Parents Nathaniel Wheeler & Sarah Fowler
Spouse Jane March
Marriage 1 January 1813 Bisley, Gloucestershire, England
Occupation Foot soldier
Service British Army Battle of Waterloo
Arrived "Layton" free 19-May-1855
Death 19-May-1855 Camden, NSW
Cemetery St John's C/E Camden, NSW

WILD, John Henry, Lieutenant & Adjutant

Birth 1782 Laois, Ireland
Parents
Spouse Mary Lynch
Marriage 16-May-1804 Mallow, County Cork, Ireland
Occupation Army Officer
Service Enlisted 08-July-1797 2/48th Regiment of Foot,
British Army
Arrived Convict ship 'Lloyds', free 30-August-1817
Death 06-March-1834 "Vanderville", The Oaks, NSW
Cemetery St. Paul's Cemetery Cobbitty, NSW
Notes John Wild enlisted in the 48th Regiment of Foot
(Northamptonshire Regiment) on 08-July-1797 at the age
of 15 years. He was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant
and then to Quartermaster of the 2/48th on
22- June-1810 and served with the 48th during the
Peninsular War.
He returned to England with the remains (from a total of
949 there were 623 killed, 276 wounded or captured
leaving 50 men remaining) of the 2/48th following the
battle of Albuera in Spain (16-May-1811), and was
appointed Adjutant Ensign on 07-July-1814.

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WINTLE, Abraham Joseph

Birth	1789 Gloucestershire, England
Parents	Isaac Wintle & Hannah Moxley
Spouse	Ellen Bourne
Marriage	13-May-1828 St. John's C/E Parramatta, NSW
Occupation	Foot soldier
Service	British Army Battle of Waterloo; tried and convicted Monmouth Assizes 10-August-1818
Arrived	Convict ship "Shipley" convict 26-September-1820
Death	15-November-1865 The Oaks, NSW
Cemetery	Upper Picton - Anglican