

Partnership Opportunities - The Teams



UXBRIDGE (Physical Injury)

The Earl of Uxbridge led the spectacular charge of the British heavy cavalry against Comte d'Erlon's column which checked and in part routed the French Army. One of the last cannon shots fired that day hit Uxbridge in the right leg, necessitating its amputation. According to anecdote, he was close to Wellington when his leg was hit, and exclaimed, "By God, sir, I've lost my leg!" - to which Wellington replied, "By God, sir, so you have!" .The artificial leg used by Uxbridge for the rest of his life was donated to the Waterloo Museum after his death.

SOMERSET (Physical and Mental Injury)

Field Marshal FitzRoy James Henry Somerset served on Wellington's staff at the Battle of Quatre Bras in June 1815 and at the Battle of Waterloo where he had to have his right arm amputated and then demanded his arm back so he could retrieve the ring that his wife had given him. He died of clinical depression.

PONSONBY (The Original British & Irish Lion ?)

Major-General Sir William Ponsonby was an Irish politician and British Army officer who served in the Peninsula War and was killed at the Battle of Waterloo. Ponsonby's part in the Battle of Waterloo has been remembered because it highlights some pertinent points about cavalry charging. Ponsonby was in command of the Union Brigade, so-called because it included an English, a Scottish and an Irish regiment - sorry Wales !

PERCY (The Waterloo Dispatch)

The official Dispatch written by the Duke of Wellington on 19 June 1815 was carried to London by Major The Honorable Henry Percy. Wellington had eight aides in all, and only Percy emerged relatively unscathed from the battle and therefore was able to deliver the Dispatch. He tucked the document into a purple velvet handkerchief given to him by the Duchess of Richmond on 15 June and at about noon on 19 June presented it to the Prince Regent and Prime Minister who were dining at what is now the East India Club – Percy was promoted to Colonel on the spot.