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THE
EIGHTEENTH HUSSARS

BEAR ON THEIR APPOINTMENTS THE WORDS

"PENINSULA" AND "WATERLOO,"

TO COMMEMORATE THEIR SERVICES

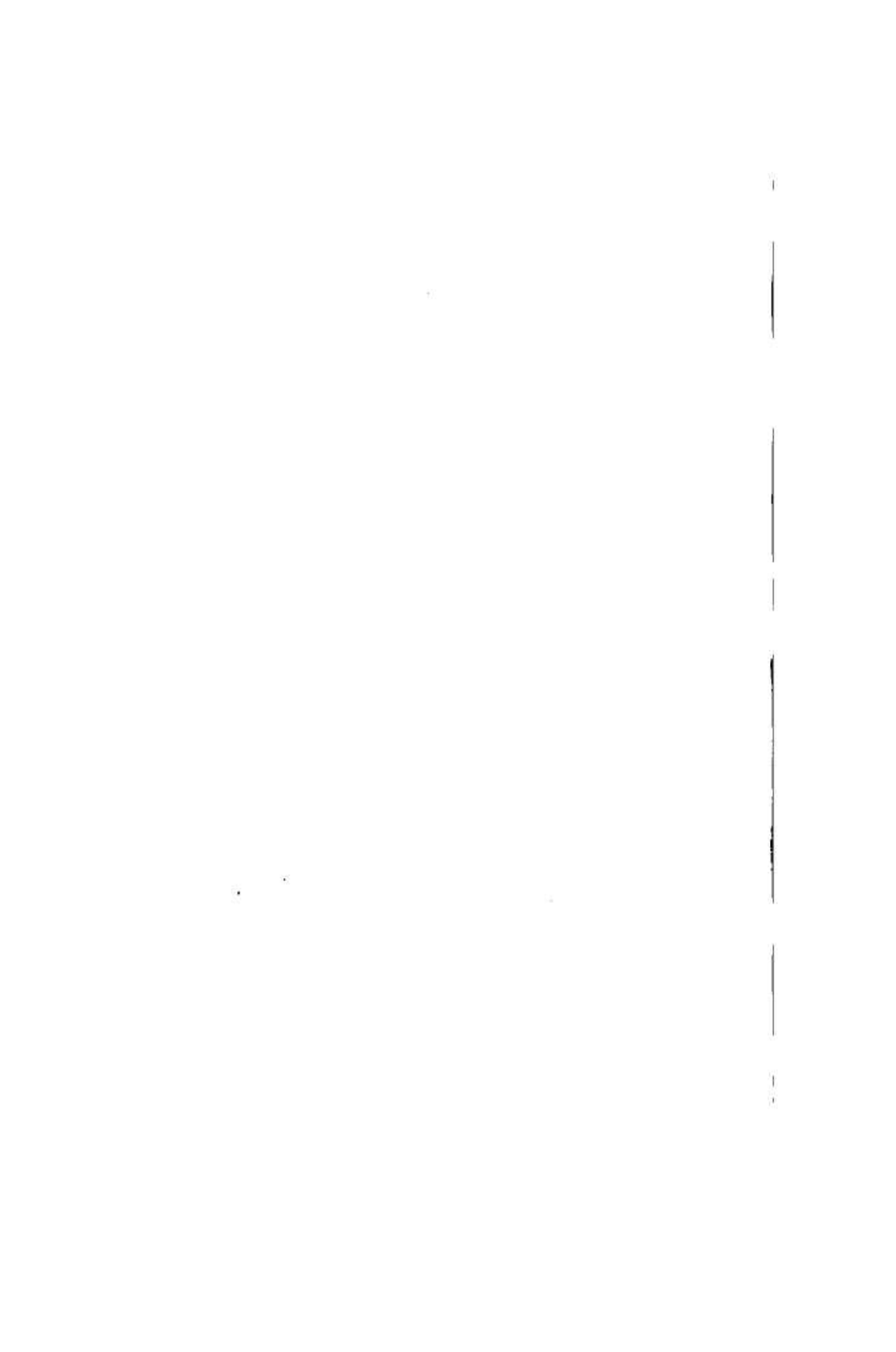
IN SPAIN AND THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

IN 1813 AND 1814,

AND AT

THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO

IN 1815.



PREFACE.

FROM the lapse of time between the breaking up of the Old and the re-forming of the New Corps, *viz.* thirty-seven years, and from the numerous impediments to compiling met with in India, such as the almost total absence of any reference, and the difficulty of obtaining replies to correspondence from England, the Compiler regrets—not a cheery announcement in a Preface—that he is at present unable to produce more perfect annals. He is induced to bring them out as they now appear at the solicitations of two gallant officers of the Old Corps who were present with THE REGIMENT during the Occupation of Paris, and the only survivors of those then serving. For the sole benefit of THE REGIMENT—hoping they

may prove as such—are these compilations produced; and that the present Regiment may be incited by the perusal of them to follow in the footsteps of the Old Corps, whose well-earned honours it bears, is the ardent hope of its comrade and well-wisher, the Compiler.

Should these pages be perused by any who may be able to rectify, or assist in adding to them authentically even a few words, they will be most gladly received, and all such alterations and additions acknowledged and prefixed from time to time.*

The following are the names of those through whose kindness most material aid has been received, and for which the Compiler again returns his warmest thanks:—

Sir C. Style, late Cornet EIGHTEENTH Hussars.

Lieut.-Colonel Wickham Freeman, late Lieutenant EIGHTEENTH Hussars.

* The fact of all extracts regarding THE REGIMENT herein being recorded intact, will account for most movements and engagements being described as "in brigade."

To Colonel Wickham Freeman have the thanks of THE REGIMENT once been given; for he, with a laudable generosity worthy of imitation, presented back to THE REGIMENT his share of the Regimental Plate, which he, as well as others, obtained on the breaking up of the Corps in 1821.

The following is the list of works referred to in this compilation:—

The late Colonel James Hughes, MSS., late EIGHTEENTH HUSSARS.

Napier's 'Peninsular War.'

'Campaigns of the British Army in Spain under Sir John Moore.'

'The Wellington Dispatches.'

'The Life of Wellington,' by Brialmont and Gleig.

Siborne's 'History of the Waterloo Campaign.'

'The Royal Military Calendar.'

The present Regimental Records.

'Narrative of the Peninsular War from 1808 to 1812,' by Lieut.-General C. W. Vane, Marquis of Londonderry, G.C.B., &c.

The Records of the Tenth Hussars.

H. E. M.,
Captain Eighteenth Hussars.

WELLINGTON, NEELGHERRY HILLS, INDIA,
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