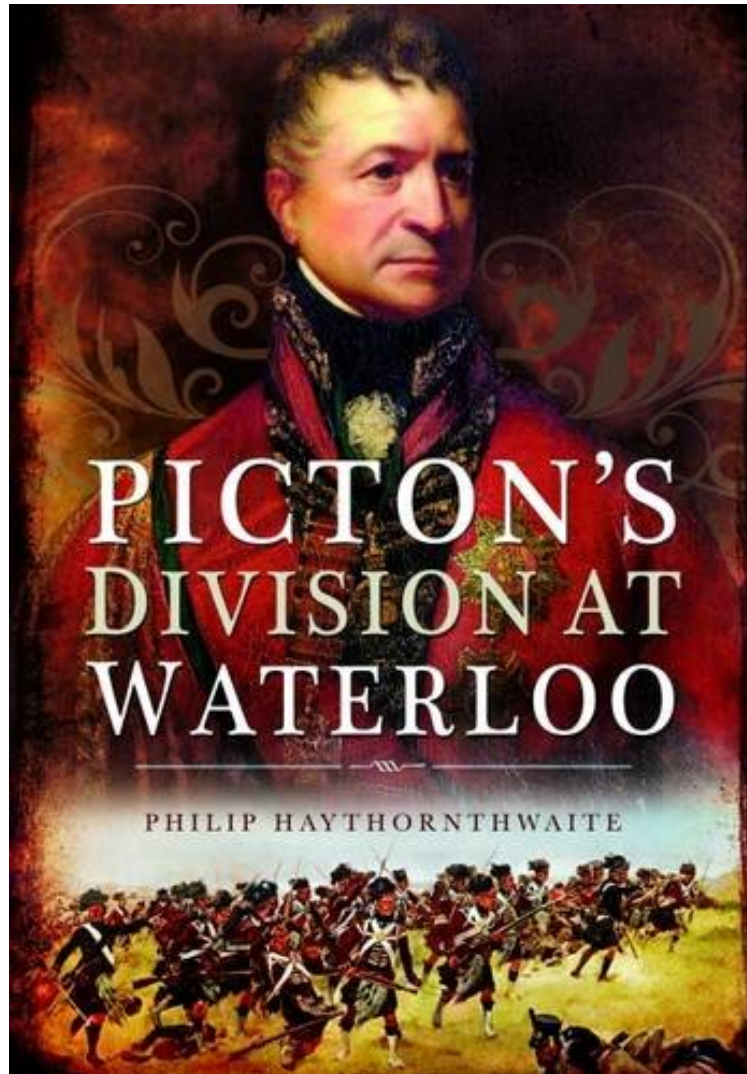


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Napoleon's Armee du Nord has crossed the French frontier and stolen a march on the Allied armies. The 5th Division's magnificent stand at the center of the Allied line at Quatre Bras gets significant coverage. The author makes an entirely plausible argument that General Picton and his men saved Wellington's Anglo-Dutch Army at this exhausting battle. The bloodletting at Mont St Jean seems almost an afterthought by comparison. The book closes with a follow-up on the fates of some of the surviving personalities in the Division. The text includes some nice period maps and illustrations. Highly recommended to students of the British Army and the Waterloo Campaign.

In the two hundred years since the Battle of Waterloo countless studies examining almost every aspect of this momentous event have been published – narratives of the campaign, graphic accounts of key stages in the fighting or of the role played by a regiment or by an individual who was there - an eyewitness. But what has not been written is an in-depth study of a division, one of the larger formations that made up the armies on that decisive battlefield, and that is exactly the purpose of Philip Haythornthwaite's original and highly readable new book. He concentrates on the famous Fifth Division, commanded by Sir Thomas Picton, which was a key element in Wellington's Reserve. The experiences of this division form a microcosm of those of the entire army. Vividly, using a range of firsthand accounts, the author describes the actions of the officers and men throughout this short, intense campaign, in particular their involvement the fighting at Quatre Bras and at Waterloo itself.

About the Author Philip Haythornthwaite is one of the most distinguished and prolific writers on the military history of the Napoleonic era. He has long been established as an authority on the major battles of the time, in particular those fought in the Iberian peninsula, and he has made a special study of the armies and the soldiers who confronted each other across Europe during fifteen years of almost continuous warfare. His many previous books include: *The Peninsular War*; *The Armies of Wellington*; *Waterloo Men*; *Die Hard! Famous Napoleonic Battles*; *The Napoleonic Source Book*, *Wellington's Army*, *Waterloo Armies and Redcoats*.