

COLLECTION TITLE	Papers of John Gurwood
COLLECTION IDENTIFIER	MSS 236
INCLUSIVE DATE(S)	1808 to 1843
EXTENT	1 box + 1 folio
CREATOR	Gurwood, John, 1790-1845 -- Archives.
RELATED ENTITIES	Gurwood, John, 1790-1845 -- Archives. British Armed Forces
RELATED COLLECTIONS	Papers of John Gurwood
ACCESS POINTS	Army officers Authors Soldiers -- Great Britain -- Correspondence

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Lieutenant Colonel John Gurwood was born in 1790, and died in Brighton, England on 25 December 1845. During Gurwood's military career he served with the 52nd Regiment from the commencement of the Peninsular War till 1812, when he was promoted to Captain in the African Corps on the 6th February 1812, for distinguished conduct at Ciudad Rodrigo. He then joined the 9th Light Dragoons and was appointed Brigade-Major to the Household Cavalry. He subsequently served at the battles of the Nivelles, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse and Waterloo. He later served as Deputy-Lieutenant of the Tower of London.

Gurwood was the compiler of Wellington's despatches, general orders and speeches in Parliament including:
The despatches of Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington, edited by Gurwood in 13 volumes, published by J. Murray, London, 1834-1839

The despatches of Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington during his various campaigns in India, Denmark, Portugal, Spain, the Low Countries and France, compiled from official and other authentic documents by Colonel Gurwood in 8 volumes, published by John Murray, London, 1952

The speeches of the Duke of Wellington in Parliament, collected & arranged by Colonel Gurwood in 2 volumes, published posthumously by Murray, London, 1854.

References:

Historical record of the Fifty-Second Regiment (Oxfordshire Light Infantry) : from the year 1755 to the year 1858 compiled under direction of the committee; and edited by W.S. Moorsom, published R. Bentley, London, 1860

ARRANGEMENT

The collection has been arranged in box then folder order.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

The collection is available for research.

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION

This collections was acquired by the Academy Library in 1988.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS

Special Collections, UNSW Canberra

Collection Contents

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1808 to 1843 (Inclusive date(s))

Box 1 (MSS 236.B1)

Box-folder 1 (MSS 236.B1.1)

Photocopies of the original letters contained in folio 1 - available for research

Including:

Seven letters from John Gurwood to his brother Dick (Richard) Gurwood, dated from 7 May 1808 to October 1812, relating to John Gurwood's military service in the Peninsula War

Seven letters from Henry Okey to Richard Gurwood, dated from 23 July 1808 to April 1811

One letter to Richard Gurwood from Henry Okey, dated Saturday 11 June 1842 advising him that his brother John is recovering well from an accident

Four page letter by Gurwood to My dear Napier, dated 14 June 1843, concerning inaccuracies in Napier's account in his book entitled *History of the war in the peninsula* of the 52nd Foot Regiment at Sabugal, together with a typescript copy. Gurwood also copied out and included at the bottom of this letter the contents of a note sent to him about Napier's book "that I was paraded all over England as an Imposter", dated 11 July 1842

Box 2 (MSS 236.B2)

Folio 1 (MSS 236.B2.1)

Originals of the letters - not available for research

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