

Soldiers of the Armée de Condé who joined the British Army in 1801

Part 2 – Officers and men who joined the Watteville Regiment

When the Armée de Condé was disbanded in 1801, in modern-day Slovenia, a number of its former soldiers joined the Watteville Regiment instead of the Chasseurs Britanniques – see Part 1. The former regiment was largely, but not completely, recruited from the former soldiers of the Swiss Corps which had served alongside the Austrians, but paid for by Britain, in the War of the Second Coalition (the last of the French Revolutionary Wars). Local recruiting took place, including amongst disbanded soldiers who had second thoughts about leaving service, and also Captain Charles de Villatte brought to the regiment a company of soldiers from his former, *Durand*, regiment of the Armée de Condé. This company was complete, both in terms of numbers and proportion of ranks.

Service and losses

The Watteville Regiment's early service matched that of the Chasseurs Britanniques (see Part 1) so the soldiers faced the same risks to their lives and reasons, or opportunities, to leave their regiment. However, it remained on Malta in 1804, rather than sailing for Britain, before serving in Naples in 1805 and then going onto Sicily. The regiment fought at the Battle of Maida (4 July 1806) and received many new recruits from the prisoners taken in the campaign.

The regiment did not participate in the 1807 Egyptian expedition but left for Gibraltar in October 1807; the stay there was brief, returning to Sicily six months later. The Watteville Regiment went to Spain in 1811 where it joined the British contingent at Cádiz and supplied a detachment to garrison Cartagena. In 1813 it sailed to Canada to reinforce the British forces fighting the United States of America; it saw active service at Prescott (1813), Oswego and Fort Erie (1814) suffering considerable loss at the latter.

The regiment was finally disbanded in England on 24 October 1816, although quite a few men, and some officers, had been discharged in Canada. There they received parcels of land to clear for agricultural use and establish their homes, notably at Rideau Settlement (now Perth, Ontario).

For a comprehensive history of the regiment's service see Alistair Nichols, *Wellington's Switzers: The Watteville Regiment in Egypt, the Mediterranean, Spain and Canada* (Ken Trotman Publishing 2015).

Sources

Pay List and Muster Roll for 25 May to 24 June, and 25 June to 24 July, 1801 are from The National Archives, United Kingdom (TNA) reference WO 12/12018.

The notes for the soldiers have been collected from TNA series WO 12, 25, 97 and 121. The extensive records, in the 25 series, of the Watteville Regiment allow, in general, a fuller picture of the

background, service and fate of each of the former Condéans, in Villatte's company, than can be provided than for those in the Chasseurs Britanniques.

The notes for the officers have been collected from the published Army Lists (UK) and the following series: TNA series WO 12, 25, and PMG 6; Le Service Historique de Défense, France (SHD) 1KY and 3YE; the Archives du château de Chantilly, France 1 GR 078 and 143 and the Hampshire Record Office (UK) Wickham Papers 38M49.

‘Monthly Pay List and Muster Roll of the Swiss Regiment of Watteville from the 25th of May to the 24th of June 1801, both Days inclusive.’

‘5th or Company of Villatte’

[next month 6th Company]

		<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	Captain		
	Villatte Charles		Charles Regnaud de Villatte (c 1770–?) born in Paris or Lorraine, former officer of <i>Salm-Salm infanterie</i> , officer of the <i>régiment de Hohenlohe</i> then <i>Durand</i> (Condé) 1792–1801; Chevalier de St Louis 1797; retired as major in 1817 after the regiment had been reduced (disbanded)
	Lieutenants		
	Hecken	<i>Next month:</i> To 9th Company (Bovier's)	Ferdinand Hecken (1767–c 1820) born at Köln (Cologne), Germany, former soldier [cadet?] in French army, emigrated in 1790, soldier then officer in <i>régiment de Hohenlohe</i> then <i>Durand</i> (Condé) 1793–1801, half pay captain on reduction 24 October 1816; Chevalier of St Louis and French pension as lieutenant colonel; naturalised French in 1819
	Ployard	<i>This month:</i>	Louis then John Lewis Ployardt (1775–after 1837) a Geneva citizen, officer of

		Leave of absence <i>Next month:</i> To 8th Company (Torrenté's) – still absent	the Bachmann Regiment (Swiss Corps) 1799–1801, half pay captain on reduction 24 October 1816, settled in Canada where, in 1825, he was a justice of the peace at St Germain-de-Grantham (Québec).
	Ensign		
	Müller		François Joseph Müller (1768–1849) born at Colmar, France, former volunteer NCO in <i>Colonel Général infanterie</i> , emigrated and engaged in the <i>Légion de Mirabeau</i> 1792–1793, volunteer NCO then officer in the <i>régiment de Hohenlohe</i> then <i>Durand</i> (Condé), 1794–1801; ensign Watteville Regiment 1801–1806, lieutenant Froberg Regiment 1806–1807, lieutenant to captain Chasseurs Britanniques Regiment 1807–1814; half pay captain on reduction 5 October 1814, Chevalier of St Louis and French pension as <i>chef de bataillon</i> from 1816
	'Serjeants'		
1	Armbrast Valentine	First name Wendelin	Invalided on 2 April 1802
2	Gillizen Francis	Deserted 25 May	
3	Holzer David		Holzer David: native of 'Wirtemberg', Germany, 35 [?], 5ft 11ins, ruddy complexion, grey eyes, black hair; died 13 April 1806
4	Pohl Joseph	Volunteer <i>Next month:</i> Corrected to Boll	Boll Joseph: permitted to quit service on 13 September 1804
5	Rinck Michel		Rink Michaël: native of 'Schaeit', Alsace, 26, 5ft 8ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, blond hair; as 'Serjeant' discharged 24 July 1806
6	Schwarzahns André	First name Christian	Dismissed on 2 April 1802 'unfit for service'

Corporals			
1	Nauer Charles	<i>Next month:</i> Private from 6 July	Nauert Carl: native of Jena, Germany, 27, 5ft 9 ½ ins, ruddy complexion, brown eyes, brown hair; as corporal died 7 October 1808
2	Seiff Adam		Invalided 25 July 1802 at Malta
3	Scharky Benoit	<i>Next month:</i> Changed to Schecka	Schekot Benoit: native of 'Cormand', Brabant, 30, 5ft 8 ½ ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, 'fine hair'; as 'Serjeant' died 9 March 1810
4	Biel Pierre	<i>Next month:</i> Corrected to Spiel	Spiel Pierre: native of 'Dodenart', Brabant, 23, 5ft 6 ½ ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, blond hair
5	Witz Balthias		Died 14 September 1801
Drummers			
1	Baader Ignace		Baader Ignace: native of Innsbruck [Austria], 15, 4ft 11 ins, brown complexion, grey eyes, brown hair; died 26 August 1806
2	Henning George		Hoennig Jean or Hoenig George: native of Barenstein [Bärenstein], Germany, a labourer, 20, 5ft 5 ½ ins, clear complexion, grey eyes, blond hair; as soldier transferred to Foreign Invalids in England on 25 January 1811 and discharged with pension on 31 October 1811 'being blind of the right eye and nearly blind of the left by ophthalmia contracted in Egypt'.
Private Men			
1	Arné Joseph		Arnée Joseph: native of 'Beforden', Alsace, 35, 5ft 6 ins, brown complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; corporal 25 April 1811, died 1 October 1811 or 1812
2	Altendorf George	Deserted 25 May	
3	Abel Frederic		Abel Jean: native of 'Ocringhen', Germany, 45, 5ft 8 ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, brown hair;

			died 25 September 1806
4	Broyofsky Michel	Deserted 25 May	
5	Bachmann Jean	<i>Next month:</i> To Grenadier Company	Bachmann Jean: native of 'Saierdorf', Germany, 21, 5ft 9 ½ ins, fair complexion, blue eyes, blond hair; died 24 January 1812
6	Botz Ignace		Botz Ignace: native of Glatzau, Prussia [Kłodzko, Poland?], 22, 5ft 8ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; discharged 24 July 1807
7	Brinckman Arnold		Brinckmann Arnold: native of Amsterdam, Holland, 35, 5ft 4ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, brown hair
8	Brintz Joseph	<i>Next month:</i> Corrected to Printz	Printz Joseph: native of Bitzen, Germany, 22, 5ft 4 ½ ins, clear complexion, grey eyes, brown hair; discharged 1 January 1810
9	Braunhausen Vincent		Breuhausser Vincent: 'Volunteered for East Indies paid to 10 May' 1802. Lawrence Brayhowser or Brayhewser: a carpenter from Starsbourg, 5ft 6ins; served in 80 th Foot 2 December 1802–24 December 1816 and 53 rd Foot 25 December 1816–24 September 1819; discharged, aged 37, after 'good conduct' with a rupture, on 24 September 1819 at 'Trichonopoly' [Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu state], India (the record has added service up to 4 July 1820 indicating he may have taken passage to Europe)
10	Boffay Jacques		Boffay Jacob: native of 'Lauembourg' [Lauenburg? Germany], 24, 5ft 2ins, brown complexion, black eyes, brown hair; as Drummer died 2 October 1808
11	Boehm Jean		Boehm Melchior: native of Northlingen [Nördlingen?], Germany, 22, 5ft 3ins, clear complexion, grey eyes, brown hair; discharged 24 July 1807

12	Danneberger Pierre		Died 12 November 1801
13	Dachman Joseph		Dackmann Joseph: native of 'Branderweiter', Germany, 30, 5ft 4 ½ ins, brown complexion, black eyes, black hair; discharged no date shown [before 1814]
14	Dillis Jean Baptiste		Dillis Jean Baptiste: native of 'St Vincent', Switzerland, 38, 5ft 3ins, white complexion, grey eyes, blond hair
15	Dubois Jean Baptiste		Dubois Jean Baptiste: native of 'Montferney', France, 23, 5ft 4ins, clear complexion, grey eyes, brown hair; deserted 17 September 1814
16	Eggenberger Lorence		Ekenberger Lorens: 'Oonserdorf', Germany, 26, 5ft 9ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, blond hair; discharged 24 July 1807
17	Ernst Jean Henri		Died 1 October 1801
18	Fusseiter Caspar	Fussaiter	Died 4 October 1801
19	Felder Louis		Felder Louis: native of Hechin or Hochin [Hechingen?], Germany, 19, 5ft 6ins, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; previously a labourer, he was invalided in England on reduction having received 'a musket ball wound at the left arm' at Fort Erie on '15 August 1814' [should have been 17 August when he was taken as a prisoner of war]
20	Forch Lorrence		Died 30 August 1801
21	Gulfrau Mathieu		Dismissed 2 April 1802 'unfit for service'
22	Graff Jean		Graff Jean or Johan (born 5 November 1778): native of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, 25, 5ft 11ins, clear complexion, grey eyes, blond hair; Corporal on 25 October 1810. He was discharged on 2 June 1816 in Canada (Kingston, Ontario) and allocated land

			at the Rideau Settlement (Perth).
23	Geistlich Caspar		Geislicht Gaspard: native of Zelle [Celle], Germany, 21, 5ft 6ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, blond hair; as 'Serjeant' died 9 July 1810
24	Gast Nicola		'Volunteered for East Indies paid to 10 May' 1802
25	Guichard Jean	Recruit 29 May deserted 3 June	
26	Heigers Henri		Invalided 25 July 1802 at Malta
27	Huber Joseph		Hubert Joseph: native of Vienna, Germany [sic], 25, 5ft 5ins, clear complexion, grey eyes, blond hair; died 19 September 1806
28	Hellmeier Joseph	Hellmeyer	Died 6 November 1801
29	Jegroff Metry		Jegroff Mitry: native of Bariswitz, Russia, 30, 5ft 5ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, blond hair; discharged 1 January 1810
30	Iwanowitz Jean		'Volunteered for East Indies paid to 10 May' 1802
31	Kehr Jean	<i>Next month:</i> To Grenadier Company as Kehrer	Died 29 November 1801
32	Kistner Leonard		Died 13 November 1801
33	Koller Jacques		Koller Jacques: native of 'Clevan, Poland' [Klevan, Ukraine], 33, 5ft 9ins, brown complexion, grey eyes, brown hair; discharged 24 March 1810
34	Knitter Louis		'Volunteered for East Indies paid to 10 May' 1802. Ludwig Knitter: native of Berlin, Prussia, a tailor, discharged as a Sergeant from the 1 st Battalion, 84 th Foot, with a pension after 'good' service in the battalion since 6 May 1802, aged 43 and 5ft 9ins with an enlarged testicle from 'disease' on 31 August 1817 at Bellari, Karnataka

			state, India
35	Kreyner Adam	<i>Next month:</i> Changed to Kreiner	Kreinner Conrad: native of Turin, Italy, 66, 5ft 7ins, white complexion, blue eyes, blond hair
36	Kobinsky Ant.		Kobinski Antoine: native of 'Kinchin', Poland, 24, clear complexion, grey eyes, blond hair: died 29 July 1807
37	Kauffman Chret.		Died 2 November 1801
38	Kriessel Joseph	<i>Next month:</i> Changed to Kiessel; Corporal from 25 June	Kiesel Frederic: native of Kircken, Germany, 48, 5ft 8 ½ ins, grey hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion; as corporal discharged 24 July 1809
39	Keller Jean		Keller Philippe: native of Schoendull, Germany, 23, 5ft 7ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; died 5 November 1807
40	Leber Chrét.	<i>Next month:</i> Corporal from 25 June	Leber Chretien: native of Kisen, Germany, 57, 5ft 9ins, black hair, grey eyes, brown complexion; as Serjeant invalided 11 April 1806
41	Lietrich Albert		Lietricht or Liebrich Albert or Antoine: native of Varsowie [Warsaw], Poland, 22, 5ft 8ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; killed in action 15 August 1814 in Canada
42	Lauer Jean		Lauer Jean: native of Milan, Italy, 32, 5ft 7ins, clear complexion, brown eyes, black hair; discharged 1 January 1810
43	Lapierre Louis		Lapierre Louis: native of Gergi [Gergy, France?], 30, 5ft 7ins, brown complexion, grey eyes, brown hair; died 4 September 1806
44	Lafleur Jos.		Laffleur Esme: native of Grandcour, Switzerland, 46, 5ft 3ins, brown complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; died 19 August 1805
45	Marokofsky Jos.	<i>Next month:</i> Corrected to Marozofsky	Marozofski Joseph: native of 'Werroffen', Poland, 28, 5ft 8 ½ ins, brown complexion, blue eyes, brown

			hair; discharged 24 July 1807
46	Malarmé Jean		Deserted 18 September 1801
47	Michele Jos.	Deserted 3 June	
48	Mehr Martin		'Volunteered for East Indies paid to 10 May' 1802
49	Mannskirch Henri	Recruit 4 June	Manschirk Henrick: native of Köln (Cologne), Germany, 28, 5ft 9 ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, blond hair; re-engaged 25 December 1809
50	Neff Ulric		'Volunteered for East Indies paid to 10 May' 1802
51	Nurg Jean	<i>This month:</i> Recruit 4 June <i>Next month:</i> Corporal from 16 July	Nurg Joseph: native of 'Cuztzauche', Germany, 24, 5ft 8 ½ ins, brown hair, grey eyes, clear complexion; as corporal transferred to Sicilian Regiment on 24 June 1806. Appointed Quartermaster in Sicilian Regiment on 3 November 1808 and placed on half pay in 1816 on the unit's reduction. In 1828 he was living at Emmendingen, Baden and stated he wished to return to active service in the British Army.
52	Neubauer George		Neubauer George: native of 'Labunitzen', Bohemia, 32, 5ft 6ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, blond hair; as Corporal died 3 April 1813 [He was described as a German by one of his officers]
53	Plontain Franc.		Pluntain François: native of Rambouillet, [France], 27, 5ft 5ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; died 15 May 1804
54	Reinhold Henri		Invalided 25 July 1802 at Malta
55	Ried Pierre	<i>Next month:</i> Corrected to Joseph	Ried Joseph: native of Strasbourg, Alsace, 46, 5ft 7ins, ruddy complexion, grey eyes, grey hair; died 12 October 1804
56	Rustenbach August		Rosenback Augustin: native of Basel, Switzerland, 33, 5ft 4 ½ ins, clear

			complexion, grey eyes, brown hair; died 16 June 1810
57	Reinhart Joseph	<i>Next month:</i> Corrected to Reinhard	Two possible identities for Reinhard Joseph: - native of Düsseldorf, Germany, 24, 5ft 6 ½ ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, brown hair - native of 'Pestina', Poland, 33, 5ft 7 ½ ins, brown complexion, grey eyes, black hair
58	Sixt Jaques		Sixt Jacques or Jacob (born 1776): native of Menninchege or Memmichege [Memmingen?], Germany, 25, 6ft, a labourer, clear complexion, grey eyes, brown hair; Corporal on 25 December 1809, 'Serjeant' on 25 October 1811, he was discharged with a pension in England on 24 October 1816 with a 'rupture of the right side'
59	Stein Antoine		Stein Antoine or Anton: native of 'Oulachity', Poland, 28, 5ft 8 ½ ins, brown complexion, blue eyes, black hair; Prisoner of War 17 September 1814, returned after peace, discharged 2 June 1816 at Kingston, Canada and allocated land to settle at the Rideau Settlement (Perth, Ontario)
60	Schachmeur Martin	Schagmeyer	Invalided 25 July 1802 at Malta
61	Simon Jean		Simon Jean: native of 'Tuna', Poland, 28, 5ft 6 ½ ins, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, blond hair; deserted and returned December 1809, discharged 24 May 1810
62	Sabluzky Thomas	Sablasky	Deserted 18 September 1801
63	Sebruch Jean		Seebruck Jean: native of Hanover, Germany, 20, 5ft 6 ½ ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, blond hair; died 15 June 1809
64	Stroh Jean		Stroh Jacob: native of 'Aress', Germany, 30, 5ft 5 ½ ins, brown

			complexion, brown eyes, black hair; 'discharged on 24 December 1809 to join cavalry' - transferred to Foreign Hussars
65	Saldin Dominic		Saldin Dominique: native of Modena, Italy, 30, 5ft 8 ½ ins, brown complexion, brown eyes, black hair; died 13 August 1804
66	Suttor Conrad		Settor Conrad: 'Volunteered for East Indies paid to 10 May' 1802
67	Schmitt Henry	Deserted 25 May	
68	Schmid George	Deserted 25 May	
69	Schweigert Jos.	Deserted 1 June	
70	Stock George	Dismissed 5 June	
71	Schiganofsky Jean		Deserted 3 December 1801
72	Urbanofsky Jean		Urbanofsky Stanislas: native of Košna, Poland, a labourer, 23, 5ft 10ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; Prisoner of War 1813 (Lake Ottawa) – exchanged and again on 17 September 1814 (Fort Erie) – returned after peace; discharged with a pension in England on 24 October 1816 with 'debility of the right hand caused by a fracture of the clavicles' [sic].
73	Weinhard August		Wanhard Auguste: native of 'Gans', [?], 22, 5ft 8ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, blond hair ; discharged as invalid 24 May 1809
74	Weingarten Joseph		Weingartner Joseph: native of [?], Germany, 28, 5ft 9 ½ ins, clear complexion, grey eyes, blond hair; as Corporal died 1 October 1808
75	Wiederhold Jean		Died 10 November 1801
76	Wiederkehr Thomas		Died 30 November 1801 in hospital at Malta
77	Walter François		Walter François: native of Weissenvazer [Weißensee?], Germany,

			23, 5ft 5ins, clear complexion, blue eyes, brown hair; died 17 January 1813
78	Weeber Joseph	<i>Next month:</i> To Grenadier Company; returned to Villatte's in 1802	'Volunteered for East Indies paid to 10 May' 1802