

Commemorations at Barrosa (Chiclana) – 5 March 2011



PW200 & the Royal Irish Fusiliers Group at Barrosa Hill.



The main parade in Chiclana Plaza.

The bicentenary of the Battle at Barrosa (Chiclana) took place on 5th March 2011 and commenced with a discreet service at the memorial at Barrosa Hill before moving to Chiclana town centre where the Mayor, José María Román Guerrero and Admiral Don Juan Carlos Muñoz-Delgado y Díaz del Río presided over events and the act of paying homage. Following lunch the group visited the (newly erected) bust of General Graham and then completed the commemorations with a dinner at which the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were in attendance. The Royal Irish Fusiliers group consisted of about 100 all ranks, led by the Regiment's last commanding officer, Major General David The O'Morchoe CB CBE. Colonel Arthur Reid OBE, TD JP DL and Major (retired) Paddy Shortt were responsible for the organisation of the Irish contingent (which included representatives from 2 R IRISH); the group was joined by two officers from the French Army stationed at the NATO Headquarters in Lisbon. It was a thoroughly agreeable affair and a fitting tribute to the many thousands of men who fell that day, two hundred years ago.



At the bust of General Sir Thomas Graham (Lord Lynedoch)



Sun sets on the Barrosa Monument at Barrosa Hill.



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