

Commemorations at Fuentes de Oñoro – 5 May 2011



Church Service at Local Village Church .



Col Lipscombe, José Ramón Cid - Lord Douro -
Fransesc Pintado - Isidoro Alanís.

The commemorations for the Battle of Fuentes de Oñoro took place on 5 May 2011 on the border of Spain and Portugal. Don Raúl Berzosa, the Bishop of Ciudad Rodrigo, held a Service of Mass at the local church before the group moved to the Plaza Fuerte de Almeida where an obelisk had been erected in commemoration of the Battle. One side of the monument has the face of the Great Duke while the reverse has that of Don Julian Sanchez "El Charro", probably the most successful of all the Spanish guerrilla leaders and a local hero. The Mayor, Don Isidoro Alanís, and Lord Douro, Duke of Ciudad Rodrigo, the eldest son of the (present) Duke of Wellington made speeches which were very warmly received by the international crowd. Then followed a march-past by the soldiers from the Engineer Regiment No. 11, based in Salamanca, led by the Engineer Brigade band. José Ramón Cid, who had set up an exhibition in the local Town Hall depicting the War in general, the Battle in particular and many of the events surrounding actions at this strategic border crossing point, then provided a tour of his exposition before the entire town enjoyed a buffet lunch in the village square.



The nations' flags are raised.



Lord Douro addresses the assembly.



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