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This book, originally published in 1837, recounts the experiences and adventures of Captain John Patterson and the 50th, or Queen's Own Regiment, during the Napoleonic Wars from 1807 to 1821. The narrative offers detailed accounts of military campaigns, battles, and the daily life of soldiers. It highlights key events such as the expedition to Cadiz, the battle at Vimeiro, and operations in Spain and Portugal. The author's purpose is to document the regiment's service and valor,

with a dedication to Queen Victoria. The book is primarily intended for readers interested in military history and the personal experiences of soldiers in the early 19th century.

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