Lieut. Col. Sir Henry Sullivan-Bart MP, Coldstream Guards

Henry Edridge

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Height: 45.5 cm (17.9")

Width: 32 cm (12.6")

Description

A mezzotint engraving by William Bond after the portrait of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Henry Sullivan of the Coldstream Guards by Henry Edridge (1769 - 1821).

Sullivan fought in the Peninsular War and, as the print's subtitle notes, was Killed in the Sortie from Bayonne on the 14th of April 1814. This was the last action of the Peninsular War. Despite knowing that Napoleon had abdicated, the French governor of Bayonne, General Thouvenot led a sortie of 5000 men in the middle of the night to break the British siege. Despite his gallantry, Sullivan was one of over 500 Guards who lost their lives in the needless battle.

This full-length portrait by Henry Edridge shows Sir Henry resting his Shako helmet on a cannon with the sea and a castle with union jack in the background. Edridge was a noted portrait artist and is well represented in the National Portrait Gallery as well as other museums. He is also known to have painted a watercolour of William H Pitt, also of the Coldstream Guards. Pitt was wounded at Bayonne. Circa 1815.

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