



**French Imperial Guard horse-drawn artillery at Military Odyssey, Kent, over the August Bank Holiday 2006.**



**Guard artillery in action at Military Odyssey. Details of the event can be found at [www.military-odyssey.com](http://www.military-odyssey.com)**

- to deal in slaves.
- 1813 Slave trading is banned by Sweden.
  - 1814 Slave trading is banned by The Netherlands.
  - 1817 Slave trading is abolished by France although it is not made effective until 1826. Great Britain and Spain sign a treaty prohibiting the slave trade.

## Royal Naval Museum Portsmouth Collections Database

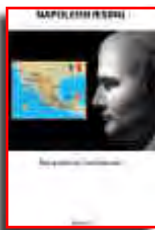
This museum has recently made its collection of manuscripts available online, which will provide naval historians with greater access to the records held at there. The database may be used to search for catalogue descriptions of over 12,000 manuscripts items held at the Museum. The database currently includes two distinct collections, each of which is made available to researchers in the Library reading room.

The Royal Naval Museum Manuscript Collection database includes over 10,000 catalogue records for all accessions added to the Museum's archive since 1952.

The Admiralty Library manuscripts database includes records for 1,800 manuscripts in the Admiralty Library collection. The Museum's oral history, art, photographic and artefact collections will be added to the database between 2006 and 2008. For details of

how to access these databases and search for specific information go to their website [www.royalnavalmuseum.org](http://www.royalnavalmuseum.org)

## What If Napoleon Bonaparte Sided With America?



### New Book tells an astonishing fictional take on history

Many historians consider Napoleon Bonaparte as one of the most astonishing rulers who ever lived. His strong leadership and effective strategies brought France to a near domination of Europe. Aside from having a winning record of battles, Napoleon is also remembered for establishing the Napoleonic Code, which influenced the law systems of many other countries. In paying tribute to the historical leader, author Pierre Michel Combaluzier invites readers to take part in a fictional portrayal of the life and times of Napoleon with the release of his compelling new book *Napoleon Rising*.

The text examines what would have happened had Napoleon survived and reached the United States on Christmas Eve of 1800. The

story begins when the strongman is rescued from exile by French expatriates and the American government, which is working secretly against the British. As such, Napoleon uses his political connections and family to work with the Americans on a common cause. How much impact would Napoleon make on America's political scene and global standing? Read the book to find out.

With its very unique plot and detailed look at both European and American history, *Napoleon Rising* is bound to not just entertain curious readers but also spark a new wave of debates concerning history and politics. It brings to life an alternative analysis of history like no other book and readers will be captivated by the author's style of storytelling. *Napoleon Rising* is a must-read and you can now order a copy of it by visiting your local bookstore or by logging on at [Xlibris.com](http://Xlibris.com) today.

### **Napoleon Rising by Pierre Michel Combaluzier**

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## Thought for the Day!

If you throw a grenade onto a kitchen floor in France, do you get Linoleum Blownaparte? Boom! Boom!

# The Last Thing . . .

**Dave Watkins, FINS**

## Issue 92 marks a first!

This issue is the first in which we have paid for articles from subscribers and it also

marks the increase in the number of colour pages, so now you have no excuse for not submitting articles and nice colour pics and maps! Details can be found at our web site, so get those articles coming in!

## Finally...

Marry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all, onwards and upwards *Mes Amis!*

