

The Battle of Flodden Moor 1513

This is a picture of the cross, erected about 1900, on the site of the battle of Flodden, which was fought between James IV of Scotland, and the English, under the Earl of Surrey. Henry VIII was away fighting in France. The Scots, yet again had thought to invade England whilst the King was abroad.



Flodden is near Coldstream in North East England, and is of interest to us because a large contingent of men (4,000) was recruited from the Lune Valley by Edward, Lord Stanley. These were mainly archers, and took little part in the battle, until later in the day, when their arrival and deployment was a turning point. James IV was killed, as were many Scottish noblemen. This gave rise to a piper's lament "Flowers of the Forest" played today in Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

Edward, Lord Stanley, was created 1st Baron Monteagle by Henry VIII, and he built the Monteagle Tower in Hornby in thanks giving. His son Thomas, 2nd baron Monteagle is buried in Melling Church. He died in 1564. His father died in 1523, but the whereabouts of his burial place is in some doubt.

When the Scots sing "O flower of Scotland" at Football matches, they are commemorating the Scottish victory over the English at Bannockburn in 1314. So far as we know there is no anthem for the return match 200 years later.

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