

HARAGLI, JEAN (1776-1815)

A Copt who became an officer in Napoleon's armies. Haragli was born 15 May 1776 at Manfalut, Upper Egypt, the son of Ghubriyal Haragli and Malakiyet. He obtained a fair education from the town priest, who nominated him as deacon of his church and continued to instruct him in the Coptic language, which was then nearly defunct. As a young man, on the orders of his cousin Colonel Gabriel SIDARUS, he joined the Coptic Legion, newly founded by General Ya'qub (see YA'QUB, GENERAL) in Cairo, and served as an officer.

Apparently Haragli left [Egypt](#) with the retreating French army of Napoleon Buonaparte. He continued his military career as an officer in the French army, joining the Bataillon des Chasseurs d'Orient at its formation in Marseilles in 1802. With his cousin, who had also left Egypt, he participated in most of the Napoleonic wars. He was a member of the regiment that fought in Dalmatia (Yugoslavia), the Ionian islands, and [Italy](#) until its dissolution in 1813.

Haragli was awarded the [Legion](#) of Honor in 1806 and achieved the rank of colonel in 1808. He was then placed on reserve for a while but later resumed active service. He was killed at the [Battle of Waterloo](#), 18 June 1815.

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