FRANCE Napoleon Bonaparte Emperor of France, conquered much of Europe before being defeated in 1814. Escaped exile to command French army at Waterloo



Marshal Grouchy Led French right wing during Waterloo campaign. Failed to

stop Prussians from linking up with Anglo-allied army

Marshal Nev Responsible for French left wing. His futile attempts to break Allied line wasted French cavalry and proved pivotal to battle

TIMELINE OF THE BATTLE

11:30: French launch diversionary attack on chateau of Hougoumont battle continues all day

2 13:00: Massive artillery bombardment precedes main assault on Allied left. Advance beaten back by musket and cannon fire

3 14:30: Allied cavalry attack scatters French. but charge loses control and suffers heavy losses



4 15:00: Napoleon orders attack on stronghold of La Haye Sainte in attempt to destroy Allied centre

The Battle of Waterloo

The Battle of Waterloo, fought in Belgium on June 18, 1815, saw the final defeat of Napoleon and ended more than two decades of European wars that had begun with the French Revolution



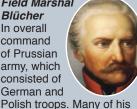


ALLIES Duke of Wellington British general led Angloallied army at Waterloo.

Had beaten French in many previous battles but had not faced Napoleon before

Field Marshal Blücher In overall command of Prussian army, which consisted of German and

men were untried militia



French Anglo-allied 19:30 hrs Infantry army: 68,000* Brown Bess" Cavalry flintlock musket Mont St. Jean Artillery Victory **Prussians** 50,000 Anglo-allied Infantry Frichermont La Haye Cavalry Sainte Artillery Allied Hougoumont victory 16:30 hrs Brussels BELGIUM Waterloo Plancenoit 10km Mon Plaisir 6 miles French (Armée du Nord): 73,000 Jun 18 1km 0.6 miles *British, Dutch, Belgian, German Jun 17 5 16:00-18:00: Massed After Waterloo French cavalry charges fail Power balance Quatre Jun 16 to break Allied defensive brought century Bras square formations of relative peace Ligny Jun 15 Nev to Europe 6 16:30: Prussians begin Charleroi arriving, forcing French to **GREAT** defend Plancenoit BRITAIN Neth. 7 18:00: La Have Sainte EMPIRE falls. Allied centre buckles 500km but Prussian arrival allows German states 300 miles Wellington to reinforce line FRANCE 8 20:10: Final attack by Portugal Napoleon's elite Imperial Guard halted and thrown back. Allies advance as Spain French army collapses Ottoman LOSSES Empire Italian States 48,000 French 17,000 Anglo-allied 7,000

Prussians

Boundary of German Confederation, 1815