

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 Ney

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
- 13:00:** Massive artillery bombardment precedes main assault on Allied left. Advance beaten back by musket and cannon fire
- 14:30:** Allied cavalry attack scatters French, but charge loses control and suffers heavy losses

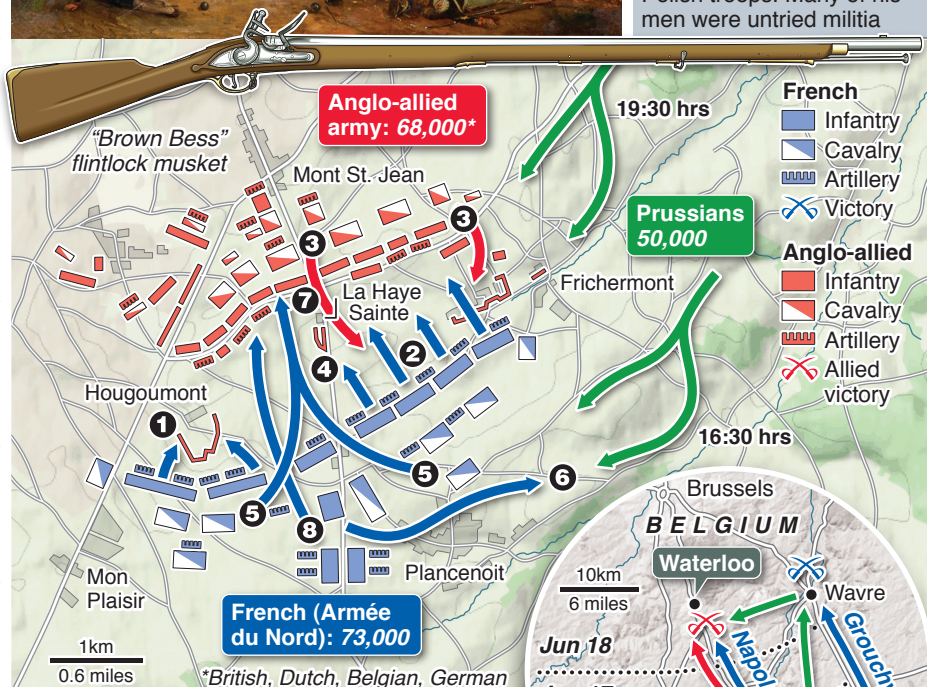


Charge of the Royal Scots Greys

- 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



- 16:00-18:00:** Massed French cavalry charges fail to break Allied defensive square formations
- 16:30:** Prussians begin arriving, forcing French to defend **Plancenoit**
- 18:00:** La Haye Sainte falls. Allied centre buckles but Prussian arrival allows Wellington to reinforce line
- 20:10:** Final attack by Napoleon's elite Imperial Guard halted and thrown back. Allies advance as French army collapses

LOSSES

French	48,000
Anglo-allied	17,000
Prussians	7,000

After Waterloo
Power balance brought century of relative peace to Europe



ALLIES

Duke of Wellington

British general led Anglo-allied 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 Polish troops. Many of his men were untried militia

