

DRAFT LIST OF POTENTIAL TOPICS – BATTLE OF WATERLOO STUDY

The battle fought on Sunday, 18 June 1815, near Waterloo in present-day Belgium, then part of the United Kingdom of the Netherlands, ended 23 years of almost constant European conflict and marked the final defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte, who conquered much of Europe in the early 19th century. The Battle of Waterloo is one of the most studied and documented battles in history.

The battle has been broken down into topics below. Please identify which, if any, you would like to present. Choose as many as you would like. You may pair up with classmates for the presentation.

1. Leadup to the battle (e.g. Battle of Leipzig, Napoleon's defeat, abdication, exile, and return)
2. The Battle of Quatre Bras
3. The Battle of Ligny
4. Pursuit to Wavre
5. Phase 1. Napoleon's first attack (feint on right flank to draw off reserves, the attack left flank)
 - a. Defense of Château Hougoumont
 - b. Defense of La Haie Saint
6. Phase 2. The great cavalry assault on the Duke's centre-right
7. Phase 3. The desperate final assault by the undefeated Imperial Guard, as the Prussians arrive.
8. The aftermath

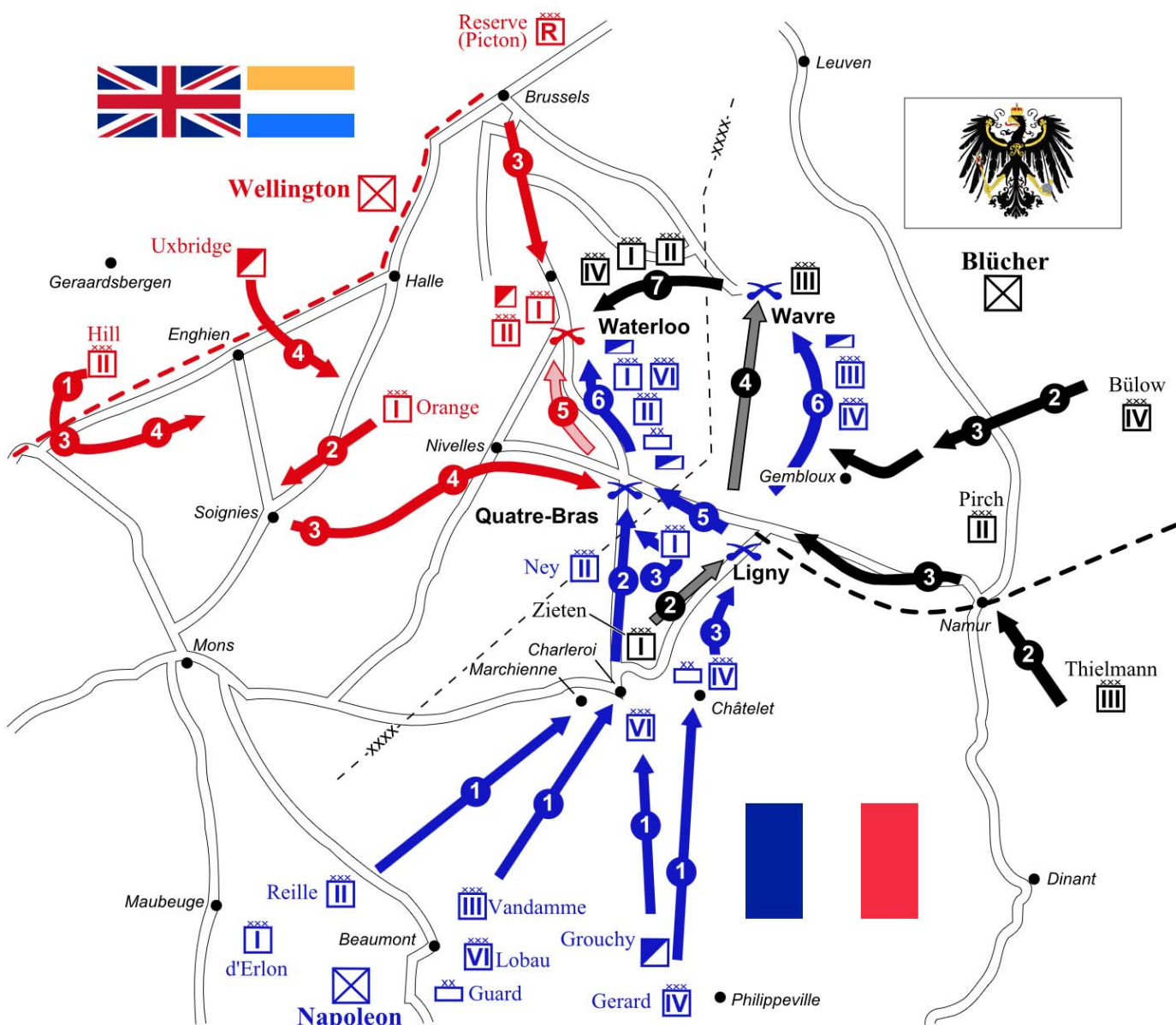
But the battle was far more complicated than a straightforward timeline might suggest. It was above all a story of people, but also of military technology, strategy and tactics.

9. METT-TC. Mission, ~~Enemy~~, Terrain and weather, ~~Troops~~, Time available and Civil considerations
10. The Duke of Wellington, and the Allied British/Dutch Army's personalities and organisation
11. Prince Blücher and the Prussian Army's personalities and organisation
12. Emperor Napoleon and the French Army's personalities and organisation
13. Small arms, personal weapons, uniforms, equipment, medical and logistics
 - a. Allied small arms, personal weapons, uniforms, equipment, medical and logistics
 - b. Prussian small arms, personal weapons, uniforms, equipment, medical and logistics
 - c. French small arms, personal weapons, uniforms, equipment, medical and logistics
14. Deployment and use of cavalry at Waterloo
 - a. Allied cavalry tactics
 - b. Prussian cavalry and tactics
 - c. French cavalry and tactics
15. Infantry battle drill (formations) and tactics at Waterloo
 - a. Allied infantry battle drill (formations) and tactics
 - b. Prussian infantry battle drill (formations) and tactics
 - c. French infantry battle drill (formations) and tactics
16. Deployment of artillery at Waterloo
 - a. Allied artillery and counter-artillery actions at Waterloo
 - b. Prussian artillery and counter-artillery actions at Waterloo
 - c. French artillery and counter-artillery actions at Waterloo (Napoleon's babies)
17. Secret service (suspected to be used) and reconnaissance during the Waterloo Campaign

If anyone is game for A LOT of work, there may be openings for a Duke of Wellington, Slender Billy (AKA the Young Frog), Prince Blücher. Have I forgotten anyone?

Each topic will take from 5 minutes to 45 minutes to present, requiring presenters or teams to be well prepared. PowerPoint masters and other support will be provided, and extensive support is available upon request from the Tutor. Once all topics have been assigned, they will be blocked into 75 minute blocks and scheduled for presentation, with a leader elected for each session. Then, ready, aim, fire!

For questions, please contact Ray at ray.sarlin@ymail.com or 0491 124 666.



- ① 15 June (AM)
- ② 15 June (PM)
- ③ 16 June (AM)
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- ⑦ 18 June (AM)

French movement

Anglo-Dutch movement (advance/retreat)

Prussian movement (advance/retreat)

Anglo-Dutch line of communication

Prussian line of communication

Army boundary

Ligny - 16 June

Quatre-Bras - 16 June

Wavre - 18 June

Waterloo - 18 June

Allied victory

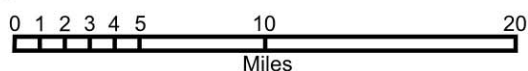
French victory

Headquarters

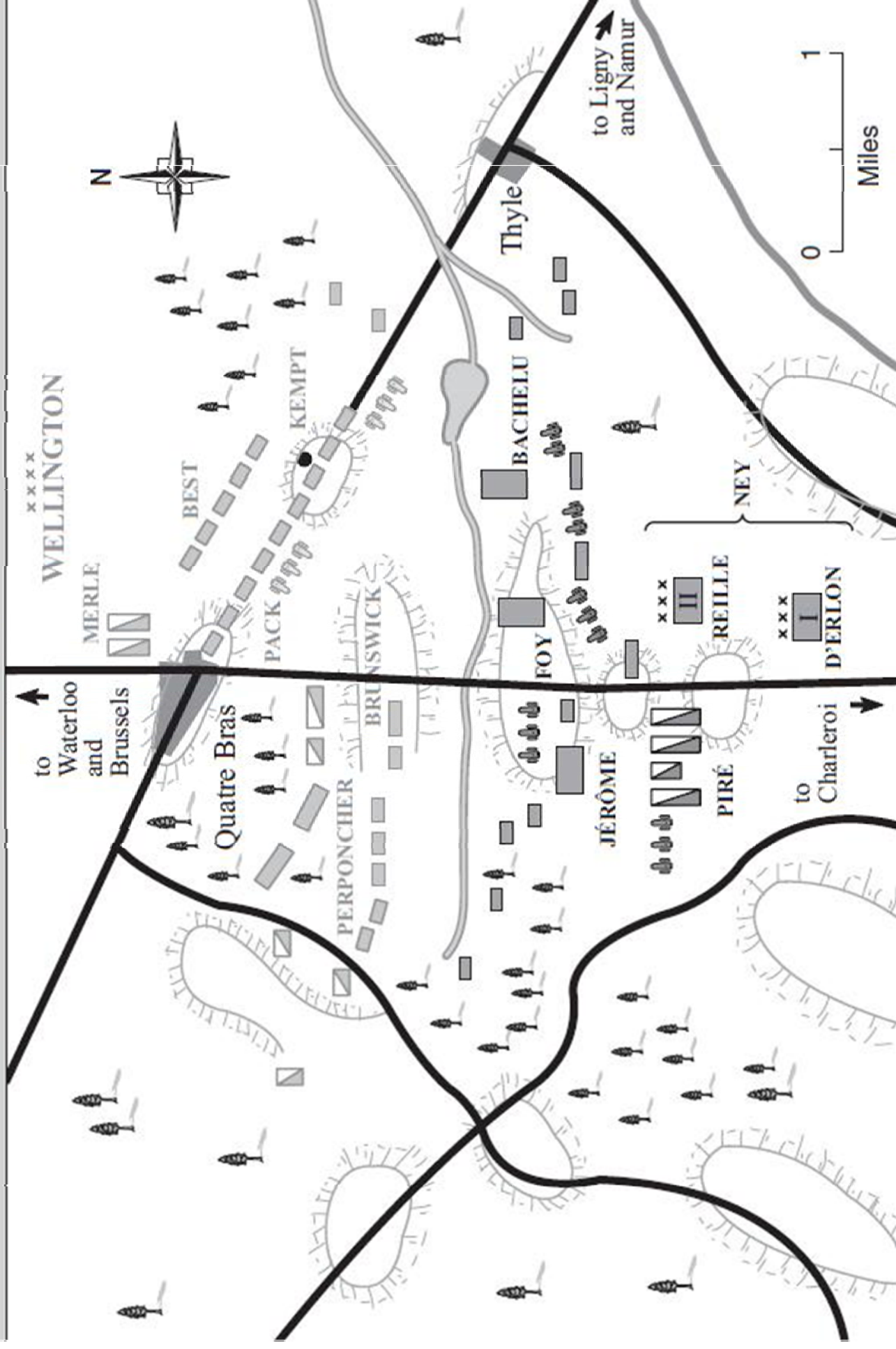
Cavalry (corps/division)

French Imperial Guard

Corps



Battle of Quatre Bras, 16 June 1815: Situation at 3:00 P.M.



Battle of Ligny, 16 June 1815: Situation at 2:15 P.M.



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18th June 1815

SHEET 2ND - CRISIS OF THE BATTLE

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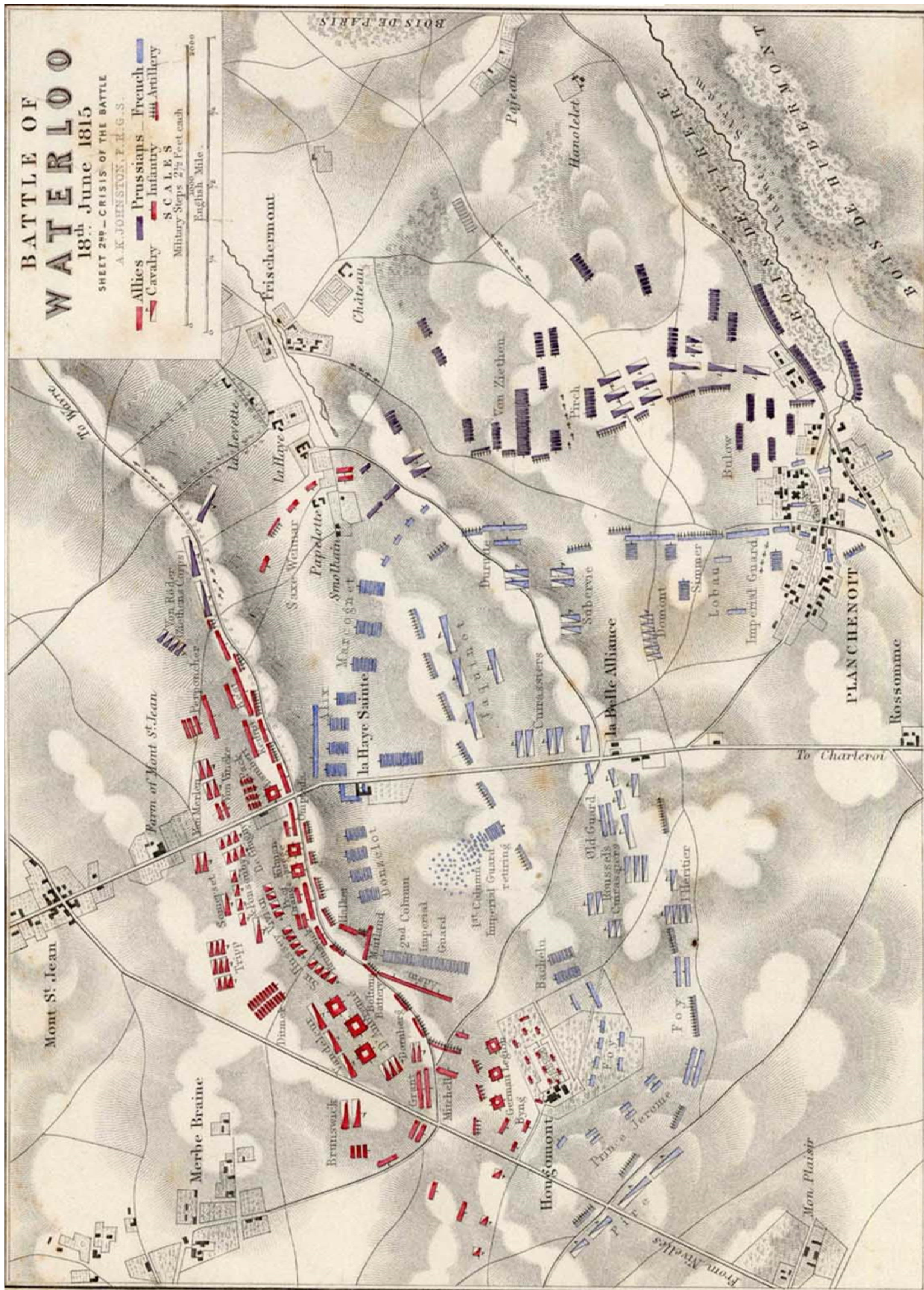
■ Allies ■ Prussians ■ French
■ Cavalry ■ Infantry ■ Artillery

S.C.A.L.E.S.

Military Steps 2 1/2 Feet each

English Mile

French



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