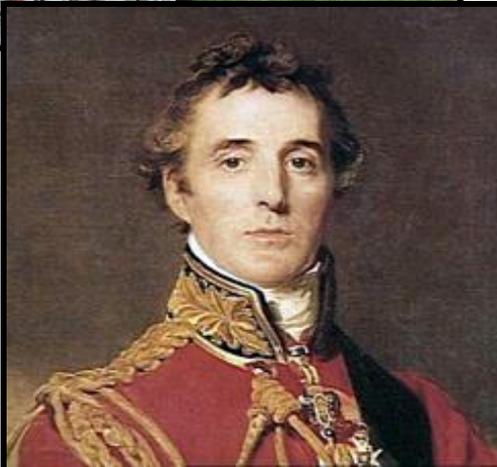
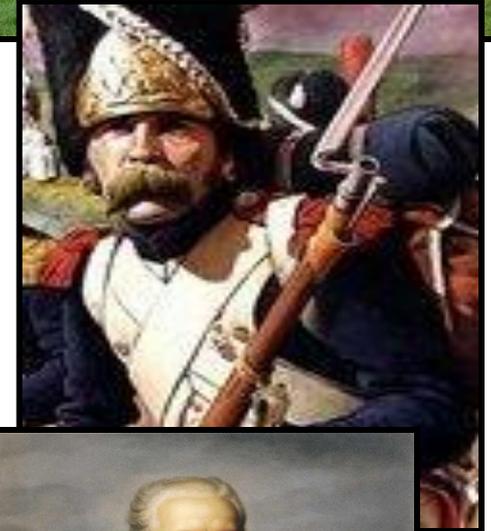


The Battle of Waterloo, 18 June 1815



The 1815 Waterloo Campaign Overview

4 Critical Days in June



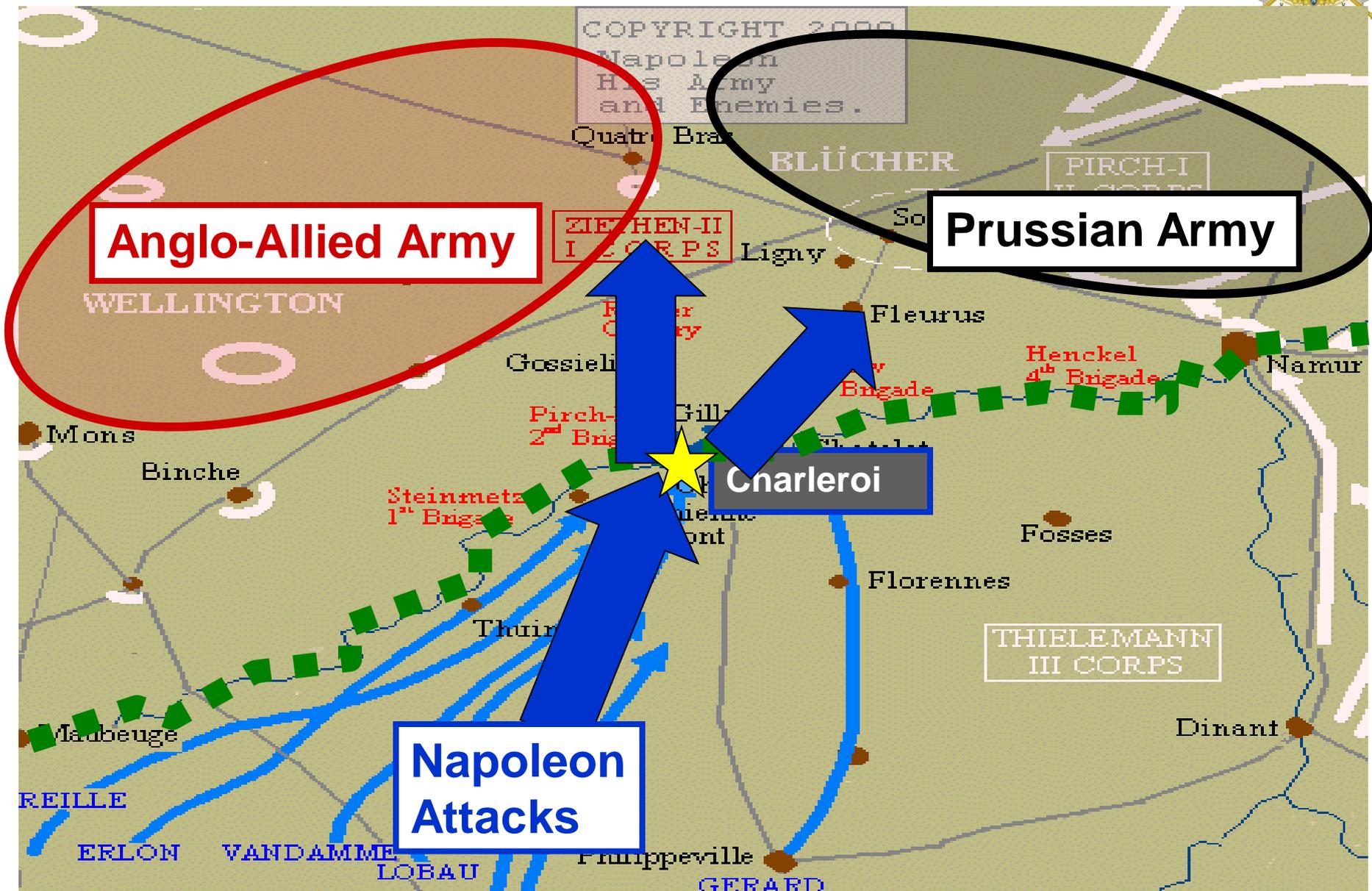
15 June: Napoleon's Army in surprise attack crosses the border into Belgium

16 June: Prelude to Waterloo - Twin Battles of Ligny, Napoleon vs Prussians, and Quatre Bras, Ney vs British, are fought simultaneously

17 June: The Prussian and British Allies retreat North and the French pursue

18 June: The Battle of Waterloo

Napoleon's Strategic Plan of Attack



Anglo-Allied Army

Prussian Army

Napoleon Attacks

Charleroi

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Napoleon
His Army
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STIEHEN-II
I CORPS

THIELEMANN
III CORPS

REILLE

ERLON

VANDAMME

LOBAU

Prinippeville

GERARD

BLÜCHER

PIRCH-I
II CORPS

WELLINGTON

Ligny

Fleurus

Gossiel

Henckel
4th Brigade

Namur

Mons

Binche

Pirch-
2nd Brig

Steinmetz
1st Brigade

Fosses

Florennes

Thuir

Dinant

Maubeuge

18 June, 0800, after Breakfast Napoleon Consults with his Generals



Main Phases of the Battle of Waterloo

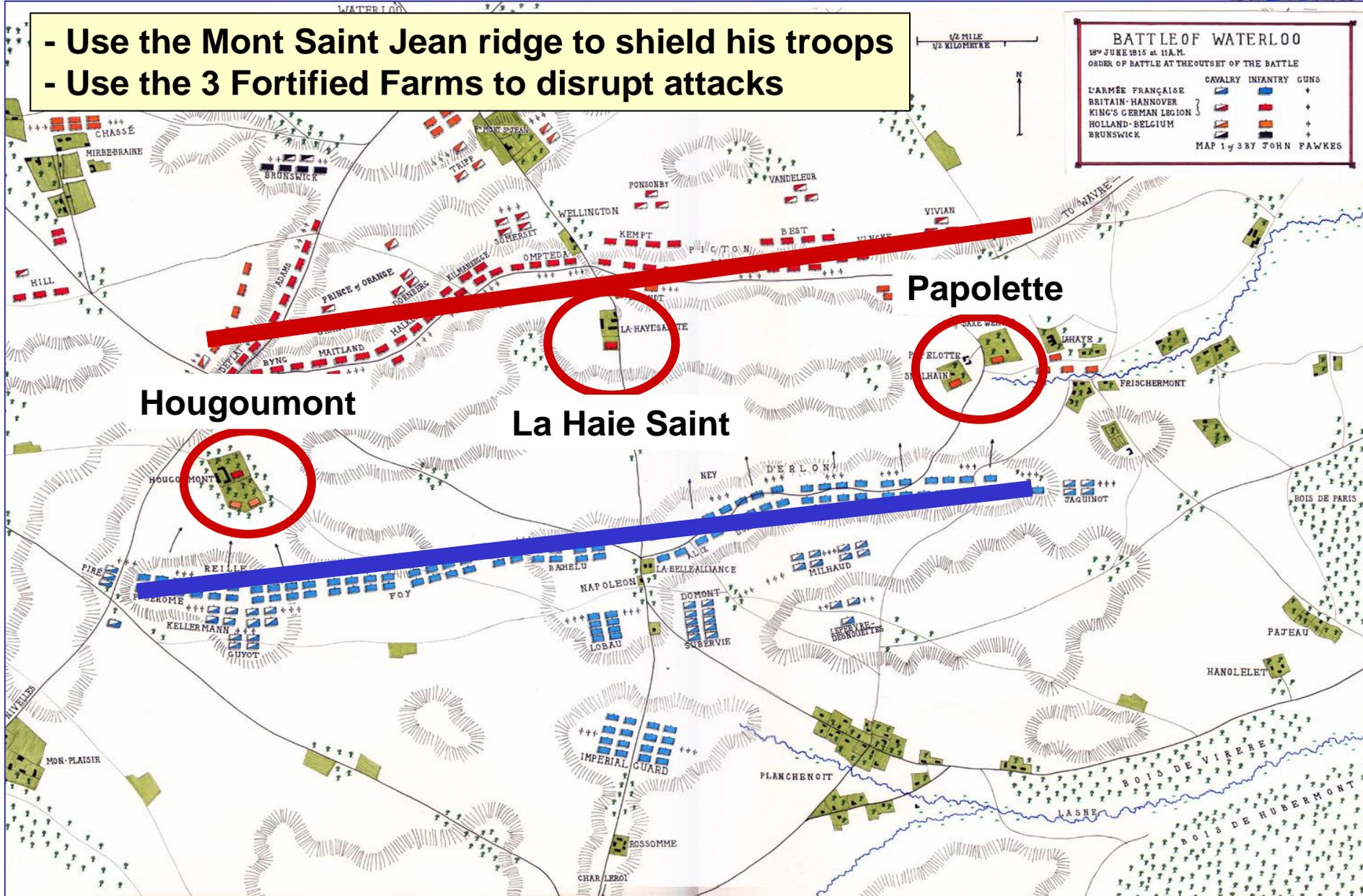


- 1130 - French diversionary attack on Hugoumont
- 1300 - French Artillery bombardment
- 1330 - Count D'Erlon's infantry assault
- 1600 - French Cavalry attacks
- 1700 - The Prussians arrive and attack Placenoit
- 1900 - The attack of the French Imperial Guard
- 2000 - The French Army retreats

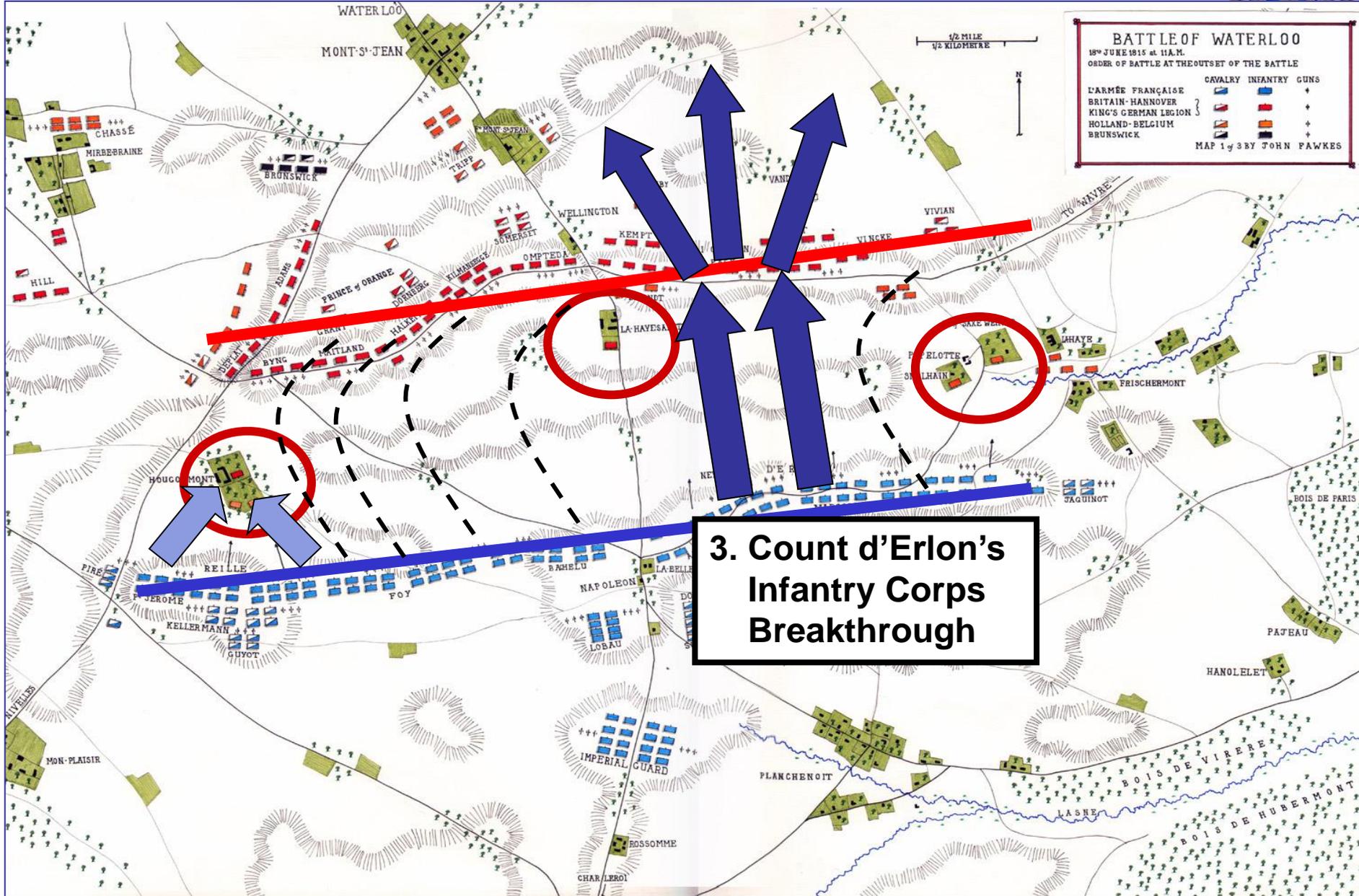
Wellington's Battle Plan: "Defensive"



- Use the Mont Saint Jean ridge to shield his troops
- Use the 3 Fortified Farms to disrupt attacks



Napoleon's Battle Plan: Offensive



Closing the North Gate at Hugoumont



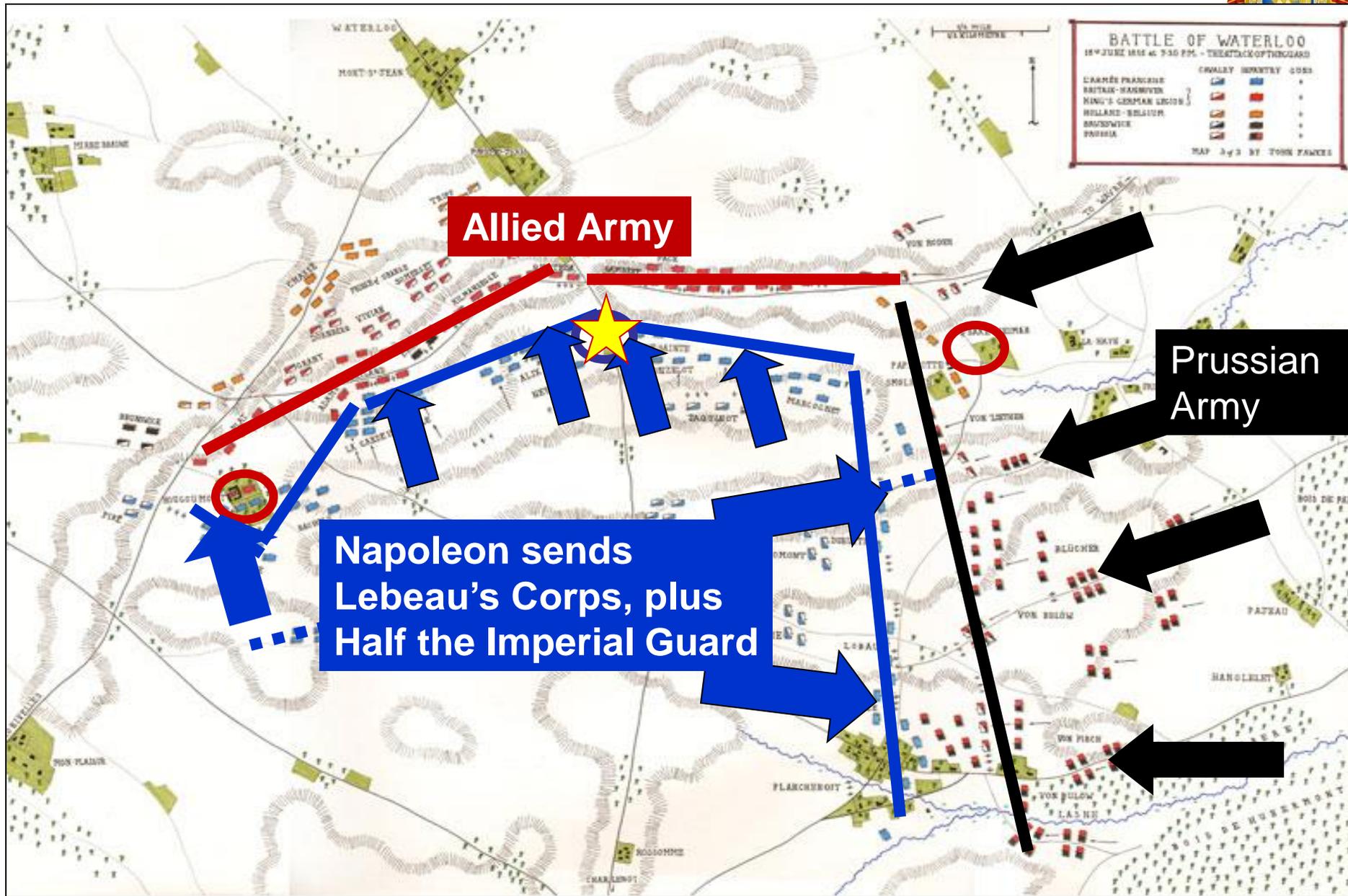
1400, The Allied Line does not Break



1400, The Allied Cavalry Counter Attacks The Charge of the Royal Scots Greys



1700-1800, Prussians Arrive on the Right Flank



1930 The Imperial Guard marches to Battle



The British Infantry Fire is Too Effective, and Followed by a Bayonet Charge



2015, The Imperial Guard Retreats The Allies go over onto the Attack



2145, Wellington and Blucher meet at La Belle Alliance

