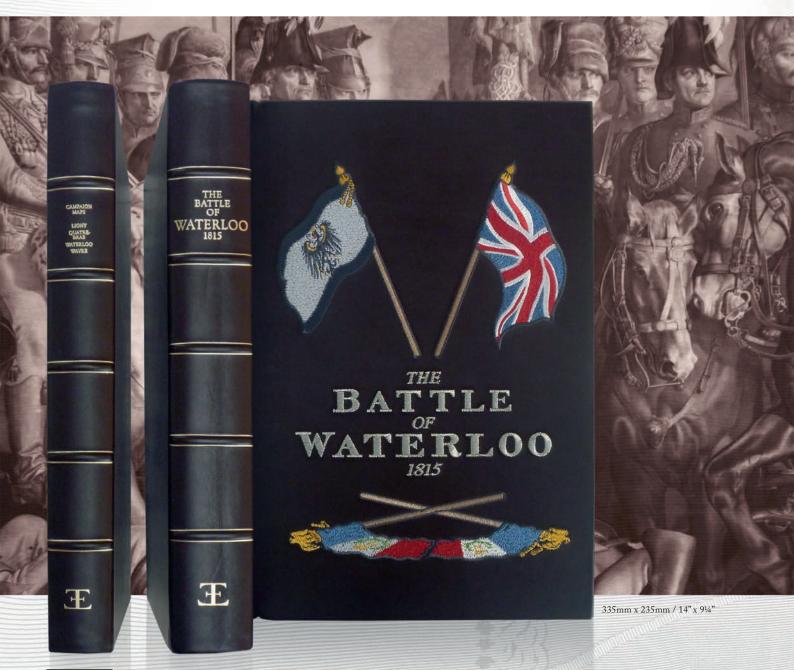
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L uses William Mudford's An Historical Account of the Campaign in the Netherlands, in 1815, under His Grace The Duke of Wellington and Marshal Prince Blucher, to provide the spine of the book. Interspersed throughout the text are the letters, reports and recollections from men of both sides and all nationalities, some famous, many obscure, but all writing with the visceral voice of a frontline participant.

We have scoured the libraries, the archives and the private collections to assemble a wealth of original sources which will bring the battle to life and make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. These are the forgotten voices of Waterloo, reminding us of the astonishing events of the 16th, 17th and 18th June 1815. The result is an extraordinarily vivid depiction of the battle through the eyes of the men who were there. It is their voices that we seek to remember and their experiences that we seek to preserve for generations to come.

We have sourced the final notes and letters written immediately before and after the battle by the Duke himself from the collection of his papers at Southampton University. As well as numerous letters and accounts from men of all sides and all ranks. We have also reproduced The Duke's first draft of the Waterloo Dispatch in its entirety, fully transcribed and with footnotes.

THE ILLUSTRATIONS

Interspersed throughout the book there are over 200 prints, maps, diagrams and facsimile documents, culled from sources across Europe and the United States.

Each image has been scanned at a high resolution and then digitally corrected before being proofed prior to printing. While we take great pains to remove any blemishes or marks, we take care to retain the original patina of each image, not over cleaning, so that they retain their original feel and look.

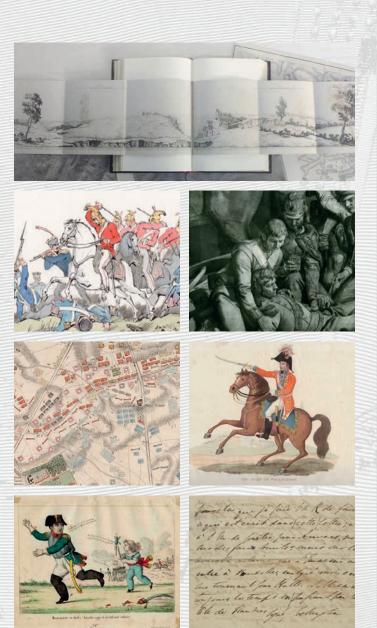
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In addition there are a series of 34 etchings, originally published by John Booth, which have been beautifully coloured by renowned water colourist Peter Frith, to match the originals.

There is also a remarkable selection of sketches and Napoleonic satires from the Anne S K Brown Library.

We have also thoroughly researched Siborne's letters and papers in the British Library for sketches and diagrams from his correspondents.

The famous panorama of the battlefield published by John Booth will be tipped into the book, as will the plan of the battle from Jones, a battle panorama from Mudford and a stunning etching of Daniel Maclise's panel of Wellington meeting Blucher.



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THE MAPS

The smaller maps are reproduced within the book. They include the campaign maps and battle plans published by Jones and Mudford.

The larger maps comprising all 8 of Siborne's famous anaglyptographs are folded and presented within a separate portfolio. This has enabled us to recreate them full size and to preserve the three dimensional effect created by their exceptionally fine engraving. This can be seen to best effect when a light source is placed at the centre of the top of the maps and a little experimentation will reward the reader with a stunning image of the topography.

Siborne's maps include two each of Quatre Bras [3pm & 9pm], Ligny [2.30pm & 8.30pm], Waterloo [11.30pm & 8.30pm] and Wavre 18th & 19th].

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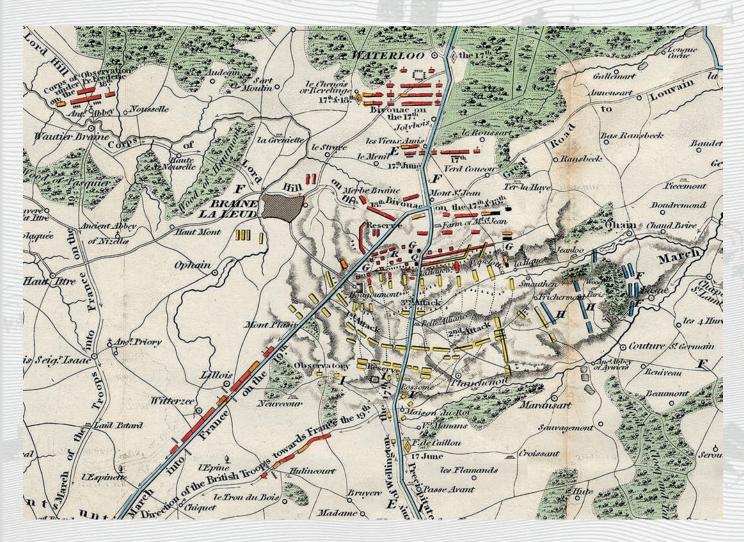
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