

The Battle of Waterloo

Sunday 8th June 1815

06:30

Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington, arrives at Waterloo.

08:00

Napoleon Bonaparte eats breakfast, prepares to fight at 9AM. Both sides know the Prussians (Anglo-allied side) are due to arrive from the East.

10:00

Church bells ring out at Waterloo and Brussels for Sunday mass, the fighting is delayed as the ground is waterlogged, much to Napoleons dismay.

11:20

The battle actually begins. Fighting takes place to gain the farmhouse at Hougomont in the valley of the field. The French advance fist led by Jerome Bonaparte.

11:30

The gardener and his 5 year old daughter left at Hougomont are escorted from the site.

12:15

The Anglo-Allies take and hold Hougomont, mostly the King’s German regiments remain at Hougomont.

12:40

The Anglo-Allies close the gates to the farmhouse at Hougomont, any French left inside are killed.

13:00

Napoleon orders a blanket firing of 62 cannons to fire into the ridge.

14:00

The 95th Rifles take the small farmhouse at La Haye Sainte in the ridge, attempts to close the gates but struggles as most of the wood was used as firewood the previous night.

14:20

The Highland regiments charge into the ridge, the sunken road, with bayonets.

14:40

French and Anglo-Allied cavalries charge the ridge.

15:20

Marshal Ney orders that efforts are to be doubled so the French an take La Haye Sainte, Ney also orders another cavalry charge on the ridge.

15:30

The Prussians finally arrive to the area, skirmishing to the East of Waterloo.

16:00

Ney’s reinforcements of 7000 arrive at La Haye Sainte.

16:35

Prussians actually get to the battle field of Waterloo.

16:45

550 Anglo-Allied left to defend La Haye Sainte against 7000 French, the French set fire to the barn.

18:30

The French successfully take and hold La Haye Sainte.

19:00

The Prince of Orange orders the Anglo-Allies to re-take Lay Haye Sainte, his orders are met with protests about it being impossible.

19:20

The Prussians claim Plancenoit, the other farmhouse in the ridge.

19:50

Napoleon sends in his elite Imperial Guard, they are quickly defeated.

19:55

The Imperial Guard make a swift retreat.

21:00

The fighting at the Battle of Waterloo is over, Anglo-Allied victory!

22:00

Wellington signs documents stating the battle is officially over.

23:00

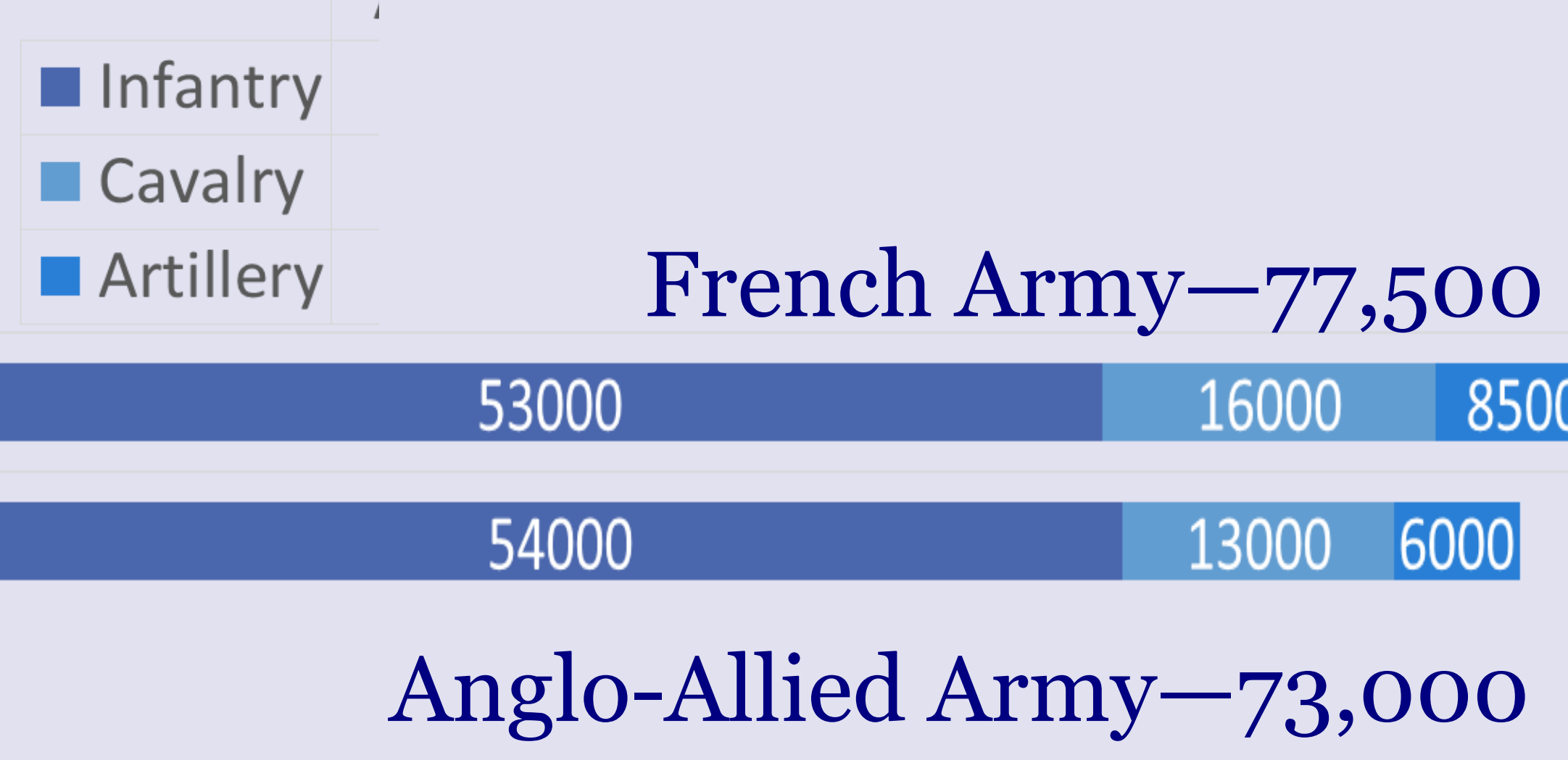
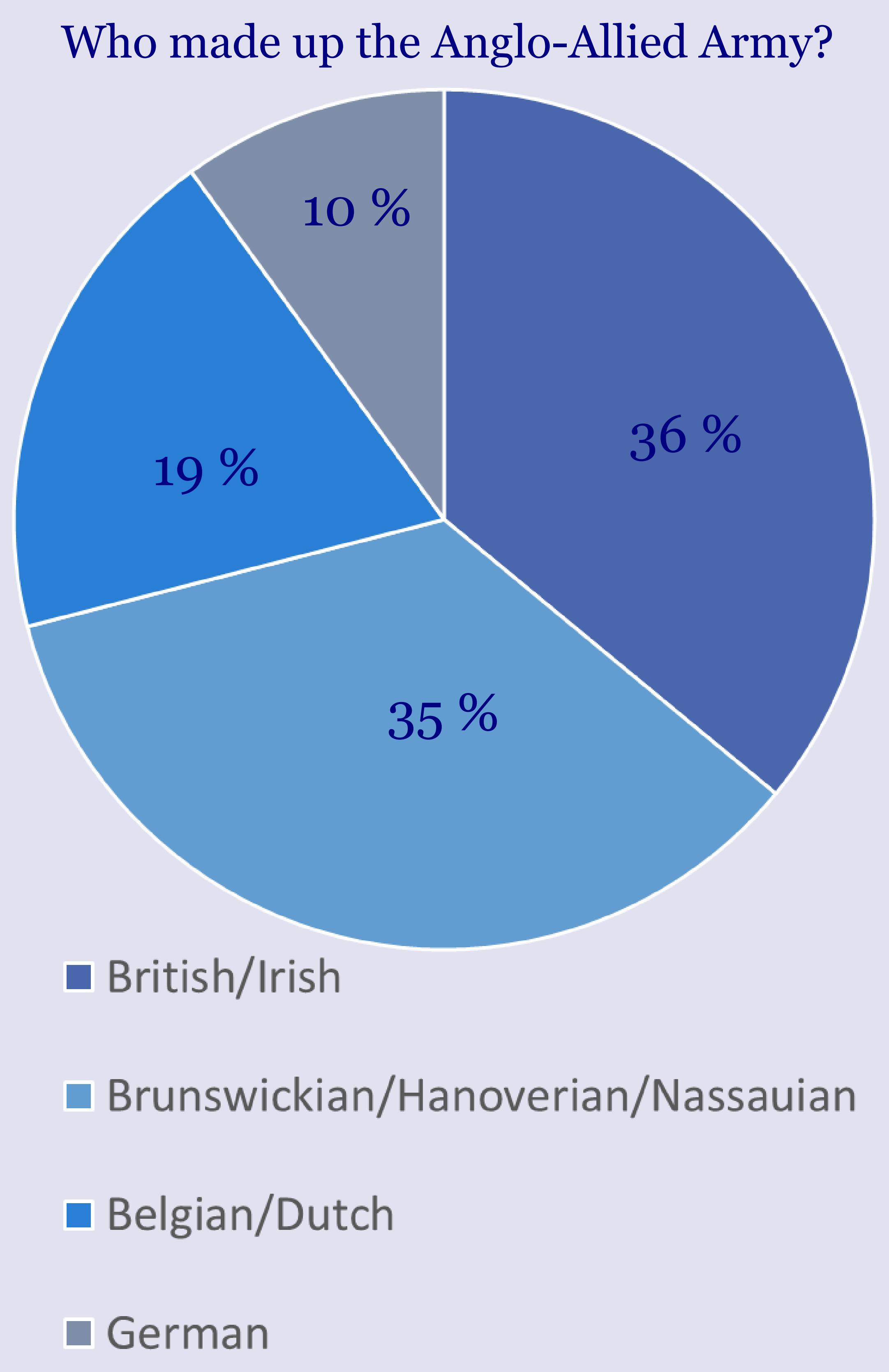
Wellington sits to eat his dinner and write the official dispatches to send back to England, the battle has been won by the Anglo-Allies but with heavy casualties.

23:15

Napoleon is seen crossing the French borders after his defeat.

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of all men die at Waterloo



4,000m²

Size of the battle field at Waterloo

At the peak of the battle there were:

200,000

Men

60,000

Horses

54,000

Casualties

79,000

Wounded

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