



**THE  
NEW WATERLOO  
DISPATCH 2015**

**JUNE 18 1815 NAPOLEON DEFEATED  
A GREAT ALLIED VICTORY!  
HOW THE NEWS  
REACHED BRITAIN!**

*1. Two French eagles captured by British heavy cavalry at the Battle of Waterloo in early afternoon - 18 June 1815. 2. The Duke of Wellington writing the dispatch*



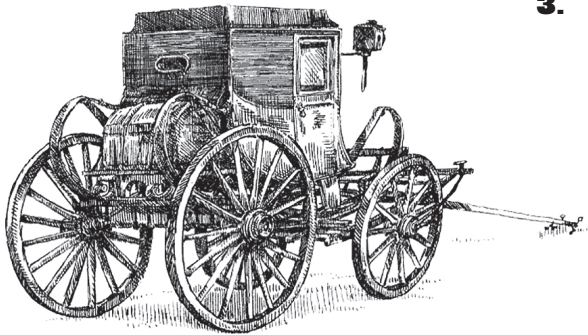
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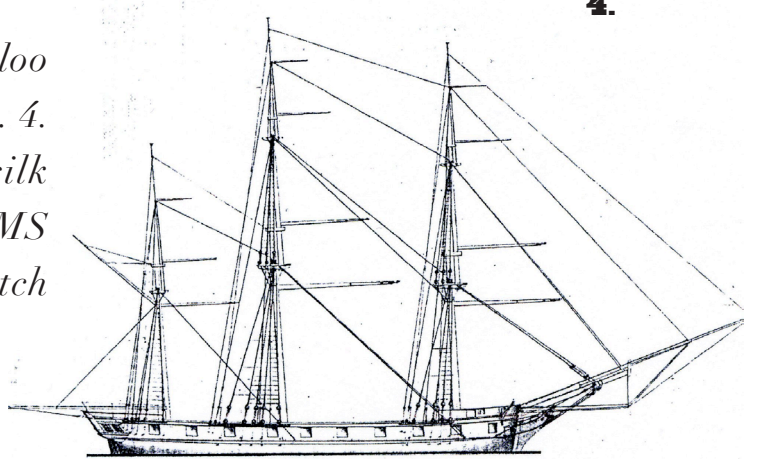


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3. Post chaise leaves Waterloo with dispatch and two eagles. 4. Major Henry Percy's purple silk dispatch case. 5. The sloop HMS Peruvian carries the dispatch across the Channel.



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6. 44 Grosvenor Square where the news of Waterloo was first publicly announced. 7. 16 St James's Square, where Mrs Boehm's lavish ball was interrupted by the news of the great victory (house far left). 8. Major Percy lays the captured French eagles (two) before the Prince Regent in the ballroom (now in the East India Club).

# **THE NEW WATERLOO DISPATCH PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2015**

## **THURSDAY JUNE 18 (BELGIUM)**

Formal ceremonies will take place on and near the battlefield at Chateau Hougomont, the Lion Mound and the Wellington Museum in Waterloo. Descendants are being invited to pay homage to their ancestors. A horse-drawn post chaise then leaves with the New Waterloo Dispatch for Brussels.

## **FRIDAY JUNE 19 (BELGIUM/THE CHANNEL AND BRITAIN)**

Official ceremonies with the post chaise party take place in the Grande Place, Brussels, involving VIPs and dignitaries from those nations involved in the Congress of Vienna. The Dispatch is to be presented to the European Union and the Mayor of Brussels. Further ceremonies will take place in the Channel port of Bruges (a port served by canals) and Ostend. A Royal Naval frigate and the flagship of the Sea Cadets then cross the Channel, delivering the Dispatch to Broadstairs. A Channel Challenge for pilot gigs will commemorate the 20 miles rowed by Percy and others.

## **SATURDAY JUNE 20 (BRITAIN)**

An arrival event at Broadstairs is then to be followed by the departure of the post chaise party for Canterbury, where there is a service to be held in the cathedral. In London, a Regency Fayre will open in St James's Square, where music, various performances, sundry stalls and other events will take place.

## **SUNDAY JUNE 21 (LONDON)**

The post chaise and four, after travelling on from Canterbury, leaves Greenwich and travels through London, crossing Tower Bridge, into the City. Ceremonies then take place at the Tower of London, the Guildhall, Hyde Park Corner, Grosvenor Square, Waterloo Place and, finally, in St James's Square, where replicas of the two captured Eagles will be presented at and to the East India Club, which used to be the house, at which Mrs. Boehm's party was disturbed on the 21 June, 1815.

## **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JUNE 27-28 (SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST ENGLAND)**

There are, finally, to be full Waterloo Dispatch ceremonies at Faversham, Sittingbourne, Rochester and Walmer Castle. These events will mark the Dispatch's finale in Britain, just before it travels on to Germany and other European countries, so reflecting the impact of the news on Europe and beyond.

