

# COMMUNICATIONS NAPOLEON'S NEED IN FINAL BATTLE

### Waterloo, Lost 120 Years Ago Could Be Won With Today's Armament Is Declaration of Strategists

By Harry W. Frantz, United Press Staff Correspondent. (Copyright, 1935, by United Press.) WASHINGTON.—(UP)—Napoleon I defeated at Waterloo 120 years ago would have the odds in his favor if that battle were now re-fought with employment of scientific inventions since perfected.

Napoleon was on June 18, 1815, saw the Old Guard fall in its last desperate attempt to drive the English infantry off the crest of a hill in front of Mt. St. Jean. The issue of the battle and the fate of the French empire already had been decided by the failure of Marshal Grouchy to arrive in advance of the Prussians.

Military historians are agreed that Napoleon lost at Waterloo through lack of support from Grouchy, who, lacking specific orders, did not respond to the urgent advice of subordinate officers to rush to the distant but audible cannonade; and through the inability of Marshal Ney's cavalry and infantry, despite desperate heroism, to gain the crest in front of the large English force. Napoleon himself gave Grouchy a large share of the blame.

Strategy Not Out-Dated. Military authorities consulted by the United Press said that Napoleon's strategy in the campaign culminating in the battle of Waterloo, conforming to immutable principles of warfare and would be substantially similar if the campaign were resumed today.

His intention to demolish the English army before the Prussians could come to its aid, and thereby simultaneously clear the road to Brussels were clear purposes not since subjected to criticism. In the actual battle, however, Napoleon's execution was faulty, due in large part to poor staff work and to the absence of effective communications with Grouchy. Under similar circumstances in a campaign today, field telephones promptly would be installed by the signal corps and the safety of communications would be further assured by radio telephony, and if necessary by pyrotechnic displays. Grouchy would have no chance to vacillate for hours before sensing the problem of his commander.

Lacked Vital Information. Long before the fateful hour, Napoleon's air patrols would have reported the approach of the Prussian forces near the scene of battle, and he would have made the necessary re-disposition of forces.

If Napoleon and his legions today were at La Belle Alliance and confronted by the allied British, German, Dutch and Belgian troops of Mt. St. Jean, they would have many alternatives on that fateful June day in 1815.

First, military authorities said, it is very unlikely that a direct frontal attack would be attempted, as the fast moving motorized equipment would afford a fair possibility of flanking the British position from the west. Wellington himself feared such an attack by cavalry, and had uselessly detached a part of his forces.

Secondly, if a direct attack should be attempted, a cavalry charge certainly would not be thought of; the infantry charge would be carefully prepared for, with the possible employment of attack airplanes, armor, smoke screen, and gas.

Artillery Fire Ineffective. Napoleon's artillery was ineffectual because the masses of allied troops back of the hill top were immune from his fire, but in a similar situation today trench mortars, capable of almost vertical fire, could rain shells upon the British behind the infantry line. The demoralization could be aided further by a shower of small air-bombs from attack planes. The air-attackers doubtless would attempt an enfilading fire by machine guns against the English infantry line in the cornfields.

Other means of attack failing, it is theoretically possible that a modern Napoleon would attempt to gain the hill by a massed attack of tanks, followed by infantry.

Napoleon's Forces Stronger. In a modern replica of Waterloo, Wellington as well as Napoleon would have the aid of all modern military devices. The presumption that Napoleon might win is based upon the fact that his failure in 1815 was in large part due to adverse accidents of communications and vague orders. Napoleon theoretically could have brought to the field massed strength in men and guns far greater than that of Wellington.

On the morning of the battle, Wellington had 67,600 men and 186 guns, while Napoleon had 74,000 men and 246 guns. Wellington had the better position. If there had been possibility of a telephone call from Napoleon's headquarters, bringing Grouchy and his corps opportunely by the battlefield, the Prussians could not have flanked the French, and the empire might have been saved.

The Prussian forces arriving at the battlefield on the 18th numbered nearly 52,000 with 104 guns, and gave the allies an overwhelming superiority.

Old War Enemies Meet. LORAIN, Ohio (UP)—German and Austrian veterans now living here were recently the dinner guests of American soldiers they opposed in the trenches during the World war.

Chain Letters Get Odd Names. CLEVELAND (UP)—At least seven chain letter exchanges have been running here. One has been operating as the "Whip of Depression" chain. Another has called itself the "Golden Notarized Chain."

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be erected in its place. The historical landmark was built with money provided by Sen. Bailey, a private citizen. Chicken Dinners Ended. WARRENSBURG, Mo. (UP)—After

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Idle Men Get Double Cleaning. CINCINNATI (UP)—Six men took off their clothing in a relief station here recently. The clothes were placed in a fumigator, a sanitary requirement. A short time later, the clothing was missing and so was another transient. The six men had really been "cleansed out."

Record for Dynamite Safety. NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio (UP)—There is an old saying that "people who play with fire, get burnt."

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