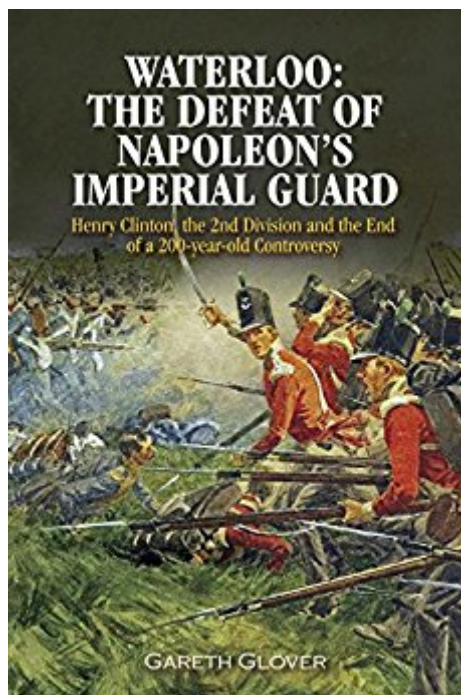


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This is the most detailed account of the 2nd Division at Waterloo ever published. It is based on the papers of its commander Sir Henry Clinton and it reveals for the first time the previously unrecognised vital role this division made in the defeat of Napoleon. "They Swept the Field Clear explains how the division was placed ahead of the main allied squares thus impeding the charges of the French cavalry, and how the 2nd Division supported the defence of Hougoumont, considered by the Duke of Wellington as the key to his victory on 18 June 1815. "Perhaps the most significant aspect of this book is the description of the defeat of Napoleon's Imperial Guard. Just who and how the incomparable Guard was stopped and the driven from the battlefield is explained in detail. Once and for all, this 200-year controversy is finally resolved.

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Allied units participated in the defeat of the Imperial Guards. Gareth Glover's own contribution to this debate is contained in this well-written book, "Waterloo: The Defeat of Napoleon's Imperial Guard", a history of the British 2nd Division in the Waterloo Campaign. Gareth Glover is also the author of the multi-volume "Waterloo Archive", which pulls together surviving primary sources for the Battle of Waterloo, and "Waterloo: Myth and Reality". This book begins by introducing Lieutenant General Sir Henry Clinton, who commanded the 2nd Division. A highly experienced officer, Clinton was already present in Belgium in 1814 as Inspector of the small British Army contingent in the area. Clinton became a divisional commander during the rapid Allied troop build-up preceding the Waterloo campaign. The heart of the narrative is of course 18 June 1815, as the 2nd Division anchored the right flank of the Duke of Wellington's line on Mount St. Jean. Glover recaps the course of the battle, with particular emphasis on its closing stages. His account adds significant detail to the repulse of the Imperial Guard and the final Allied advance. In two not-to-be-missed appendices, he specifically addresses the capture of the French General Cambronne, and the actions of the 52nd Infantry Regiment in the defeat of the French Imperial Guard.

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