

# The Battle of Waterloo - The First Shot

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The Duke of Wellington was on a hill on the battlefield at Waterloo....

All of a sudden a cannon roared into life and a ball went crashing over the Duke's head.

The Duke ordered his Galloper to his side and handed a note to him, telling him "Deliver this on pain of death to His Majesty the King, in London, immediately."

The young soldier rode all day, stopping only to change horses, arriving a day later at Calais. He took a ship to Dover and then galloped off towards London.

It was 3 days later when the soldier reached Buckingham Palace. He banged on the gates shouting, "OPEN IN THE NAME OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON - I MUST SEE THE KING IMMEDIATELY." The exhausted Galloper was immediately led to the King's bed chamber.

The King came to the door in his night clothes and holding a candle up to the soldier's dirty face, demanding to know why he had been awakened at such an hour. "Sire," stammered the soldier, "a message from the Duke of Wellington. I have come direct from the field of battle."

The king tore open the wax-sealed document and read the critical message aloud. It read:

**'CONTACT....WAIT....OUT.'**