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Ronald Welch, *The Road to Waterloo*

The manuscript of *The Road to Waterloo* lay unread among Ronald Welch's papers for more than thirty years after his death and is now published by Slightly Foxed, with specially commissioned illustrations, for the first time.

It is June 1815. Napoleon, recently escaped from Elba, is on the march, and 17-year-old James Carey, a Cornet in the 30th Light Dragoons, is patrolling the frontier between France and present-day Belgium, on the lookout for the arrival of Napoleon's troops. As part of Wellington's great Allied army this is James's first experience of active service, but he's a modest, conscientious and likeable young man, with the added benefit of fluent French, learned from his mother who had fled France during the Revolution – an episode that links this book with the earlier *Escape from France*.

Briefly taken prisoner when his troop encounters an advance party of French Lancers, James manages to escape and takes refuge at a farmhouse where he finds himself sharing accommodation with Wellington's legendary intelligence officer Colonel Colquhoun Grant. It's a timely meeting, for it soon becomes clear there has been a disastrous break in communications. Wellington doesn't yet know that Napoleon has crossed the frontier. Soon James is riding hell for leather to Wellington's headquarters in Brussels with a vital report for the Duke.

The Road to Waterloo is a nail-biting picture of the events leading up to the great battle, of the first encounter of the opposing armies at Quatre Bras, and of the effects of war on a decent and inexperienced young man.

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'I wanted to pass on to you personally the joy that my son (aged 10) has experienced in receiving the Ronald Welch full set. He loves history and reading about battles and adventures, so these books have been an absolute delight for him!'



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