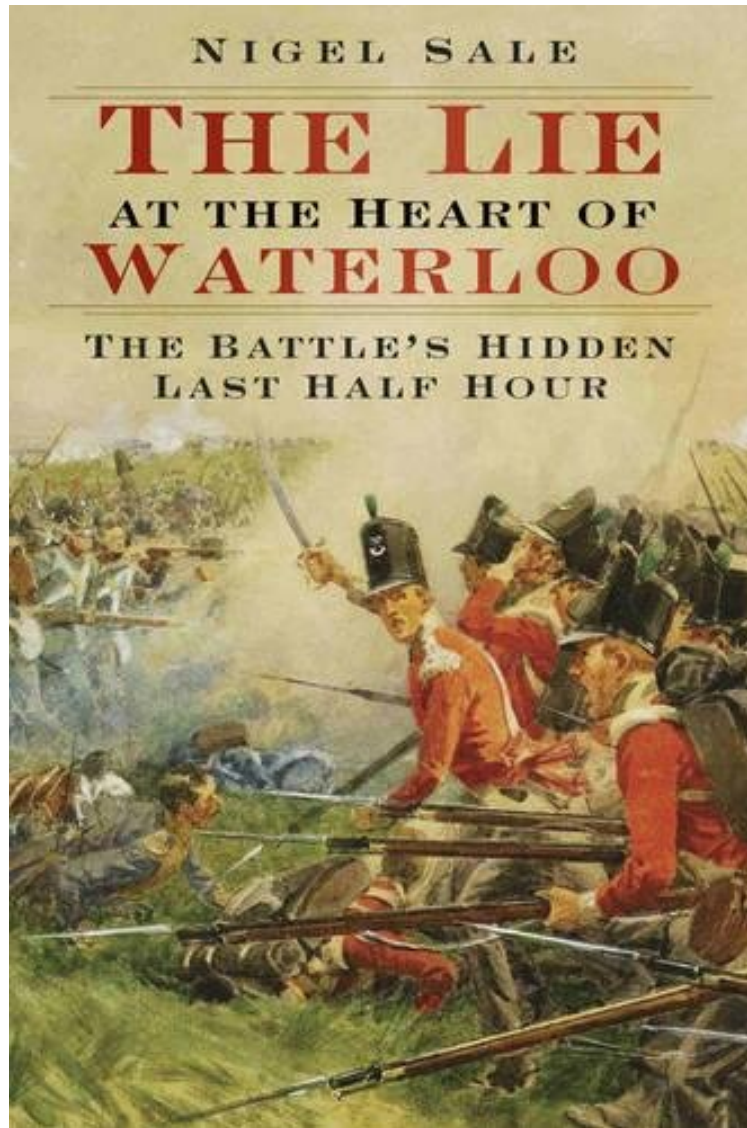


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About the Author Nigel Sale served with 1st Green Jackets, 43rd and 52nd, the two regiments at the heart of Waterloo. In this book he uses his skills as a battalion intelligence officer to interpret and evaluate the sources and his knowledge of how soldiers respond on the battlefield to shed new light on eyewitness accounts.