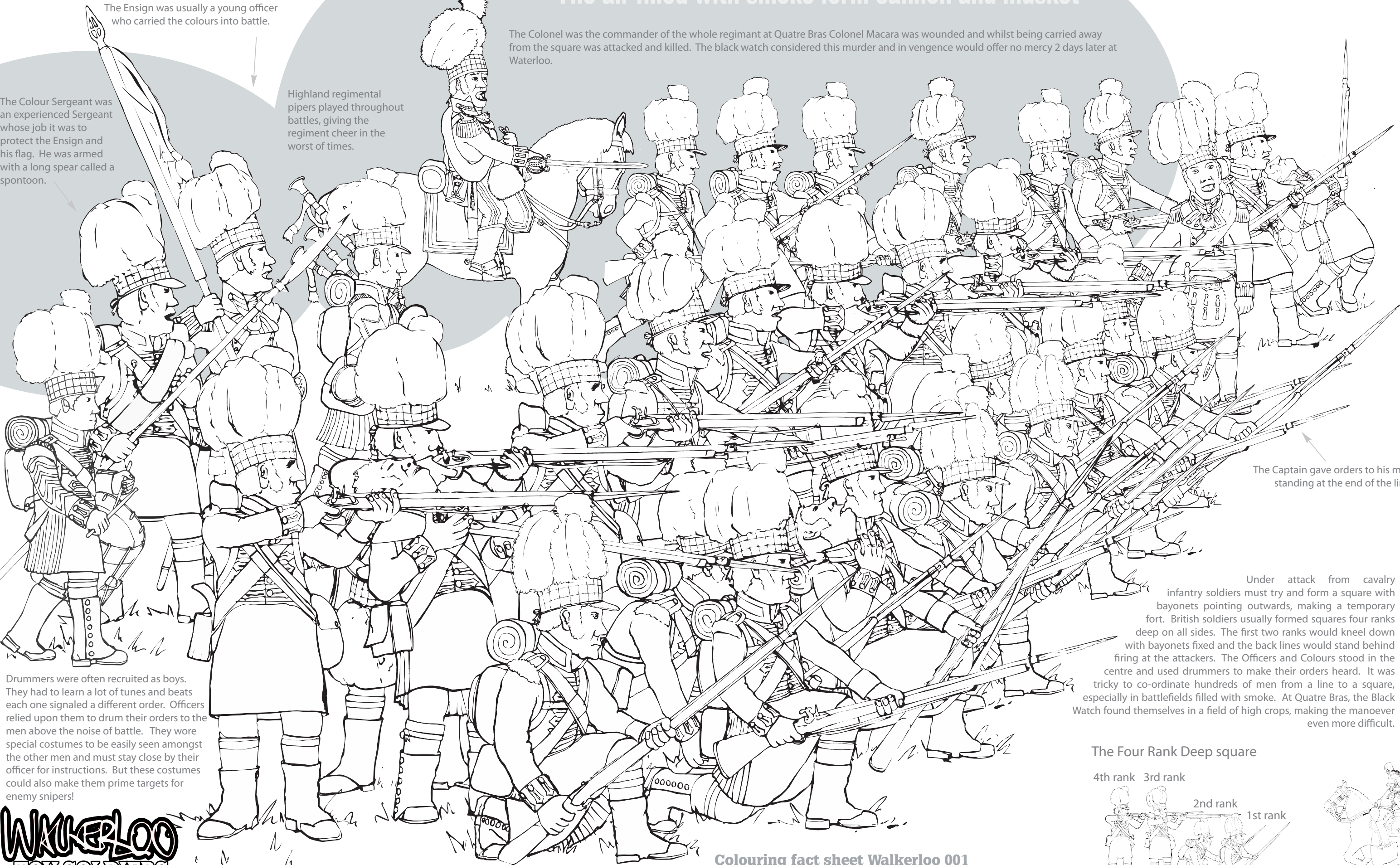


British Army 1815. 42nd Royal Highland Regiment Battalion Company 'The Black Watch'.

The 42nd Royal Highland Regiment of Foot was formed in 1739 and was made up of clansmen loyal to the government. They policed the highlands wearing a dark green tartan, but after some highlanders revolted in the 1745 Jacobite rebellion, the British government outlawed the wearing of tartan except for those who joined the British Army. By the time of the battle of Waterloo, the regiment had fought in wars all over the world and had a proud history. Its regimental colour (flag) was dark blue as were the facings (cuffs and collars) of the uniforms. Only 'Royal' regiments had facings this colour. The battle of Quatre Bras was fought two days before Waterloo on the 16th June 1815. The French Commander was Marshal Ney and although he stopped Wellington from helping The Prussian army which was fighting Napoleon near by at 'Ligny' he did not manage to truly defeat the allies or get between the British and Prussian armies. In French 'Quatre Bras' means 'four arms', it was a crossroads. At the beginning of the battle the French out numbered the British, Belgian, Dutch and German allies but as the day went by more Allied forces arrived. By the end of the day Wellington's army retreated but it was not beaten!

The air filled with smoke form cannon and musket



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