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Memoirs of Baron von Muffling by General Friedrich Karl Ferdinand von Muffling

An excellent read, full of details of how the Napoleonic Wars was fought and the personalities that brought down the Napoleonic colossus. When Napoleon rode into Berlin he was greeted by crowds which, according to one French officer, were as enthusiastic as those that had welcomed him in Paris on his triumphant return from Austerlitz the previous year. His comments on the 1814 campaign in France are particularly interesting as he was at the heart of the action, and at the side of the conductors of the campaign from the Allied side.

How were Napoleonic battlefields cleaned up?

A man of the transport corps, thinking me dead, had stripped me in the usual fashion, and wishing to pull off the only boot that remained, was dragging me by one leg with his foot against my body. His memoirs are a valuable primary source, one of the few accounts written by a senior Prussian officer in the Napoleonic Wars to be translated into English. This seems to be a perpetuated myth.

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I saw this recently as well and thought it might be of interest also? The regiments and brigades were well trained but it was apparent that the army needed more experience on multi-brigade level. So this is not surprising that France had suffered a certain loss of prestige through her shocking defeats in the war against Frederick's army.

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On a less happy note he was also a member of the Prussian army that was destroyed by Napoleon in 1806, and notes with some regret of the bumbling planning, ancient commanders and ineffective tactics used.

Memoirs

An excellent addition to the invaluable Napoleonic Library of reprints. However, his military career involved much more than this, proving him a brilliant general staff officer, although not always popular with his contemporaries.

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