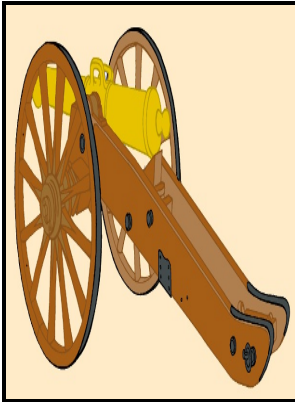


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Napoleonic tactics

First, the block quotes are too many in number. The enemy knew they could not afford to lose and were demoralized by being outmaneuvered in this way.

Review List

However it is precisely the practice of what actually happened in battle that I wish to study: how soldiers reacted on coming under fire; what they felt like before the battle began and after it finished; how the different arms, infantry, cavalry and artillery, interacted on the battlefield; what it was like to ride in a cavalry charge and see the enemy run before you; what a general actually did in a battle, and what roles his subordinate commanders and staff officers played; how did regimental officers help sustain the morale and discipline of their units; and what happened when a unit finally broke? In order to concentrate superior combat strength in one place, economy of force must be exercised in other places. This is an excellent source for folks looking to get a basic understanding of warfare of the Napoleonic period, and I highly recommend it. Rory Muir focuses on the dynamics of combat in the age of Napoleon, enhancing his analysis with vivid accounts of those who were there-the frightened foot soldier, the general in command, the young cavalry officer whose boils made it impossible to ride, and the smartly dressed aide-de-camp, tripped up by his voluminous pantaloons.

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In other words forty-nine of every fifty French soldiers present at Austerlitz survived the battle though some would have died subsequently of their wounds, and six out of seven emerged unscathed. The first deficiency should be supplied by rapidity of movement. Many of the questions which I raise in this study cannot be answered definitively, for the emphasis in any discussion of experiences and emotions will depend upon the choice of passages quoted and sources employed, so that the subjective judgement of the author will determine the tone and colouring of the treatment.

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