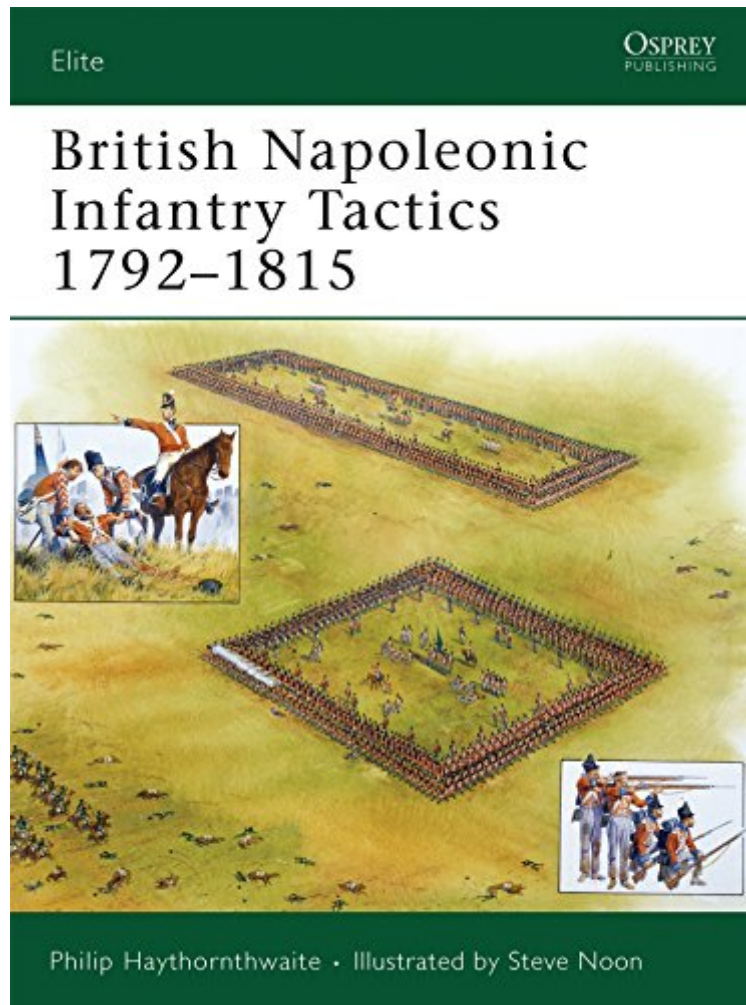


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Philip Haythornthwaite : British Napoleonic Infantry Tactics 1792–1815 (Elite) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised British Napoleonic Infantry Tactics 1792–1815 (Elite):

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movement of larger units. There is a competent summary of the "line versus column" confrontations that often seemed to decide battles, for example at Maida and in the Peninsular War. Illustrator Steve Noon's well-done color plates give a good sense of what various formations and tactics might have looked like on the battlefield. "British Napoleonic Infantry Tactics" is too short to provide a complete picture of a complex topic, but it is highly recommended to the general reader as a good introduction. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Brief Yet Inclusive! By Qizhi Zhang Generally, it was the best all round introductory book on British Napoleonic infantry tactics you could have. It was inclusive, yet waste no words on overly technical matters. Great for Napoleonic war lovers. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The English Tactics versus Napoleon By Michael Reese Good General overview of the tactics used. Covers the British Army tactics of the period rather well. Well illustrated formations. Not a book on uniforms. Recommended.

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