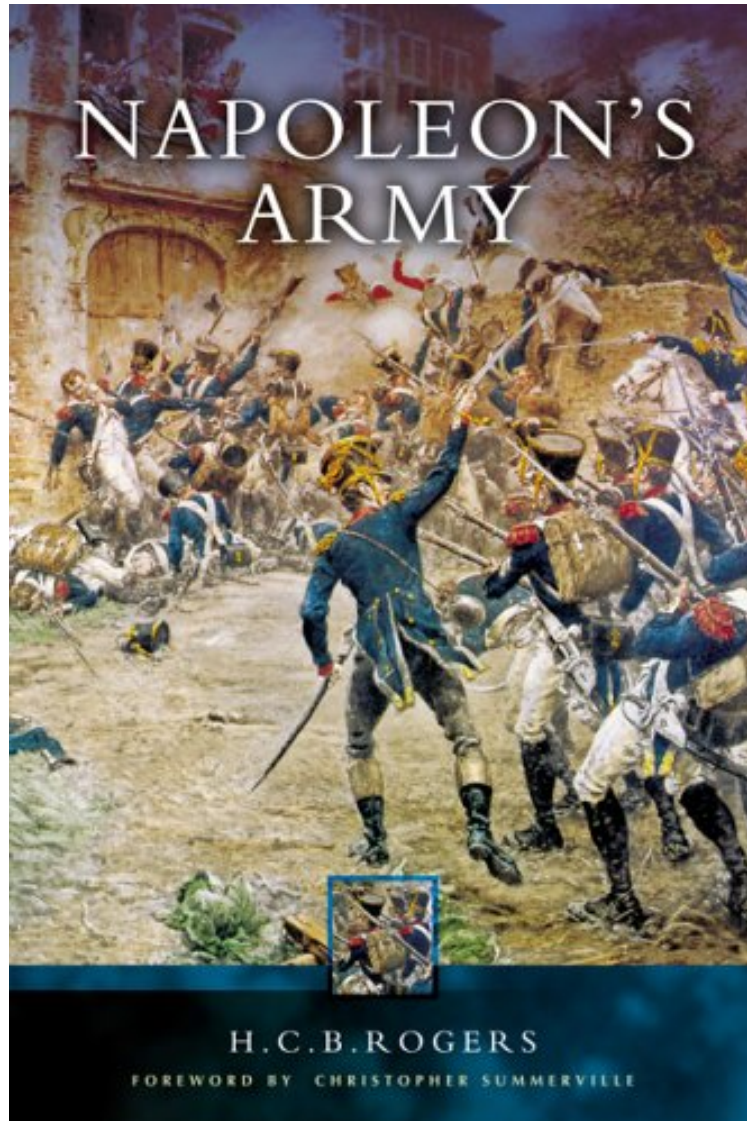


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About the Author Colonel H.C.B. Rogers was a distinguished military historian and an expert on the campaigns and the armies that contested the Napoleonic Wars. His best-known books are *The British Army in the Eighteenth Century*, *The Confederates and the Federals at War*, *Wellington's Army*, *Artillery Through the Ages*, *Weapons of the British Soldier* and *Tanks in Battle*.