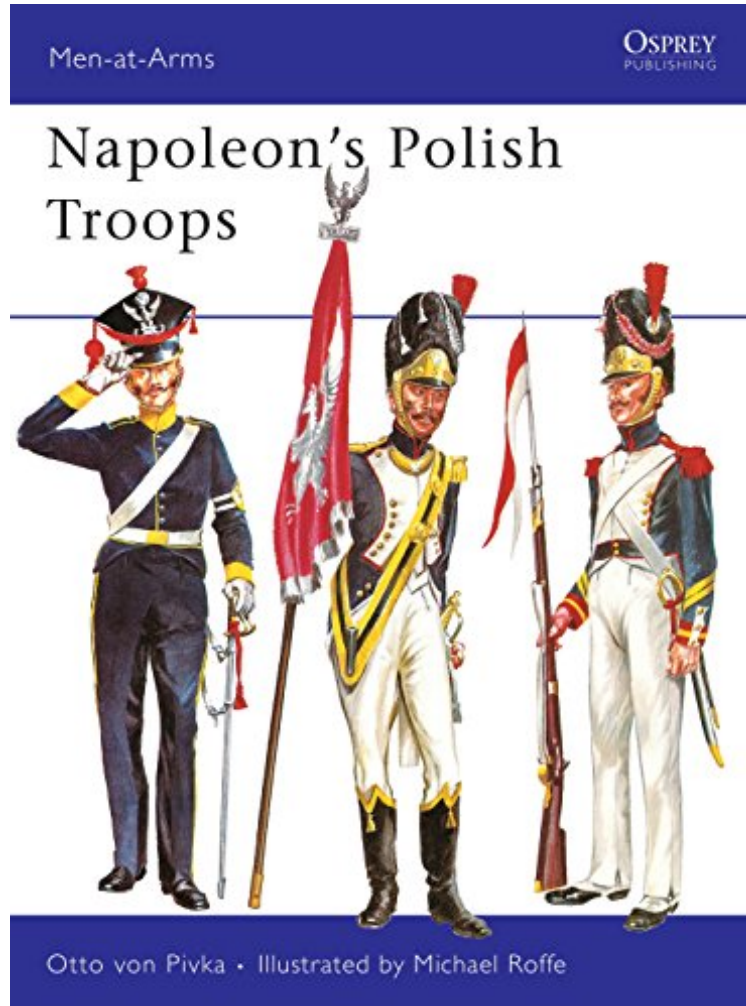


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has been replaced by the work of much more talented artist Rick Scollins. The remaining illustrations and photographs in Napoleon's Polish Troops are mostly completely irrelevant to anyone with the slightest interest in the Polish effort during the Napoleonic wars. Out of some 40 illustrations only about 10 concern Polish Napoleonic matters, the remaining only cover the pages residual space and portray Russian, Prussian, Dutch(!) and French generals and battles with little or no Polish participation. Besides the Polish Commander in Chief Poniatowski not one single Polish general or other Polish officer is portrayed. But the Prussian major Schill is not omitted... What he ever had in common with Napoleon's Polish troops this poor effort of a book do not let you know though. The text by von Pivka (alias for a major Digby Smith) also leaves a lot to be wished for, both in missing facts and knowledge, obviously he is much more acquainted with German military history than Polish (I will leave out the misspelling of Polish names and language) . Among other errors he claims the Grand Duchy of Warsaw itself was a part of the German Confederation of the Rhine(!). And this is not the only Osprey publication where Smith makes the same embarrassing blunder. See "Napoleon's German Allies (1)". Furthermore, in my view, the history and uniformology of the Napoleonic Polish infantry, artillery and cavalry of the Polish Legion in Italy, the Danube Legion, the Vistula Legion, the Legion of the North , the main army of the Duchy of Warsaw, Napoleon's Polish Guard lancers, Napoleon's Polish Guard infantry battalion and all the other Polish units scattered over French Europe and the French West Indies, deserve a whole lot more than this weak single volume. All in all a very weak and incomplete effort.

In 1795 the kingdom of Poland fell prey to her stronger neighbors, Russia, Prussia and Austria. Following the death of the king of Poland in 1798, his kingdom was divided among these three neighboring powers. France became increasingly involved, and protested at Poland's treatment, offering refuge for Polish exiles. On October 11th, 1796, the Polish Legion was formed in the French army by General Dombrowski and Napoleon. This book covers the uniforms, dress, organization and equipment of the infantry, artillery, and cavalry of Napoleon's Polish Troops. Among the cavalry units covered are the Chasseurs and Lancers. This title also provides a summary of the Polish divisions' campaigns in Spain, Russia and within Poland itself.

From the Publisher Packed with specially commissioned artwork, maps and diagrams, the Men-at-Arms series is an unrivalled illustrated reference on the history, organisation, uniforms and equipment of the world's military forces, past and present. About the Author Otto von Pivka (the nom de plume of Digby Smith) wrote his first title for Osprey Publishing in 1972. A former major in the British army he is a prolific author, who has contributed many titles to the Men-at-Arms series on the armies and forces of the Napoleonic Wars.