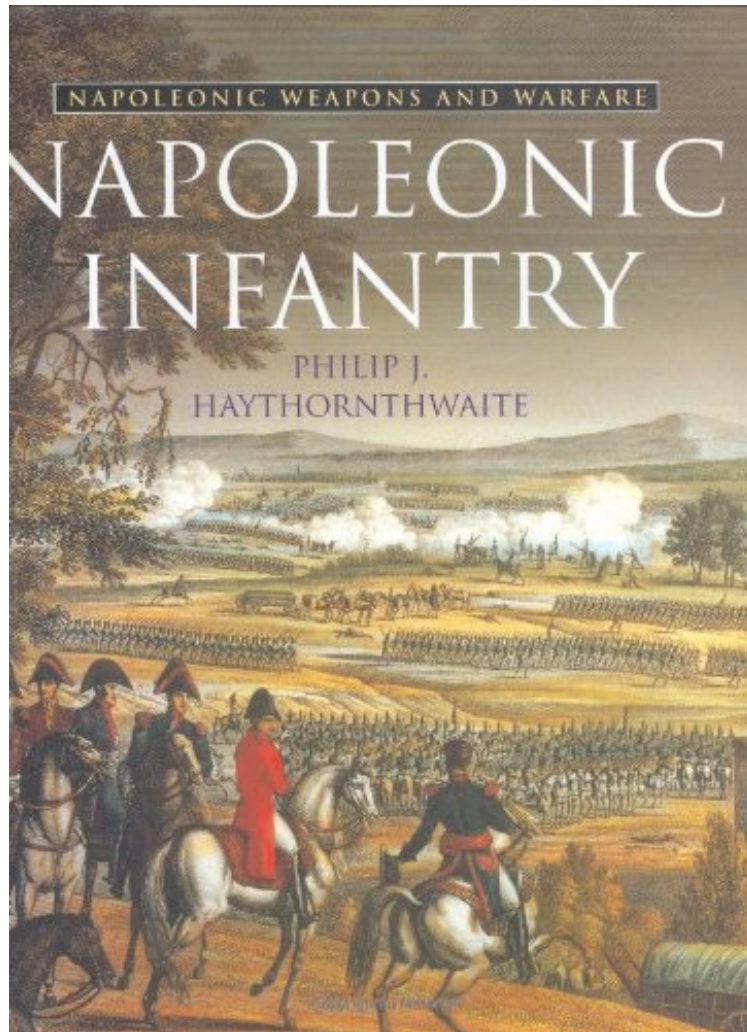


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lack there of. He quotes the authorities of the day, contrary opinions, and the views of the common soldiers, provides the historic outcome and points out modern misconception. I found no national prejudice or hero worship in his decisions. As co-author of a set of musket era wargame rules, to which I have just started to compile a long promised revision, I found that "Napoleonic Infantry" and Mr. Haythornthwait's companion volume, "Napoleonic Cavalry", reinforced some of my existing opinions and provided insight and answers to some questions that I had been asked to resolve. It did also raise some additional points that I now have to incorporate! A quick read that I would recommend to any student of Napoleonic warfare.

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