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the chasseurs alpins trained to fight in the mountains that border france were and are to this day considered among the elite of the french army it was in the mountains of the alsace region during the first world war that captain ferdinand belmont fell prey to german fire he was a soldier of rare ability fighting decorated with the légion d honneur and mentioned in despatches three times but does not truly paint the picture of the man a doctor by profession he volunteered for front line service along with his brother and was described by his superiors only in the most glowing terms as both a man and a soldier in his letters home captain belmont provides a detailed and rich picture of his men full of the thoughtful musings of an educated man on the strains of war his encounters with the enemy were fairly numerous and are detailed from his first clashes on the somme up to the mountain fighting in the vosges with not a little venom directed at his german foe during the bitter struggles for the mountain peak at hartmannswillerkopf he and his men suffered heavy casualties and during a barrage captain belmont was wounded by a shell splinter that took off his right arm a wound that proved fatal

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the amazing story of a french american teacher who left his life at stanford college to volunteer for the french army in the elite chasseurs à pied during the first world war although born in france robert pellissier in 1882 he moved to america in 1882 to live with his sister a gifted scholar of ardent professionalism he studied at harvard and taught at williston college and stanford however when war broke out in europe his morals would not allow him to sit idly by whilst france was invaded and european civilisation was under assault he wrote home obsessively to his parents his fiancée and his colleagues describing with great passion the fight for justice that he had embarked on filling with wry humour contemporary political commentary and most often an sense of the insanity of war for example with bitter irony he quotes the idiocy of an the outdated war manual he had been given in one of his letters any disengaged body of troops should right away march to the firing line a death sentence in the trenches in late 1914 he was posted to the inhospitable mountainous region in the north of france the vosges after an abortive offensive earlier the year the french only held the rocky outcrops out of all of the alsace region but pellissier and his comrades would cling on to their foothold tenaciously for national honour he was wounded and invalided out of the frontline in 1915 he was promoted to become a sergeant in 1916 he returned to the front in time to be engaged in the brutal fighting during the battle of hartmannweilerskopf where he and his men fought on for 53 days without relief which could not be effected due to the heavy german bombardment it was during the battle of the somme in 1916 that sergeant pellissier eventually met his end at least on the soil of his beloved france

A Crusader Of France: The Letters Of Captain Ferdinand Belmont Of The Chasseurs Alpins (August 2, 1914-December 28, 1915)

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small men with big egos and moustaches the hussars of napoleon s army wore some of the most flamboyant and stylish uniforms of the epoch the uniforms of the seventeen regiments of hussars are discussed in detail along with the dress of their brethren in the thirty two regiments of chasseurs a cheval with an emphasis on highly elaborate dress of the trumpeters archive documents which have never been previously used to study the subject will be used for the first time many of these documents have not been published in french and have never appeared as translations illustrated with contemporary illustrations original items of uniform and reconstructions of uniforms this is the definitive guide to the dress of the napoleon s light cavalry this is one of a series of ground breaking books which will be the defacto study of this perennially popular subject for historians researchers wargamers re enactors and artists using archive records to set the record straight as well as contemporary illustrations and original items of uniforms the author sets out to describe the uniform of every regiment of napoleon s army using archive sources found in the archives nationales and service historique du armee de terre in paris the author s unrivalled research over a period of twenty years will reveal exactly how for the first time in over 200 years napoleon s army was mounted clothed and equipped having been granted to access to over 1 000 archive boxes the author assesses how the regulations were adopted in practice this vast resource as yet untapped by the majority of researchers and historians for understanding the napoleonic era in general include the many regimental archive boxes preserved in the french army archives these sources provide potentially bias free empirical data from which we can reconstruct the life story of a regiment its officers and above all its clothing what did trumpeters wear did cavalry regiments really have sapeurs we answer these questions and present the reality of how regiments were dressed derived from diaries letters inspection returns regimental accounts and even cases of fraud for the first time this unique series of books discusses the wide ranging 1806 uniform regulation and the more famous bardin regulation which applied to all arms of the army and explores the way in which regiments on campaign adopted and adapted their uniforms for the first time since the days of napoleon we can say exactly what was worn by the french army

Letters Of A Chasseur À Pied

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one of the enduring controversies of the waterloo campaign is the conduct of marshal grouchy given command of a third of napoleons army and told to keep the prussians from joining forces with wellington he failed to keep wellington and blcher apart with the result that napoleon was overwhelmed at waterloo grouchy though was not defeated he kept his force together and retreated in good order back to france many have accused grouchy of intentionally holding back his men and not marching to join napoleon when the sound of the gunfire at waterloo could clearly be heard and he has been widely blamed for napoleons defeat now for the first time grouchys conduct during the waterloo campaign is analyzed in fine detail drawing principally on french sources not previously available in english the author for example answers questions such as whether key orders did actually exist in 1815 or were they later fabrications to make grouchy the scapegoat for napoleons failures did general grand really tell grouchy to march to the sound of the guns why did grouchy appear to move so slowly when speed was essential this is a subject which is generally overlooked by british historians who tend to concentrate on the actions of wellington and napoleon and which french historians choose not to look at too closely for fear that it might reflect badly upon their hero napoleon despite the mass of books written on waterloo this is a genuinely unique contribution to this most famous campaign this book is certain to fuel debate and prompt historians to reconsider the events of june 1815

Napoleon's Hussars and Chasseurs

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the chasseurs of the guard had its origins in the guides raised by general bonaparte during his italian campaign of 1796 of the napoleonic wars not only did the chasseurs prove to be excellent soldiers but they also served as napoleon s immediate escort whenever he went on campaign this book provides an overview of the regimental history of the corps profiling some of its most memorable personalities including jean baptise bessières marshal of france and prince eugene de beauharnais commander of the chasseurs à cheval the uniforms guidons and standards of the consular guard later renamed the imperial guard are illustrated throughout the book

Chasseurs of the Guard

2002

it s autumn 1810 napoleon s legions have overrun spain and it looks as if britain is losing the war backed by the royal navy the british and their spanish allies are clinging on to a toe hold at cadiz as the french press ever closer lieutenant williams of his majesty s 106th foot joins the spanish partisans fighting behind enemy lines embroiled in the merciless guerrilla war he soon realises that the greatest dangers come from his own side a traitor is at work and williams must try to reach the british lines and warn them before a surprise raid on the french turns into a disaster

Appletons' Annual Cyclopedia and Register of Important Events

1873

this vivid history of late 18th century france chronicles the little known counterrevolution that threatened the first republic 1793 was a year of great turmoil in france with foreign invasion along its borders and a political war raging in paris a large scale revolt suddenly erupted in the western department of the vendée the vendée militaire almost brought the new born french republic to its knees the immediate trigger for this great war of the vendée was the attempted imposition of conscription but the region seethed at the erosion of its traditional values and way of life the persecution of the catholic church and killing of the king symbolized to the vendéens how dangerous the new republic had become in a matter of weeks tens of thousands had flocked to fight for the catholic and royal cause this is the story of the new republic s ferocious military campaigns against the armies of the vendée which fought a dogged battle from march to december of 1793 napoleon later called it the war of giants and it directly led to the implementation of some of the republic s most extreme laws

Napoleon and Grouchy

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the chasseurs being the indigenous french light horse can perhaps be equated best with the infantry demi brigades of this period a half trained unprofessional makeshift collection making up with zeal what they lacked in experience a qualification which in no way diminished the importance of their role within napoleon s all conquering army emir bukhari s fine text examines the dress and equipment of napoleon s line chasseurs plus the histories of individual regiments in a volume containing a plethora of illustrations and diagrams including eight full page color plates by popular artist angus mcbride showing a variety of uniforms in admirable detail

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please note this is a palgrave to order title pto stock of this book requires shipment from an overseas supplier it will be delivered to you within 12 weeks this book details how france s most profitable plantation colony became haiti latin america s first independent nation through an uprising by slaves and the largest and wealthiest free population of people of african descent in the new world garrigus explains the origins of this free colored class exposes the ways its members supported and challenged slavery and examines how they shaped a new american identity

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this outstanding biography is the story of courage it charts the career of a superbly brave cavalryman against the rise and fall of his imperial master pierre daumesnil was a loyal follower of napoleon during his rise and his fall enlisting as a private soldier in 1793 he was caught up in the tumult of the napoleonic wars surviving campaign after campaign and emerging as a much decorated general and baron of the empire it was a meteoric rise but one earned through hard fighting bravery and indefatigable courage daumesnil accompanied napoleon as an officer of his chasseurs and his service record reflects his years of experience on the field of battle daumesnil joined the french army as a private in 1793 and was serving in napoleon s guides in 1797 he served in egypt in 1798 charged at marengo in 1800 fought at austerlitz and Eylau campaigned in spain and saw action in wagram terribly wounded at that battle losing a leg daumesnil became governor of the fortress of vincennes it was here that he played his most celebrated role in the wars of napoleon by refusing to surrender the fortress to the allies in 1814 and again in 1815 daumesnil s life was an adventure and one which typifies the dash colour and verve of this astonishing period this biography by a leading author will appeal to napoleonic enthusiasts and those interested in the life and times of napoleon s elite cavalymen

Revolutionary Papers

1880

at its height the russian empire covered eleven time zones and stretched from scandinavia to the pacific ocean arguing against the traditional historical view that russia surrounded and threatened by enemies was always on the defensive john p ledonne contends that russia developed a long term strategy not in response to immediate threats but in line with its own expansionist urges to control the eurasian heartland ledonne narrates how the government from moscow and petersburg expanded the empire by deploying its army as well as by extending its patronage to frontier societies in return for their serving the interests of the empire he considers three theaters on which the russians expanded the western baltic germany poland the southern ottoman and persian empires and the eastern china siberia central asia in his analysis of military power he weighs the role of geography and locale as well as economic issues in the evolution of a larger imperial strategy rather than viewing russia as peripheral to european great power politics ledonne makes a powerful case for russia as an expansionist militaristic and authoritarian regime that challenged the great states and empires of its time

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a surprising look at the roles of african americans in the revolutionary war an elegant and passionate writer alan gilbert pulls no punches historian we think of the american revolution as the war for independence from british colonial rule but of course that independence actually applied to only a portion of the american population african americans would still be bound in slavery for nearly another century drawing on first person accounts and primary sources alan gilbert asks us to rethink what we know about the revolutionary war to realize that while white americans were fighting for their

freedom many black americans were joining the british imperial forces to gain theirs further a movement led by sailors both black and white pushed strongly for emancipation on the american side there were actually two wars being waged at once a political revolution for independence from britain and a social revolution for emancipation and equality planting the seeds for future freedom the personal stories of those who fought on the patriots side in an all black regiment and on the loyalist side in exchange for a promise of freedom are fascinating and informative booklist

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