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john franklin has been collecting traditional toy soldiers for over sixty years mostly britains but as the title suggests including other interesting additions in this book he shares some of the in depth knowledge gained through experience and countless hours of careful research but most of all the passion and enthusiasm for his hobby he explains how he was inspired to collect soldiers like so many in early boyhood and how a hobby grew into an obsession the various chapters then examine themes he followed in his collecting such as britains special painting orders and indian army pipe bands for example or address questions regarding the manufacture or identity of specific sets that he has researched or in some cases is still seeking the answer to it is packed with anecdotes useful technical information and helpful advice for the collector but it is above all a proud tour of inspection of a sixty year labour of love over four hundred photographs show much of the author's magnificent collection in a parade of miniature pomp and splendour

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this edition contains over 60 annotations illuminating the people and events recounted by sir john and also 6 maps illuminating the battles of fuentes de oñoro salamanca and vittoria also the sieges of cuidad rodrigo and badajoz and the fortifications of torres vedras sir john kincaid served with the 95th rifles throughout the peninsular war and the waterloo campaign in 1815 written with verve and wit and an eye for an amusing story adventures in the rifle brigade as the 95th was known at the time kincaid provided an oft imitated pattern for british rife memoirs published originally in 1830 the originality of the book has led to numerous re editions since the narrative includes the battles of sabugal fuentes d oñoro salamanca vittoria the nivelle and waterloo and the sieges of badajoz and cuidad rodrigo author sir john kincaid 1787 1862

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a superb read destined to become the go to book for anyone interested in this long neglected period of the revolutionary and napoleonic wars the napoleon series to crush the french revolution the armies of the first coalition gathered round france s borders the largest of which was assembled in flanders composed of anglo hanoverian dutch hessian prussian and imperial austrian troops its aim was to invade france and restore the nobility to what was considered their rightful place opposing them was the french armée du nord in command of the anglo hanoverian contingent was the son of george iii the duke of york the campaign was a disaster for the coalition forces particularly during the severe winter of 1794 5 when the troops were forced into a terrible and humiliating retreat britain s reputation and that of its military leaders was severely diminished with the forces of the revolution sweeping all before them on a tide of popularism yet from this defeat grew an army that under the duke of wellington would eventually crush the revolution s greatest general napoleon bonaparte of the flanders campaign wellington who fought as a junior officer under the duke of york remarked that the experience had at least taught him what not to do napoleon series research editor steve brown has produced one of the most insightful and much needed studies of this disastrous but intriguing campaign with particular focus on the british army s contribution with copious maps and nineteen appendices including detailed orders of battle he concludes this important work with an analysis that draws striking and significant comparisons with the flanders campaigns of 1914 and 1940 how history repeats itself

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this work is the most comprehensive reference work on the war of 1812 yet published offering a multidisciplinary treatment of course causes effects and specific details of the war that provides both quick reference and in depth analysis for readers from the high school level to scholars in the field the encyclopedia of the war of 1812 a political social and military history dedicates 872 entries totaling some 600 000 words to this important american war it is the most comprehensive and significant reference work available on the subject its entries spotlight the key battles standout individuals essential weapons and social political and economic developments and examine the wider concurrent european developments which directly affected this conflict in north america a volume of primary documents provides more avenues for research this three volume work offers comprehensive in depth information in a format that lends itself to quick and easy use making it ideal for high school college and university level learners as well as general learning annexes and military libraries scholars of the period and students of american military history will find it essential reading

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one of the most interesting important and ambitious books about the conduct and perhaps the ultimate futility of war gunther e rothenberg a highly scholarly and wonderfully absorbing study john bayley the london review of books what russell f weigley writes the rest of us read the age of battles is a persuasive reminder that even in the age of rational warfare one can honestly wonder why war seemed an unavoidable policy choice allan r millett the journal of american history

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despite wellington s success against marmont s army at salamanca in july the year of 1812 ended in bitter disappointment for the british however a year later wellington s series of brilliant manoeuvres threw the french onto the defensive on all fronts culminating in the final victory at vittoria 90 000 men and 90 guns attacking in four mutually supporting columns the french centre gave way and both flanks were turned their army finally breaking in flight towards pamplona any french hopes of maintaining their position in the peninsular were crushed forever on 7 october the british set foot on the sacred soil of napoleon s france

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george woodberry was commissioned into the 18th light dragoons hussars as a cornet on 16 jan 1812 and joined wellingtons army as a lieutenant seeing action in the key battles of 1813 and 14 moralles vittoria nivelle nive orthes croix dorade and the final battle of the war at toulouse he was wounded at mendionde in a clash with french cavalry as wellington advanced into france he also served in the 1815 campaign being at waterloo and the march to paris what is most remarkable is that woodberry found time to record events at length in his journal almost every single day this enables the reader to trace accurately the movements of the 18th hussars and wellingtons army in general with precision it also provides an insight into life on campaign in spain france and belgium with the british army of the early nineteenth centuryhis lively detailed and entertaining account of his time in wellingtons army is matched by the unusual story of the history of his journal it was published once before in 1898 but in french by a paris based publisher the original journal in two leather bound volumes has since been lost

but the french edition has now been translated back into english by renowned napoleonic historian gareth glover and is published in the uk for the first time

The American Cyclopaedia 1883

two years after landing on english soil in 1066 william of normandy erected a strategic castle at nottingham thereby creating an enduring military nexus through to the modern era on 22 august 1642 in his endeavours to quash parliamentarian insurrection in the midlands king charles raised his standard over nottingham castle a rallying call to all royalists to support their monarch loyalty to the crown was however divided and before long parliamentarian forces garrisoned the castle late in the eighteenth century a town troop of yeomanry was raised in nottingham the foundation of the future south notts yeomanry the yeomanry assisted regular troops by helping restore peace during the so called bread riots of 1795 at a time when many of the towns men had been committed to military duty during the french revolutionary wars five troops of the towns yeomanry were again called up for service during the civil unrest of the luddite riots of 181118 this pattern of service continued over several decades evolving into a regiment the yeomanry were repeatedly deployed against civil dissenters the nottingham riot and the reform bill and chartist riots after seeing combat during the peninsula wars in 1815 in the latter half of the 1800s the 59th 2nd nottinghamshire regiment of foot formed part of a british invasion force into afghanistan from india to curb russian interventionism in this remote and desolate region the outbreak of war in distant south africa in 1899 placed enormous strain on britains military capability from nottingham and other county towns regiments of yeomanry hussars and sherwood rangers were dispatched to the hostile environment of the african veld nottinghams sons then answered a call to arms in their thousands only to also perish in their thousands on the godforsaken soils of france and flanders during the holocaust that was the great war through the second world war to the present nottinghams military units underwent successive phases of metamorphosis from infantry to antiaircraft and searchlight formations followed by the relatively recent absorption into a regional entity the mercian regiment today nottinghams castle and surrounds bear the symbols of a rich and diverse military legacy symbols of remembrance of tribute and of a tableau of military pride from ancient times

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