

Austrian Army Of The Napoleonic Wars (1): Infantry (Osprey Men At Arms Series): Infantry No 1

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Renowned for its accuracy, brevity, and readability, this book has long been the gold standard of concise histories of the Napoleonic Wars. Now in an updated and revised edition, it is unique in its portrayal of one of the world’s great generals as a scambler who never had a plan, strategic or tactical, that did not break down or change of necessity in the field. Distinguished historian Owen Connolly argues that Napoleon was the master of the broken play, so confident of his ability to improvise, cover his own mistakes, and capitalize on those of the enemy that he repeatedly plunged his armies into uncertain, seemingly desperate situations, only to emerge victorious as he "blundered" to glory. Beginning with a sketch of Napoleon’s early life, the book progresses to his command of artillery at Toulon and the "whiff of grapeshot" in Paris that netted him control of the Army of Italy, where his incredible performance catapulted him to fame. The author vividly traces Napoleon’s campaigns as a general of the French Revolution and emperor of the French, knowledgeably analyzing each battle’s successes and failures. The author depicts Napoleon’s "art of war" as a system of engaging the enemy, waiting for him to make a mistake, improvising a plan on the spot-and winning. Far from detracting from Bonaparte’s reputation, his blunders rather made him a great general, a “natural” who depended on his intuition and ability to read battlefields and his enemy to win. Exploring this neglected aspect of Napoleon’s battlefield genius, Connolly at the same time offers stirring and complete accounts of all the Napoleonic campaigns.

A groundbreaking study of a badly neglected aspect of Napoleonic history, his significant campaigns in Italy.

Cavalry, artillery and othe specialist corps of Austrian army durong the Napoleonic wars are the subjects of this great book. Full of information, plates and uniforms notes!

The History and Legacy of the French and British Armies During the Napoleonic Wars

Austrian Grenadiers and Infantry 1788-1816

Napoleon and the Battle of Wagram

The Emperor’s Last Victory

Cavalry

Napoleon & the Archduke Charlesa History of the Franco-Austrian Campaign in the Valley of the Danube in 1819

Austrian Army in LEGO

The specialist troops of the Austrian forces helped to secure Austria's reputation as the most formidable of Napoleon's continental enemies. Due largely to the efforts of Prince Liechtenstein, by the late 18th century the Austrian artillery had been the finest in Europe, and was held up as an example to the world. This text examines the famed Austrian artillery and other specialist troops of the Napoleonic Wars, including the Pioneers, Pontooners, engineer services and medical service, detailing their organisation, equipment and uniforms in a volume complete with accompanying illustrations and colour plates.

The mounted troops of the Hapsburg Empire comprised one of the most powerful forces of the Napoleonic Wars. However, from the outset the cavalry's higher command was less capable than its infantry counterpart: appointments were influenced by nepotism and politics, which resulted in commands often being given to those who lacked experience. The cavalry underwent many re-organisations and expansions in the course of the wars that attempted to redress these matters, and to modernise the force as a whole. This title examines these processes and documents in detail the tactics, uniforms and equipment of the Austrian cavalry, covering Cuirassiers, Dragoons, Chevauxlegers, Hussars, Uhlan (lancer) and auxiliary units.

Offers information on the military divisions of various nationalities that took part in the Napoleonic wars, provided by John Stallaert. Highlights the infantry, cavalry, artillery, arms and equipment, flags, and tactics of Austria, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Holland, Portugal, Prussia, the Netherlands, Russia, Spain, Sweden, and the United States. Links to other Napoleonic resources.

****Includes pictures of the battle's important generals. *Includes several maps. *Includes Napoleon's quotes before, during and after the battle. *Includes accounts of the fighting written by generals and soldiers. *Includes a Bibliography for further reading. "One sharp blow and the war is over." - Napoleon during the Battle of Austerlitz Nearly 50 years after Napoleon met his Waterloo, generals across the West continued to study his tactics and engage their armies the same way armies fought during the Napoleonic Era. Despte advances in military technology and the advent of railroads for transportation, all of which made defensive warfare more effective, acclaimed military geniuses like Robert E. Lee used flank attacks and infantry charges against superior numbers in an effort to win decisive victories, and it would not be until World War I that concepts of modern warfare made the Napoleonic Era of the early 19th century outdated. For those questioning why generals continued using tactics from the Napoleonic Era even as technology changed the battlefield, the Battle of Austerlitz may provide the best answer. Napoleon is regarded as one of history’s greatest generals, and Austerlitz was his greatest victory. In 1805, Britain, Austria, and Russia allied together to form the Third Coalition against the French, and the Third Coalition's forces consisted of armies from Austria and Russia, with Britain providing naval support as well as its financial powers. Napoleon had already defeated and mostly destroyed an Austrian army in October at Ulm before it could link up with the Russians, setting the stage for the Battle of Austerlitz to be the culmination of the war against the Third Coalition as a whole in early December. Despite the smashing victory at Ulm, Napoleon’s French army would still be well outnumbered at Austerlitz by a joint Russo-Austrian army in a battle that would also come to be known as the Battle of Three Emperors. The Battle of Austerlitz was a tactical masterpiece that saw Napoleon actually invite an attack on his army by the bigger Coalition army, and over the course of about 9 hours, the French successfully defended their right flank while counterattacking in the center and splitting the Russo-Austrian army in two, allowing the French to hit the flank of the advancing left wing of the enemy. The result was a decisive victory that virtually annihilated the Third Coalition's army and made Napoleon the master of the European continent. The influence Austerlitz had on Europe’s political and military situation cannot be overstated. The Third Coalition’s defeat led to the dissolution of the Habsburg Empire, allowed France to redraw the map of Central Europe, and ultimately put into place the chain of events that would lead to France’s subsequent wars. Furthermore, Austerlitz set the model that every general hoped to emulate in battle, and the results were undoubtedly on Napoleon’s mind when he tried to use the same movement strategies in an attempt to keep Prussian and British armies from linking together at the Battle of Waterloo nearly 10 years after Austerlitz. The Greatest Battles in History: The Battle of Austerlitz comprehensively covers the entire campaign, analyzes the decisions made by the battle's most important leaders, and explains the aftermath of the French victory and the legacies that were made and tarnished by the battle. Along with a bibliography, maps of the battle, and pictures of important people and places, you will learn about the Battle of Austerlitz like you never have before, in no time at all.***

The Battle of the Three Emperors

During Napoleonic Times

Austrian Army During the Napoleonic Wars 1813-1818

Napoleon's Great Adversary

Illustrated History of Napoleonic Military Uniforms

The Operational Art of the Great Campaigns

The Austrian Army 1740-80 (3)

This carefully researched book provides an operational level analysis of European warfare from 1792 to 1815 that includes the tactics, operations, and strategy of major conflicts of the time.
• Integrates topics as diverse as naval warfare, maneuver warfare, compound warfare, and counterinsurgency
• Covers major campaigns during the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars that reflect elements of operational art
• Includes short biographies of key figures that help add depth to readers’ understanding of the players behind the battles
• Provides a chronology of major campaigns of the Napoleonic Wars
• Uses modern models to examine campaigns of the period

In this book you will find the recreation of the Austrian Army during Napoleonic wars with LEGO(R) Minifigs. Therefore, newly designed hats (also 3d printable) and redesigned front decals representing the corresponding unit were created and used to build colourful rendered tables of the different parts of the Austrian army. In order to round off this, some historical and military background is given, which places the pictures in a proper context and makes them also readable for non historians or teenagers. Nevertheless it was tried to reach some historical accuracy to make that book also usable for war gamers and figure painters.

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In Napoleon and the Operational Art of War, the leading scholars of Napoleonic military history provide the most authoritative analysis of Napoleon’s battlefield success and ultimate failure in a work that features the very best of campaign military history.

Ottenfeld’s Austrian Army of the Napoleonic Wars

during Napoleonic times

Austrian Specialist Troops of the Napoleonic Wars

Essays in Honor of Donald D. Horward

The Austro-Hungarian Army of the Napoleonic Wars

Coalition Tactics On The Napoleonic Battlefield And Their Influence On Unity Of Effort

The most implacable of Napoleon’s continental enemies, at the outbreak of war Austria maintained a vast army, but one rooted firmly in the 18th century. Hampered by the inherent conservatism of the hierarchy, the Austrians had to fight the most modern army in Europe. Despite this the regulars, who were drawn from many territories under Austrian sway, performed with stoicism. This title examines in detail the organisation, uniforms, deployment and development of the Austrian infantry during the Napoleonic Wars, covering Line infantry, Light infantry, Grenz-Infanterie, Landwehr militia, and Frei-Corps units.

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Aside from the Peninsula and Napoleon’s 1807 campaign, Austrian troops played some part in every major campaign of the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815). Unable to mobilize its population fully for both political and economic reasons, Austria recruited from territories as diverse as modern Belgium, the Czech Republic, central Romania and northern Italy. These soldiers fought in the Danube valley and the Swiss mountains. This book traces the life and experiences of both the ordinary infantry and the veteran elite of the Grenadier battalions, covering everything from basic training and equipment, to the tactics and horror of the battlefield.

DECEMBER 2ND, 1805 The War of the Third Coalition rages in Europe. Napoleon Bonaparte’s Grande Armée sweeps everything before it. With a big victory over an Austrian Army in Ulm, the French have occupied Vienna, the capital of the Austrian Empire. The Russians have entered Austria to come to the help of their Allies and under pressure from the British. The Au about to clash at a small, unknown town called Austerlitz. And then everything changes. The French are stopped trying to retake the Pratzen Heights and the day’s battle end in a stalemate for both armies. Kutusov, the allied army’s leader in the absence of young Tsar Alexander (who fell ill and is still somewhere in Galicia), decides to retire the army northward with the intention of galvanizing the Revolution’s enemies and of the Empire, jealous of Napoleon’s success and wanting him gone. The Prussians decides to join the war and move their troops into Austria to link their forces with the two other powers. The German states and other countries like Naples rethink their stances in the conflict. And the French Emperor’s internal enemies, ever-wary of a plot to overthrow the government in Paris. All the while, the Ottoman Empire, convinced by the French several months earlier to enter the war, has decided to intervene in favor of Bonaparte and invade southern Hungary with an Army. Austria is on the brink of annihilation, but Napoleon’s Grande Armée also has a big challenge ahead since it now needs to defeat the British. The British will come down to either Napoleon’s genius to overcome the odds and win regardless of the troops arrayed against him, or else his defeat and the end of the French Empire. This is the story of the Napoleonic Wars.

Book 1 of the Napoleonic Alternate Series

The Austrian Army 1805-1809 - Vol. 1

The Greatest Battles in History

Napoleonic Warfare: The Operational Art of the Great Campaigns

Austrian Army of the Napoleonic wars. 1. Infantry

K.K.Oesterreichischen Arme

1805-1815

A leading expert examines one of Napoleon's most decisive but least analysed victories In early July 1809 Napoleon crossed the Danube with 187,000 men to confront the Austrian Archduke Charles and an army of 145,000 men. The fighting that followed dwarfed in intensity and scale any previous Napoleonic battlefield, perhaps any in history: casualties on each side were over 30,000. The Austrians fought with great determination, but eventually the Emperor won a narrow victory. Wagram was decisive in that it compelled Austria to make peace. It also heralded a new, altogether greater order of warfare, anticipating the massed manpower and weight of fire deployed much later in the battles of the American Civil War and then at Verdun and on the Somme.

The Imperial and Royal or Imperial Austrian Army was the armed force of the Habsburg Emperor Francis II, during the Napoleonic wars and later. When the Holy Roman Empire was dissolved in 1806, it assumed its title of the Army of the Austrian Empire under the same monarch, now known as Emperor Francis I of Austria Two of history's greatest commanders clash with the fate of Empires at stake In the Ulm campaign of 1805, Napoleon demonstrated his mastery of the command of the Grande Armee-some 210,000 men-in a masterful flanking movement which was designed to defeat the Austrian Army under Mack in the Danube region before the intervention of

the Russian Army under Kutuzov could affect the outcome. This, the third-and final-book in F.N Maude's trilogy on the campaigns of Napoleon to be published by Leonaur, recounts an aspect of the 'War of the Third Coalition' which is widely considered to be a strategic masterpiece by the French Emperor. The battle of Austerlitz would finalise victory and ensure the defeat of the Austrians, but it would be Ulm which would confirm France as the leading power in Europe. This history, combined with Maude's Jena and Leipzig campaigns-also published by Leonaur-are essential components of every Napoleonic library.

This book examines the uniforms, equipment, history and organisation of the Austro-Hungarian Army of the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815). The course of the Silesian, Revolutionary, Napoleonic and New Austrian Wars are all summarized. Uniforms are shown in full illustrated detail.

Austrian Cavalry of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, 1792-1815

Napoleon's Last Victory and the Emergence of Modern War

Infantry

Austerlitz Alternate

Austrian Army of the Napoleonic Wars

The Infantry

1809: Thunder on the Danube

Throughout the Revolutionary (1792-1802) and Napoleonic (1799-1815) Wars, France’s most consistent enemy on land was the Austrian Empire. Austria’s huge armies played a central part in the several coalitions against France, from the 1790s, to the Austerlitz campaign of 1805, the closely-balanced battles of 1809, and the final upsurge of 1813-14. Contrary to the myth of rigid aristocratic conformity, the generals who led those armies were as diverse in origin and character as their regiments - some were princes of the blood, and some ex-rankers promoted for talent and courage.

This text gives concise but fact-packed accounts of the careers of more than 30 of these men, illustrated with portraits and meticulous colour plates.

The Seven Years War (1756-1763) marked the first truly world-wide conflict following the expansion of European colonies, sparking engagements across India to Canada. As with so many of the European wars, the causes were a question of land and legitimacy. The ever-present simmering tensions between England and France, alongside the newly emergent Prussia and Austria, led to a conflict that dragged many other nations into the strife. An excellent account of the operations of Frederick the Great by an eminent military theorist and historian, Jomini aims to not only show the laws of

strategy employed by Frederick to win his campaigns, but also to juxtapose this with methods employed by Napoleon in his campaigns against the coalition powers. This second volume covers the period from the battle of Hohenkirch in 1758 to the end of the conflict. Of the Author — General Jomini saw much service during the Napoleonic Wars, initially working in staff positions for Marshal Ney prior to being attached to the Emperor’s own headquarters during the 1806 and 1807 campaigns. He was pushed out of the Grande Armée into the arms of the Russian service in 1813, becoming aide-de-camp to the Tzar. He was famous for his copious output of works on the military theory and strategy employed during the French Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars, and even those of Frederick the Great. He is often remembered for his chef d’œuvre, the “Art of War”, and has been dubbed the “founder of modern strategy” by historian John Shy.

Presenting a significant new interpretation of Napoleonic warfare, Robert M. Epstein argues persuasively that the true origins of modern war can be found in the Franco-Austrian War of 1809. Epstein contends that the 1809 war -- with its massive and evenly matched armies, multiple theaters of operation, new command-and-control schemes, increased firepower, frequent stalemates, and large-scale slaughter -- had more in common with the American Civil War and subsequent conflicts that with the decisive Napoleonic campaigns that preceded it. - Jacket flap.

“Provides a most valuable insight into the Napoleonic art of war . . . David G. Chandler is the foremost modern authority on the subject.” —Philip J. Haythornthwaite, author of The Russian Army of the Napoleonic Wars Nearly two hundred years after his death, Napoleon remains widely regarded as one of the greatest military commanders of all time. Here, in one volume, is the essence of Napoleon's knowledge and wisdom, the fruit of his practical experience, and his study of the great empire-builders from Alexander to Frederick the Great. Working from the best among previous editions of Napoleon's maxims, including the work produced in 1901 by William E. Cairnes, noted Napoleonic historian David G. Chandler has contributed commentary that examines Napoleon's work from the twentieth-century perspective of the two world wars, Vietnam, and other conflicts, and analyzes the ways in which commanders have observed or failed to observe Napoleon's teachings. The Military Maxims of Napoleon is a unique collection of tenets on the art of war. They reveal the principles on which his military, diplomatic, and political triumphs were built. Now every military student and enthusiast can benefit from the brilliance of Napoleonic insight and wisdom.

The Military Maxims of Napoleon

Cavalry, Artillery & Other Forces

Napoleon’s Italian Campaigns

Napoleon’s Grande Armée

Blundering to Glory

Austerlitz, 1805

Treatise On Grand Military Operations: Or A Critical And Military History Of The Wars Of Frederick The Great –

The Battle of Austerlitz is considered by many as the most brilliant of all of Napoleon's victories. It took place less than a month after the surrender of General Mack's Austrian Army at Ulm. The Emperor had reconnoitered the field a few days before the battle, judging well where his enemies would place their troops; he predicted with great accuracy their plans. The battle itself, on the 2nd of December 1805 is the height of Napoleon's military professionalism. It clearly shows how a plan, brilliantly simple in its offensive-defensive form, executed to perfection with the right maneuvers at the right moment can bring victory to the bold. Although he found himself in numerically inferior, he tempted his enemies into attacking him while he held a strong defensive position, and then, when his opponents had made the grave mistake of abandoning the high ground at the centre of the battlefield, Napoleon took his chance and counterattacked, dividing his enemies in two while still maintaining an adequate number of reserves to be able to influence the final outcome of the battle and then pursue his defeated enemies. The victorious outcome for France forced the Austrians to sue for peace and sign the Treaty of Pressburg on 26th December 1805, effectively bringing the Third Coalition to an end and taking Austria out of the Napoleonic Wars until 1809. Austerlitz is not only a great battle; we should also remember that it played an important part in the creation of the Napoleonic myth. The Napoleonic Legend, which he himself helped create, began in the days before this battle, by comparing the new Empire's rise to that of the rising sun that illuminated the battlefield where the Emperor achievedhis impressive victory. The Victory at Austerlitz was won on the first anniversary of Napoleon's coronation as Emperor of the French, and established him as the first amongst the great military leaders in Europe. In Germany this battle is called Dreikaiserschlacht, or the Battle of Three Emperors. However, it was the Emperor of the French that outshone his Austrian and Russian rivals, both in military and in political terms. Though we ought not to forget that if Napoleon had shown as much diplomatic ability as he displayed for military affairs while on campaign, the battle of Austerlitz would not have taken place and the history of Europe would have been different.The bicentennial commemoration and re-enactment of the Battle of Austerlitz took place from the 2nd to the 4th December 2005. The organizer's objective was to mark the anniversary of this event that brought in its wake so many political changes to Europe, as well as remember all those who died in the battle, be they soldiers from the opposing armies or the civilians who saw their villages burnt down during the battle. During these few days over 3,500 uniformed participants met in the Czech Republic to remember this historical event and all those who were present in 1805.

In 1805, a new style of operational warfare burst upon the fields of Europe as Napoleon Bonaparte's Grand Army swept from the Rhine to the Danube surrounding the Austrian army at Ulm and initiating a revolution in military affairs (RMA) whose effects are still felt today. The question remains whether this new style of warfare was merely a natural outgrowth of the work of 18th century military thinkers, whose theories were imitated by a dynamic leader, or did Napoleon bring something new to warfare, a true innovation in the conduct of operational warfare? This is the central question that this monograph will attempt to answer.

David Chandler maintains that "Napoleon contributed little new." As we struggle today with the implications of a possible RMA, it is important that we fully understand the forces that caused former RMA's to occur. For the historian, it is also important that we get our interpretations of past events as correct as possible. Was this a RMA that would have happened with any energetic leader who strictly followed the teachings of Bourcet and Guibert, as a sort of TTP put together by theorists, or did Napoleon take their theories, and meld them with his own ideas to create a new form of warfare and initiate a RMA? Does a true RMA require more than just theories and doctrine, does it require an inquiring mind on the part of the practitioner as well? These questions give relevance to the research question of this monograph. The monograph concludes that Napoleon did not imitate the two thinkers, and that the RMA initiated by him was more than just an implementation of techniques proposed by theorists. The RMA in 1805 required an imaginative practitioner who could grasp the salient features of theory and put them to use in new ways. To initiate the RMA innovation by the war fighter was required, not mere imitation.

The essential bibliography of the Napoleonic Wars

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The Battle of Austerlitz

Napoleon and The Eagles of Europe

Austerlitz

Austrian Army of the Napoleonic Wars (1)

Napoleon and the Defeat of the Austrian Army During the 'War of the Third Coalition'

Napoleon's Military Campaigns

Innovator Or Imitator: Napoleon's Operational Concepts And The Legacies Of Bourcet And Guibert

The largest force continually engaged against Napoleon was not the British army and Wellington, but the Imperial and Royal Austrian Army led by Archduke Charles. Gunter Rothenberg's work remains the definitive volume on the forces that inflicted the first defeat on the French and participated in all the Continental wars of the period.

The mechanism for the operation of our military forces beyond the shores of the U.S. is the modern coalition from the grand alliance of NATO to simple bilateral relationships. Understanding the dynamics of coalition warfare is important for a U.S. Military that often finds itself operating as the dominant member of any coalition it joins. One of the major considerations listed in the portion of joint doctrine which addresses multinational coalitions is the concept of unity of effort Current U.S. Army doctrine has long recognized the importance of unity of command. However, the latest drafts of the new Army keystone doctrine publication, FM 100-5, have upgraded the principle of unity of command to unity of effort. The efficacy of this change recognizes the realities of operations in a world of coalitions, trans-governmental agencies, and private organizations all which find themselves often in league with our military as we strive to reach common (not always strictly military) objectives. This monograph will examine two historical case studies from the Napoleonic Wars (1792-1815) in order to explore the relationship between tactical and doctrinal differences between different members of the same coalition. The first case study examines the coalition army of Marshal Suvorov at the battles of the Trebbia and Novi in 1799. The second example will move forward in time to the Russo-Prussian army of the spring of 1813 and its performance at the battles of Lützen and Bautzen. Although history does not provide us with exact recipes for implementing complex solutions in a complex world, it does provide a means to understand the dynamics of human behavior on a vast scale. The Napoleonic period represents a veritable laboratory of coalition warfare and provides a means of applying the lessons of a historical period to understanding the dynamics of coalitions.

Until at least the latter years of Maria Theresa's reign, the Austrian artillery was acknowledged to be second to none in Europe; and it must have been no coincidence that Jean Baptiste de Gribeauval, who went on and so radically reformed the French artillery after he became inspector of artillery in 1776, had spent the Seven Years' War (1756-1763) on attachment to the Austrian army from the French. In this last of three volumes [Men-at arms 271 & 276], Philip Haythornwaite does a first class job of examining the composition and uniforms of these and other specialist troops of the Austrian army 1740-80, including the artillery units, engineers, Grenz, Jägers and medical troops.

In this authoritative and beautifully illustrated new account of Napoleon's greatest victory and the campaign that preceded it, Ian Castle sheds new light on the actions of the commanders and questions the assumptions—and explores the myths—that have shaped our understanding of the event ever since. His account follows every twist and turn of a war that was fought out across central Europe two centuries ago. In particular he reconstructs the course of the action in every sector of the Austerlitz battlefield, using French, Austrian and Russian records, and re-evaluates the place of the battle in the history and mythology of the Napoleonic era.

Napoleon's Defeat of the Habsburgs

The Grande Armée and Wellington's Scum

Austrian Army in LEGO®

Napoleonic Wars

The Austrian Army 1805-1809 - Vol. 3

Specialist Troops

Napoleon and the Operational Art of War

This history of the 1809 Franco-Austrian War presents an in-depth chronicle Napoleon's last great victory. On April 10th, 1809, while Napoleon was occupied in Western Europe with the Peninsular War, the Austrian Empire launched a surprise attack that sparked the War of the Fifth Coalition. Though France would ultimately win the conflict, it would be Napoleon's last victorious war. Even then, the margin of French superiority was decreasing. Archduke Charles, the best of the Habsburg commanders, led a reformed Austrian Army that was arguably the best ever fielded by the Danubian Monarchy. Though caught off guard, the French Emperor reversed a dire strategic situation with stunning blows that he called his 'most brilliant and most skillful maneuvers'. Following a breathless pursuit down the Danube valley, Napoleon occupied the palaces of the Habsburgs for the second time in four years. He would win many battles in his future campaigns, but never again would one of Europe's great powers lie broken at his feet. In Thunder on the Danube, historian John H. Gill tackles the political background of the war, including the motivations behind the Austrian offensive. Gill also demonstrates that 1809 was both a high point of the First Empire as well as a watershed, for Napoleon's armies were declining in quality and he was beginning to display the corrosive flaws that contributed to his downfall five years later. His opponents, on the other hand, were improving.

Even when a History writer would have wanted to celebrate, maybe the greatest European power (on land), namely the Austrian Empire, he certainly would not had chosen the terrible year 1809. What for the military apparatus in Vienna could have been a beginning of a Great Military Reform, the triumph of the Generalissimus Archduke Charles, became one of the worst nightmares of Habsburg history. In short, after a series of unfortunate events and bad military conduct, Austria disappeared from the European scene, losing further important territories but, above all, losing its mighty armies. The author chooses to tell about that period, evaluating the military organization, starting from the recruitment, up to the details of the various units, because that army, was the largest army fielded by Austria before the Great War: man told about 600,000 men, including the Levies of regional volunteers, called Landwehr (in the territories of the Austrian Crown) and Insurrectio (in the territories of the Crown of St. Stephen)....At the end, Austria entered into war with the most powerful military force of the whole Napoleonic Period (in numbers of fighters), an effort which hardly seemed possible and which surprised the world. Unfortunately its three armies (and the Landwehr) did not surprised Bonaparte, who kicked.

The Austrian cavalry that fought against Revolutionary and Napoleonic France, from original sources, including unpublished iconography and detailed illustrations depicting uniforms and equipment.

F. Lorraine Petre was one of our foremost military historians, specialising in the Napoleonic Wars. In this, among his most respected works, he analyses one of Napoleon's hardest-fought campaigns that of the Danube valley in 1809, in which the Emperor was lucky to emerge victorious, and then only after a desperate struggle with an Austrian army led by an able and determined opponent. That man, perhaps surprisingly, was a blue-blooded Habsburg Archduke - a dynasty not noted for its military achievements. But Archduke Charles was the exception that proves the rule. A veteran of campaigns against the French in the Low Countries and Italy, he had personally reorganised the Austrian army after the disastrous defeat of Austerlitz in 1805, making it into a far more efficient fighting machine.

Napoleon, backed by two of his ablest Marshals, Lannes and Davout, defeated the Austrians in three minor engagements but was then roundly beaten by Charles on the banks of the Danube outside Vienna at the great battle of Essling-Aspern, in which Lannes was killed. Napoleon finally triumphed at the bloody battle of Wagram, a Pyrrhic victory after which Charles was prematurely dismissed and the Austrians concluded a peace with the Emperor at Schonbunn.

Archduke Charles and the Austrian Army, 1792-1814

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