

British Infantryman versus German Infantryman: Somme 1916

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Comments:

Here you get a chapter on the soldiers themselves ó recruitment, training, weapons, tactics, morale, leadership and logistics; this is by far the most interesting chapter. Then we have ó clearly the standard for this series ó accounts of three actions from the soldier's eye view.

I'm not convinced that this is a good format (see my review of Osprey Combat 1) but at least here in the hands of an experienced author you do get more of a sense from these accounts of what it was like to be there. Nevertheless, I would recommend *Taste of Battle* by Bryan Perret for more evocative accounts ó albeit they are fictionalised (but based on fact).

--Paul Le Long



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