

French Napoleonic Infantry Tactics 1792-1815

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Comments:

This is a must-read primer for all Napoleonic gamers. It traces the development of French tactics throughout the period, explaining how the tactics of the young republic were less of a revolution than a development of ideas already extant in earlier decades. Here we also see the trajectory of tactics from the rough and ready improvisation of the revolution through the zenith of tactical mastery in 1805-7 and on to the steady decline from 1809. As you would expect from this author, everything is explained well and in an entertaining style. Read this first before progressing to Brent Nosworthy's *Battle Tactics of Napoleon and his Enemies* for more depth and your Napoleonic battles will be more, well, Napoleonic rather than generic encounters.

--Paul Le Long

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