## **Napoleonic Heavy Cavalry & Dragoon Tactics**

Osprey Elite series No. 188 (2013) Text by Philip Haythornthwaite; illustrated by Adam Hook

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## **Comments:**

The book starts with a description of different types of cavalry and its evolution from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. We also get information on types of horses, equipment and weapons. There is a fair amount of information on organisation ó squadrons, regiments and brigades and their functions. The section on skirmishing ó on horseback and on foot ó is interesting. It is, however, the final third of the book that is most interesting ó the mechanics of the cavalry charge, against cavalry and infantry.

This is an excellent book that any Napoleonic gamer would do well to read.

--Paul Le Long

