European Medieval Tactics (2): New Infantry, New Weapons 1260-1500

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Comments:

This is a companion volume to Osprey Elite 185 which deals with cavalry from late Rome to AD1260. In fact, the two volumes together give you an excellent overview of the development of (European) medieval tactics generally. We are all familiar with the basics ó cavalry rose to dominance on the battlefield in the late Roman period and this dominance grew and endured until infantry armed with pikes and missile weapons gradually wrested back the initiative in the late Middle Ages.

What you get in these volumes is how that actually happened from the soldier eye view of here the colour plates are particularly effective in illustrating exactly what happened on the ground.

A must read (alongside volume 1) for medievalists and anyone interested in the development of tactics and warfare generally.

--Paul Le Long

