

# **The Alamo and the War of Texan Independence 1835-36**

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## **Comments:**

A perfect campaign guide for this small, self-contained conflict. There is a short historical background followed by a full campaign history (about half the book) which covers all the battles, not just the Alamo. Roughly half the book covers the opposing armies with information on uniforms and organisation. A must-read for anyone wishing to refigure the war.

One thing that struck me from the plates is that in smaller figure scales or for gamers that are not too concerned with uniform minutiae, many of the Mexican forces can be represented by Napoleonic French figures.

**--Paul Le Long**

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