

**Armies of the Adowa Campaign 1896:
The Italian Disaster in Ethiopia**
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Comments:

This is an excellent campaign guide. Background to the campaign is presented, along with a narrative of the campaign and the battle. There is also a discussion about both armies ó training, logistics, tactics, motivation and so on. There is nothing on uniforms aside from the plates. A fascinating book, well-constructed, which provides everything you need to refight the campaign and battle ó it is also a nice change from the more traditional British versus natives type of colonial game. One interesting point to note: the Italian army largely consisted of Ascari (allied native troops) and these were of better quality than Italian troops.

--Paul Le Long

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