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1800-A momentous conflict between the French and Austrians The French victory at the Battle of Marengo decisively terminated Bonaparte's Italian campaign. This early battle of the Napoleonic Wars was the culmination of a campaign which demonstrated the First Consul's genius for warfare and-combined with his Hannibal-like exploit of crossing the snow closed high passes of the Alps to engage the enemy-contributed one more fabulous accolade which was to make the legend that was Napoleon. Yet it was so nearly a disaster for the French as the Austrian General von Melas began the action with a master stroke which could have spelt disaster for many generals-other than the future Emperor of the First Empire. It was only won at the cost of one of France's most talented and valued generals-Desaix. The American historian and author of this examination of Marengo- Herbert H. Sargent-explains the strategy of this famous battle succinctly and then follows the facts with clear and expert military analysis to assist the student of military history, strategy and tactics.

In a tense, crowded thirty-three days in the autumn of 1799, Napoleon Bonaparte organized a coup and made himself dictator of France. Yet his position was precarious. He knew that France would accept his

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rule only if he gained military victories that brought peace. James Arnold, in this detailed and compelling account, describes the extraordinary campaigns that followed. At Marengo Bonaparte defeated the Austrians and his fellow general Jean Moreau beat the combined Austrian and Bavarian armies at Hohenlinden. These twin campaigns proved decisive. Bonaparte's dictatorship was secure and his enemies across Europe were forced into a 15-year struggle to overthrow him

The first serious investigation of Napoleon's generals Covers the well known to the relatively obscure Provides a fresh insight into the period This is a masterly study of generalship in Napoleon's Grande Arme. Napoleon arguably had the greatest collection of military talent to ever serve one man working for him during the period 1800-15. The role of the Marshals of the Empire has been covered many times, and due credit is also given to them here; however, for the first time Kevin Kiley also examines in depth the contribution of the generals who never made that rank. Fifty-two general officers are examined using the battles they fought to illustrate just how valuable they were. From Marengo in 1800 to Ligny in 1815, both French victories and defeats are studied in meticulous detail, each chapter covering a battle fought and the generals who commanded them. Diverse source material has been consulted in the preparation of this volume, including

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after-action reports, memoirs and correspondence from officers including Senarmont, Eble, Drouot, Teste, Marmont, and Davout, as well as from lesser-known characters such as the artillerymen Boulart and Nol, and the Polish cavalryman Niecelewski, who led the final dash up the pass of Somosierra. Furthermore, those closest to Napoleon such as Fain and Marchand give their piece and provide invaluable information. Taken individually, this material paints a vivid picture of the Grande Armée and those who led it into fire. Taken as a whole, it provides an invaluable source and tells the story of the officers without whom Napoleon could never have achieved as much.

The cantinières who accompanied Napoleon's armies to war have an iconic status in the history of the Grande Armée. Sutler-women and laundresses were officially sanctioned members of the regiment performing a vital support role. In a period when the supply and pay services were haphazard, their canteen wagons and tents were a vital source of sustenance and served as the social hubs of the regiment. Although officially non-combatants, many of these women followed their regiments into battle, serving brandy to soldiers in the firing line, braving enemy fire. This book is a timely piece of social history, as well as a colourful new guide for modellers and re-enactors. Through meticulous research of unprecedented depth and accuracy,

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Terry Crowdy dispels the inaccurate portrayals that Napoleon's Women Camp Followers have suffered over the years to offer a fascinating look at these forgotten heroines.

Osprey's study of the campaign at Marengo in 1800 during the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815). Having returned from Egypt and seized power as First Consul, Napoleon led the Army of the Reserve against the Austrian Army besieging Genoa. After a period of skirmishing and manoeuvring, Melas, the Austrian commander, launched a surprise attack on the morning of 14 June. The attack initially drove the French back to Marengo village and, despite committing the Consular Guard, by 3pm the French were retreating. Believing he had won, the wounded Melas left the field to his Chief-of-Staff, Zach. The timely arrival of Desaix's Division led by Kellerman's cavalry and the 9e Légère threw the Austrians into confusion, turned the battle in Napoleon's favour, thus securing his position as First Consul. It could have been very different.

Waterloo is one of the defining campaigns of European history. The name conjures up images of the terrible scale and grandeur of the Napoleonic Wars and the incredible combined effort that finally ended Napoleon's aspirations of power in Europe. Drawn from unpublished first-hand accounts, and using detailed illustrations, this comprehensive volume is the ideal resource for studying the intense

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fighting at the battles of Waterloo and Wavre, the final, decisive engagements of the Waterloo campaign. Those two battles are at the heart of this study, which explores the action at Mont St Jean where Wellington managed to hold the French at bay until the arrival of the Prussians under Blücher saw the Allies secure a hard-fought victory at the dramatic climax of the 'Hundred days'.

On 14 June 1800 Napoleon Bonaparte fought his first battle as French head of state at Marengo in northern Italy. Unexpectedly attacked, Napoleons army fought one of the most intense battles of the French Revolutionary Wars. Forced to retreat, and threatened with encirclement, Napoleon saved his reputation with a daring counterattack, snatching victory from the jaws of defeat. This battle consolidated Napoleons political position and placed the crown of France within his reach. Meticulously researched using memoirs, reports and regimental histories from both armies, Marengo casts new light on this crucial battle and reveals why Napoleon came so close to defeat and why the Austrians ultimately threw their victory away. With the most detailed account of the battle ever written, the author focuses on the leading personalities in the French and Austrian camps, describing the key events leading up to the battle, and the complex armistice negotiations which followed. For the first time, the author exposes the full story of Carlo Gioelli, the

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enigmatic Italian double agent who misled both armies in the prelude to battle.

The aim of the current work is in the analysis of the phenomenon of foresight in the structure of problematique of creativity. For defining the nature of the prognostic abilities in the activity of a commander the analysis of Napoleonu2019s battles is presented. The analysis of Italian campaign 1796-1797, Battle of Rivoli 1797 and Battle of Ulm 1805 indicates the range of factors, which allowed Napoleon to win the battles. The victories in Italian campaign 1796-1797 can be easily explained by the professional talent of Napoleon.

Napoleon had analyzed the situation thoroughly: from the bumps on the battle field to the information from the intelligence. u201cMy genius was in thatu201d, wrote Napoleon without uncharacteristic for him modesty, u201cwith a glance I comprehended all the difficulties of the business, but at the same time the resources for overcoming those difficulties; my superiority on the others owns to thatu201d[1]. Alongside with that, the whole analysis of the combat operations was stimulated by the demand of winning the battle in the situation of having the army with smaller strength. The battle of 1797 is characterized by a thorough analysis basing on generalization of the applied strategies. That explains the reaction on the originality, novelty of the unexpected decisions, which is provided by different functional consideration of the natural conditions. Already in 1800 before the Battle of Marengo when the Austrian had a numeric superiority over Napoleon, he went through the Alps to go to the rear of their army. That combination

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allowed sudden attack of the Austrians as they were expecting the appearance of Napoleon's forces from the obvious position of the French army. This approach was demonstrated even more clearly in 1805 in the Battle of Ulm. Preparing to the Battle of Rivoli 1797 Napoleon understood how the events would develop and foresaw all the possible variants of actions. That was confirmed by an unexpected appearance of the division of Murat through the lake. In this case such appearance brought closer the end and showed the strategic talent of Napoleon in the full glory. To enforce the division overland was not unusual but when preparing to the battle to notice quite a big lake on the map and to involve it into the battle, to realize how to use it in one's favour this was not an ordinary trick of a commander of the army. It is not a genius who suddenly and secretly shows me, what should I do or say by the circumstances to seem unexpected for the others, but my reflection opens it to me. I work always, work during the dinner, when I am in the theatre; I wake up at night to work, said Napoleon. The Murat's appearance stated the final point in the battle. Such an appearance was so overwhelming, that Napoleon did not have to risk his soldiers. In the famous Battle of Rivoli 14-15th of January 1797, the battle remained one of the glorious achievements of the military art, Bonaparte totally destroyed his enemy [2]. Thus, this battle showed the noticeable shift of Napoleon to the heuristic level. The difference is that the ideas come not in the situation of searching for an answer to the circumstances arisen in the situation of a battle, but as

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the result of progress of cognition in the situation of quiet reflection in the office. Not as a necessity, but as an involuntary process of constant thinking. It seems that I am prepared to everything, that it is explained by the fact that before doing something, I have reflected for a long time; already before I have forecasted what could happen [3]. But every such sole correct step of Napoleon could not be possible without the round-the-clock work not on the current issues only but on himself as well. And, finally, the Battle of Ulm 1805 or, rather its impossibility. Napoleon's workaround has been discovered by the Austrians. In a fear that they could move from their positions, Napoleon sent a rumor that the Frenchmen were going home because of the rising. Such a cunning trick disoriented them and allowed Napoleon to surround them in a turning movement. 7th of October frenchmen closed the way of retreat to Vienna. Soon the Austrians pull back, but the Frenchmen already took the crossing of the river and that threatened the rear of the Army of the Danube. 10th of October the Austrians concentrated all his forces near Ulm. Answering this action Napoleon cut to the Austrian the way of retreat via Tyrol. The attempts of the Austrians to move out somewhere, for example, to Bohemia led to nothing. On the 13th of October, all Napoleon's army was united from various sides near Ulm. The Commander-in-Chief wrote: It is not about beating the enemy, it is necessary that the enemy do not escape from us. Call your generals and the commanders of divisions. Tell them I think that in the current situation it is important not to miss anything to

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make our success whole and absoluteu201d[3].The Austrians capitulated. Building up the structure corresponds to the theoretical comprehension of the problem and characterises reaching the creative level. The cited above letter was written by Bonaparte far from Ulm, from Munich. But what a glorious sureness in his rightness! He knew the final result so well that all the actions he had taken before allowed him to move out from the front: the victory would have come itself. u201cl won the battle by the marches onlyu201d[3]. Indeed, it was a completely new way. There were no sufficient battles. The analysis of Napoleonu2019s activity shows that his mind has an identical structure with the mind of a prominent scientist and the phenomenon of the forecast grows not because of the professionalism and general knowledge, but corresponds to the character of the movement of a thought described by Hegel: from the analysis of a single unit via the special to the general. This can be seen in Napoleonu2019s reconsidering a new strategy and in fact draws to the building up a theory, providing the most precise forecast of the enemyu2019s behaviour.

Napoleon, militære Karriere, hærfører, føring; Marskaller; Generaler; Würmser; Alvintzy; Blücher; Wellington; Würmser; Alvintzy; Ærkehertig Carl;

The years immediately following the French Revolution of 1789 saw an extraordinary transformation of the French army. From a distrusted instrument of the feudal power of the king and nobility, it became the symbol of liberty and citizenship. The transition was complex and painful, as the remnants of the old professional army

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were joined by a flood of civilian volunteers and conscripts, of whom even the best were short of everything except republican fervour. This book describes the stages of the rebirth that produced an army capable of beating off half the monarchies of Europe, thus laying the foundations for Napoleon's unique victories ten years later.

This panoramic volume tells the story of French art, culture and life from the 1770s to the 1820s: the first French voyages of discovery to Australia, the stormy period of social change with the outbreak of the French Revolution, and the rise to power of the young Napoleon Bonaparte and his wife Josephine.

In January 1794 the French 'Army of Italy' was commanded by General Dumerbion and he acknowledged a great debt to his 25-year-old commander of artillery – Napoleon Bonaparte. The French Revolution had resulted in major changes in the military system, conscription created a national army and new tactics and initiatives allowed an officer of such promise as Napoleon to rise quickly through the ranks. By 1796 he was the general commanding the French in Italy and at the conclusion of fourteen months campaigning he was the decisive military personality of his age. Philip Haythornthwaite examines Napoleon's campaigns in Italy, and the uniforms of his soldiers are illustrated in eight colour plates by Richard Hook.

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Napoleon's campaigns as a general of the French Revolution and emperor of the French, knowledgeably analyzing each battle's successes and failures. The author depicts Napoleon's "art of war" as a system of engaging the enemy, waiting for him to make a mistake, improvising a plan on the spot-and winning. Far from detracting from Bonaparte's reputation, his blunders rather made him a great general, a "natural" who depended on his intuition and ability to read battlefields and his enemy to win. Exploring this neglected aspect of Napoleon's battlefield genius, Connelly at the same time offers stirring and complete accounts of all the Napoleonic campaigns.

Patrice Gueniffey, the leading French historian of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic age, takes up the epic narrative at the heart of this turbulent period: the life of Napoleon himself, from his boyhood in Corsica, to his meteoric rise during the Italian and Egyptian campaigns, to his proclamation as Consul for Life in 1802.

This title, a prequel to *Warrior 57 French Napoleonic Infantryman 1803-15*, concentrates on the period from the storming of the Bastille in 1789 until Bonaparte's election as Consul for Life in 1802. The meticulously researched text provides an authentic portrait of military life during the Revolution and beyond, with excellent use of contemporary sources, including many illuminating and vivid quotations from the memoirs and letters of those who served during the 'Wars of Liberty'. It follows typical volunteers of 1791, through the early stages of the war, the Civil War in the west of France and into Bonaparte's second Italian campaign, culminating in the Battle of Marengo in 1800.

In August 1793 of the French Revolutionary Wars

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(1792-1802), Republican France teetered on the brink of collapse. On every front her enemies' armies swept forward across her borders – the very survival of the Revolution itself was at stake. In Toulon, the strategically vital home port of France's Mediterranean fleet, a coup had overthrown the Republican government and handed over the city to the blockading British navy. In this, perhaps her darkest hour, France's saviour was at hand in the shape of a Captain of Artillery whose name all Europe would soon know - Napoleon Bonaparte. This title describes the Republican victory at Toulon that not only saved the Revolution but also saw the young Napoleon Bonaparte begin his meteoric rise to power. One of the leading voices on national-security issues in the US Congress demonstrates how words have been sharp and powerful weapons of victory in this compilation of great military speeches that helped turn the tide of history. Congressman Israel has included speeches that have motivated and mobilized, challenged and comforted. Some were blurted in the heat of combat, others carefully written in places far removed from the brutality of the battlefield, but all will inspire readers with the courage that moved people forward against all odds. This dramatic sweep of military history in the words of history's military leaders serves to reinforce the concept that the pen is mightier than the sword. Congressman Steve Israel represents New York's second district and is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and former member of the Armed Services Committee.

The battle of Borodino was one of the greatest encounters in European history, and one of the largest and most sanguinary in the Napoleonic Wars. Following the breakdown of relations between Russia and France, Napoleon assembled a vast Grande Armée drawn from the many states within the French sphere of influence. They crossed the river Neimen and

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entered Russian territory in June 1812 with the aim of inflicting a sharp defeat on the Tsar's forces and bringing the Russians back into line. In a bloody battle of head-on attacks and desperate counter-attacks in the village of Borodino on 7 September 1812, both sides lost about a third of their men, with the Russians forced to withdraw and abandon Moscow to the French. However, the Grande Armée was harassed by Russian troops all the way back and was destroyed by the retreat. The greatest army Napoleon had ever commanded was reduced to a shadow of frozen, starving fugitives. This title will cover the events of Napoleon's disastrous Russian campaign of 1812 in its entirety, with the set-piece battle of Borodino proving the focal point of the book.

Bataille de Marengo, première victoire du siècle Histoire Et Collections

Osprey's Campaign title for the Battle of Eggmühl of the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815). In the Spring of 1809, the Austrian army, buoyant and full of new-found patriotic fervour, rolled across the frontier with Bavaria. The time had come to exact revenge for the humiliating defeat suffered at Austerlitz. But ten days later, harassed by ceaseless rain, they were streaming back from the Abens river with Napoleon in hot pursuit. Napoleon had not been in the front line when Austria had launched its campaign - and the French and their German allies had blundered backwards and forwards across the Bavarian countryside. But, with the appearance of Napoleon, Archduke Charles lost the initiative. Based for the first time upon the Austrian primary sources, this title takes the reader through the various clashes of this significant campaign.

Europe's great powers formed two powerful coalitions against France, yet force of numbers, superior leadership and the patriotic fervor of

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France's citizen-soldiers not only defeated each in turn, but closed the era of small, professional armies fighting for limited political objectives. This period produced commanders such as Napoleon and Nelson, whose names remain a by-word for excellence to this day. From Italy to Egypt Napoleon demonstrated his strategic genius and mastery of tactics in battles including Rivoli, the Pyramids and Marengo. Nelson's spectacular sea victories at the Nile and Copenhagen were foretastes of a century of British naval supremacy.

This all-new volume chronicles the events that climaxed on the field of Austerlitz in one of the most famous battles of the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815). Not only was it the first campaign that Napoleon waged as Emperor of France, but also the first great test for his Grande Armée. The Emperor himself regarded it as his greatest victory and it undoubtedly won him a mastery of Europe that would remain unbroken for almost a decade. Most accounts of the campaign have until now been based almost exclusively on French sources, but following extensive research in the Austrian archives Ian Castle is now able to provide a far more balanced account of Austerlitz.

Explains his influence on the military, law, politics, and religion Get the real story of Napoleon Bonaparte Not sure what's true about Napoleon? This easy-to-follow guide gets past the stereotypes

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and introduces you to this extraordinary man's beginnings, accomplishments, and famous romances. It traces Napoleon's rise from Corsican military cadet to Emperor of the French, chronicles his military campaigns, explains the mistakes that led to his removal from power, and explores his lasting impact on Europe and the world. Discover * How Napoleon built -- and lost -- an empire * The forces that influenced him * Why he created the Napoleonic Code * The inside story on Josephine * How he helped shape modern-day Europe

Salamanca was the most decisive battle of the entire Peninsular War. Wellington smashed Marmont's French Army and his pursuit of its shattered remnants led to the famous cavalry charge of the King's German Legion at Garcia Hernandez. There would be two more years of sieges and hard fighting before the Iron Duke crossed the Pyrenees into France but from Salamanca the British and their Portuguese and Spanish allies always had the upper hand. Ian Fletcher examines this important battle in detail and also discusses the campaign which led up to it.

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On 14 June 1800, during the second Italian campaign, Napoleon narrowly won the battle of Marengo (Piedmont). This famous battle opposed 28,000 French soldiers against 31,000 Austrian soldiers under the command of General Melas. At first dominated, the French had to retreat nearly seven miles back. Melas believing that victory was assured left the command to a subordinate and returned to Alessandria. The adversary's delay thus allowed Napoleon to concentrate his forces, especially the corps of General Desaix, which would arrive as reinforcement. Around 5:00 in the afternoon, the violent French counterattack forced the Austrians to retreat, claiming the lives of Desaix, undoubtedly the hero of the day. This great victory leads to the French occupation of Lombardy and above all reinforces the authority of Napoleon in France. **REVIEWS** In summary, it is undoubtedly a great book. The many watercolour prints, battle

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scenes, paintings, masses of uniform prints and detailed orders of battle, notwithstanding the reservations over the translation and maps, make this a very worthwhile work. One could spend hours just poring over the pictures. It is strongly recommended to both the general reader and the expert . For anyone who wants to recreate the armies of Revolutionary France and Austria at the turn of the 18th Century, this book is a "must have" .MWBG May 2015 #385 (Martin Pike) "

The Battle of Marengo, in the War of the Second Coalition, decisively defeated the Austrians in northern Italy and confirmed Napoleon's reputation as an invincible military genius which he had earlier established during his first Italian campaign. After the Paris coup which made him First Consul - and effectively dictator - in 1799, Napoleon crossed the Alps to confront the Austrians in Italy. Surprised by an Austrian attack on June 14th, a desperate Napoleon hurriedly recalled General Desaix, whom he had earlier sent away. Desaix, returning to the fray, launched a counter-attack, preceded by a short artillery bombardment. Although he was killed in the charge, Desaix's move was decisive and after a cavalry charge led by the future Marshal Kellermann, the Austrians fled, leaving more than 9,000 casualties on the battlefield. Napoleon left General Jean Moreau to chase the Austrians and their Bavarian allies back into Germany. On 3rd

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December, Moreau brought them to battle at Hohenlinden, near Munich, and inflicted another decisive defeat on a superior army, forcing the Austrians to make peace and end the war. The two battles, brilliantly recounted here in a classic Napoleonic campaign history by Col. George Furse, established Napoleon's France as the pre-eminent European power - a status it would enjoy for more than a decade.

In the summer of 1812, having defeated almost every army in Europe, Napoleon finally began his attack on the Russian empire. For ten terrible weeks the Grande Armée swept all before them, and by September they had reached Borodino on the western approaches to Moscow. It was here that the full force of the French and Russian armies finally clashed. What ensued was a battle the Russian commander Kutuzov called the most bloody battle of modern times.

Ever since 1821, when he died at age fifty-one on the forlorn and windswept island of St. Helena, Napoleon Bonaparte has been remembered as either demi-god or devil incarnate. In *The Rise of Napoleon Bonaparte*, the first volume of a two-volume cradle-to-grave biography, Robert Asprey instead treats him as a human being. Asprey tells this fascinating, tragic tale in lush narrative detail. *The Rise of Napoleon Bonaparte* is an exciting, reckless thrill ride as Asprey charts Napoleon's vertiginous ascent to fame and the height of power. Here is Napoleon as he was - not saint, not sinner, but a man dedicated to and ultimately devoured by his vision of

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himself, his empire, and his world.

Osprey's examination of one of the most crucial battles of the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815). Austerlitz was the battle that established Napoleon's reputation: a classic example of the general's masterly use of deception to lure his enemy into a carefully devised trap. Beginning with the bold and crushing advance of the French Army from the Rhine to the Danube, David Chandler describes the envelopment of Mack's army at Ulm, the manoeuvres to Austerlitz and the counter-attack that resulted in the decisive defeat for the Austro-Russian Army. Excellent overview illustrations of the battlefield at Austerlitz supplement the text by clearly showing the movements of the opposing armies.

Marengo holds a special place in Napoleonic mythology. In a bold move, Napoleon took 22,000 men across the Alps. Fighting snow, avalanches and winds, he marched horses, troops, and supply sleds across the Great St. Bernard Pass. Exhausted, hungry, and frozen, his army arrived at Marengo, only to be surprised by the Austrians. By the afternoon of June 14, 1800, it looked as if the battle was lost, but a miraculous last-minute turnaround thanks to the arrival of reinforcements led by Desaix, gave victory to the French. If the Emperor had been defeated his life, and the course of history, might have been very different.

Once Napoleon had consolidated his grip on the reins of power of the new-born French Republic, he began to change the nature of the state from a nascent democracy of sorts into an Empire with all the trappings of dynastic royalty. The Senatus Consultum of 18th May

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1804 gave the form to the Imperial Court; households of courtiers were established for the Emperor and Empress and the Imperial family, dignitaries of the Empire, ministers of the Empire were appointed; and having previously been abolished in 1793 the dignity of the Marshal of the Empire was recreated. Fourteen active and four honorary Marshals were handed their batons, eight more would be created during the years following; intended to be bulwarks of the regime. However these men were not plucked from obscurity they were men of genuine renown, and in most cases significant military talent, they had fought in numerous battles and campaigns during the tumultuous early days of the Republic. However apart from a handful of individual biographies and collections of anecdotes which mainly dealt with the years of glory under the Empire, few works in English had really investigated the formative careers of the Marshals under the banners of the Republic. In his epic five volume work, published posthumously between 1926-1936, Colonel Phipps looks into the early careers of the Marshals as they pursued La Gloire from their varied beginnings as sons of inn-keepers, coopers, officers of the Royal French Army; some of noble blood, some of the most common. The careers of men such as Masséna, Ney, Soult, Mortier, Murat and Davout are charted in detail, they are compared and contrasted with each other with expert judgement. The Author uses his extensive knowledge of the numerous French first-hand sources of the period along with published histories which have never been translated into English. The second volume concentrates on the Armées de la

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Moselle, du Rhin, du Sambre-et-Meuse, de Rhin-et-Moselle and their battles under the order of Jourdan, Moreau, Pichegru et al, as they fight for their republican values and their own skins. The text is whole and complete, there are no missing or indistinct pages; the fold-out maps have been re-aligned to fit into the text spread across two, or in the case of the A3 maps four, pages.

This remarkable work tells the story of Chicken Marengo, and cuts through the tangle of myths that has sprung up around it. Supposedly created on the evening of Napoleons victory at Marengo, the dish rapidly conquered Paris, and became a renowned symbol of French haute cuisine. The author sets the dish in its context explaining the nail-biting drama of Napoleons Marengo campaign and the remarkable frenzy of rejoicing unleashed in Paris by the news of his victory. The author argues that the dish is part of a wider myth that Napoleon spun around the battle itself.

Uncomfortably aware of just how close he had come to disaster, he rewrote the official account of Marengo. Determined to exploit the political impact of the victory to the full, he portrayed it as a masterly maneuver, rather than a near-defeat salvaged largely by luck. Napoleons Chicken Marengo demonstrates the persistency of popular myth in shaping perceptions of pivotal events. Uffindel sheds startling light on Napoleons extraordinary and yet elusive character, and reveals just how effectively he spun a myth around the amount of food he ate in order to project a positive image of himself. A whole cast of other, unforgettable characters enlivens

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the story of Chicken Marengo, from Napoleons bickering generals, to celebrity chefs, colorful adventurers, acclaimed artists, fabulously wealthy eccentrics, and famous writers such as William Makepeace Thackeray.

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