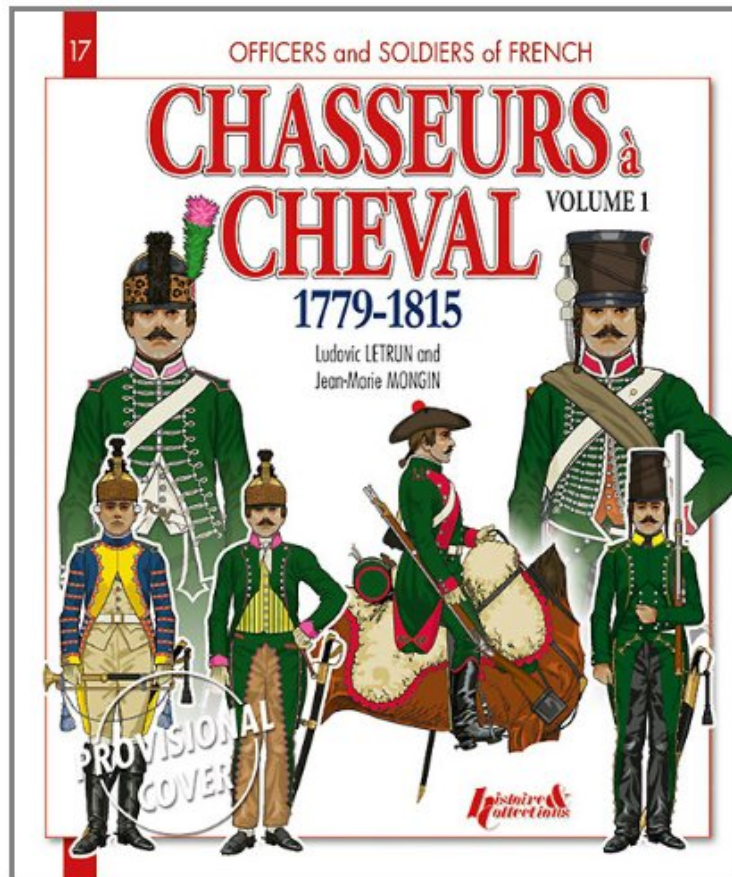


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Another great reference from Histoire Collections By D. Kong Chasseurs a Cheval was one of the light cavalry arms of Napoleonic French army. Book No. 17 of the Officers and Soldiers series published by Histoire Collections is the first of three volumes that discusses this particular branch of the French Army. The second volume, Volume 2, is slated to be published as Book No. 20 and Volume 3 is to be Book No. 21. Book No. 17, the one on review here, has the title: Chasseurs a Cheval: Volume 1: 1779-1815. Actually, this volume only covers from 1779 to 1800. If you are only interested in the Chasseurs a Cheval in the later Napoleonic years, then you have to wait for Book No. 20 that will cover from 1801-1809 and Book No. 21 that will cover from 1810 to 1816. This book (No. 17) has 84 pages in total, but pagination begins on the page cover. It includes

71 color plates with 3 full page plates covering standards (military jargon for flags). This volume is put together by Jean-Marie Mongin and Lodovic Letrun, and not the usual Andre Jouinrau. The computer generated illustrations look a bit different, but they are still beautiful. The illustrations are organized according to the year of the Regulations, Ordinance or Instructions, from 1779 to 1800. Page 36 includes a list of the battles and campaigns of the Chasseurs a Cheval during this particular period. There are illustrations of certain specific legions, such as the German Legion, Legion des Americains et du Midi, Hussars of the Alps, Hussards de la Mort (Death Head Hussars), etc. Brief comments and explanations accompanied with the illustrations, sometimes including the source, e.g., "after Edouard Detaille." The text is translated from the French original by Alan McKay and the translations show a marked improvement when compared with the earlier books. There is not a lot of narrative discussion in this one, but then most people buy this book mainly for the illustrations. As with the other books in the series, modelers and wargamers will find this book very helpful as a quick reference for painting their armies, figures or dioramas. I have bought most of the Napoleonic uniform books of this series and, as usual, am pleased with this one. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Essential unit uniform study. By Michael England All of these Histoire Collections Napoleonic books are extremely valuable and beautiful, printed on the very finest paper for color illustrations of regimental uniforms in all their modes of dress for both officers and enlisted. For deep and dark colors these are the best I've seen on paper! I intend to get everything they print about Napoleonic armies. A wargamer could not have a more valuable painting guide as these pages serve the same purpose as military plates. They do include belts, weapons, harnessing, shabrack portmanteau, sabretache and other equipment. I'm waiting for volume two to come in as I need the illustrations for the 4th and 28th Chasseur a Cheval Regiments for 1812 in Russia as they were both part of Marshal Ney's IIIrd French and allied Corps in General de Brigade Beurman's 14th Light Brigade along with the 1st and 2nd Wurttemberg Chateau-leger Regiments. I'm making a model of the IIIrd French Corps of Marshal Ney (1812 in Russia) in both 15mm and 28mm scales for wargaming. It will be interesting to see if the 28th Chasseur a Cheval Regiment is in volume two of this set, as on 29 May, 1808 this regiment was formed from the 2nd Tuscan Dragoon Regiment and was made up of mostly Italian troops. Michael G. England Grapevine, Texas 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great uniform source book By Eric I am a Historex/ 54mm modeler and painter. I have found this series to be a great reference source. They are very highly detailed covering just about any uniform on the subject and changes over the period. They are very good about when and where they are basing their information on. I would mention these are not good books on the history of unit actions. Only the uniforms and that they do very well indeed.

If one attributes the mounted infantry to the creation of "Fischer's voluntary infantry company," as has traditionally been done, then one would have to wait until 1757 for the first units to be organized. Horsemen make their presence in the royal cavalry in 1776 with the creation of a mounted infantry squadron attached to each dragoon regiment. Our study commences with the "first truly" mounted infantrymen described by the 1779 ruling. Presented are those of 12 regiments from 1784, and the 26 who would fight during the Revolution, in addition to those from Valmy at Marengo... from the Constituent to the Consulat, without forgetting the voluntary units who would come to support the enlisted units. Volume 2 to follow will examine the regiments from the periods of the Consulat and the Empire.