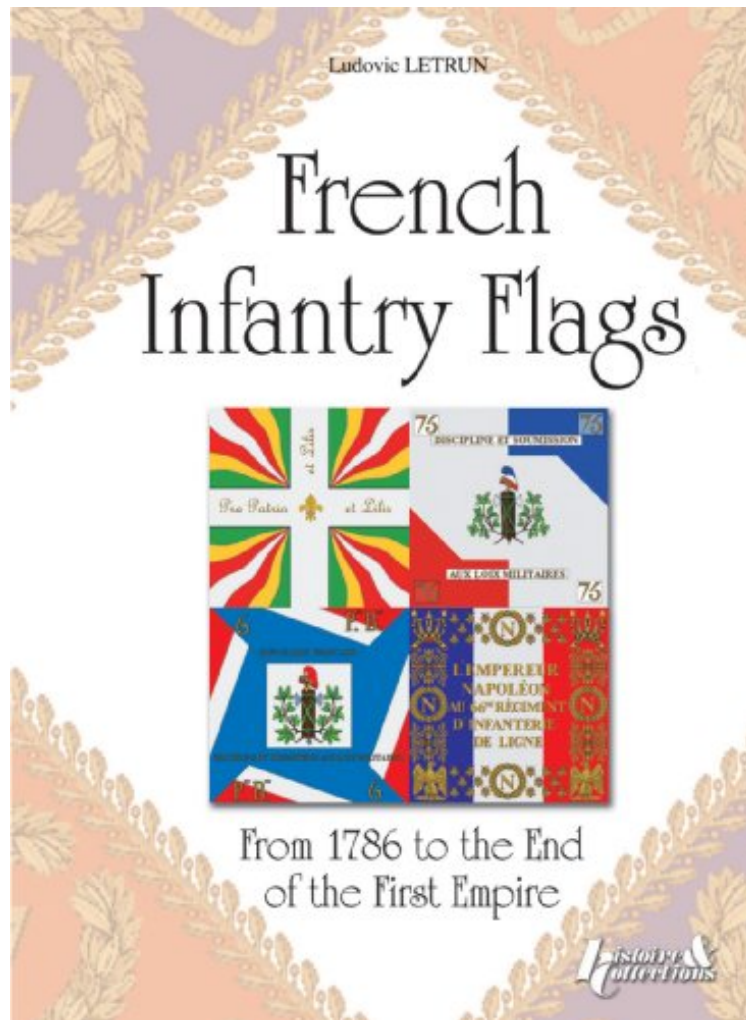


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. WELL WORTH THE PRICE By J. Evans Just picked this book up after wanting it for awhile. Great book that any modeler would love. Has excellent color drawings of all French regimental flags from just before the revolution until the end of the empire. Pretty much EVERY French regimental flag is shown. Almost too much detail since many times the only difference was the battle honors written on the flag. You can't complain about the thoroughness though. A great reference book that you'll come back to again and again. Probably the best part is the revolutionary flags, this seems to be the part that is the least well documented in other sources. That part alone makes the book a great deal. Complaints? I'll be nit picky. Would have loved a little more on

the history of the flags, this is more of a picture book although they do give a decent introduction. Would also liked to have had an appendix that referenced all remaining examples and where they are. I'd buy every one of these if they started doing other countries. Well worth the price.

As witnesses to History's ups and downs, flags - and in particular infantry flags - reveal how short-lived ideas and their symbols can be when they are the unfortunate victims of auto-da-fés thought up by different regimes. Today museums have only managed to preserve a few rare specimens and the period texts and documents are mostly incomplete. This is particularly true for the Army of Italy flags, those of the volunteers and those of the half-brigades from 1794-1803, which are still mainly unknown to this day. Faced with this type of major difficulty, and if a coherent picture of the flags is to be painted, a whole gamut of particularly inescapable assumptions has to be made. Nevertheless since historical exactitude does not allow for even the smallest unverifiable interpretations, it is up to us to warn our readers that the flags illustrated here are those that our research has enabled us to reproduce. Each individual regimental history has been established so as to follow the trail these flags left as they changed from regiment to half-brigade. These histories are not always able follow the rank numbering in the corps since there was often no direct association between them. For the reader to find his way around, an asterisk designates a battalion which was in at the foundation of the new regiment, and also shows that this unit's flag was most certainly adopted provisionally.