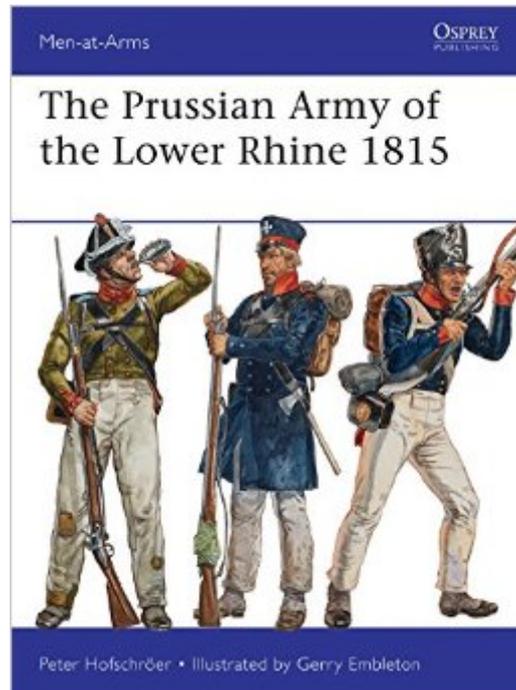


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# The Prussian Army Of The Lower Rhine 1815 (Men-at-Arms)



## Synopsis

For those interested in the actual appearance of the Prussian soldiers who fought at Ligny, Wavre and Waterloo in 1815, this colorful study combines the latest findings and expert analysis to cast new light on the fateful Waterloo campaign. The Prussian Army of the Lower Rhine, led by Generalfeldmarschall Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher in 1815, played a - possibly the - vital part in the Allied victory at Waterloo, forcing Napoleon to divide his forces when Blücher's leading elements arrived to offer Wellington crucial support at a time when his Anglo-Netherlands army was doing no more than holding its own on the defensive. During this campaign Blücher's army presented an enormously diverse appearance, since its units had been issued clothing and equipment from many sources, and many of them were still wearing the distinctly hard-worn kit they had been issued over two years before at the start of the 1813 Wars of Liberation. Written by a leading authority, this book delves deeply into original sources - including eyewitness accounts, and regimental histories known only to German scholars - to recreate the actual appearance of specific units, rather than simply copying generic uniform regulations. The text details who the men that served in these units were, how they were organised and drilled, and their previous service; what specific elements of the army looked like in 1815; their march to the battlefield; and what they did when they got there.

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Blücher's Army of the Lower Rhine made a crucial contribution to the Allied victory in the Waterloo

Campaign. It absorbed a tactical defeat at the hands of Napoleon's Armee du Nord at Ligny on 16 June 1815, but retained its cohesion and its sense of purpose. On 18 June 1815, its timely arrival on the battlefield at Mont St Jean ensured the defeat of Napoleon's army. Given its improvised nature and indifferently trained and equipped ranks, that contribution is all the more remarkable."The Prussian Army of the Lower Rhine 1815" is an Osprey Men-at-Arms Series entry, authored by experienced historian Peter Hofschröber, with illustrations by Gerry Embleton. The narrative quickly sketches the background to the campaign of 1815, followed by a revealing description of the creation of the Army of the Lower Rhine, its condition, and its leadership. The text includes brief discussions of each of its major units, with comments on their uniforms (and lack of uniformity). The text is much enhanced by an excellent selection of period illustrations and some superb color plates portraying uniforms and equipment. The narrative concludes with a brief description of the part played by the Prussians in the Battle of Waterloo. Hofschröber's firm understanding of the Waterloo Campaign, and his strong opinions on its conduct, underlie a concise but very worthwhile read. Recommended.

This was exactly what I was looking for. I'm surprised it was not published sooner. It covers the variety in the Landwehr uniforms and shows it wasn't just a few different color collars and cuffs. The 100 days is/was such an important period. It was the end of an era. The British and French armies have been done to death. It's about time the other nations involved got some recognition and coverage. I know that most of the armies have been covered in this series, but I would like to see more detailed studies for just this campaign. Dutch- Belgian, Brunswick, even the French allies, Swiss and Poles.

This entry in the Osprey Men-at-Arms Series is the result of a match made in heaven. No one knows the Prussian side of the Napoleonic Wars better than prize-winning historian Peter Hofschröber. As for artist Gerry Embleton, he has ranked as Osprey's most talented interpreter of historic uniforms, weapons, and gear for more than four decades, and he has been turning out some of his best work in conjunction with the approaching bicentennial of the Battle of Waterloo. Together, Hofschröber and Embleton have produced an outstanding illustrated survey of the Army of the Lower Rhine, the Prussian force that followed Field Marshal Blücher through the hard-fought Battle of Ligny and ultimate triumph two days later at Waterloo. This book stands as one of the most authoritative that Osprey has ever released.

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