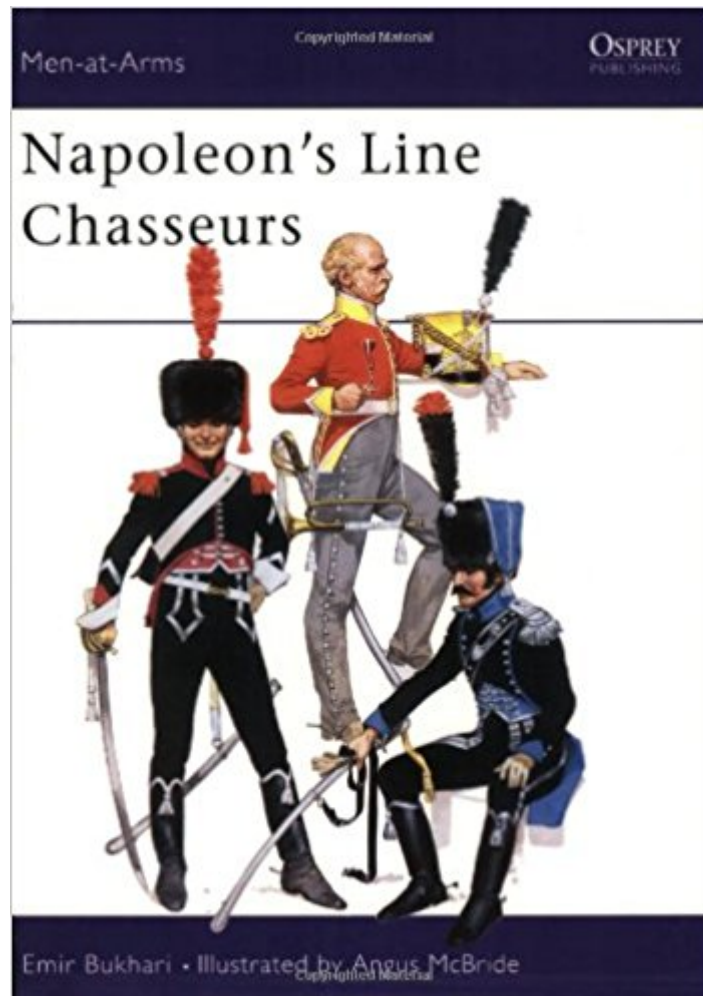




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Synopsis

The chasseurs, being the indigenous French light horse, can perhaps be equated best with the infantry demi-brigades of this period, a half-trained, unprofessional, makeshift collection, making up with zeal what they lacked in experience, a qualification which in no way diminished the importance of their role within Napoleon's all-conquering army. Emir Bukhari's fine text examines the dress and equipment of Napoleon's line chasseurs, plus the histories of individual regiments in a volume containing a plethora of illustrations and diagrams including eight full page color plates by popular artist Angus McBride, showing a variety of uniforms in admirable detail.

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Packed with specially commissioned artwork, maps and diagrams, the Men-at-Arms series is an unrivalled illustrated reference on the history, organisation, uniforms and equipment of the world's military forces, past and present.

Napoleon's Line Chasseurs is one of the earlier books published by Osprey Publishing in 1977 as part of its Men-at-Arms series. It is written by Emir Bukhari and beautifully illustrated by the late Angus McBride. The one that I bought is the 1979 reprint. The one being shown here is a much later reprint. As far as I know, except for the cover and back pages, the content has remained unchanged

in the reprints. This book, with 40 pages, is organized into several topics: Organization, Dress and Equipment, Saddle and Harness, War Records and Regimental Histories (1st to 21st regiments), The Plates (A-H, with each plate including illustrations of three soldiers), and Sources (this is very brief with only 11 references). Pages 39 and 40 include descriptions of the plates in other languages. The most useful illustrations that I found are the four on pages 28 and 29 showing the different formations of a squadron in different orders. This is similarly done in Napoleon's Hussars, another book in the same series published around the same time. In fact, in one to two discussions, Napoleon's Line Chasseurs references Napoleon's Hussars and Napoleon's Cuirassiers and Carabiniers, so I would recommend that you to get these other books too. There are black and white illustrations of the uniforms, arms and equipment, and horse harnesses. The A to H Plates are in color and are beautifully done. This is a good book for the modelers and wargamers who want a quick reference and a basic guide. I would prefer the book to include a bit of discussion on the functions of the Chasseurs, and how exactly that they differ from those of the more flamboyant Hussars, but at such an inexpensive price, I am not complaining.

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