



## The British Cavalry in the Peninsular War (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.This work first appeared as a set of articles published in the United Service Journal, starting in March 1831. They were written by an officer who served initially in the 1st, Royal Dragoons before joining the hussars in 1812. They were written to counteract a common opinion at the time that the British cavalry had not conducted themselves well during the Napoleonic wars. Certainly the story of the British cavalry is a mixture of unbelievable brilliance and bravery, tempered by frequent rashness and incompetent handling. One example was the charge of the 13th Light Dragoons at Campo Mayor on 25th March 1811. Two squadrons charged and routed two regiments of French cavalry and then chased them several miles to the gates of the French held fortress of Badajoz. The charge was brilliant and brave, the pursuit was reckless. This sequence was not unusual, other examples being at Vimiero, Talavera and Maguilla. There were however some notable successes, such as at Benavente, Sahagun, Usagre and Salamanca. For most of the Peninsular war, the British cavalry was so weak that they could...



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