



The Armies of the First French Republic, and the Rise of the Marshals of Napoleon I: Armee Du Nord v. 1 (Paperback)

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Pickle Partners Publishing, United Kingdom, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 208 x 147 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Once Napoleon had consolidated his grip on the reins of power of the new-born French Republic, he began to change the nature of the state from a nascent democracy of sorts, into an Empire with all the trappings of dynastic royalty. The Senatus Consultum of 18th May 1804 gave the form to the Imperial Court; households of courtiers were established for the Emperor and Empress and the Imperial family, dignitaries of the Empire and ministers of the Empire were appointed; and having previously been abolished in 1793 the dignity of the Marshal of the Empire was recreated. Fourteen active and four honorary Marshals were handed their batons, eight more would be created during the years following; intended to be bulwarks of the regime and the cutting edge of Napoleon's armies. However these men were not plucked from obscurity, they were men of genuine renown and in most cases significant military talent; they had fought in numerous battles and campaigns during the tumultuous early days of the Republic. However apart from a handful of individual biographies...



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