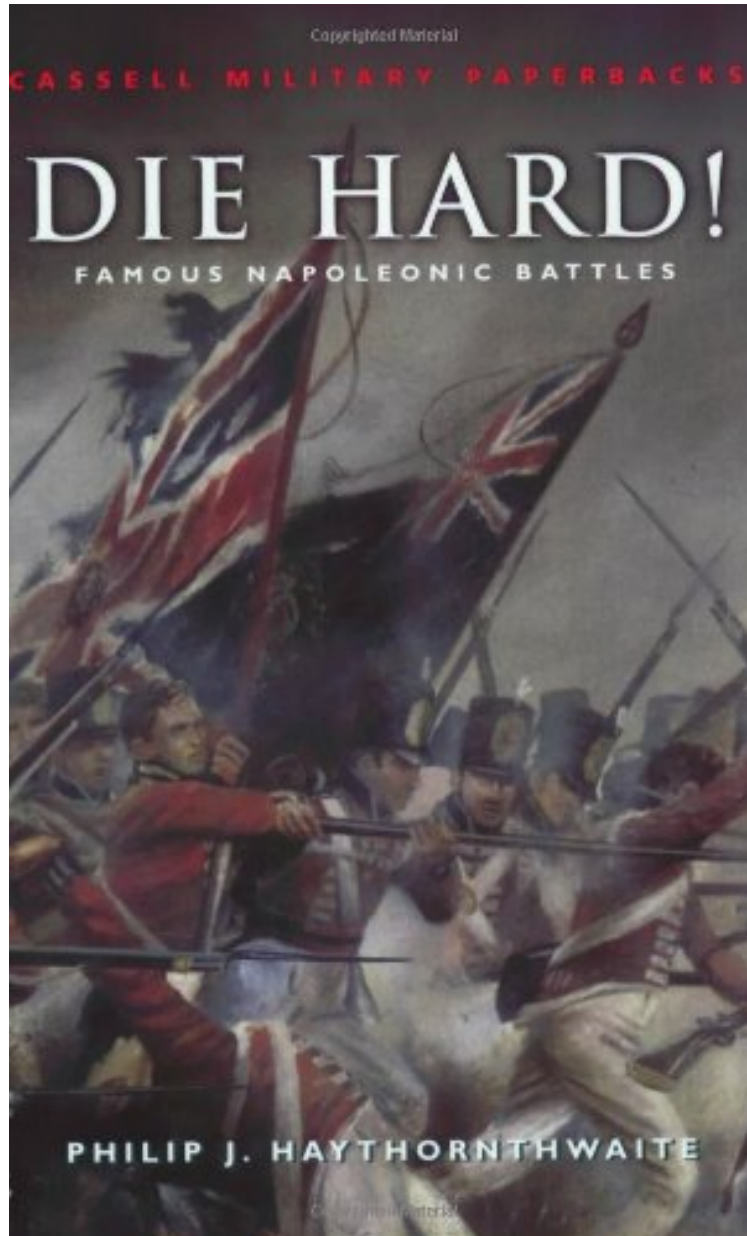


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Essential reading for fans of Napoleonic history and the general reader alike Immaculately researched by a bestselling author Death and glory all the way!

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