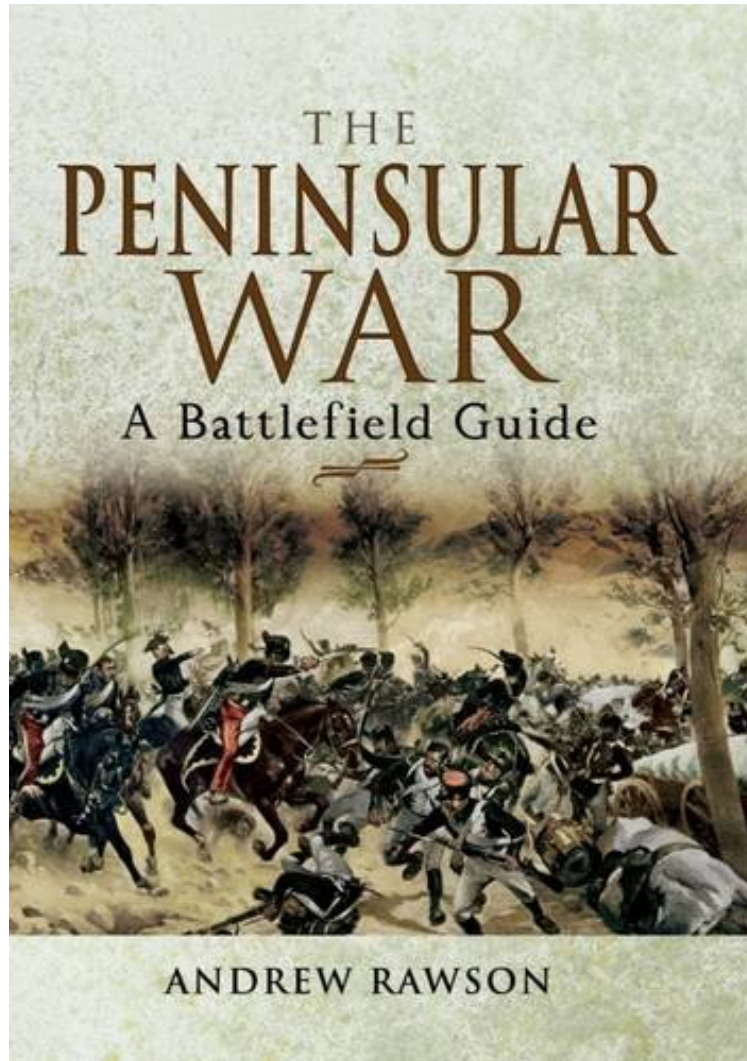


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Andy Rawson is a dedicated researcher and writer. He thinks nothing of travelling to North America and far-flung areas of Europe to find untapped sources. Among his many books are Walcheren, The Battle of the Bulge, Victory in the Pacific, The Bridge at Remagen and VE Day. He is to be found in North Yorkshire when not away on business or pleasure.