

up against it ; for then indeed it was truly formidable, but not in so great a degree, when attacked upon different quarters, in consequence of its unwieldiness. The great Condé at Rocroi, broke the Spanish infantry, as strong and closely united as that of the Macedonians, with a body of cavalry, after surrounding and attacking it three times ; the close files of such a phalanx affording too true a mark to an enemy's artillery. The battle of Fontenoy was lost not only through the misconduct of the Dutch troops, in not co-operating with our army, but also in consequence of the supineness of the cavalry, who deemed themselves cut off from the rest of their comrades, by the fire from the French redoubts, which, strange to relate, for a long time discharged their guns loaded with powder alone, all their balls being expended. A new system of military tactics sprung up during the last war ; the reveries of Marshal Saxe, and the too precise manœuvres of Frederic the Great of Prussia, and of Laudohn and Suvarof, became totally exploded, while the greatest improvements have been made by our warriors in the school of Bellona, in consequence of the Peninsular contests and those which succeeded ; all which have proved equally glorious in the annals of British heroism, as to the laurels which they have contributed.

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