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This book presents extracts from the diary of Captain Charles François, a soldier during the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars, spanning from 1792 to 1815. The diary provides a firsthand account of military life, key battles, and personal experiences throughout Europe and Egypt. François documents the harsh realities of war, including battles against Mamelukes in Egypt and the siege of St. Jean d'Acre. His detailed narrative offers insight into the courage and hardships faced by soldiers of the era, making it a valuable historical resource. The book is aimed at readers interested in military history and the Napoleonic era.

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