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This book, 'The Centurions vs the Hydra: French in the Peninsular War (1808-1812)' by Major Philippe Gennequin, provides an in-depth analysis of the French military's strategies during the Peninsular War. It examines the methods used by French commanders like Marshal Suchet and Marshal Soult to handle insurgencies in Spain, particularly in regions such as Aragon and Andalusia. Using a blend of Spanish, French, and British primary sources, the author explores how these military leaders adapted to the challenges of guerrilla warfare and the broader implications for French military doctrine. The work seeks to connect these historical experiences with later colonial warfare strategies, offering insights into the evolution of counter-insurgency tactics. This academic study is suited for readers interested in military history, strategy, and the Napoleonic Wars.

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