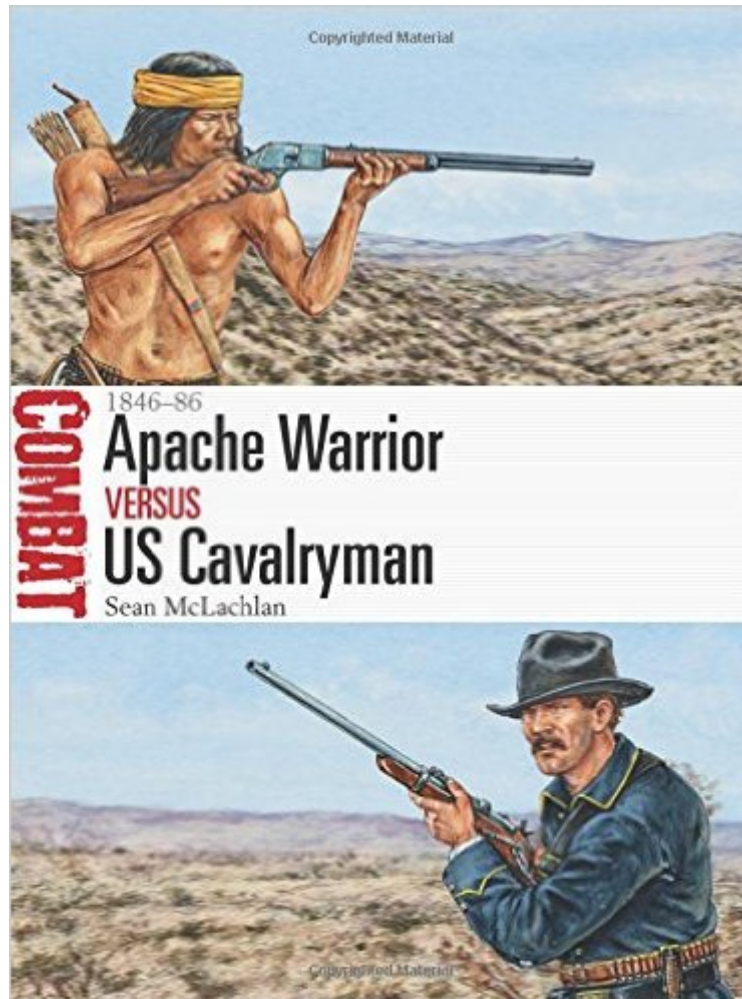


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From the 1840s onward, United States military forces clashed with the Apache, a group of Native Americans associated with North America's southwestern region. U.S. territorial expansion and conflict--first with Mexico and then during the Civil War--led to an escalation of hostilities that culminated in the defeat of the Apache leader Geronimo in 1886, although fighting continued into the twentieth century. In this study, the clashes at Cieneguilla (1854), First Adobe Walls (1864), and Cibecue Creek (1881) are assessed in detail. Fully illustrated and featuring contemporary accounts and specially commissioned artwork, this history examines exactly how the Apache were able to pose such a grave threat to U.S. forces and how their initial advantages were gradually negated by the cavalry. Examining the tactics, equipment, and training available to each side over four decades of evolving conflict, this is an eye-opening combatant's-eye view of one of history's most intriguing campaigns.

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Sean McLachlan has produced a very interesting book which fills some significant gaps in Osprey's coverage of the US Army and the various groups of Apaches involved in the war for the southwestern USA. When I saw that this title was being released and read the topic summary I was quite sceptical on two grounds. First, the author covers three distinct Apache groups with very different specific methods of warfare even if fighting under a generally accepted principle of maximum gain for the minimum loss etc. I thought the author might be trying to cover too much

diverse topic material. Second, I thought that focusing upon the Kiowa-Apaches was potentially over-stating a Kiowa-Apache identity within the wider Kiowa and Comanche Plains Indians. On the latter point McLachlan makes a very good case for the idea of a distinct Kiowa Apache identity, particularly in the photo caption on p.57. I am not as familiar with the detail of the relevant Plains Indian cultures but the key point is that McLachlan addressed my pre-reading concern. My former concern was also largely addressed and I will use a point where I disagreed with a point made by McLachlan to show why I think he does a very good job in tying together three different Apache cultures and an evolving US Army. My disagreement was with a statement on page 27 is the statement that the Apaches targeted officers and Apache scouts. I would argue that, if one examines the rate of losses between horses and humans, the Chiricahua Apaches were targeting the horses rather than the humans. But this highlights a more general issue about this book; which Apache grouping are we talking about in this instance and this is not always made clear in the text.

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