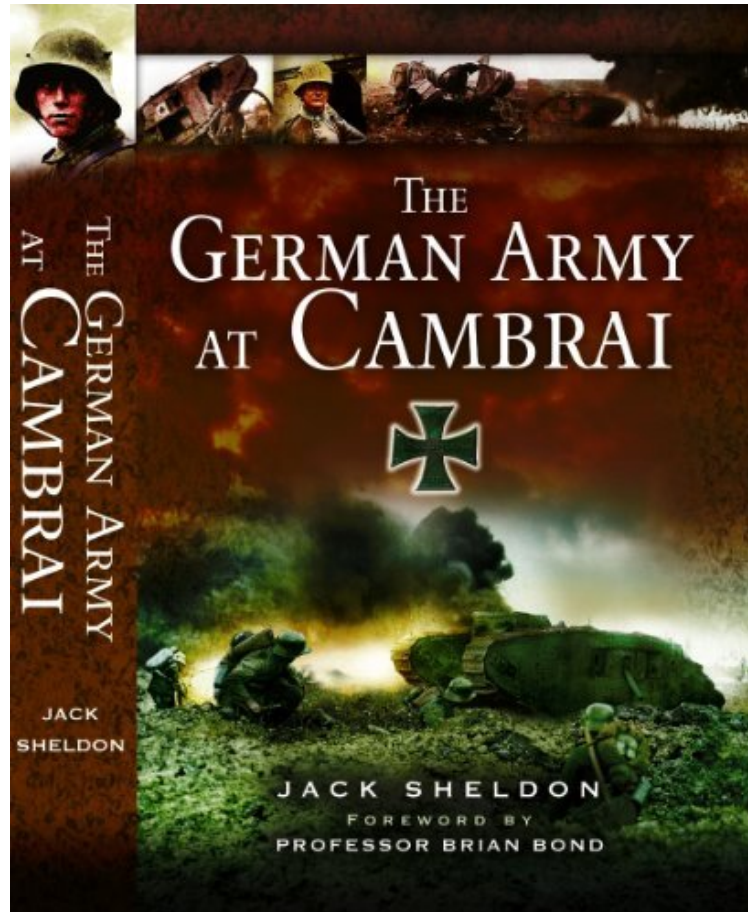


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. supplement, not substituteVon Dr. Christian Stadlerthe book consists essentially of a narrative skeleton of the events and attached to this a lot of citations of diary entrances and post war regimental histories of soldiers then actively involved and from all levels of the hierarchy but all exclusively restricted to the german side of the front. There are sparse information on the British side , not even the different divisions involved are mentioned. The reader is challenged with bookkeeping (with the different german regiments as a good starting point) and checking movements an position on the maps because these contain quite a lot of geographic features but no information on troops or move nets (just a front on november 20th, 29th and mid-december 1917. The book is void of data on correlation of forces, forces involved, detailed lists of casualties divions involved, order of battle and the like. For me it is not stand alone enough although the title predicts the contents very well ! But as a supplement to more comprehensive descriptions of

the battle the text shines with vivid eye witness reports and a small but outstanding collection of photographs (and even one photogram) and gives a good feeling for what the kind of war the great war was on the western front, what lessons were learnt by the Germans at Cambrai and how slim chances they had to win the war in 1918 both offensively and defensively.

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