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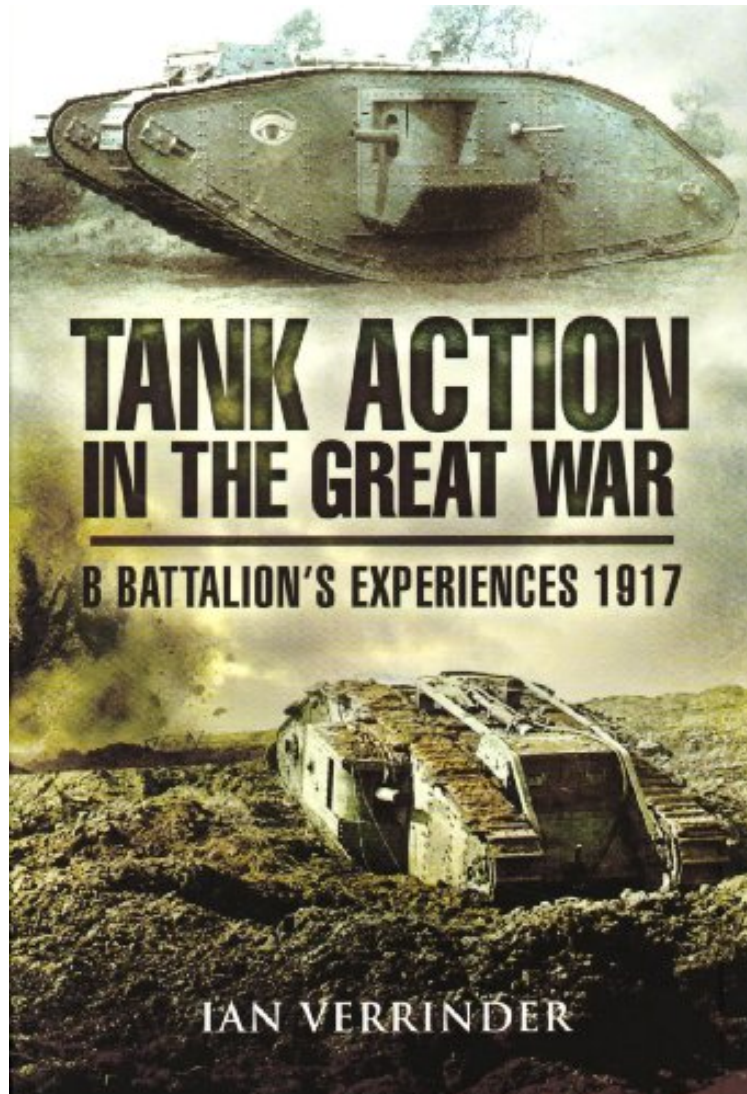
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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommend to those interested in Great War tank operationsBy David E. SpencerI thought this was an excellent book, although a bit dry in some spots, especially in the beginning. This is almost a necessary evil with military books to give context and background. The author has done a really good job of following B Battalion Tank Corps from its formation through the Battle of Cambrai, the fate of the individual crew members as far as possible as well as the fate of the individual tanks. The amount of detail and research he did was incredible, especially 100 years after the war. The use of tanks in the First World War really fascinates me and most books are either at the strategic operational level, about the development of the machines, or at

the opposite end, at the individual tank driver/crew man/commander level. So it was really nice to read this book at the tactical-operational level where you got a lot of the perspective of the individual crewmen, but also a higher view where you understood the outline of the overall operation, the battalion objectives and then the action of the companies and the individual tanks. I really admire those early tank crews for sticking it out despite so many failures or near successes between the Somme and Cambrai. This book fills an important niche and was a pleasure to read nearly 100 years after the battle of Cambrai. Highly recommend it to those interested in Great War tank operations.0 of 4 people found the following review helpful. good bookBy Leslie Hulkowerwell worth the price great speed

Harry Moon and eight fellow members of the Royal Sussex Regiment all volunteered to transfer to B Battalion Machine Gun Corps in January 1917, (later the Tank Corps) to serve in the revolutionary MK IV Tanks. After describing his experiences, training and fighting on the Somme, with the Royal Sussex the book concentrates on service in tanks. The first action was at Messines in the MKIV and Harrys story is embellished with accounts of gallantry by others and anecdotes. After the battle he took part in two tank demonstrations for Royalty. The 3rd Battle of Ypres followed in July 1917 resulting in the death of one of Harrys fellow volunteers. A full and thrilling account of the mass use of armor at Cambrai follows after descriptions of trials of fanciness and barbed wire clearing equipment. The Battalion successfully achieved their first, second and third objectives. This was celebrated with a white table cloth lunch on the Hindenburg Support Wire! Disaster was to follow at the attack on Fontaine-Notre-Dame on 23 November where there were 70% casualties. This debacle is analyzed in detail.

a model of dedicated research, informative and immensely readable. (tank magazine)