



Bullecourt 1917: Breaching the Hindenburg Line (Paperback)

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The History Press Ltd, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The assault upon the formidable Bullecourt in April and May 1917 by three British divisions - the 7th, 58th and 62nd - and three Australian divisions was initially designed to assist Allenby's Third Army break-out from Arras. This book tells the full story of a battle that can be seen as an archetype of the horrors of trench warfare. The first Bullecourt battle of 11 April came to be regarded as the worst Australian defeat of the war, when Australian infantry assaulted without artillery and tank support. They were badly let down by the British tanks - but the British tank crews were let down in turn by their own commanders, who put them in the forefront of the attack in Mark II training tanks, prone to malfunction and not armour-plated. Significant numbers fought their way into the German lines at Bullecourt against all odds, including legendary ANZAC soldiers Major Percy Black, Captain Albert Jacka and Captain Harry Murray. The Australians cemented their reputation as a reliable and formidable force, not merely a colonial adjunct to the British Army. Marshal Foch described the...



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