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This is a remarkable book. Although a fictional account of the Marine Corps' baptism to the Great War, it reads like a war diary of the participants. Some characters are fictional, some are real people. However, the author has provided a vivid account in a highly readable style of the interactions of these personalities in a time of crisis. Warts and all, heroes and scoundrels. His medical background has given the author a unique perspective on the medical aspects of this keystone battle in Marine Corps history. The two chapters on the aid station in Lucy le Bocage are a truly stunning account of the brutal realities of war up close and personal. I could smell the cordite and the stench of the detritus of war. This book is a wonderful tribute to those military medical professionals who worked in terrible conditions to administer first aid to the Devil Dogs at Belleau Wood. Highly recommended.

----Colonel William T. Anderson, USMC (Ret), noted USMC WWI historian