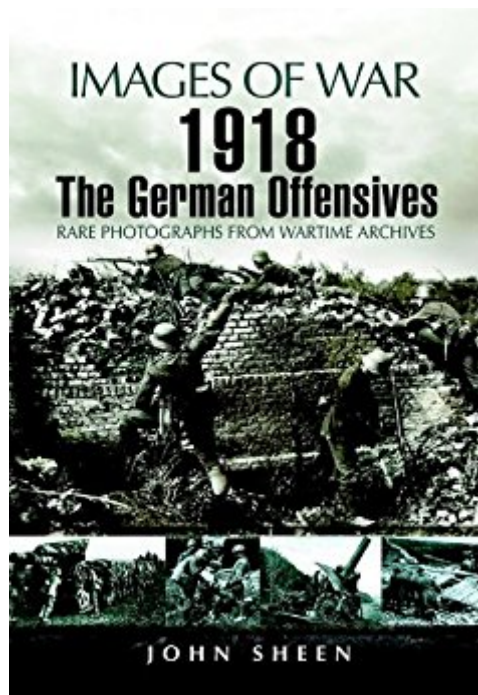




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Synopsis

In March 1918 the German Army launched a series of offensives that brought them very close to winning the war. Military photographers followed their advance and took many photographs of the operations as they progressed. This is the war seen from the German perspective, British and French soldiers lie dead on the battlefield, and Allied prisoners are escorted to the rear, as the German Artillery pound away covering the advance of the 'Feldgrau'. These photographs are seldom seen in books dealing with the allied point of view. Many scarce and rare photographs show the carnage of battle throughout March, April and May 1918. The author has also included group photographs of some of the units involved, as well as memorial cards of individuals who fell or died of wounds. This book will be a useful reference to anyone with an interest in the German Army during the First World War.

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The photos in this book are great with many that I had never seen before. I own many books on the great war, and this is a unique addition to them. The book really gives a good insight into the

hardships, equipment, and uniforms of the best the German Army had to offer in 1918. Great photos of the offensive which brought fluidity back to the western front, and the infantry "blitzkrieg" which ended the tyranny of the trenches once and for all. As a prior reviewer had said, don't expect to see a lot of text in this book since the focus is on the pictures.

Nice information from the German side

...where the pictures do all the talking. Raw, uncensored, and many unique views (including aerial photography) of the Great War's last great offensive..it is worth every penny of the very reasonable price. I have only seen one of these photos published elsewhere, so I take the author and publisher at their words that these are rare photos.Overall, the photo captions are fine although in some cases they are a little vague and leave you wondering about exactly when and where the photos were taken or wanting for a little more context on what you are seeing. In that vein, the one photo I had seen published elsewhere was identified only as a "railway gun" in this book whereas it is more precisely the famous German "Paris Gun", photos of which are rare indeed. A minor point, I concede, but it left me wondering about the accuracy and completeness of the other captions. As this is a photo book, it should come as no surprise that there is very little text on the 1918 offensive, so look elsewhere if you are interested in more depth and analysis.

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photographs of French and British soldiers lying dead or marching to the rear as prisoners. As we advance across no-man's land with the Bosch, behind their overwhelming bombardment, we see collapsed trenches, dead Tommie's and their belongings scattered about, devastated French villages, wrecked artillery batteries with teams of dead horses sprawled in the road. With lots of photos and not too many words, Mr. Sheen provides an educational mix of history, soldiers in action, propaganda shots, solemn memoriam cards, unit portraits, and guided by detailed operational maps.

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