



Book Reviews

GREAT WAR BOOKS RECENTLY RECEIVED FOR REVIEW



EDITOR'S CHOICE

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CANADIANS AT WAR
A Guide to the Battlefields of World War I
Susan Evans Shaw
ISBN: 9780864926548 - £15.99 (pb)
Goose Lane - 352 pages

With a wealth of excellent photographs by Jean Crankshaw, Susan Evans Shaw's highly informative and detailed book stood out head and shoulders above the others this month (and although published in Canada it is available through Amazon). The book follows the route of the Canadian Expeditionary Force from its first encounter at Neuve Chapelle, through to the infamous gas attack at St Julien in 1915, the horrors of the Somme, their triumph at Vimy, the mud of Passchendaele, the

German offensive of 1918, and on to the Armistice. Here Susan ably provides us with an overview of each battlefield with maps, photos and information on the memorials and cemeteries. Superb, well-thought-out supplementary chapters include information on such units as railway troops, forestry corps, tunnelling companies and air services, and even how to research Canadian soldiers. This is supremely well written, easy to read, and very informative. Whether you are a Canadian or someone with a general interest in the Great War then this book offers something extra and is not only a good battlefield guide, but an excellent history too. This is one which is going straight on my bookshelf!