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"... carefully researched and appealingly written." "In bringing this important battle to light, McWilliams and Steel also do us the great service of providing a reminder that there are many other battles of Canada's Great War that await their own historian."

(*Canadian Military History*)

### From the Inside Flap

For the Allies, it was the "dawn of victory," the battle that paved the way for the Armistice 100 days later.

### About the Author

James McWilliams and R. James Steel are avid military historians. They have collaborated on two previous books on *World War I: The Suicide Battalion* (1978, 1990) and *Gas! The Battle for Ypres, 1915* (1989) - as well as a unit history - *The Battery* (1996). R. James Steel is also the author of *The Men Who Marched Away: Canada's Infantry in World War I, 1914-1918* (1989).

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