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Combining archaeology, war studies, and social history, this volume would be a very useful addition to any library on warfare and provides an invaluable update on the latest research with coverage of oft-neglected topics which give a deeper insight into the full impact of warfare in the ancient world. [...] Highly recommended and Volume II is eagerly awaited. --Mark Cartwright, *Ancient History Encyclopedia*, August 2015

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