



Death or Deliverance: Canadian Courts Martial in the Great War

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Soldiers found guilty of desertion or cowardice during the Great War faced death by firing squad. Social memory of this brutal system of frontline justice inspired the pardon movements of the 1990s, which sought redemption for soldiers executed on the battlefield. Iacobelli looks beyond stories of callous generals and quick executions to consider the trials of nearly two hundred soldiers sentenced to death but spared by a disciplinary system capable of thoughtful review and compassion.

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