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platoons, companies, and highly dispersed battalions -- have done to roll back the insurgency in some of the more remote areas of Afghanistan. The book includes 15 vignettes about different units from the U.S. Marines, Army, and Army Special Forces; the British Army and Marines; the Dutch Army and Marines; and the Canadian Army. The case studies cover 10 provinces in Afghanistan's south and east. They describe the diverse conditions the units faced in these provinces, how they responded to these conditions, what worked and what did not, and the successes they achieved. Key themes include: dealing with a localized insurgency; navigating the political terrain; searching for political solutions; engaging the population and building popular support; and, using reconstruction funds.

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