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Résumé ou extrait : In the history of naval warfare probably no type of ship has provided more firepower per ton than the monitor – indeed they were little more than a huge gun mounting fitted on a simple, self-propelled raft. Designed and built rapidly to fulfil an urgent need for heavy shore-bombardment during World War I, they were top secret in conception, and largely forgotten when the short-lived requirement was over. Nevertheless, these important ships played a significant role in many Great War campaigns but were largely ignored by naval historians until Ian Buxton produced the first edition of this book in 1978.

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