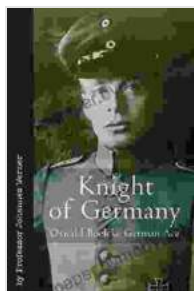


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### **Additional Information**

- Boelcke was awarded the Pour le Mérite, the highest military honor in Germany, on two occasions.
- Boelcke's tactics and formations were adopted by other German fighter pilots, and they helped to make the German air force one of the most effective in the world.
- Boelcke's death was a major loss for the German air force, and it helped to turn the tide of the war in favor of the Allies.

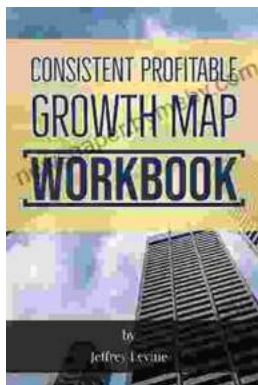
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