

To our families, and Patricia D. Murphy

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a certain point, seem to be opaque to more conventional forms of historical explanation. Military failures are inevitable, and the

Again, we will be focusing not only upon individuals usually judged to be culpable, but also upon those whose apparent lapses in the careers of indi-

Rarely, though, are most of us in the position — and here, we are paraphrasing Robert G. L. Waite — to transform private psychological lapses or imbalances