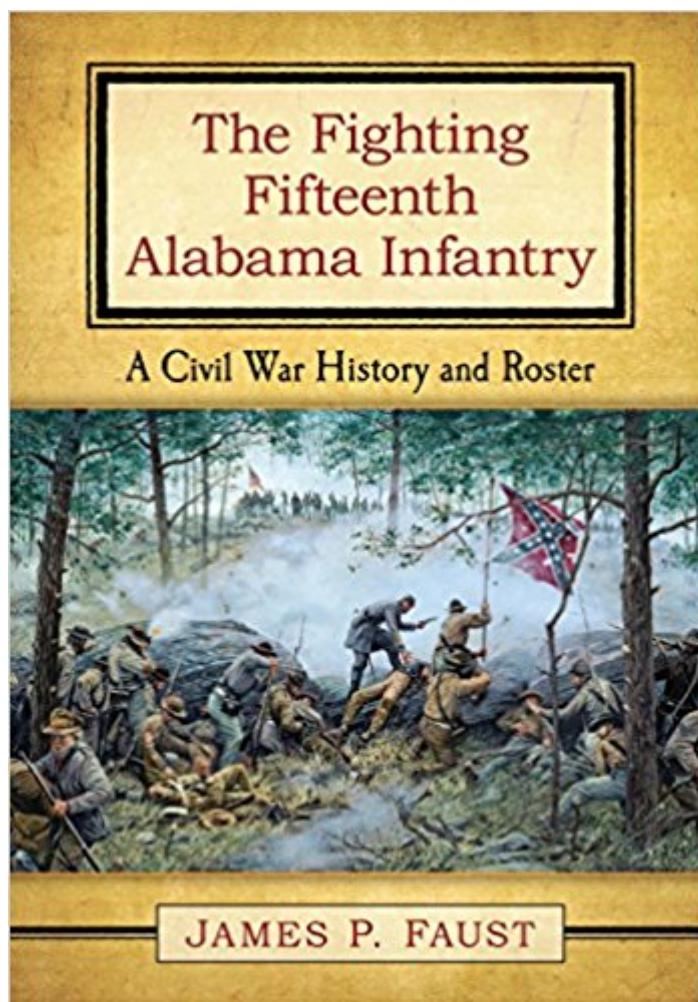


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The Fighting Fifteenth Alabama Infantry: A Civil War History And Roster



Synopsis

At the start of the Civil War, volunteers from six counties in southeastern Alabama formed the 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment. As part of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia and briefly serving with Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee the 15th Alabama was one of the Confederacy's most active regiments and fought in many of the war's key battles. Based on firsthand accounts, this volume chronicles the regiment's experiences from its organization in July 1861 through its surrender at Appomattox. Detailed firsthand accounts are given of the 15th's action at Shenandoah, Gettysburg, Chickamauga and Spotsylvania, along with intimate descriptions of camp life. Service records of each member are provided, including enlistment, hometown, battle wounds and, where applicable, cause of death.

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Customer Reviews

My great great grandfather was in Co. E of the 15th Alabama infantry. There are a lot of books

about the battles at Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, etc but what makes this book so interesting is the story of what life was like, on a personal level, for these soldiers. I came away with a much deeper appreciation of what my ancestor and his brothers went through. I learned, among many other things, what an elite group they were due to the many battles in which they had fought. The daily struggle to survive on minimal rations and poor quality clothing and uniforms. Two of my great great uncles were captured and taken to a POW camp called Ft. Delaware. I was aware of this. However, in this book I learned what a terrible existence they went through to survive that hell hole. This personal story of survival is what sets this book apart from all the other Civil War books I have read. All though this particular story is specific to the 15th it none the less is descriptive for what most of the soldiers must have experienced. This is a very interesting and moving story and that is why I highly recommend this book.

This book provides a short overview of the formation of the volunteer infantry regiment, their transport by rail to the Richmond area, descriptions of the battles in which they fought, both in the east and the west, their conduct in those battles, and what they soldiers and their commanders were saying and doing. For genealogy enthusiasts obsessed with detail and who have ancestors who fought in that unit (such as myself), it's a gold mine of information. The bibliography is also extremely valuable. But as a stand-alone book of history, written from the Confederate point of view, it is quite good. Well-written, it is powerful in describing the sense of optimism in the east prior to Gettysburg, and then the gradually accumulating gloom as the situation deteriorated afterward. My emotions while reading the book shifted accordingly and, at the final surrender at Appomattox Court House, I felt in some small way the sense of exhaustion that must have been felt by the surviving soldiers of the Confederate Army. Over the course of the war, over sixteen hundred men enrolled in the regiment. At the surrender in April 1865, only two or three hundred remained. Nearly all of the rest were killed, died of their wounds, died of disease, were captured, or were discharged for various honorable reasons. The book made clear that these men gave everything they had in the service of their cause. Regardless of whether they were right in the larger sense, they must be respected for that.

I found this book both factual and readable. The 15th Alabama Infantry Co E included my 3rd great grandfather and several other relatives. The roster and service record information gathered information available from other sources in a convenient and useful manner.

Found my Great-Great Grandfather's brother in it.

Nice book.

Thanks so much for your compelling story of the Fighting 15th Alabama Infantry. I was enthralled by the personal detail and individual stories mixed into the stories of the campaigning, movements, and historic battles. PVT Faust and his comrades had quite a story. It was sad to read how many died so soon after their fond farewells at the hands of the ravaging diseases. It is amazing there was no large desertions after that horrible period. Then I was excited to read of the important part the 15th played in Stonewall Jackson's successes. He has always been a favorite leader of mine. The string of major battles the 15th fought is amazing. The many times I have read about Gettysburg now is much more complete, understanding the 15th's gallant actions on Little Round Top. And I felt like I was with them at the end-The final formation at Appomattox Court House. You brought to life real boys and men and the story of a proud honorable regiment. Thanks Colonel (R) Will Harrison

I really like the way Mr. Faust describes each battle, gives personal experiences of the 15th Alabama participants during the battle and then gives casualty figures for each company. This book also includes short biographies of some of the men and the service records for the regiment. I would recommend this book for everyone interested in Dale county, Alabama, the 15th Alabama Infantry and the Civil War. David Edwards

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