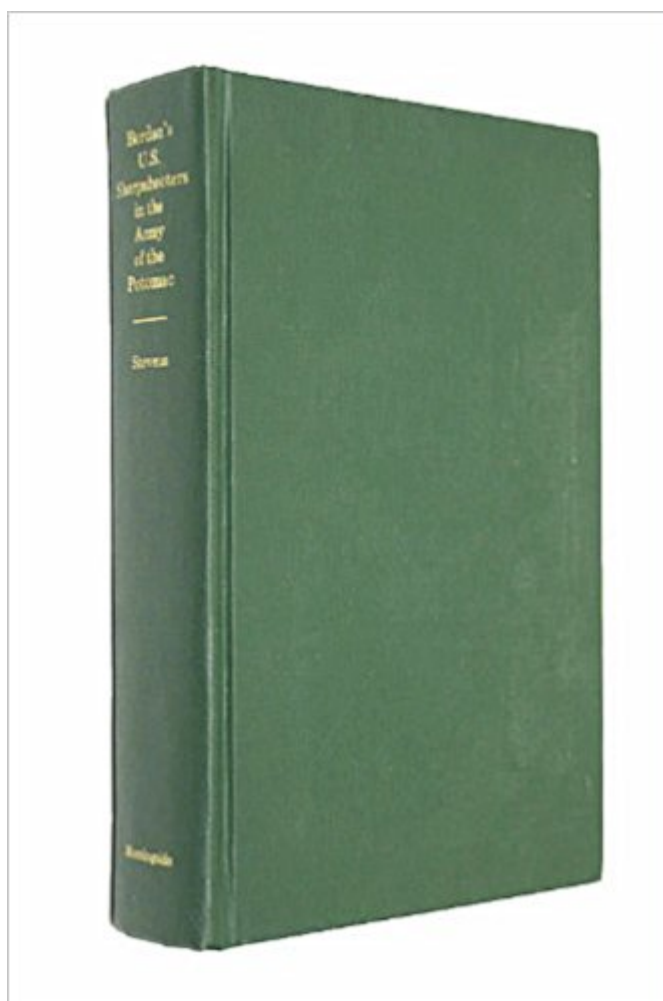


The book was found

# Berdan's United States Sharpshooters In The Army Of The Potomac, 1861-1865



## Book Information

Hardcover: 555 pages

Publisher: Press of Morningside Bookshop; Facsimile reprint edition (1972)

Language: English

ASIN: B0006W6TKM

Average Customer Review: 3.6 out of 5 stars 3 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #1,162,920 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #107 in Books > History >

Americas > United States > Civil War > Regimental Histories #11945 in Books > History > Military > United States

## Customer Reviews

I'll qualify this by stating that I enjoy reading Regimental History's and veteran's accounts - which may or may not be a sign of a personal shortcoming. Such books hold a special place for me as in that one senses the veteran telling his story or the story of his military brothers for all generations. Regimental history readers know that as well as a treasure trove of first hand information, there is also always an occasional element of historical inaccuracy that sometimes creeps into any of these books. But that's why these books are to be used as a source for information and not as THE definitive end of story narrative. This book was written by Capt. C.A. Stevens - THE historian of Berdan's U.S. Sharpshooter's in 1892. It was republished by Morningside Books in the 1980's. It is a thick book (over 500 pages) and it includes an appendix with complete rosters of those that served with the men that wore green. As with any Civil War regimental history, there is an element of humor, camp stories, hardship and some exaggerations that creep into the recounting of the events. But when one realizes that this history is being written by a veteran to share the story of bravery and experiences that this proud regiment experienced throughout the Civil War (Berdan's men were with the Army of the Potomac from the Peninsula Campaign through Appomattox), it becomes a historical novel of sorts. Stevens writes in a way that emotes the feeling that he's sitting in a chair in the room telling a story. He recounts stories of individuals and his recollection of wartime conversations. He moves the reader from campaign to campaign, vignette to vignette. For battlefield stompers, it is useful to read his sections about the experiences of the Sharpshooter's at various stages or battles and then go to the actual site and walk the ground that they trod. That is not hard to do since Berdan's men were involved in approximately 65 engagements. For sure this book is not for everyone - especially those that want the macro-view of every battle. However, it is a good read for those that desire to know some of the soldier's stories and personal perspectives from

that era.

This is a very choppy, dry account of Berdan's sharpshooters. While some first hand accounts are included somehow the author manages to achieve more of a dry regimental history than a compelling first hand account of what should be a very unique Civil War era story.

A must read book for US sharpshooter enthusiasts and reenactors. The book is a first hand account of soldier's lives and the battles involving the Berdan's regiments. Nothing is more intriguing to me, than reading the words of one who was there.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Berdan's United States sharpshooters in the Army of the Potomac, 1861-1865 U. S. Sharpshooters: Berdan's Civil War Elite The Army of the Potomac: Birth of Command, November 1860-September 1861 Army of the Potomac, Volume II: McClellan Takes Command, September 1861-February 1862 The Second United States Sharpshooters in the Civil War: A History and Roster The Republic for Which It Stands: The United States during Reconstruction and the Gilded Age, 1865-1896 (Oxford History of the United States) Nothing but Victory: The Army of the Tennessee, 1861-1865 (Vintage Civil War Library) Cannoneers in Gray: The Field Artillery of the Army of Tennessee, 1861-1865 (Alabama Fire Ant) A Complete Guide to Military Ribbons of the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine 1861 to 2014 Mr. Lincoln's Army (Army of the Potomac Trilogy Book 1) The Passing of the Armies: An Account of the Final Campaign of the Army of the Potomac, Based upon Personal Reminiscences of the Fifth Army Corps The Army of the Potomac: Mr. Lincoln's Army / Glory Road / A Stillness at Appomattox The Army of The Potomac 3 volume set Glory Road; A Stillness At Appomattox and Mr. Lincoln's Army The Army of the Potomac: Mr. Lincoln's Army; Glory Road; A Stillness at Appomattox, 3-Vol. Set The Army of the Potomac: Mr. Lincoln's Army, Glory Road, Stillness of Appomattox. Three Volumes Frontiersmen in Blue: The United States Army and the Indian, 1848-1865 Army of the Heartland: The Army of Tennessee, 1861-1862 What They Fought For 1861-1865 (Walter Lynwood Fleming Lectures in Southern History, Louisiana) A Guide Book of Civil War Tokens: Patriotic Tokens and Store Cards, 1861-1865 (Official Red Books) History of the Civil War, 1861-1865

Contact Us

DMCA

Privacy

FAQ & Help