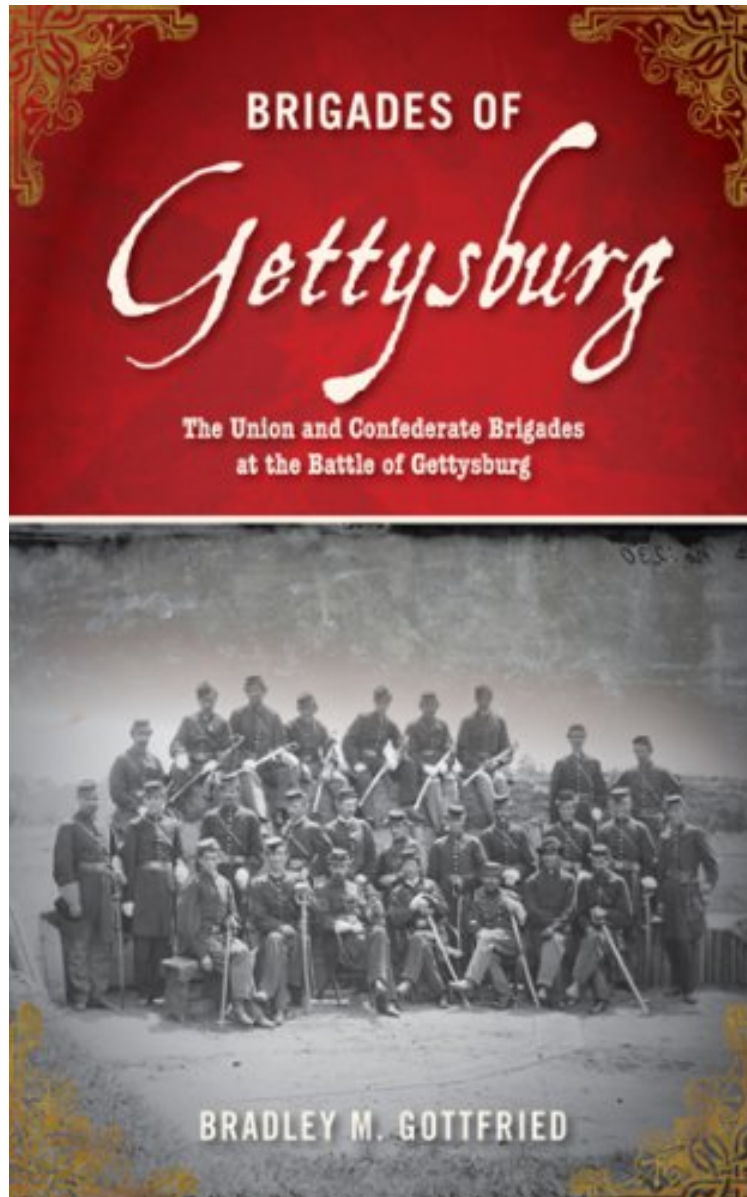


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By claude templeton whalen
I actually got this book out on loan from the Carnegie Library system in early February. After briefly reading and paging through the book, I had seen enough and decided to purchase a copy for my own personal library. Though I have other books on Gettysburg, this book is one that I have gone to for quick answers on what the Brigade did during the entire battle. Instead of paging through numerous chapters of other books looking for details on what the 1st Minnesota (for example) did during the battle, I can quickly look its Brigade and get a quick summary. If you want a book that covers the battle chronologically, there are better ones out there. If you want a quick reference book whenever a question comes on on a particular Brigade, this book fits that need nicely (I know five descendants of General Alexander Hays that live in my town. There also are descendants of General Sherman in the Sewickley area so if you are going to discuss anything about the Civil War with them, you better be prepared). I recommend the book to Civil War buffs and those who are just curious.
12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Very good description of the Infantry Brigades at G-Burg
By Craig Michael Chagnon
This is a great book for those interested in the infantry brigades that participated at the battle of Gettysburg. The Cavalry and Artillery units are not at all described. So if you wanted to know where Gen. Custer's Michigan horsemen were at or what batteries made up Col. Porter Alexander's artillery units you will have to find out through research. The author of this book does have a book on the Artillery of G-Burg. Sorry to make this so long just figured I would pass this tidbit along, Cavalry and Artillery are not mentioned but the book is a must have for any Civil War historian. I just would have liked to have seen all the units that served at G-Burg in one book, I believe this could be done at the Brigade level. Thank you Mr. Gottfried for the great book.
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By B. Furey
This is a fascinating book for anyone interested in the Civil War and, more particularly, the stunning three days at Gettysburg. The author provides a surprising amount of new detail about individuals and units. By focusing on the individual brigades of each army he can go into considerable detail without losing the focus of the larger picture. I have read numerous books on the battle, but this I will keep as a permanent reference.

Using a wealth of first-hand accounts, author Bradley M. Gottfried pieces together each brigade's experience at Gettysburg. Whether stories of forced marches, weary troops, or the bitter and tragic end of the battle, you'll experience every angle of this epic battle. Learn what happened when the guns stopped firing and the men were left with only boredom and dread of what was to come. This collection is a lively and fascinating narrative that empowers the everyday men who fought furiously and died honorably. Every detail of the Battle of Gettysburg is included in this comprehensive chronicle.

From Publishers Weekly
Gottfried (Roads to Gettysburg) paints a fine-grained portrait of the decisive battle of the Civil War in this exhaustive, engrossing study. In vividly written narratives that draw heavily on first-hand accounts of the fighting, he recounts every brigade's training and prior history in combat, profiles its commanders and chronicles its experiences in the course of the battle. The conflict emerges less as a coherent whole than as a series of small, disjointed brigade-level actions—a perspective close to that of the soldiers, who had no grand overview to help them make sense of the unfolding battle. The result is a human-scale view of the varied experiences of the participants: the grueling marches, the effects of heat and exhaustion, which sometimes felled more soldiers than enemy bullets did, the occasionally prickly relations between officers and men, the tedium and anxiety as soldiers waited to go into action and the panic and elation when they did. Gottfried's treatment has its limitations: it is hard to follow the main "plot" of the battle, since no brigade witnessed more than a fragment of it, and the fine maps of individual battlefield sectors should have been supplemented with an overall map to orient readers. Those unfamiliar with the battle will need to consult a conventional history, but Civil War buffs will delight in this gripping addition to the literature of Gettysburg.
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