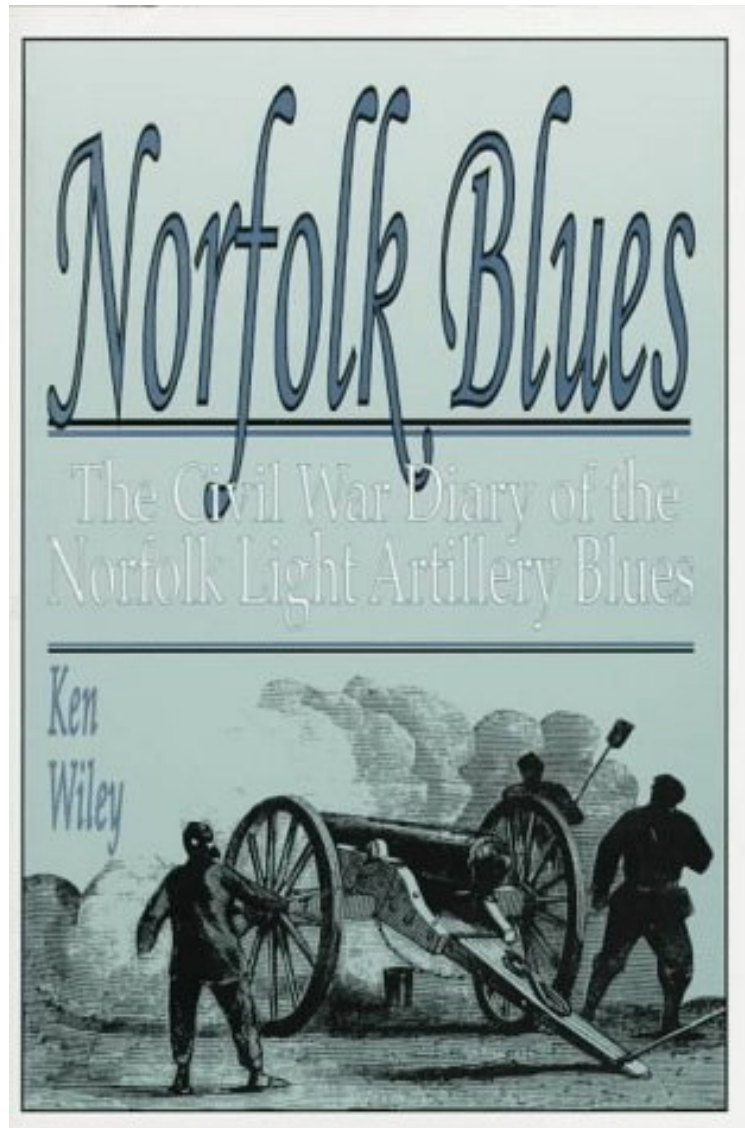


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. ...and I don't even LIKE Civil War material!By Dean WallThis diary, written by Confederate Pvt. John Walters, of Norfolk VA, is FAR MORE than a CIVIL WAR History!We get a

day-by-day (or near that) account of the ground movements, the supply chain, the orders given and carried out, and opinions and sights of various battles and peaceful periods. The intrusion of the editor, Kenneth Wiley, is minimal, and often VERY needed information. For instance, Pvt. Walters never knew he was in the GETTYSBURG battle, because he never made it to the town's sign! Insights are a-plenty! Who knew the regiments removed ALL their clothing and held them atop their heads while forging streams (to stay dry in the humid Virginia summers!?) One has to imagine the sight as he explains while crossing the potomac [he forgot to remind the readers how they forged] and arrived in HAGERSTOWN, Maryland only to find the ENTIRE town had come down to greet them...with a BAND! PVT Walters survived the war, and lived to return to his business as a NORFOLK book publisher. The portrait in the first pages show this, so his SURVIVAL was not a spoiler....PVT WALTERS, having been MOSTLY in VIRGINIA, a conflict ZONE, just happened to have been in nearly EVERY MAJOR SKIRMISH of the region! MAREY's HIEGHTS (sp?.) Gettysburg, The Battle of the CRATER, The Peninsula Campaign, and the diary begins as he is being shelled at SEWELL's POINT by the Monitor, the day before the BATTLE OF THE IRONCLADS, which he then describes...and participates as a ground-based cannoneer. The "Norfolk Blues," might cause confusion, as he was a CONFEDERATE soldier, but, the NORFOLK BLUES were a men's REVOLUTIONARY WAR re-enactment group, that just happened to already have extensive experience with cannons, hence his appointment to a caisson brigade. Having been a book publisher, he knew how to write, and edit already, so it is a very entertaining read!

Book by Walters, John, Wiley, Kenneth