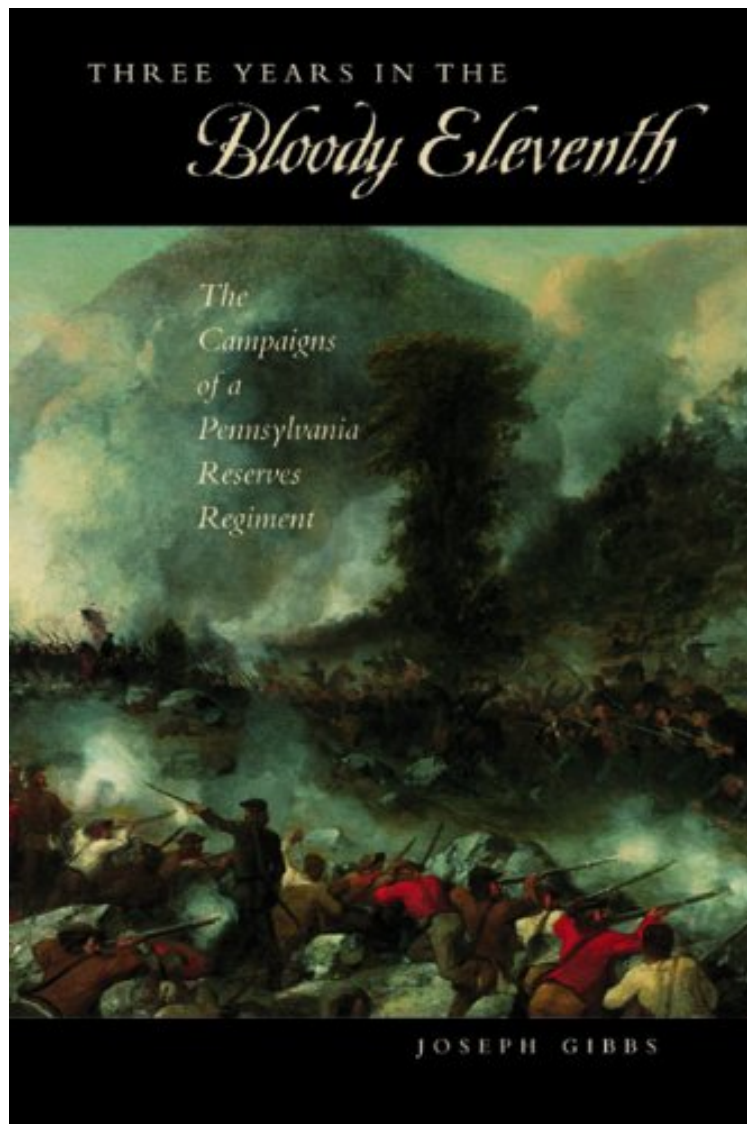


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Civil War but my reason for buying this particular book has a special meaning. The Bloody Eleventh was famous for being involved in most of the major battles during the war and seemed to always be in the middle of the fighting. Thus their nick name "The Bloody Eleventh". Also my Great Uncle Elijah Bish enlisted into the Bloody Eleventh at the start of the war and was discharged from the unit at the end of the war---minus three toes on his right foot and is quoted and mentioned several places in the book. I thought it was unique that both my Great Uncle and myself were mentioned in books about the wars we fought in. My war was Vietnam fighting with the Marines. I'm mentioned in several places in a book about Marines titled "American Heroes, Grunts, Pilots Docs" Book II by Dan Kellum. Both books are personal accounts of who the men doing the fighting were and what they did under the most difficult circumstances of war. Great reading.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book detailing the experiences of a great generation of fighting men.By James A HebrankExcellent book. I enjoyed reading about the experiences of the 11th Pa. Reserve Regiment. My Great Great Grandfather was a member of this regiment (Company H from Westmoreland county, Pa.) and I feel a deep connection to the men who served in this tragic war through him.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Tremendous account of unsung regimentBy David R. ExumWithout a doubt, "Three Years in the Bloody Eleventh: The Campaigns of a Pennsylvania Reserves Regiment" by Joseph Gibbs is arguably one of the finest books recently published about the Civil War. Gibbs' work not only takes the reader directly into numerous conflicts the Bloody Eleventh endured, he explains with thorough and exhaustive research the life of some of the bravest and finest soldiers that fought against the Confederacy. Gibbs' work pulls no punches and his facts are clearly presented with tremendous footnotes, maps and photos. This book belongs on the shelf right next to "Black Hawk Down". Yes, it's that good. I read "Black Hawk Down" recently and while reading Gibbs' book I noticed how both Gibbs and Mark Bowden are able transport the reader to the battle field with relative ease. Civil War reading doesn't get any better than this.

Hailing from the Keystone State's rugged western counties, the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves was one of the Civil War's most heavily engaged units. Of more than 2,100 regiments raised by the North, it suffered the eighth highest number of battle deaths, earning it the gruesome sobriquet "Bloody Eleventh." Three Years in the "Bloody Eleventh" tells the story of this often-overlooked element of the Army of the Potomac from before the war up through 1864. Drawing on letters, diaries, and archival documents, Joseph Gibbs writes of men such as Colonel Thomas Gallagher, who led his troops into battle smoking a cigar, and Samuel Jackson, who became the regiment's commander following Gallagher's promotion. He rediscovers the complexities of the men who commanded the brigades and divisions of which the Eleventh Reserves was a part—figures such as George Meade, John Reynolds, and Samuel Crawford. While Gibbs writes about the officers, he never loses sight of the men in the ranks who marched into places such as Gaines' Mill, Miller's Cornfield at Antietam, and the Wheatfield at Gettysburg. Nor does he forget the homes, wives, and children they left behind in western Pennsylvania. With its meticulous research and lucid prose, Three Years in the "Bloody Eleventh" provides both scholars and Civil War enthusiasts with an unprecedented look inside the trials and tribulations of one of the war's most battle-tested units.

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