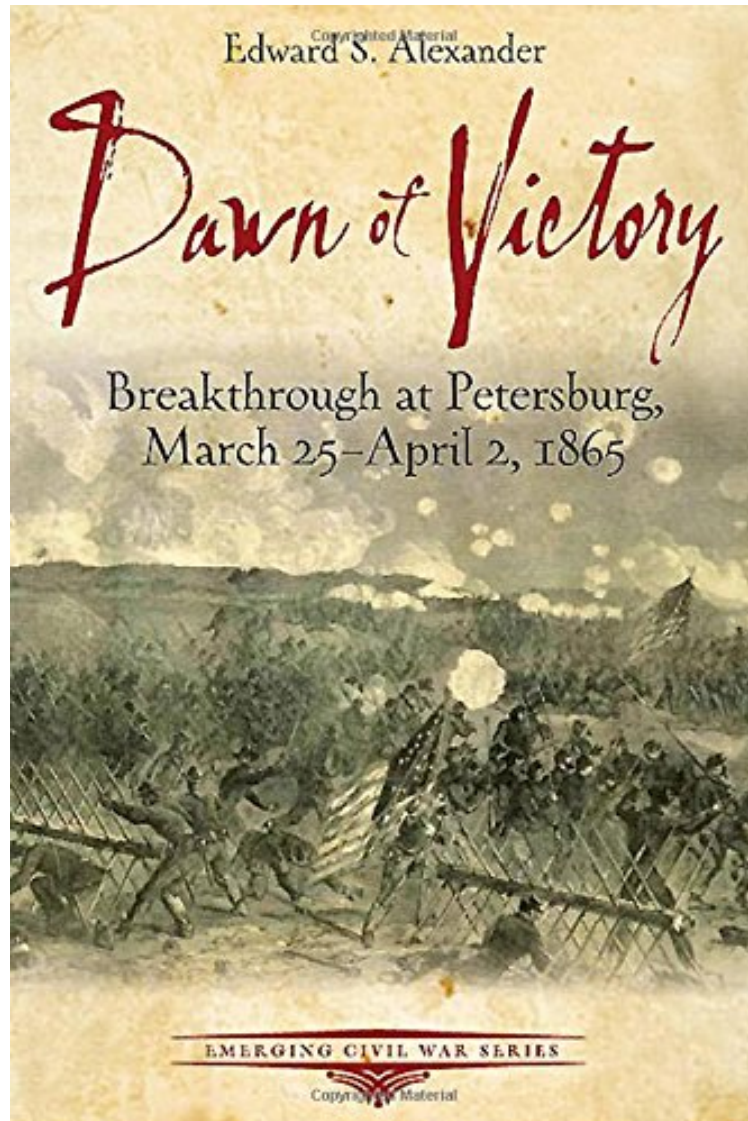


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in the Savas Beatie series that gives a brief but useful description of a Civil War battler and, at the same time, a view of the battlefield as it is today. Sheridan's defeat of Pickett's force at Five Forks outside of Petersburg unleashed forces that ultimately led General Robert E. Lee abandon his position--and Richmond--to save his army. The siege at Petersburg had been long and frustrating for Union forces. But it had also been hard on the Confederate forces. After Pickett's defeat, the southern forces were in a precarious position, having lines stretched so thinly that they would be difficult to defend against a focused assault by Grant's forces. The next day? Grant ordered an attack. The VI Corps was a key actor. They broke through the Confederate lines; other Union forces also attacked. The southern lines began to collapse. There was much hot fighting left to go and both sides fought fiercely. Finally, the retreat began. The second feature of this book (as others in the series) is an examination of the battlefield as it is today, with a guide for readers if they decide to visit the venue. Another nice addition to this series. . . . 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A US Park Ranger's Tale By Spencer W Sullivan I've read numerous books about the battle of Gettysburg but never knew much about Petersburg. The author is a ranger with the national park service and is very familiar with the battlefield. He intersperses reference with current geography versus those at the time of the battle. The book is well researched and referenced. The writing is a bit unpolished - the author uses some anachronisms - for example, a certain action "put someone in the driver's seat" - just a familiar figure of speech but it struck me as out-of-place in a story that took place in 1865. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. He tells the story of the April 2, 1865 in a clear and compelling way. By Bryce A. Suderow Edward Alexander is one of the most promising young authors of Civil War books. He works at Pamplin Park which marks the spot where the VI Corps broke Lee's line's outside Petersburg. He tells the story of the attack in a clear and compelling way and explains how this attack resulted in the capture of the city the next day. Bryce

After the unprecedented violence of the 1864 Overland Campaign, Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant turned his gaze south of Richmond to Petersburg, and the key railroad junction that supplied the Confederate capital and its defenders. Nine grueling months of constant maneuver and combat around the "Cockade City" followed. As massive fortifications soon dominated the landscape, both armies frequently pushed each other to the brink of disaster. As March 1865 drew to a close, Grant planned one more charge against Confederate lines. Despite recent successes, many viewed this latest task as an impossibility—and their trepidation had merit. "These lines might well have been looked upon by the enemy as impregnable," admitted Union Maj. Gen. Horatio G. Wright, "and nothing but the most resolute bravery could have overcome them." Grant ordered the attack for April 2, 1865, setting the stage for a dramatic early morning bayonet charge by his VI Corps across half a mile of open ground into the "strongest line of works ever constructed in America." Dawn of Victory: Breakthrough at Petersburg by Edward S. Alexander tells the story of the men who fought and died in the decisive battle of the Petersburg campaign. Readers can follow the footsteps of the resolute Union attackers and stand in the shoes of the obstinate Confederate defenders as their actions decided the fate of the nation.

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