

Duty-Honor-Valor: The Story of the Eleventh Mississippi Infantry Regiment

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Steven H. Stubbs : Duty-Honor-Valor: The Story of the Eleventh Mississippi Infantry Regiment before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Duty-Honor-Valor: The Story of the Eleventh Mississippi Infantry Regiment:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. OUTSTANDING history of an OUTSTANDING regiment in the Army of Northern VirginiaBy Joe Owen"Duty Honor Valor" by Steven H. Stubbs, (Dancing Rabbit Press, 2000, 948 pages). "Duty Honor Valor" by Steven H. Stubbs is an OUTSTANDING history of the 11th Mississippi Regiment that was a part of General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia (ANV). The author has the complete account of this regiment as it fought from 1861 to 1865 and participated in the battles that the ANV fought against the Army of the Potomac. This hard fighting Confederate Regiment fought in the battles of First Manassas (Bull Run), Seven Pines, Gaines' Mill, Malvern Hill, Second Manassas (Bull Run), Sharpsburg (Antietam), Gettysburg, Falling Waters, Bristoe Station, The Wilderness, Talley's Mill, Spotsylvania Court House, Hanover Junction, Bethesda Church, Weldon Railroad, Davis' Farm, Hawke's Farm and Hatcher's Run.From the beginning of the war after the secession of Mississippi the author gives the history of the men from Mississippi who joined the Confederate Army and traveled east to take part in the ANV and fought heroically at the First Battle of Manassas (Bull Run), Seven Pines, Gaines' Mill, Malvern Hill and Second Manassas (Bull Run) where the 11th captured an artillery piece, 3 stands of colors and

over 100 prisoners. At Sharpsburg (Antietam), the regiment was charged by the Army of the Potomac on September 16th, 1862 and like Hood's Texas Brigade, didn't have any rations for three days before the battle. Total casualties of the regiment at Sharpsburg (Antietam) was 8 killed, 96 wounded. The color bearer was killed and the regimental flag, which had been presented by the government November 6, was lost. At Gettysburg the Eleventh did not have a part in the battle of July 1, as it was being left as a guard for the division wagon train near Cashtown, Pa. On July 3 it participated in the famous charge up the slope of Cemetery ridge, on the extreme left of the Confederate line. The entire division, under command of Pettigrew, in which the Eleventh was included, moved steadily up the slope, closing up the ranks as they were thinned by the tremendous storm of shot and shell, and finally were at the stone wall behind which the Federal infantry was posted. But there the musketry fire was so murderous that "any further effort to carry the position was hopeless, and there was nothing left but to retire to the position originally held, which was done in more or less confusion." Two men were killed and twenty-one wounded in Davis' brigade by the Federal artillery as they stood in line before the movement was begun. In the charge all the field officers of the brigade were killed or wounded. The regimental casualties were reported as 32 killed, 170 wounded. As the regiment fought on the numbers of killed and wounded increased and finally on March 25, 1865, the skirmish line of Davis' brigade on the Petersburg line, was attacked and some of the men captured. The brigade went into the battle which lasted several hours. The Eleventh was only sixty-four strong and lost a considerable proportion of that number. Next day (March 26) the Federal army having broken the line, the remnant of the regiment was almost surrounded by vast numbers. The color bearer, tore the regimental flag into shreds, tied them to the pole and threw it in the stream. Some of the soldiers escaped by swimming, among them Major J. J. Evans of the staff of General Davis, but most surrendered and that was the conclusion of the regiment as in April General Lee surrendered the ANV at Appomattox Courthouse. This is just a few of the battles that the 11th Mississippi Regiment fought in. The author as noted before has done a complete and thorough history of the regiment and includes many maps, photos, muster rolls, killed in action (KIA), wounded in action (WIA), or missing. Brief biographies of the officers and men of the 11th Mississippi compliment this outstanding book. Even though it is over 900 pages long, it is a fascinating read and will keep the interest from the beginning to the end. I can honestly say that this is one of the most outstanding books about a Civil War Regiment that I have read in a long time. It should be considered a MUST read for any scholar, student or enthusiast who is interested in the Civil War, the Army of Northern Virginia, the battles of the eastern theater of the war, Mississippi state history and Confederate military history. Even though it is a bit scarce and expensive, if you do not have this book as part of your collection of the ANV, then your library is incomplete. An OUTSTANDING history of an OUTSTANDING regiment excellently written by Steven H. Stubbs in tribute to his Confederate ancestor who fought in the 11th. His ancestor would be proud to read this fine work. A HIGHLY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED READ! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Long Overdue Recognition for an Outstanding Regiment By Michael R. Brasher Steven H. Stubbs labor of love which documents not only the 11th Mississippi Infantry Regiment, but also the individuals who comprised it, is everything a regimental history should be. Unjustly overlooked by historians due in large part to the fact the regiment served as a part of two different brigades (the first a very unusual mixed-state command), the 11th Mississippi's combat record in Lee's Army of Northern Virginia is second to none. By the time it was assigned to Brigadier Joseph R. Davis's brigade in early 1863, combat reputations at the brigade level had unfortunately already been established and "carved in stone." As a part of Bee's/Whiting's/Law's hard-hitting "mixed" brigade, the 11th Mississippi, 2nd Mississippi, 4th Alabama and 6th North Carolina comprised one of Lee's premier combat units and played a major role at 1st Manassas, Gaines Mill, 2nd Manassas, South Mountain and Antietam. However, the brigade was broken up in late 1862 and the units reassigned to more traditional "state" commands. The two Mississippi units went on to form the core of Davis's new brigade which came to grief during the Gettysburg Campaign. Although the 11th Mississippi missed the debacle at the Railroad Cut on July 1, it was present for "Pickett's Charge" forming the highly exposed left flank of the Confederate line once Brockenbrough's small Virginia brigade broke to the rear. The remnants of the 11th Mississippi, along with the other units of Davis's Brigade, also suffered in rear-guard actions at Williamsport and Falling Waters. Thus, the outstanding performance subsequently demonstrated by Davis's brigade following the Gettysburg debacle, during the Overland Campaign and the fighting south of Petersburg in the closing months of the war, was largely relegated to brief passages or footnotes in the works of most Civil War historians. Steven Stubbs history of the 11th Mississippi helps correct this serious error of omission. Highly recommended. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Critique of Duty, Honor and Valor By Everett Cole This is a privilege to be able to share some very favorable words about both the book and the author. I have known Steve practically all of his life. I purchased one of the first copies and was complimented to have it delivered to my home in person. I have not yet completed the book. This is not something you want to scan through. Every sentence has meaning especially to those who lived in the South and more especially in Mississippi and still more especially in the area from where the background of this book was taken. I have heard Steve on several occasions give accounts from memory of parts of this book. I would not hesitate to say that every action and event in this book has been carefully documented. This is a book that everyone who loves books or is either literary or historically minded would be proud to have in their library.

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