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137th New York Volunteers



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David Cleutz : Fields of Fame Glory before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fields of Fame Glory:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The outstanding history of the hard fighting 137th New York Volunteer Regiment By Joe Owen David Cleutz has written an outstanding history of a hard fighting Union Regiment, the 137th New York Volunteer Infantry out of the area in and around Binghamton, New York. This regiment was primarily led by the gallant Colonel David Ireland who led the regiment through many battles and campaigns up until

his death in 1864. This regiment fought in both theatres of the Civil War, beginning with the Army of the Potomac in 1861. The regiment participated in the battles of the defense of Harpers Ferry, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg (where the regiment held Culp's Hill on the night of July 2, 1863, where the 137th fought against six regiments of the Army of Northern Virginia. After Gettysburg, the regiment was transferred to the Western Theatre of the Civil War and was "part of the sword" in charging and defeating the Confederate Army at Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. The 137th then joined in the march through Georgia with General William T. Sherman. They were the first troops to arrive in Atlanta and were the first regiment to take the surrender of the Confederate Army in Savannah, Georgia. In 1864, the 137th gallant Colonel David Ireland died from disease. His example and courage was an example that the rest of the regiment looked up to during the intense fighting history of the regiment. After General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House, the 137th was still fighting the Confederate Regiments under General Joseph Johnston until he surrendered his army. The 137th participated in the following battles and campaigns:- Chancellorsville, Virginia - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania - Wauhatchie, Tennessee - Lookout Mountain, Tennessee - Mission Ridge, Tennessee - Ringgold, Georgia - Resaca, Georgia - New Hope Church, Georgia - Noses Creek, Georgia - Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia - Peach Tree Creek, Georgia - Atlanta, Georgia - Savannah, Georgia - Campaign of The Carolinas. The total number of enlisted men who left Binghamton, New York to join the 137th NYVI in 1861 was 1,149. At the end of the war in 1865 the regiment had 515. This was a hard fighting regiment who led by example under the direction of Colonel Ireland. This regiment was valuable in both theatres of the Civil War. David Cleutz has done a great tribute to the regiment in writing about its hard fighting infantry. He not only describes the great battles the regiment fought in, but the daily life and hardships the men went through. This is an OUTSTANDING history of a Union Regiment of The Civil War and makes a fine addition to any Civil War Buff, Historian, Scholar, or students library. This is a must have for anyone interested in the Army of the Potomac, General Sherman's army, the various battles the regiment fought in, and those interested in the Union Army during the Civil War. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! 5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. An Exceptional Read! By David Nicholls The author uses the writings of members of the 137th New York Volunteers to enliven the narrative. Many histories of the Civil War only detail the action. By including officer reports and enlisted mens letters home, this writer invites you to accompany the battalion during it's campaign. As I said: An Exceptional Read! Dave Nicholls Tucson, AZ.

Col David Ireland s regiment was extraordinary His 137th New York State Volunteers fought crucial battles in both theaters of the Civil War In the East they were in the center of the line at Chancellorsville alone on the right at Gettysburg In the West they held the left at Wauhatchie and led the charge at Lookout Mountain In 1864 as part of Sherman s army they fought in all the battles leading to the taking of Atlanta the March to the Sea and the march through the Carolinas that finally ended the Civil War Twice they held the unsupported flank of the line Twice they fought for hours after dark a rarity in the Civil War Arguably they saved the Battle of Gettysburg by holding Culp s Hill on the night of July 2 one regiment against six Shifted to the Western Theater they saved Geary s Division from annihilation in the midnight Battle of Wauhatchie holding the line though again greatly outnumbered Stalwart in defense they were bold in offense The 137th NY was the point of the sword routing the Confederate defenders of Lookout Mountain in the Battle Above the Clouds at Chattanooga With Sherman in Georgia they contributed to the saving of the Union itself They were the first troops into Atlanta a victory that insured Lincoln s reelection They were first to take the surrender of Savannah which Sherman gave to Lincoln as a Christmas gift After Lee had surrendered to Grant at Appomattox the 137th NY fought on for another two weeks in Carolina until Johnston s Confederate army surrendered ending the Civil War Of the thousand Union regiments in the Civil War few if any could claim such distinction in so many crucial battles in so many places Yet history s indifference has long denied Col David Ireland and the 137th New York the recognition and praise that they deserve David Ireland died days after taking Atlanta so he never wrote a memoir telling the regiment s story Pieces of the story are told in the writings of more than thirty m