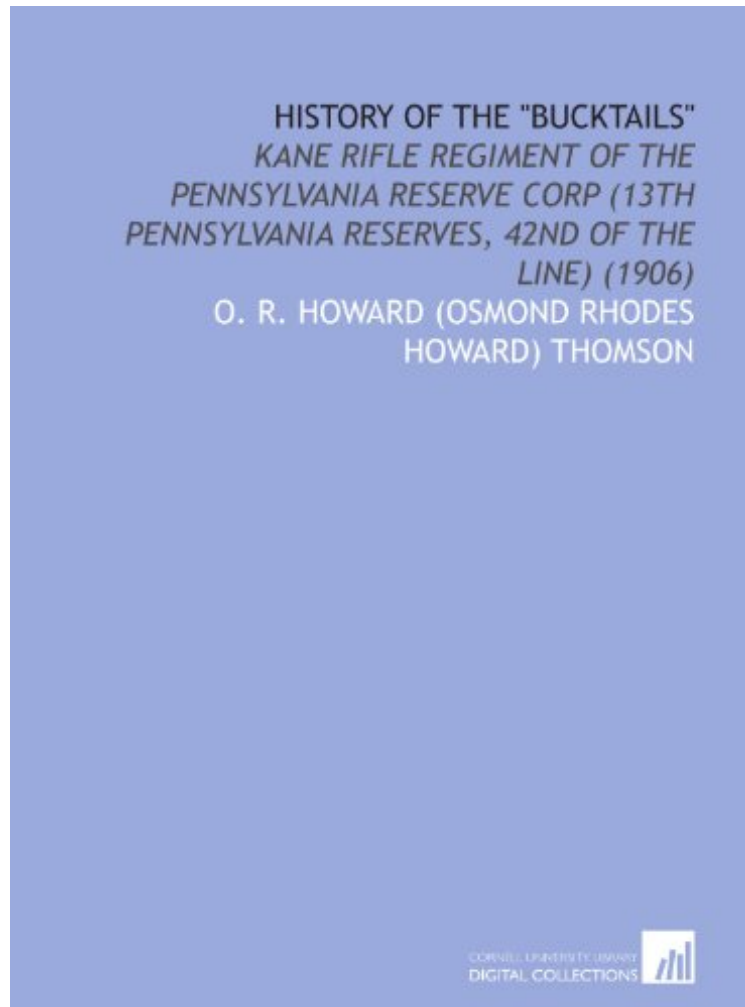


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ultimate source of the history of the original Bucktails for the Civil War. I've written my own history of Company I of this regiment- the Elk County Rifles- which could not have been even begun without the history of the Bucktails. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Definitive History of the Original Pennsylvania Bucktail Regiment, the 42nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry By William Qualls This book is the definitive history of the original Pennsylvania Bucktail regiment, the 42nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, first published in 1906. It was written by William H. Rauch, a soldier of the regiment, serving in Company F. Mr. Rauch also served as the Historian of the Regimental Association after the Civil War. Mr. O.R. Howard Thomson assisted Mr. Rauch with this history. The book traces the history of the Pennsylvania Bucktails from genesis and organization through mustering out. Messrs. Rauch and Thomson draw on all sorts of historical information to present this regimental history, including soldiers' letters, diaries, and personal eyewitness accounts, as well as other, more general, published histories. Several things make this history most unique and interesting. First, the Pennsylvania "Bucktails" were an elite fighting unit of the Army of the Potomac. They were trained in and employed advanced fighting tactics for their day (i.e., dispersing in a fight, seeking available cover, picking their targets before firing, etc.). They were equipped with the most advanced weaponry available to infantry units (e.g., Sharps repeating carbines). They wore the distinctive 'bucktail' as a symbol of their marksmanship, and they were frequently deployed as skirmishers and sharpshooters in battle. Second, during their three years of service, they participated in almost all of the major campaigns, battles, and engagements of the Army of the Potomac -- the Seven Days Battles, the Valley Campaign, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Courthouse, to name a few. Third, they often found themselves at the center of the fight in these battles. For example, at Gettysburg they arrived on the second day and helped to defend Little Round Top from being overrun by the Confederates -- a disaster avoided by the Union Army in this epic battle. Not only are the battles recounted in vivid detail, but everyday camp life is also captured. This book is also a pleasure to read for its elevated language, a distinct style that is now lost in our society. Here's an example from the description of the encampment in Fairfax, Virginia in February 1863, where the unit wintered over and protected Washington, DC after Fredericksburg. "The enemy being active, men from each company in the regiment were sent out scouting on the 15th. From then, to the 23rd, it rained or snowed, every day, and considerable uneasiness was occasioned by the outbreak of small-pox. Fortunately, the cases were few and the disease did not spread, though on March 6th, it caused the death of Austin Irvin, of Company K. The citizens of the village of Fairfax were, almost to a man, secessionists, but being within the Union lines, they were fairly hospitable and civil. Still, on a few occasions, when the questions of the day were inadvertently broached, the men discovered that familiarity with the vocabulary of swearing, was not a possession peculiar to the army." (page 246) The History of the "Bucktails" also contains Company muster rolls, information about the Regimental Association, and several indexes of names and places, survivors, and printed sources most frequently cited in the history. This book is a 'must-have' for descendants of the "Bucktail" soldiers, genealogists, Civil War reenactors, and anyone with a keen interest in the Civil War. I also recommend Mr. Patrick Schroeder's "Pennsylvania Bucktails: A Photographic Album of the 42nd, 149th 150 Pennsylvania Regiments" as a perfect complement to this book.

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