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Ronald R Bass : History of the Thirty-first Arkansas Confederate Infantry before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised History of the Thirty-first Arkansas Confederate Infantry:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hard fighting regiment from Arkansas during the Civil War By Joe Owen "History of the Thirty-First Arkansas Confederate Infantry" by Ronald R. Bass (Arkansas Research, 1996, 142 pages) is an excellent book that is part of a series of Arkansas Confederate Regiments by Arkansas Research. This excellent history by Ronald R. Bass gives the history of the regiment that was made up of soldiers of the rural counties of north central Arkansas (Conway, Independence, Jackson, Pope, Van Buren, and Yell Counties). The 31st Arkansas fought in the battles of Corinth, Jackson, Chickamauga, Franklin, Nashville, the Atlanta and Kentucky Campaigns. The author in his in-depth research found the service records, diaries, letters written home, and official correspondence of many of the officers and men of the regiment and pieced together the history of this hard fighting regiment. The book also has excellent maps of the battles the men participated in, the official musters of the men in the years they fought (1861-1865). As stated above, many of the soldiers and officers came from rural counties located in the central part of Arkansas. 1st Lieutenant Thomas H. McCray of the 5th Arkansas Infantry Regiment was ordered to raise new companies of sharpshooters and his recruiting efforts led to the formation of the 31st Arkansas Infantry Regiment. Educated men were chosen for officer positions while men who could not read or write were enlisted soldiers. The illiteracy rate among soldiers of the 31st was high and the author accounts this is why there was a lack of eyewitness information written concerning the regiment. While the 31st was in the vicinity of many significant battles such as Perryville and Murfreesboro, it was in support roles for the battles. However, the 31st was directly in the fighting at Chickamauga and the Atlanta Campaign. Due to the many hard fought battles the 31st did fight in, it had to be

consolidated into the 4th and 25th Arkansas Infantry Regiments. Mr. Bass has done an excellent job in writing the history of this previously little known Confederate Regiment from Arkansas. The book has great maps of the battles the 31st fought in, rosters of the men in the 31st and their brief personal description such as when and where each man enlisted, birthplace, occupation, and personal description. An excellent bibliography end notes and index are also included. Ronald R. Bass wrote the history of the 31st as a tribute to his ancestor Captain William Cullum of the 31st Arkansas, Company D and it is indeed a fitting and well written history that Captain Cullum would be proud of. Highly recommended for anyone interested in the Western Theater of the Civil War, battles of the Western Theater of the Civil War, Arkansas Confederate history, and Arkansas history. An EXCELLENT history and read!