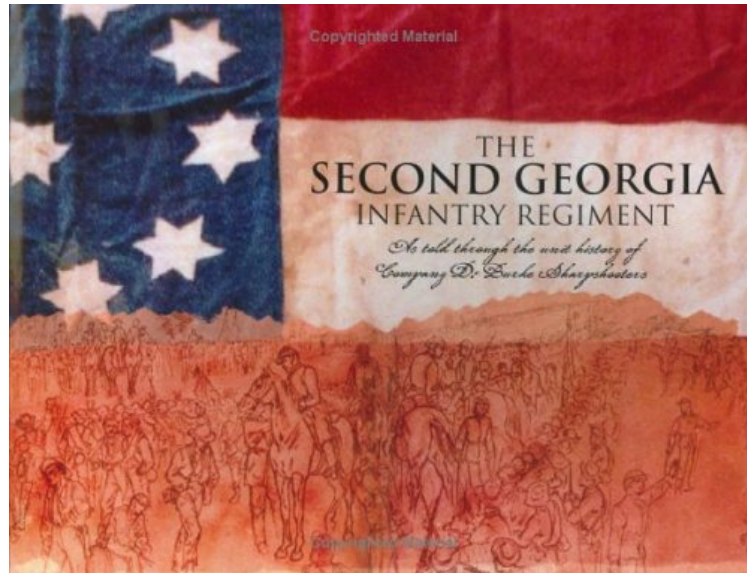


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F. Mikell Harper : The Second Georgia Infantry Regiment before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Second Georgia Infantry Regiment:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The fascinating history of the Second Georgia Infantry Regiment during the Civil War 1861-1865 By Joe Owen Author and historian F. Mikell Harper has written and published a fascinating book on the Second Georgia Infantry Regiment and their history during the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. This hard fighting regiment fought primarily in the eastern theatre in the Army of Northern Virginia and were engaged in the major battles of the theatre. This regiment was from the counties of Banks, Merriwether, Muscogee, Burke, Fannin, Cherokee, Whitfield, Marion, and Stewart. The men were from all different backgrounds from bankers, to farmers, from illustrators to "swamp rates". This was a hard fighting regiment that was always in the thick of battle and suffered numerous casualties. The regiment fought in the following major battles (broken down into individual chapters):- Tybee Island/Yorktown- Seven Days- Manassas (Bull Run)- Antietam (Sharpsburg)- Fredericksburg- Gettysburg- Chckamauga- Knoxville- Widlerness/Spotsylvania- Petersburg- Sherman's March- Battle of Aiken Mr. harper in this excellent overview provides the intense fighting that the regiment was in the thick of. At Antietam (Sharpsburg) the old "Burke Sharpshooters" Company D of the 2nd were fighting for nine hours until their ammunition ran out and their Colonel William Holmes tried to get more ammunition but was killed as well as many of the junior officers and enlisted men. The second was also able to inflict many casualties during Antietam at the famous "Burnside Bridge" where it and the 20th Georgia fired at the Army of The Potomac (the 51st New York and the 51st Pennsylvania). At Gettysburg, on July 2nd, 1863 the 2nd Georgia was assigned to take the Union off of the hills of Little and Big Round Top and capture the cannons that were inflicting heavy casualties. The other noted that the 2nd Georgia was with the only brigade that broke the enemy's lines on Round Top and their flag was pierced with over 80 miniballs during the fighting. Mr. Harper gives great overview of the action on July 2nd at Gettysburg and how they help Hood's Texas Brigade in their time of need when the 124th New York was driving Hood's Brigade off the field of

battle. The 2nd Georgia as well as the 15th, 17th, and 20th Georgia arrived as the 1st Texas was almost decimated and the Georgia Regiments captured three Cannons and helped take Devil's Den along with the 44th and 48th Alabama Infantry. Mr. Harper also notes that the 124th New York Infantry managed to hold the Confederates long enough for the Union lines to be established along Little Round Top and while the 20th Maine received the glory for their charge, it was the 124th New York who delayed the Confederates long enough for Little Round Top to be secured from the Confederates. The 2nd Georgia was transferred as well as the rest of General James Longstreet's corp to go to Georgia and reinforce General Braxton Bragg's army at Chickamauga where the 2nd was involved again in some fierce fighting. The 2nd Georgia was also at the Siege of Knoxville during the winter of 1863 and was transferred back to the ANV to be involved in the Battle of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House. The 2nd Georgia was also at the siege of Petersburg and had very few men left when General Robert E. Lee surrendered the ANV at Appomattox in April of 1865. The author in this fine book has diary entries of the soldiers and their loved ones that enhance the reading of this book and gives great detail in the daily lives and hardships the soldiers went thru. Excellent paintings and maps also enhance this book as well. In the final chapters, Mr. Harper gives the muster roles of the individual companies of the 2nd Georgia and lists each soldier if they lived, died, captured, surrendered, or deserted. This is a great book that is a "coffee table" style of format and binding. It is a must have for anyone interested in the Army of Northern Virginia, the Battles that the ANV fought in, the history of Georgia during the Civil War, and any Civil War buff, historian, scholar, or student. It is beautifully illustrated, fascinating brief history of the regiment, and is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!** 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful book By Victoria S. Abernathy Super quick delivery. Beautifully published book with most excellent information. Helps simplify the layout of the battles fought by this unit of my kinsmen. Kudos to its author. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Waste of money By Jeanette Carlson I was disappointed in the book. My great grandfather Archibald Alexander Bethea served in the 2nd Ga regiment co D and was not mentioned. Pictures not even depicting the subject topic clearly took up the majority of the pages and the information presented was that of a dull numeric narrative. The title made me think that I was going to be lead into a lively story about the sharpshooters - not.

The Second Georgia Infantry Regiment fought in all of the most famous and important campaigns of the Eastern theater of the American Civil War. This written and pictorial history is told by or on behalf of the men who comprised the unit. Enlightening and educational; richly designed to hold the reader's interest.