A COMPENDIUM OF THE WAR OF THE REBELLION


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INCLUDING IN THREE DEPARTMENTS THE MATTER AS HERE OUTLINED

Organization of the several Military Divisions, Departments, Armies, Army Corps, Divisions, Brigades and other important commands of the United States Army formed during the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, showing the Troops assigned to each and the various Commanders of each Command from its formation to its discontinuance

A complete Record of the Battles, Engagements, Combats, Actions, Skirmishes and Important Operations, tabulated by States and showing the Union Troops engaged in each event

A concise History of each and every Regiment, Battery, Battalion and other Organizations mustered by the several States for service in the Union Army during the period referred to,

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FOREWORD

HIS BOOK is the result of many years study and tabulation of the Official records of the War of the Rebellion, supplemented by authentic information from all reliable and available sources. Every book or work treating of that great struggle, has been studied and compared. State records, reports of the Adjutants General of the several States, Registers, Regimental Histories, and all reports and documents issued by the United States government or State Military Bureaus, have been carefully examined and matter there found collated, and after verification, added to the work. There has been a dearth of official information regarding certain statistics and data of great interest and value to both the participant in that great struggle and to the student who wishes details in connected form. The Official Records of the War, a monumental collection, is wonderfully deficient in many particulars, and is practically impossible to use except by a specialist. Its arrangement is such that only those familiar with it from the beginning are able to use it with benefit. Its many series, its various departments, its incomprehensible indices and its continued reference to one or more books in dealing with any subject, are beyond the average reader’s ability to grasp. To remedy this for the one seeking information, to gather all relating to each subject, whether of statistics or events, into a connected and complete whole, to digest the voluminous history of the war, has been the object of the compiler.

The work is divided into three parts: Part I—Being devoted to vital and various statistics of value and interest, and to the formation of the various Armies and Departments of the war, the troops assigned to and serving with each, and their various Commanders from beginning to end.

Part II—Records the various Campaigns, Battles, Engagements, Skirmishes, and the important events and operations, showing Union troops engaged in each event, and losses sustained, where such was officially reported. This part is arranged first, alphabetically as a whole, then alphabetically and chronologically by States, thus making it easy to find any particular event.

Part III—Presents a concise history of every Regiment, Battalion, Battery or other organization mustered in by the several States and Territories, and by the United States. This part is arranged by States alphabetically, the troops of each State in numerical order beginning with Cavalry, following with Artillery, Heavy and Light, Engineers, Sharpshooters and Infantry.

Those who have furnished valuable information for this compilation are so many as to preclude special mention by name, but to them all my heartfelt acknowledgements are herewith extended, and the result is dedicated to the memory of all my Comrades, fallen or surviving, who participated in the events here recorded.

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