

SUGGESTED READING

for

40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd and 52nd GEORGIA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENTS

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(* = 41st Georgia only ** = 40th, 42nd, 43rd, and 52nd Georgia only)

There are hundreds of books on the War Between the States. Most focus on the Eastern Theater and there are relatively few concerning the Western Theater. Finding books that describe details of battles to the regimental level is difficult. To save you time, I have compiled this list after many years of searching. There are other books on some of these battles, but the books listed below have good maps, Order of Battle lists, detailed description or specific quotes. The list can change as new books are printed. One of these books took 14 years for the author to complete. Some may be out of print and found only in libraries.

All of these books make reference to the 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd and 52nd Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiments, either directly or through their commanding general. I have arranged them by battle and have made brief comments as to why the book is preferred.

Regimental Histories

Units of the Confederate States Army by Joseph H. Crute, Jr. Battles, commanding and field officers, brigade assignments, strength reports and counties of recruitment.

Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861-1865 by Lillian Henderson Rank and assignment of each soldier and officer, by company and regiment. Summary of official records by individual. (Posted on General Barton and Stovall website).

Historical Sketches of Barton's (Later Stovall's) Georgia Brigade, Army of Tennessee, CSA by Private Joseph Bogle and Captain William L. Calhoun Mostly accounts of Vicksburg, but other battles and marches described.

Regiment Formation and Initial Rosters

Georgia Confederate 7,000 Part I by Gary R. Goodson Sr. Listed by regiment and company.

All Battles, Engagements, Skirmishes and Marches

Georgia Confederate 7,000 Part I, II and III by Gary R. Goodson Sr. Outstanding description from the personal level through diaries, letters, newspaper articles, newspaper interviews, some official reports. Description of some battles from the author's research of other works. Details can include how far they marched, where they camped and how many days they went without food as well as other details.

Corinth Campaign (April - June, 1862) *

Campaign for Corinth Blood in Mississippi by Steven Nathaniel Dossman Overview. Maps of defenses.

Cumberland Gap (April - August, 1862) **

Georgia Confederate 7,000 Part I, II and III by Gary R. Goodson Sr. Details by officers and men who were there.

Perryville (October 8, 1862) * (40th, 42nd, 43rd, 52nd Georgia in the vicinity. All were on the retreat to Tennessee.)

Perryville : Battle for Kentucky by Kenneth A. Hafendorfer Details, Order of Battle, detailed maps.

Chickasaw Bayou (December 26, 1862 - January 2, 1863) **

Vicksburg Is The Key. Vol I of The Vicksburg Campaign by Edwin Cole Bearss. Details, detailed maps and Order of Battle.

Steele's Greenville Expedition (April 1 - 14, 1863) *

Grant Strikes A Fatal Blow, Vol. II of The Vicksburg Campaign by Edwin Cole Bearss. Details, detailed map and Order of Battle.

Redbone Church (May 5, 1863) * (All regiments marched past this spot twice. Only 41st deployed for battle.)

Grant Strikes A Fatal Blow, Vol. II of The Vicksburg Campaign by Edwin Cole Bearss. Details and map.

Champion Hill (May 16, 1863)

Grant Strikes A Fatal Blow, Vol.II of The Vicksburg Campaign by Edwin Cole Bearss. Details, maps, Order of Battle.

Champion Hill Decisive Battle for Vicksburg by Timothy B. Smith Superior maps to regiment level. Details, Order of Battle and informative footnotes.

Vicksburg (May - July, 1863)

Unvexed to the Sea, Vol. III of The Vicksburg Campaign by Edwin Cole Bearss. Details on deployment, combat patrols, Order of Battle, surrender .

Historical Sketches of Barton's (Later Stovall's) Georgia Brigade, Army of Tennessee, CSA by Private Joseph Bogle and Captain William L. Calhoun. Captain Calhoun gives details of the battle and conditions of the exposure and food.

Missionary Ridge (November 25, 1863)

Storming the Heights A Guide To The Battle of Chattanooga by Matt Spruill Details, driving directions, Order of Battle, maps to brigade level.

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Detailed map to brigade level, official report transcript, pictures.

Rocky Face Ridge (May 5-7, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Detailed map to brigade level and details of fighting.

Historical Sketches of Barton's (Later Stovall's) Georgia Brigade , Army of Tennessee, CSA by Private Joseph Bogle and Captain William L. Calhoun Private Bogle records the deployment of the 40th, 41st and 42nd Georgia and describes the counterattack by the 42nd Georgia.

Resaca (May 14-15, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Details of battle, detailed map to brigade level. Pen and ink drawing of the attack by Stovall's brigade.

New Hope Church (May 25-26, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Some details of the battle.

Dallas (June 25-27, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Author says Stewart's division was "not involved" at his New Hope Church position, however, there was general heavy skirmishing along the line.

Kolb's Farm (June 22, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Stewart's division was on left flank and held in reserve. They did receive incoming fire and sustained casualties while in reserve position.

Kennesaw Mountain (June 27, 1864)

Kennesaw Mountain June, 1864 by Richard A. Baumgartner Details and maps.

Peach Tree Creek (July 20, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall by C.L. Bragg Stovall's brigade was at far right of CSA line, involved in heavy fighting along the line.

Atlanta (July 22, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Description of fierce struggle and pen and ink drawing.

Jonesboro (August 31 - September 1, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Description and map to brigade level.

Franklin (November 30, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Stovall's battle report.

Five Tragic Hours The Battle of Franklin by James Lee Mc Donough Details, pictures, Order of Battle, aftermath.

Nashville (December 15-16, 1864)

Distinction In Every Service Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall, CSA by C.L. Bragg Stovall's battle report, defense of Overton Hill, rear guard action, map of battle to brigade level.

The Decisive Battle of Nashville by Stanley F. Horn Maps, details, Order of Battle, rear guard action.

The Confederacy's Last Hurrah Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville by Wiley Sword Details, excellent maps of defense of Overton Hill and Shy's Hill to brigade level, rear guard actions, description of four attacks on Overton Hill, Order of Battle.

Edisto Railroad Bridge (February 7, 1865)

A book with details has not been found.

Binnaker's Bridge (February 9, 1865)

Official Records Series I, Vol. 47, Part 2, Chapter LIX, page 344-345; page 390-391 Pin and ink sketch of Binnaker's Bridge and order dated February 8, 1865 to take bridge. Reports of defense of other bridges in the area. When Yankees approached they were fired at and bridges set afire.

Orangeburg (February 12, 1865)

A Historical Plaque erected by the State of South Carolina on the north bank explains the defense of the bridge.

Bentonville (March 19-21, 1865)

Bentonville : The Final Battle of Sherman and Johnson by Nathaniel Chiers Hughes Details and maps to regiment level. Order of Battle.

This Astounding Close The Road to Bennett Place by Mark L. Bradley Order of Battle showing strength, commanding officers and location at time of surrender. 40th Georgia Consolidated Battalion (comprising survivors of 40th, 41st and 43rd Georgia) was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel S.D. Clements and numbered 287 officers and men.

The 42nd Georgia Consolidated in Henderson's brigade (comprising survivors of the 42nd Georgia, 36th Georgia and detachments of the 34th and 56th Georgia) totaled 398 officers and men commanded by Lieutenant Colonel L.P. Thomas. Estimated total remaining of original regiments in Stovall's brigade was about 400 officers and men.

The 39th Georgia Consolidated surrendered with "detachments of the 52nd Georgia".

Maps showing line of retreat.

Surrender (April 26, 1865)

The Army of Tennessee by Stanley F. Horn Page 426-427

Burial Information

http://gabgraves.bigbluetoad.com by Daniel Crone (civilwar@dancrone.com) This list can be sorted by name, regiment and company, cemetery. Contains over 1,000 known graves. This work incorporates earlier necrology records compiled by Don Bulloch of Riverdale, GA.