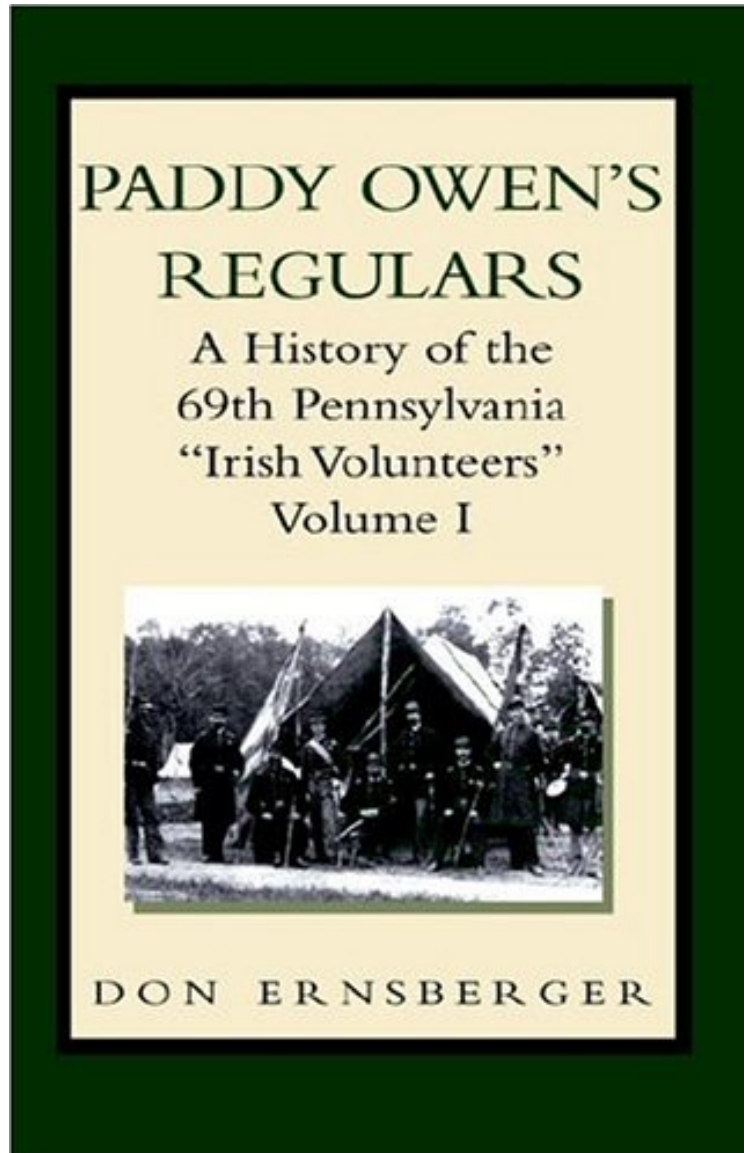


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**Don Ernsberger : Paddy Owen's Regulars** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Paddy Owen's Regulars:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Amazing.By CustomerAmazing book, despite grammatical errors. This book brings the life and experiences of the men of the 69th Pennsylvania to life through letters, after action reports, and other documents in a way that makes you feel as if you're there. The suffering and heroics endured by

these men are honored by the effort put forth. I would absolutely recommend to anyone interested in expanding their understanding of this regiment, the experience of the Irish during the war, or the Civil War in general. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Union Heroes of Picketts Charge By General Phil Sheridan At the eye of the storm during Picketts Charge, only the 69th Pennsylvania held behind the wall in front of the copse of trees. This is a long overdue treatment. The 69th Pennsylvania was ignored in the 19th century because of Irish prejudice. Ernsberger's extensive research into the personalities of the officers and men who were real heroes at Gettysburg is unmatched in any 20th century regimental history. Colonel O'Kane, Major James Duffy, and Captain John J. Devlin all come to life here. This book recaptures real men who volunteered in 1861 at 421 Walnut Street in Philadelphia and are unsung in any other Civil War book.

During the American Civil War, the lads of the 69th Pennsylvania "Irish Volunteers" from Philadelphia fought in every battle with the Army of the Potomac. From 1861 to 1865 the regiment marched under its Irish Green battle flag in the midst of engagements from Glendale to Antietam to Gettysburg to Petersburg. They participated in the entire Peninsular campaign and at the battle of Glendale their bayonet charge to recover captured union artillery pieces was hailed as "the first successful bayonet charge of the war". They charged into the West Woods at Antietam and charged up Marye's Heights at Fredericksburg. On July 3, 1863 at Gettysburg, the wall they defended was the target of Pickett's charge. That day they lost 50% of their men killed, wounded or captured along with their Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel and Major. In the Winter of 1864 the 69th became the only regiment in their Brigade to reenlist as a unit to fight the war to the end. At Spotsylvania, they attacked the "mule shoe" and captured a confederate battle flag. On to Cold Harbor and Petersburg they fought finally pursuing Lee's Army of Northern Virginia to surrender at Appomattox. Of the more than 1000 men who marched off to war in August 1861, only 56 remained on duty at Appomattox Courthouse. This book is about their history, their combat and their daily lives. It details the role they played in every battle and the personalities that constituted the regiment. Incorporating hundreds of personal letters with photographs and maps, the tale of the "Irish Volunteers" is examined on a day to day basis. From their roots as children of Irish immigrants during the Potato famine to their return home to Philadelphia in glory, the story of the 69th Pennsylvania "Irish Volunteers", Paddy Owen's regulars is the story of heroism and individual courage.