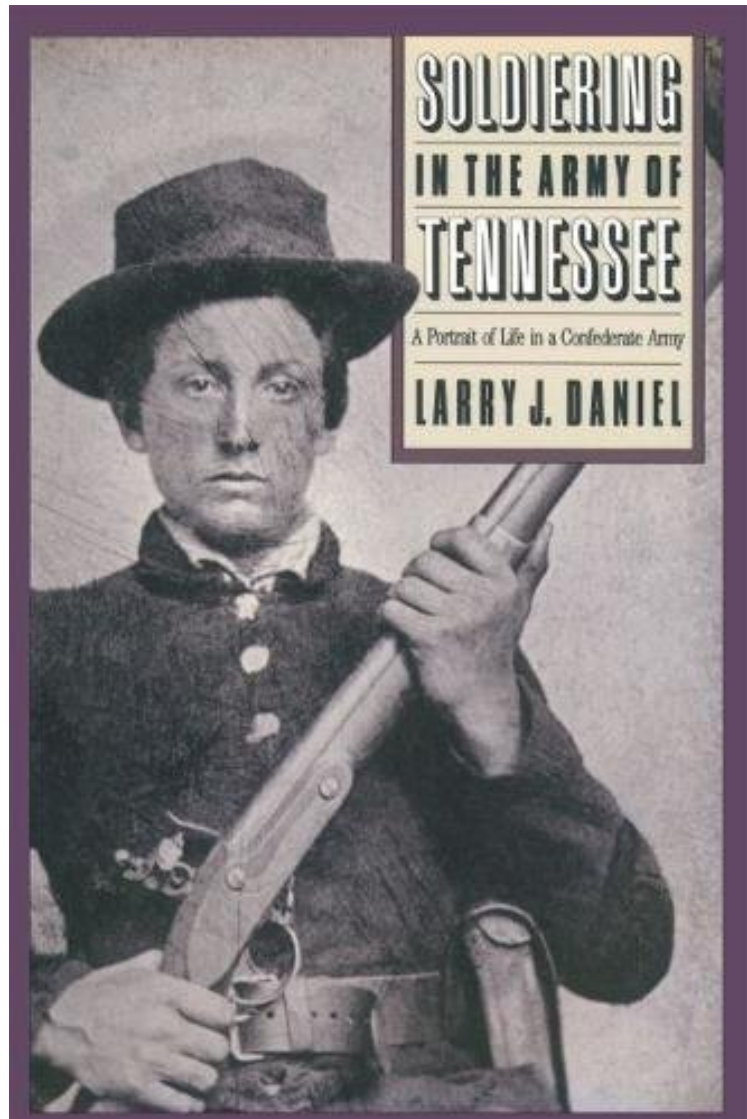


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In *Soldiering in the Army of Tennessee* Larry Daniel offers a view from the trenches of the Confederate Army of Tennessee. his book is not the story of the commanders, but rather shows in intimate detail what the war in the western theater was like for the enlisted men. Daniel argues that the unity of the Army of Tennessee--unlike that of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia--can be understood only by viewing the army from the bottom up rather than the top down. The western army had neither strong leadership nor battlefield victories to sustain it, yet it maintained its cohesiveness. The "glue" that kept the men in the ranks included fear of punishment, a well-timed religious revival that stressed commitment and sacrifice, and a sense of comradeship developed through the common experience of serving under losing generals. The soldiers here tell the story in their own rich words, for Daniel quotes from an impressive variety of sources, drawing upon his reading of the letters and diaries of more than 350 soldiers as well as scores of postwar memoirs. They write about rations, ordnance, medical care, punishments, the hardships of extensive campaigning, morale, and battle. While eastern and western soldiers were more alike than different, Daniel says, there were certain subtle variances. Western troops were less disciplined, a bit rougher, and less troubled by class divisions than their eastern counterparts. Daniel concludes that shared suffering and a belief in the ability to overcome adversity bonded the soldiers of the Army of Tennessee into a resilient fighting force.

The outcome of the Civil War was decided by eight or ten great Western battles--Shiloh, Murfreesboro, and Chattanooga among them. In *Soldiering in the Army of Tennessee* Larry Daniel has given us a fascinating and important book on the rank and file Confederates who fought those battles. In so doing he has helped us to understand better the war itself and added a much-needed Western side to the collective portrait of Johnny Reb.--Richard M. McMurry, author of *Two Great Rebel Armies: An Essay in Confederate Military History* Daniel offers by far the best portrait to date of the soldiers of the Army of Tennessee. Working with an impressive array of unpublished sources, he has performed a long-needed service in bringing these western Confederates out from the shadow of their more famous counterparts in Lee's army.--Gary W. Gallagher, author of *Lee and His Army in Confederate History* About the Author Larry J. Daniel is author of *Cannoneers in Gray: The Field Artillery of the Army of Tennessee, 1861-1865*.