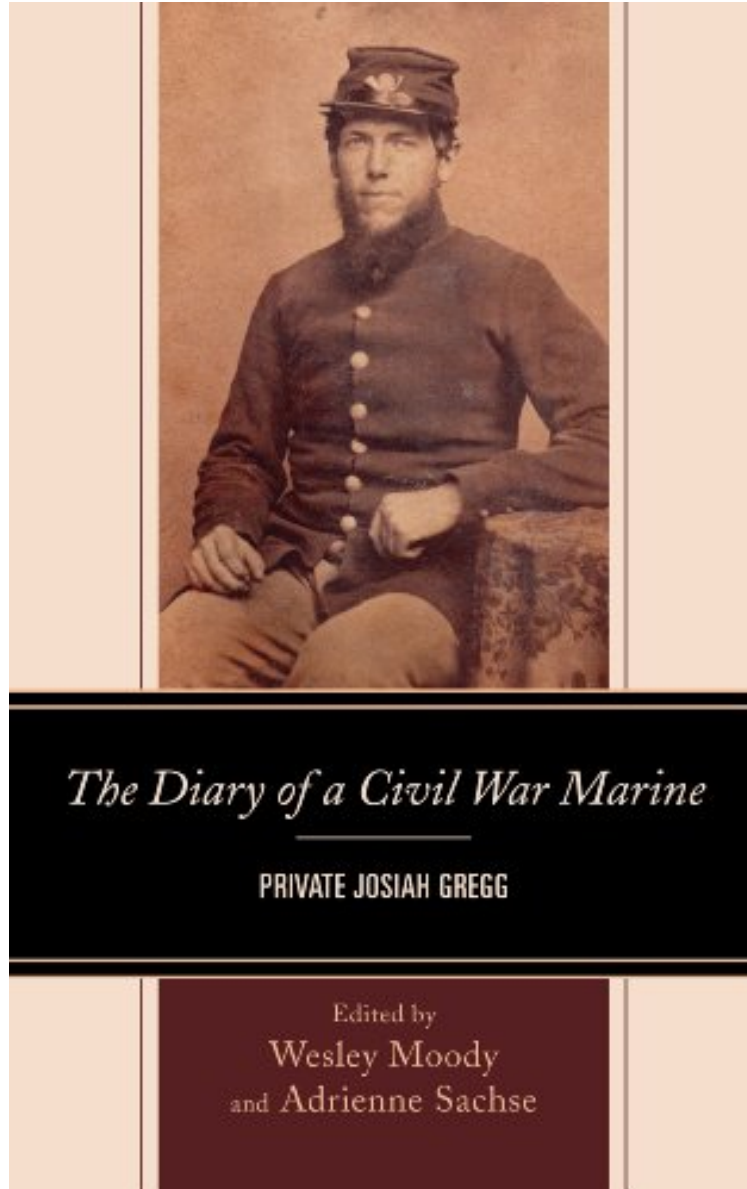


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Book!By GunnyThis book is in diary form (with notes but the

editors) and an easy read. I read it basically in a day. Marines of the day were (and still are) considered "landsmen" meaning they were about one or two steps up from "boy" ( a naval rank of the day). It takes time aboard ship for a Marine to get "salt" (experience) and Pvt. J. Gregg shows that in his writings. The editors show their lack of "salt" in their comments. Most of these are minor. The one thing that irritated me about the editors, was their dismissive attitude of Gregg observations of the officers. Gregg had an education as he was a teacher. It may have not been the best education one could obtain at the time, but it tells me that this Marine was with at least a fundamental education capable of analyzing the performance of work of others and the education to express it in writing. Moody and Sachse also miss the point that one who is "in-charge" is ultimately responsible for the performance of their subordinates. While this may be glossed over in the civilian world, it is held almost as law - which they sometimes like to overlook. Admiral Wilkes was disliked by Gregg (who wasn't the only one). One needs to read the books concerning the U.S. Exploring Expedition (or US Ex Ex). Adm Wilkes often exceeded his authority both with seniors and subordinates - an not in a good way.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. One of the few surviving diaries of a Civil War Marine.By Michael E. SteinThe Marines would start with about 1775 officers and men with a total of about 3900 having served by wars end. A very small number compared to the 2.5 million combined US regulars and volunteers of the land forces or the 110,000 sailors. These men signed a four year recruitment with the Department of Navy, a different cabinet secretary and different set of governing rules then the War Department. Their service was on blue water around the world maintaining and protecting US interests and from October 1862, expanded to include the inland waterways of America.Private Josiah Gregg will first board ship after four weeks. His ships will seek Confederate raiders of US shipping, attack Mobile Bay and attack Fort Fisher. There will be entries of bouts with sea sickness, awaiting letters from home, shore leave and first hand accounts of Mobile Bay and Fort Fisher. The editors notes for the most part add clarification to Private Gregg's entries and only miss on very minor details. It is a great complement to 'A Civil War Marine at Sea: The diary of Medal of Honor Recipient Miles M. Oviatt.Other Marine personal diaries to read should include 'Civil War Marine: A Diary of the Red River Expedition, 1864' (2nd Lt Frank Church) and 'The Southern Journey of a Civil War Marine: The Illustrated Note-Book of Henry O. Gusley

The Diary of a Civil War Marine: Private Josiah Gregg is a rare firsthand account of a United States Marine during the Civil War, written within hours of the events described. Gregg enlisted as a private at the beginning of the war, and served as a shipboard Marine on the Vanderbilt as it hunted Confederate raiders in the Caribbean and Atlantic. He also served aboard the Brooklyn at the battles of Mobile Bay and Fort Fischer. Part war story and part travel log, Gregg tells a good story with the confident prose of a man who worked as a school teacher and a clerk before the war. Seen by only Gregg's descendants for the last 140 years, the diary entries have been edited to include notes that explain what might be unclear to a modern audience. Also included are brief histories of the ships and the events described in the journal, and eight black and white photographs that were found inside the journal.