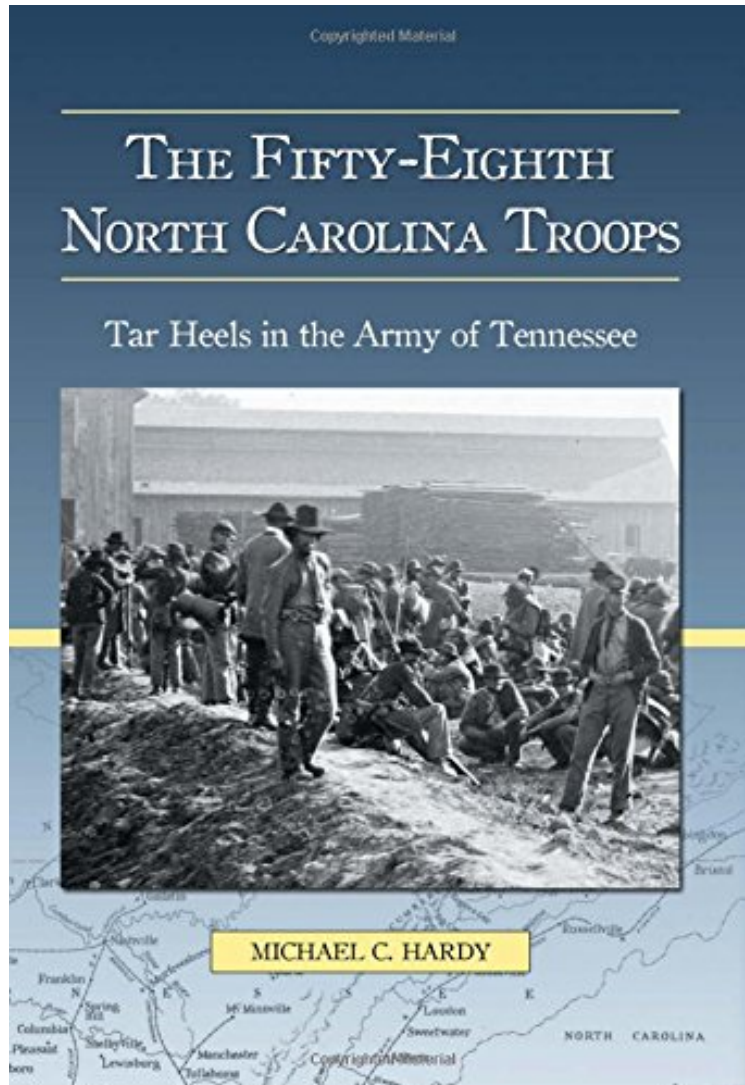


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Michael C. Hardy : The Fifty-Eighth North Carolina Troops: Tar Heels in the Army of Tennessee before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Fifty-Eighth North Carolina Troops: Tar Heels in the Army of Tennessee:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The 58th N.C. Book Review By BigTI could appreciate the in depth research done by the author and those that assisted him. However some of the back and forth between the troops home and the Confederate Army was hard to follow at times. As a result there were many sections in the book that were not

smooth in the transition from one section/chapter to another. As I live in North Carolina, I am interested in any Civil War information, books, stories about my home state. I thought overall this book was a pretty good read. The battle description I thought were as informative as possible based on what records and info was available. I cannot imagine how difficult that was. I recently toured the Bentonville Battleground in Bentonville, NC which was the last major battle of the war and the last battle the 58th was involved in and written about in the book. The information in the book matched up exactly to what actually took place in that battle. All in all I would recommend this book as a Civil War read and especially for those interested in the war that occurred in the mountain area of N.C, Tennessee and northern Georgia as well as which units were involved. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Finally a worthy comprehensive work on the 58th NC. By J. Keith Jones. The Fifty-Eighth North Carolina Troops works hard to fill the gaps in the records of this reluctant regiment. Michael C. Hardy does yeoman's work in assembling the scattered information into a cohesive regimental history. Unlike some unit histories, Hardy's book provides more than dry encyclopedic facts. Instead he ties the detailed look at this intriguing infantry regiment into an entertaining narrative that takes you from the beginning of the war to the end, then on through the remainder of the lives of its soldiers eventually providing a study of their legacy and impact on Western North Carolina. Filled with pictures and maps, this book provides more than just troop movements and battle reports. It makes a personal connection with the men who served from the top officers down to the individual privates. Gathered from newspapers, letters, diaries and other assorted personal reflections, Hardy adds flesh to the vast gaps in the official Confederate records of the Fifty-Eighth's service in the Army of Tennessee. While being one of the largest regiments from North Carolina, the Fifty-Eighth was largely constructed from conscripts. These were men whose decision to serve was forced on them. Sometimes at the point of a bayonet. Despite reluctance and a higher than normal desertion rate, the Fifty-Eighth was an important regiment that played a pivotal role in many of the campaigns in which they participated. The Fifty-Eighth North Carolina Troops: Tar Heels in the Army of Tennessee is a well written and thoroughly researched book. It deserves a place amongst the collection of anybody wishing to learn more about North Carolina or the Army of Tennessee during the War for Southern Independence. Michael C. Hardy illustrates starkly the qualities which have won him multiple awards for his work. J. Keith Jones Author of "The Boys of Diamond Hill"

North Carolina contributed more than 70 regiments to Confederate service during the Civil War, but only four of those regiments were permanently assigned to service in the Army of Tennessee. The Fifty-Eighth North Carolina Troops, hailing primarily from western North Carolina, fought in battles such as Chickamauga, Resaca and Bentonville. This account follows the soldiers from antebellum life, to conscription, to battlefield, to post-war life.

"Hardy has produced a good account of the regiment's service with due attention to the men in the ranks. His following the veterans into the postwar years is especially welcome. Hardy's research is impressive." --Civil War News
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Michael C. Hardy has written numerous books, articles and essays focusing on the Civil War. He has won the Willie Parker Peace History Book Award six times. He has also been presented the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for his work on preserving Confederate history. His articles have appeared in nationally syndicated magazines, and he frequently presents lectures and interpretive programs on Appalachia's role in the Civil War. He lives in western North Carolina.