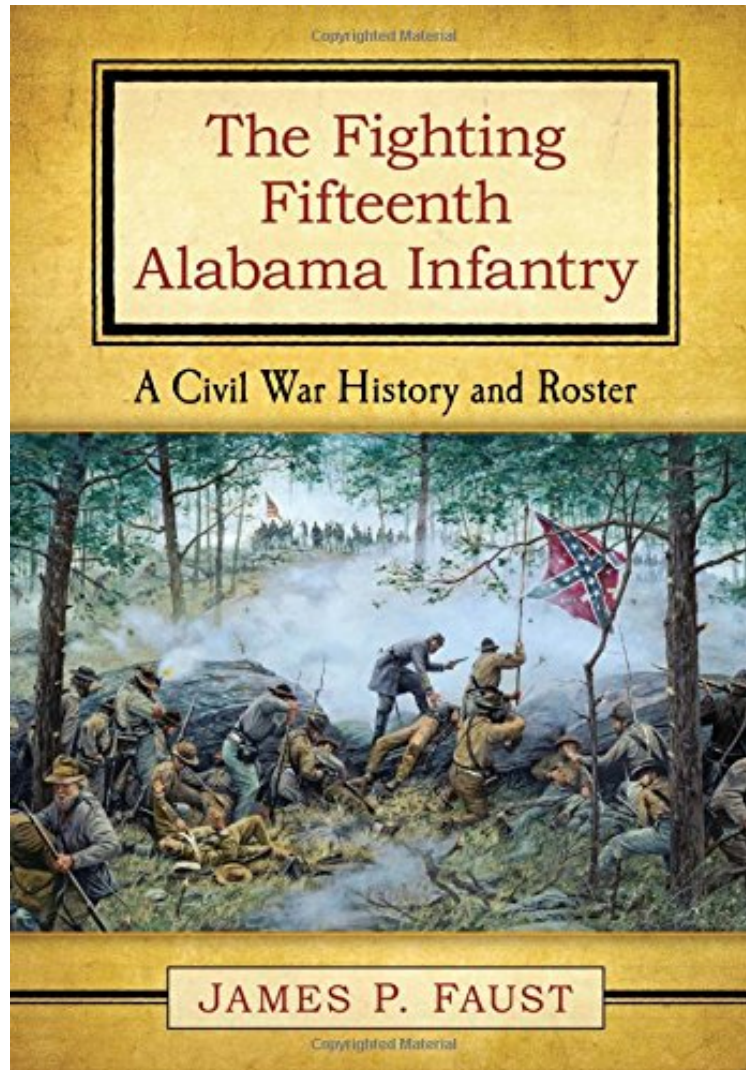


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"it is well researched and covers all the bases of a good regimental history"--Civil War News. About the Author Jim Faust is a private investigator. He is a 20 year veteran of the U.S. Army and retired as a major. He lives in Ozark, Alabama.