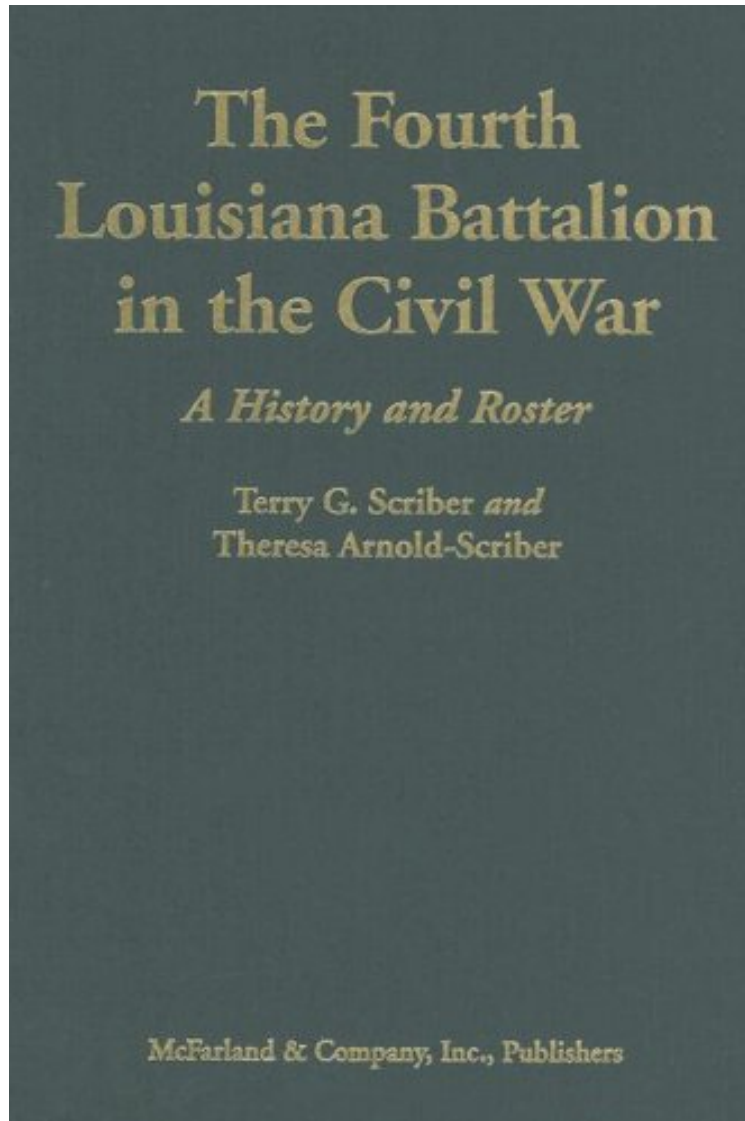


# The Fourth Louisiana Battalion in the Civil War: A History and Roster

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eye witnesses and their correspondence , family letters written home . This book is a family treasure for any one with roots in Louisiana . A treasure trove for thousands of different families today . If you have a family member who served with this unit if you or even think you might have a family member . How can you find out is to search for an online Roster . If you discover you have a family who served with 4TH , buy a copy now before they are gone . I was surprised to find have 5 family members that served . This unit formed from all over the state of Louisiana from over 5 parishes with a smattering from other states . Well over a thousand men served in the 4th over the four years of the war at battles in .Virginia , Vicksburg , Chickamauga , Chattanooga , Atlanta , South Carolina and many more finishing at Mobil in one of the last stands of the Confederacy . This small unit served in all most every one of the Southern states in many small battles as well as major ones . The roster of men include their enlistment date and place as well as reasons for discharge . If your family was in Louisiana in 1860's check the roster . My Great Grandfather and his brother were from Alabama at a family reunion along with a Brother in law from Texas as well . In the excitement of the moment and expecting a short war they all enlisted together in the Franklin Parish rather than waiting to return to their home states to enlist . This is an especially significant book for the descendants of the men who served in this unit as it has a list of the names and their place of enlistment as well as their home of record when discharged. It is also a good resource for the actions of units that fought along side them . Such as 12Th Ms Calv ;20Th TN.Inf ;28Th Al Inf; too many units to list here both Union and Confederate . The Author doesn't just name the Generals but gives the unit identification involved in the action . This book is destined to be one of those sought out books when this printing sells out . It will sky rocket in value as researchers realize all the information this little book contains with connections to thousands of living decedents today . MUCH MORE THAN A BOOK ON THE 4Th LOUISIANA BATTALION It IS A FIRST HAND PICTURE OF OUR FAMILIES PAST . Will not be available long . With information from this book you will be able to connect the unit by its leaders names in other books on the American War for Southern Independence .3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. DisappointingBy P. StewartI found myself sifting through generic historical information regarding the battles the Fourth fought in. Without that the text would be much shorter in relation to specific regard to the Fourth Louisiana. There are no photographs of the Fourth, which is understandable, but I would have liked to have seen more research in the uniforms and equipment of this unit. The Fourth was formed of volunteers and went through major battles all over the South. I'd hoped to find details like were they equipped by the state of Louisiana before transport to West Virginia? As Jeff Davis' bodyguard do early photographs of him or of events include the Fourth? When they fell under control of the Army of Tennessee or later in Atlanta or Mobile did they find themselves refitted with new equipment?I was also disappointed that the biographies so touted in the details before I purchased the book were much less informative than I'd hoped. For instance, Wade Hampton has barely a line however a single trip to the State Archives in Baton Rouge back in 2003 proved him to be the color bearer at least for a time. Readily available were copies of muster roles and signatures, oaths, etc. The flag is housed their as well and although a photograph is reprinted in the book it seems much as the same photo that has been floating around the internet for some years now. There is one picture of a Fourth La soldier, but it is difficult to discern and is copied from an issue of Confederate Veteran I believe, as I have the same picture from an article regarding the Fourth found in that publication. As the soldier seems to be wearing a unique shell jacket, it would have been interesting to know where he may have been issued it and whether or not the photograph was a wartime or postwar photo of the gentleman. Again no new or groundbreaking research is evident in my opinion and there is little to learn from this text that you cannot find from a google search or the Bergeron book on Louisiana units.It is not my intention to be cruel or unkind in my review. Anyone who has such a love and interest of the Fourth Louisiana has my appreciation. I simply feel that the work lacks substance if you take out the filler information regarding campaigns. The diary entries are interesting though and it has a very nice binding.1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Fourth Louisiana Battalion in the Civil WarBy Chris KestersonWas amazed at how much information was packed into this book. Scriber's book gave me an insight on a part of the Civil War I knew little about. All together I found it very interesting and informative. A great read for any history buff.

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