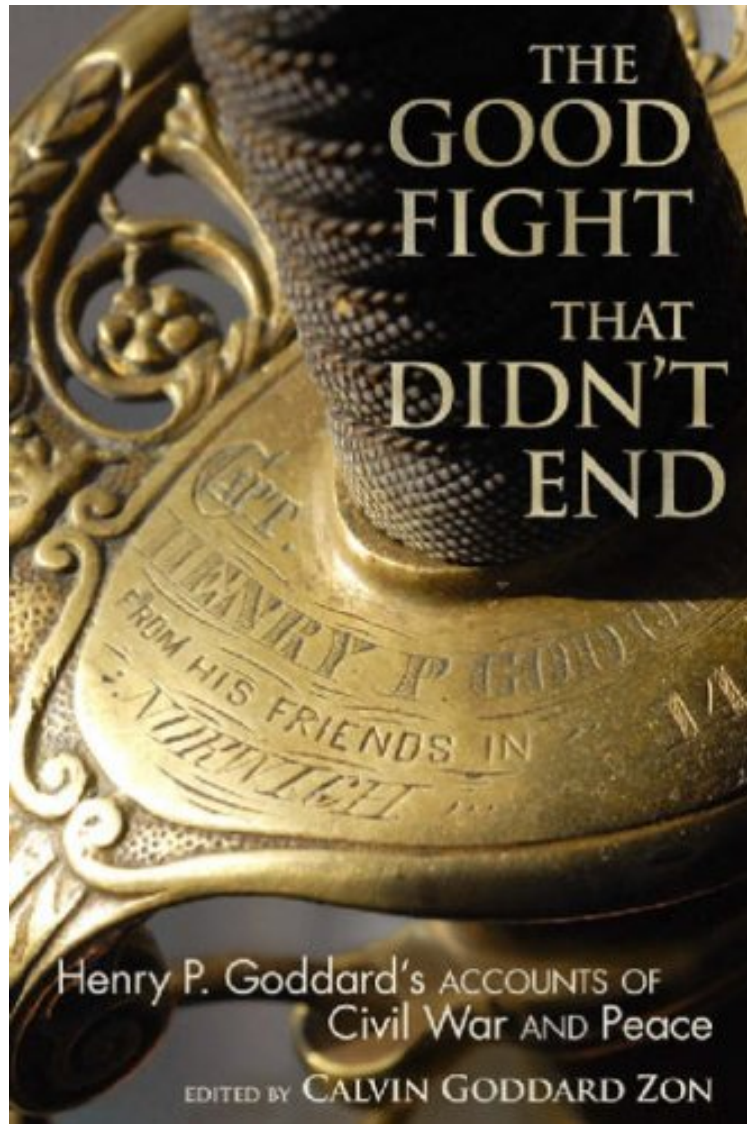


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An interesting look at an atypical typical soldierBy Bruce TrinquHenry P. Goddard was in some ways not an atypical Union soldier, although his Civil War service was more

diverse than was usual with most of his comrades. He served as an officer of cavalry, infantry, and artillery, as well as being on the staff of a general, suffering wounds and illness along the way; and he was simultaneously a war correspondent for his hometown newspaper. The greatest part of his service was with the 14th Connecticut Infantry, a regiment in the Army of the Potomac. "The Good Fight that Didn't End" chronicles Goddard's Civil War service (and even some of his prewar and postwar experiences) through his letters, diaries, published memoirs, and newspaper articles. He saw the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville at first hand (as well as the little-known but bloody affair of Morton's Ford, Virginia) before poor health prompted his resignation from service in early 1864. Goddard's accounts make for sometimes lively but uneven reading, blending observations about Army life and glimpses of life back home together with gossipy comments about his fellow officers; much of that latter material probably would be of little direct interest to most readers (although as a student of the 14th Connecticut, I found his insights into the diverse personalities of the regiment's officers quite enlightening).

This is a vivid first hand record from the Union ranks of major battles and figures of the Civil War, and of the Reconstruction efforts that followed. The letters, journals, and newspaper writings of Goddard provide much detail about the passions and principles of a divided nation during the Civil War and Reconstruction.

"Through Goddard's eyes we see the horror of battle, the tedium between battles, and the continued postwar struggle to piece the Union back together. This is a wonderful insight into the men who won the Civil War and then delivered the promise for which they fought." - Tom Wheeler, author of *Leadership Lessons from the Civil War*, and *Mr. Lincoln's T-Mails*"From the Inside Flap" In a remarkable era, when men sacrificed everything they had for their principles, Henry Perkins Goddard stood head and shoulders above the crowd. Goddard rose through the ranks to witness the Civil War as few others ever had the chance. He served in every branch of the Union army, alternating between the cavalry, infantry, artillery, and even performing a stint as a staff officer. Each assignment gave him keen insight into the leaders and accomplishments of the day. Goddard is a gifted writer who knows a compelling story when he saw it-- and he writes with all the vim and verve, humor and humanity, that makes an age of great men come back to life."-- Francis Augustín O'Reilly, author of *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*"Every great battle is the amalgamation of individual stories. Calvin Zon effectively tells the Civil War story of Captain Henry Perkins Goddard, his great-grandfather, with Goddard's own words. Through Goddard's eyes we see the horror of battle, the tedium between battles, and the continued postwar struggle to piece the Union back together. This is a wonderful insight into the men who won the Civil War and then delivered the promise for which they fought."--Tom Wheeler, author of *Leadership Lessons from the Civil War*, and *Mr. Lincoln's T-Mails*About the Author Calvin Goddard Zon, great-grandson of Henry P. Goddard, is a journalist and historian living in Washington, D.C. He is a former staff writer for the *Washington Star* daily newspaper and his articles have appeared in such varied publications as the *Civil War News*, the *Progressive*, the *National Catholic Reporter*, and *People*.