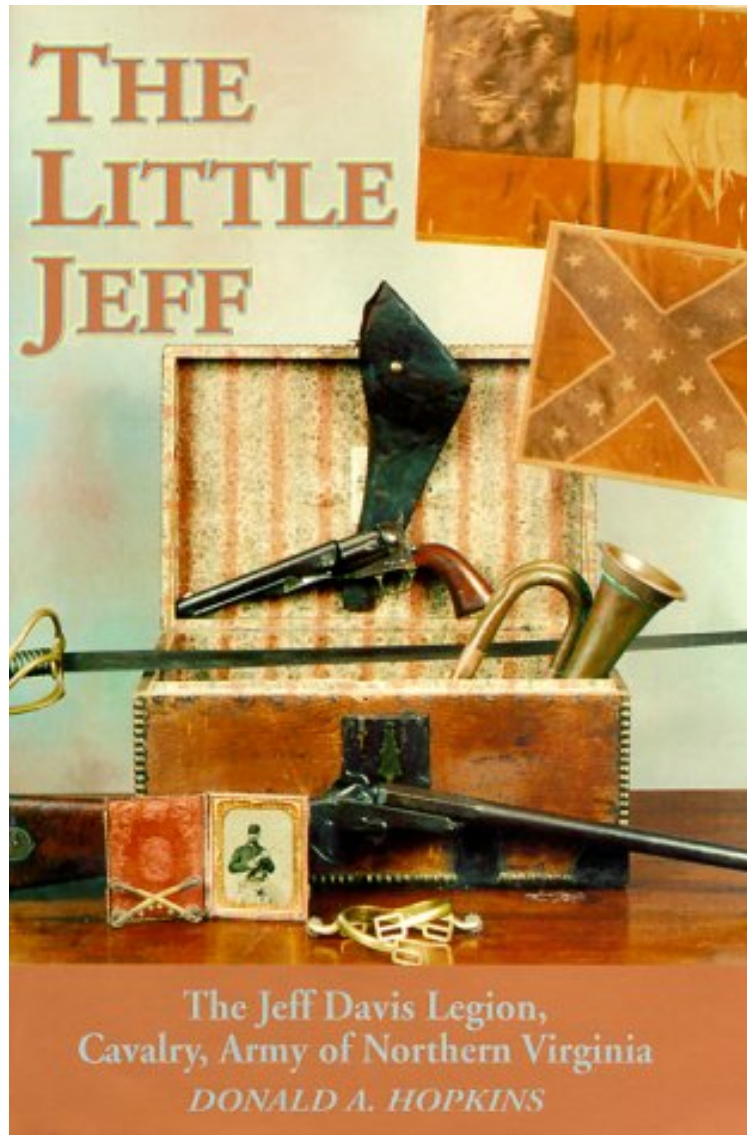


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ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA By Robert A. Lynn THE LITTLE JEFF: THE JEFF DAVIS LEGION, CAVALRY, ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA DONALD A. HOPKINS WHITE MANE BOOKS, 1999 HARDCOVER, \$40.00, 325 PAGES, ILLUSTRATIONS Formed as the 2nd Mississippi Cavalry Battalion at Manassas, Virginia with three Mississippi companies and one Alabama company on 24 October 1861. This was later increased to three Mississippi companies, one Georgia company, and two Alabama companies and re-designated the Jefferson or Jeff Davis Legion in late 1861. They were increased to a regiment with the addition of the three companies of the 4th Alabama Cavalry Battalion and Company D, 20th Georgia Cavalry Battalion on 11 July 1864. However, by the end of that month, the 4th Alabama Cavalry Battalion was transferred to the Phillips Georgia Cavalry Legion. The Jeff Davis Legion served under Generals Hampton, Butler, and P.M.B. Young while participating in the campaigns of the Army of Northern Virginia from Williamsburg to Cold Harbor, then was active north and south of the James River. In April, 1862, its strength stood at 171. It lost four wounded at Brandy Station and sustained four killed and ten wounded out of 246 at Gettysburg. On its withdrawal from Gettysburg; it suffered two killed and twelve wounded while sustaining three wounded during the Bristoe Campaign in October, 1863. In April, 1865, it was assigned to General Logan's Brigade and finally surrendered with the rest of Johnston's Army of Tennessee at Durham Station, Orange County, North Carolina on 26 April 1865.

THE LITTLE JEFF: THE JEFF DAVIS LEGION, CAVALRY, ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA is the first complete and concise history of the Jeff Davis Legion, initially designated the 2nd Mississippi Cavalry Battalion. Fighting under J.E.B. Stuart and Wade Hampton in Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, it later followed Hampton to Georgia and then to South and North Carolina. Though companies from Alabama and Georgia joined the regiment, it remained officially a "Mississippi" cavalry unit. They were the only Mississippi cavalry unit to fight as part of the Army of Northern Virginia. Author Donald A. Hopkins has written a richly detailed history of one unit and the cross section of men who organized and enlisted in this unit in April, 1861. Well-to-do landowners from Natchez and Savannah joined with rustic farmers and tradesmen from Mississippi and Alabama to form this illustrious unit of cavalrymen. This well-researched account is expertly woven together with first hand accounts to give the reader a better understanding of what it was like serving in the cavalry during The War Between The States. An outstanding unit history and engrossing reading. Lt. Colonel Robert A. Lynn, Florida Guard Orlando, Florida 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Finally a book on the Jeff Davis Legion

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