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Confederates at Home and at War

Two New LSU Press Books Provide Essential Scholarship on the Civil War South

Baton Rouge—In May, LSU Press will publish two new books that explore the Confederate experience of the Civil War, one dealing with the home front and the other with the organization and deployment of Confederate armies.

Although civilians comprised the vast majority of those affected by the conflict, even the number of civilian casualties over the course of the Civil War remains unknown. Wallace Hettle's ***The Confederate Homefront*** provides a sample of the enormous documentary record on the domestic population of the Confederate states, offering a glimpse of what it was like to live through a brutal war fought almost entirely on southern soil.

The Confederate Homefront collects excerpts from slave narratives, poems, diaries and journals, along with brief introductions that examine the circumstances and biases of each source. Bearing witness to the lives of marginalized groups, narratives by women navigating complex webs of loyalties and former slaves resisting and escaping the Confederacy feature prominently. Hettle also focuses on lesser-known aspects of the war, such as conscription, draft evasion, and the development of Union military policies that helped bring about the demise of slavery. The first documentary history to foreground the experiences of Confederate civilians, *The Confederate Homefront* illuminates the overlooked lives of noncombatants in the Civil War and bears witness to the traumatic final years of the institution of American slavery.

Wallace Hettle is professor of history at the University of Northern Iowa and the author of *Inventing Stonewall Jackson: A Civil War Hero in History and Memory*.

8 May 2017 / 240 pages, 5½ x 8½ / 978-0-8071-6755-7
Cloth \$65.00s, ebook available / Civil War Studies / Southern History

In the tradition of Ezra J. Warner's magisterial *Generals in Gray*, military historian Dan C. Fullerton supplies an indispensable reference work on Confederate forces over the entire course of the Civil War. ***Armies in Gray*** details the development and organization of the southern armies, their evolution over the course of the conflict, their command structure, and their geographic assignment and placement. Compiled during a decade-long analysis of an array of primary-source materials, this volume provides an entirely new understanding of the operations and strategies of the Civil War by examining how the Confederate War Department and field commanders used their fighting forces.

By looking at the organization of the Confederate armies in each quarter, readers can gain a clearer picture of the forces available to southern military leaders as they developed their plans at every stage of the Civil War. *Armies in Gray* fills a void in Civil War studies, providing an accurate picture of the development of the Confederate armies, how commanders wielded them, and ultimately, how they were defeated by the Union Army as the nation's bloodiest conflict drew to a close.

Dan C. Fullerton is associate professor in the School of Advanced Military Studies at the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

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