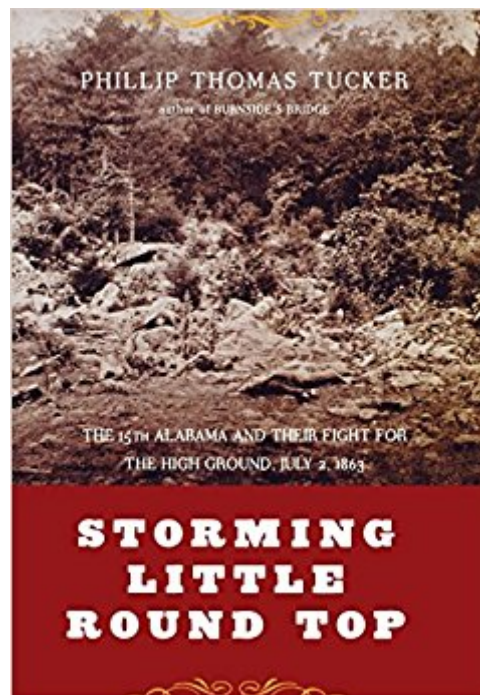




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Storming Little Round Top: The 15th Alabama And Their Fight For The High Ground, July 2, 1863



Synopsis

The fight for Little Round Top on July 2, 1863, is forever etched in the annals of America's Civil War. The heroic defense of the high ground by Joshua Chamberlain and the men of the 20th Maine is one of the most famous incidents in American history, made more so by its powerful depiction in the film Gettysburg. There are numerous written accounts of the Union defenders on Little Round Top but considerably less has been written up to now about the Confederate attackers who charged up the hill and faced an even more desperate challenge than those who defended it. Unique and colorful, this new study brings to life the men and officers of the 15th Alabama who gathered that day to assault the Union flank. The lively narration of this dramatic engagement is both detailed and authoritative. Veteran Civil War author Phillip Tucker colorfully evokes the men and the times from descriptions of the Alabamans' Chattahoochee River valley home to sketches of the lives and personalities of William C. Oates and other key members of the regiment.

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testimony of the Confederates' storming of that famous rocky hill. "Tucker brings the battle to life with vivid descriptions of those dramatic events in a volume sure to please Civil War buffs."--Publishers Weekly "Extremely well-researched and well-written . . . highly recommended."--Choice "The scene is now one of the more familiar to Civil War buffs. It was July 2, 1863--Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Col. Joshua Chamberlain . . . orders 'bayonets' and subsequently charges down hill, sweeping up all Confederates in his path and saving the day . . . But what about the Confederate forces who stood toe to toe with the 20th Maine? . . . Their story has been overshadowed for too long by the 'victory' of the 20th Maine and the postwar writings of Colonel Chamberlain . . . Tucker reminds us that there are two sides to every story. One cannot always rely on the account by the victors. Tucker weaves an interesting and enjoyable account [and] correctly notes that the 15th Alabama's story is equally, if not more, interesting and important as the 20th Maine's. For too long the general public has studied the battle from one point of view [and] Tucker attempts to correct this wrong . . . buy and enjoy Storming Little Round Top--it warrants attention."--The Civil War News "The fight for Little Round Top is certainly one of the most written about tactical engagements of the Civil War [but] Tucker takes a different track in focusing on the 15th Alabama [and] goes into a very detailed description of the action on Little Round Top . . . anyone with a detailed knowledge of or interest in Gettysburg will find much to think about in this book."--Strategy Page

Phillip Thomas Tucker is the chief historian of the 81st Training Wing at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He is the author of *The Confederacy's Fighting Chaplain*, winner of the Douglas Southall Freeman Award; and *Burnside's Bridge*, a History Book Club selection.

The title of Phillip Tucker's book alone tells the reader this is not an accounting of the defense of Little Round Top, but rather accounts of the Confederate soldiers of the 15th Alabama who were charged with undertaking a monumental uphill battle, literally, and trying to take the hill from the Union. The battle, taking place during the US Civil War, happened just 2 days before the 1863 Independence Day holiday. Many soldiers would not live to celebrate the country's 87th celebration of its independence. Tucker offers a different perspective of the battle that occurred that day. He also offers ideas as to how the battle could have turned out very differently - such as if the 15th Alabama would have had reinforcements to continue to assault up the hill. Many accounts of this battle are facts steeped in history. Tucker offers ideas as to just how the battle may have been perceived from the losing side and how things could have been

different. While the book is light on illustrations, the author does go into detail on points such as troop locations, living/training environment, and timelines. This enables the reader to get an idea of the day-to-day lives the troops lived in addition to the historically-significant battle they took part in.

Very Good Book

If you really like civil war history you will find it difficult to put this book down. Very informative, puts a few things in a new light.

Perspective not 100% validated in much of my research. But as a historical narrative, worthy of addition to civil war collection for sure. Seeing through a narrative from the other side from Chamberlain 20th Maine, despite having the distraction of trying to diminish Chamberlain 20th Maine actual action. That and the religious crap, was tedious, but majority was pretty easy to read, and did give new information. I, a avid reader with relatives on both sides of my family involved in it was more than worth the cost I paid.

History is a hard thing to write about. Since the outcome is generally known, it's hard to find a writer who does a good job keeping your interest when you know what's going to happen before you start the first page. This book was one of those that kept my interest for a while and became tedious to read near the end. So tedious that I closed it and put it back on the shelf. I did like the back story about the boys of the 15th and found their thoughts about the war intriguing but the writer just didn't have enough to hold my interest all the way through.

Very happy with the book! Thank you!

GREAT

P.T. Tucker's, 'Storming Little Round Top' left a lot to be desired. An awful lot. The idea and supreme thought of the United States instead of two countries, one a slave-holder, was on the line that July afternoon in 1863 Pennsylvania. The CSA's Oates wasn't outnumbered at the battle, the men of the 20th Maine were. Those 300 stalwarts from Maine held the line and literally saved the Union. Mr. Tucker, those charging up the hill, intent on running through the 20th were the traitors, were they not? They were men who were led by the infamous Bobby Lee, the great general who

pooh-poohed command of the Union Army to fight for his home state of Virginia. Virginia? Does one fight for a state or a nation? Colonel Chamberlain and his command saved the country that day. It was the Civil War's Midway. It was the turning point of the war. The person who tries to camouflage the glaring fact of slavery coupled with treason must be an uneducated Southern Baptist. I'd like to remind Mr. Tucker that the South ended up with an 0-1 war record no matter how many turncoats they had at Little Round Top. J.C. McGuiresndfleet@yahoo.com

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