

The Warriors of the Peach Tree State

Introduction

The Peach Blossom State was a hotbed of secessionist sentiment in the years leading up to the Civil War, and when the conflict finally erupted in 1861, thousands of Georgians rushed to enlist in the Confederate Army. Among them was the 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment, a unit that would soon earn a reputation for valor and sacrifice on the battlefields of Virginia.

The 35th Georgia was organized in the spring of 1861, and its ranks were filled with a mix of farmers, laborers, and businessmen. The regiment's first commander was Colonel Edward Willis, a West Point graduate who had served in the Mexican-American War. Under Willis's leadership, the 35th Georgia was assigned to the Army of Northern Virginia, and it saw

its first combat at the Battle of First Manassas in July 1861.

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Despite the heavy losses, the 35th Georgia never wavered in its loyalty to the Confederate cause. The regiment's soldiers fought bravely and with distinction, and they earned the respect of both their comrades and their enemies.

The story of the 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment is a story of courage, sacrifice, and determination. It is a story that deserves to be told and remembered, and this book is a small attempt to do just that.

In the pages that follow, you will learn about the men of the 35th Georgia, their motivations, their experiences, and their sacrifices. You will also learn about the regiment's role in some of the most important battles of the Civil War.

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Chapter 1: The Call to Arms

The outbreak of the Civil War

The outbreak of the Civil War was a watershed moment in American history. It was the culmination of decades of sectional tension between the North and the South, and it would lead to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans.

The immediate cause of the war was the election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency in 1860. Lincoln was a Republican, and his election was seen by many Southerners as a threat to their way of life. The South was heavily dependent on slavery, and Lincoln was an outspoken opponent of the institution.

In the months after Lincoln's election, seven Southern states seceded from the Union and formed the Confederate States of America. The Union refused to recognize the Confederacy, and the two sides soon

clashed at Fort Sumter in South Carolina. The battle marked the beginning of the Civil War.

The outbreak of the war was a shock to many Americans. They had hoped that the secession crisis could be resolved peacefully, but it was clear that war was now inevitable. The war would have a profound impact on the lives of all Americans, both North and South.

The first year of the war was a time of great uncertainty and upheaval. Both sides struggled to raise and equip armies, and there were a number of early battles that resulted in heavy casualties. However, by the end of 1861, the Union had gained the upper hand in the war. The Union controlled the border states and the Mississippi River, and it had a much larger population and industrial base than the Confederacy.

The outbreak of the Civil War was a tragedy for the United States. It was a war that could have been

avoided, but it was a war that ultimately led to the preservation of the Union and the abolition of slavery.

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Georgia's response to the call for troops

The firing on Fort Sumter in April 1861 set off a wave of secessionist sentiment across the South, and Georgia was no exception. Within weeks, the state had seceded from the Union and joined the newly formed Confederate States of America.

Governor Joseph E. Brown was a staunch supporter of secession, and he immediately began to raise troops to defend the state. He issued a call for 10,000 volunteers, and the response was overwhelming. Within weeks, over 20,000 Georgians had signed up to fight for the Confederacy.

The 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment was one of the first units to be organized. The regiment was formed in May 1861, and its ranks were filled with a mix of farmers, laborers, and businessmen. The regiment's first commander was Colonel Edward Willis, a West Point

graduate who had served in the Mexican-American War.

The 35th Georgia was assigned to the Army of Northern Virginia, and it saw its first combat at the Battle of First Manassas in July 1861. The regiment fought bravely and with distinction, and it earned the respect of both its comrades and its enemies.

The 35th Georgia's response to the call for troops was typical of the response from other Southern states. The people of the South were determined to defend their homes and their way of life, and they were willing to fight for what they believed in.

The 35th Georgia's service in the Civil War is a testament to the courage and determination of the men who fought for the Confederacy. The regiment fought in some of the most famous and bloody battles of the war, and its casualties were heavy. But the men of the 35th Georgia never wavered in their loyalty to the Confederate cause, and they fought bravely to the end.

The 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment is a shining example of the courage and sacrifice of the men who fought for the Confederacy. The regiment's story is one that should never be forgotten.

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The formation of the 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment

The 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment was organized in the spring of 1861, in response to the call for troops from the Confederate government. The regiment's first commander was Colonel Edward Willis, a West Point graduate who had served in the Mexican-American War.

The regiment was composed of ten companies of infantry, each of which was raised in a different county in Georgia. The companies were commanded by a captain, a first lieutenant, a second lieutenant, and a third lieutenant. The regiment also had a regimental staff, which included a surgeon, a quartermaster, a commissary, and an adjutant.

The 35th Georgia was initially assigned to the Army of Northern Virginia, and it saw its first combat at the

Battle of First Manassas in July 1861. The regiment fought bravely at First Manassas, and it helped to secure the Confederate victory.

After First Manassas, the 35th Georgia was assigned to the Army of Tennessee, and it fought in some of the most famous battles of the Civil War, including the Seven Days Battles, Second Manassas, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, and the Overland Campaign.

The 35th Georgia was a hard-fighting regiment, and it earned the respect of both its comrades and its enemies. The regiment's casualties were heavy, but it never wavered in its loyalty to the Confederate cause.

The 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment was one of the most famous and respected regiments in the Confederate Army. The regiment's soldiers fought bravely and with distinction, and they played a key role in some of the most important battles of the Civil War.

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