



Sources for the study of

Maryland Confederate Infantry

during the American Civil War

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INTRODUCTION

The Maryland infantry regiments and battalions are amongst the best-documented units of the Confederate States Army. Presumably due to the relatively high number of educated men in its ranks, many diaries, memoirs and recollections have been written during and after the struggle. Over the years, some of these have resulted in commercially available publications, sometimes edited by scholars of the American Civil War. The alphabetical list presented here is not complete, but merely represents my own reading on the subject. To get an efficient start, a guide is presented at the end which suggests a reading order.

Over the years, some of the books have seen different editions and reprints. Usually, the original editions are not easily to be had. The reprints mentioned here are readily available at the moment of writing. Updates may be given as my library grows.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SOURCES

Booth, George W.

- *Personal Reminiscences of a Maryland Soldier in the War Between the States, 1861-1865*
reprinted by Butternut Press, Inc., Gaithersburg MD, 1986
ISBN 0-913419-39-7
(first edition by the author, Baltimore, 1898)

Driver, Robert J. Jr.

- *First and Second Maryland Cavalry, C.S.A.*
Rockbridge Publishing, Charlottesville VA, 1999
ISBN 1-883522-24-2
- *First and Second Maryland Infantry, C.S.A.*
Willow Bend Books, Bowie MD, 2003
ISBN 1-58549-901-3

Gill, John

- *Courier for Lee and Jackson: 1861-1865 Memoirs* [edited by Walbrook D. Swank]
Burd Street Press, Shippensburg PA, 1993
ISBN 0-942597-55-9

Goldsborough, William Worthington

- *The Maryland Line in the Confederate States Army*
Gale Archival Editions, undated reprint of the 1869 edition
(first edition: Kelly, Piet & Company, Baltimore, 1869)
- Another edition of the same book is *The Maryland Line in the Confederate Army*
Guggenheimer, Weil & Co., Baltimore, 1900.
An index has been compiled for this later edition by Mrs. Charles Lee Lewis, Hall of Record
Commission, Annapolis, 1945. The 1900 edition with index is available at
<http://www.msa.md.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000371/html/index.html>

Hartzler, Daniel D.

- *Maryland Confederate Crosses*
article in: North South Trader, Vol. XI no. 1, Nov-Dec 1983
- *Marylanders in the Confederacy*
Willow Bend Books, Westminster, Maryland, 2001
ISBN 1-940907-00-3
(first edition: Family Line Publications, 1986)
- *A Band of Brothers: Photographic Epilogue to "Marylanders in the Confederacy"*
Willow Bend Books, Westminster MD, 2005
ISBN 0-7884-3151-X
(first edition published by the author, 1992)

Howard, McHenry

- *Recollections of a Maryland Confederate Soldier and Staff Officer under Johnston, Jackson and Lee* [introduction, corrections and notes by James I. Robertson]
Morningside Bookshop, Dayton OH, 1975
ISBN 0-89029-019-9
(first edition: William, Wilkins Company, Baltimore, 1914)

Johnson, Bradley T.

- *Maryland* [edited by Clement A. Evans]
in: Confederate Military History, Vol. II.
Kessinger Publishing, undated reprint
(first edition: Confederate Publishing Company, Atlanta GA, 1899)
Chapters I thru X available at <http://www.civilwarhome.com/marylandcmh.htm>

Kimmel, Ross M.

- *Enlisted Uniforms of the Maryland Confederate Infantry: A Case Study, Part I* in: Military Collector & Historian, Vol. XLI no. 3, Fall 1989
- *Enlisted Uniforms of the Maryland Confederate Infantry: A Case Study, Part II* in: Military Collector & Historian, Vol. XLI no. 4, Winter 1989

McKim, Randolph H.

- *A Soldier's Recollections*
reprinted by Time Life Books / Collector's library of the Civil War, 1984
ISBN 0-8094-4271-X / 0-8094-4270-1
(first edition: Longmans, Green & Co., New York, 1910)

SUGGESTED READING

The best book to start with is definitively Driver's *First and Second Maryland Infantry, C.S.A.* It presents a detailed chronological overview of the history of the successive Maryland infantry organizations serving in the Confederate States Army. Most of the book consists of well-annotated citations from diaries and recollections of Civil War veterans, giving different personal perspectives on the same affairs. The author has framed the story of the Marylanders in a wider context of the conflict for better understanding. Two incredible features are the extensive bibliography and the muster rolls with biographical information at the end of the book.

An understanding of the political developments and views held by the Confederate Marylanders can best be obtained from Johnson's *Maryland* contribution to the Confederate Military History series of Clement A. Evans. Written from a late general's perspective, he recounts the developments and motivations of the Maryland volunteers. The political developments in the Spring of 1861 are thoroughly explained.

The next book to read, would be a personal memoir of either Booth, Howard or McKim. All starting in the First Maryland Regiment of Infantry, they ended as Acting Adjutant General, Staff Officer and Chaplain, respectively. All three give detailed insight in life in the ranks before they received their promotions to other duties. My personal favorite is Howard's *Recollections*. The memoirs of Gill only confirm what others have written. Goldsborough's book adds some great anecdotes, but his story is too fragmented to obtain a good impression of daily life.

A great overview for the living historian of what clothing was worn is given in Kimmel's two-part article from the Military Collector & Historian. The abundance of notes proves it was well-researched and gives clues for further reading. Hartzler's *A Band of Brothers* contains a wealth on information due to the pictures it contains, but it lacks notes completely and sources are not given. One needs to do some extra research before any conclusions can be drawn from this book.

Concluding, I would suggest the follow reading order to obtain a good understanding of the Maryland infantry of the Confederate States Army as a basis for living history practices:

1. Driver: *First and Second Maryland Infantry, C.S.A.*
2. Johnson: *Maryland* from Confederate Military History, Vol. II
3. Howard: *Recollections of a Maryland Confederate Soldier and Staff Officer*
4. Kimmel: *Enlisted Uniforms of the Maryland Confederate Infantry: A Case Study.*