Texans At Gettysburg: Blood And Glory With Hood's Texas Brigade

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The Texans from Hood's Texas Brigade and other regiments who fought at Gettysburg on 1-3 July 1863 described their experiences of the battle in personal diaries, interviews, newspaper articles, letters and speeches. Their reminiscences provide a fascinating and harrowing account of the battle as they fought the Army of the Potomac. Speeches were given in the decades after the battle during the annual reunions of Hood's Brigade Association and the dedication of the Hood's Brigade Monument that took place on 26-27 October 1910 at the state capital in Austin, Texas. These accounts describe their actions at Devil's Den, Little Round Top and other areas during the battle. For the first time ever, their experiences are compiled in Texans at Gettysburg: Blood and Glory with Hood's Texas Brigade.

Joseph L. Owen and Randy S. Drais have compiled a most valuable collection of primary sources about the Texas Brigade at Gettysburg. I was amazed about volume of material which they have
collected and, unlike so many books of this nature, they have included multiple accounts of the fighting from the same participant which allows the Civil War student to compare how the story changed over time. This is a terrific book and I recommend it for anyone who is interested in seeing the battle through the eyes of the soldiers and their officers.

I have long been a fan of "voices of" style books and this one is of that ilk. ordinary soldiers get to tell their experiences of the parts of the battle they took part in. There are also tales of reunions long after the war and some of the soldiers reflect back in old age when they were in deadly combats. Some of my favorite stories are those where old adversaries met again after it was all over but this time they shook hands a talked of old times. This book is well worth a read.

As a student and author on the Texas Brigade, I found this book to be an extremely well organized and edited volume. If you are like me, a fan of letters and memoirs of the soldiers who fought in Civil War battles, there is no better book than this one. Stephen M. "Sam" Hood.

Excellent research. Well written and well organized with lots of interesting photographs and paintings.

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