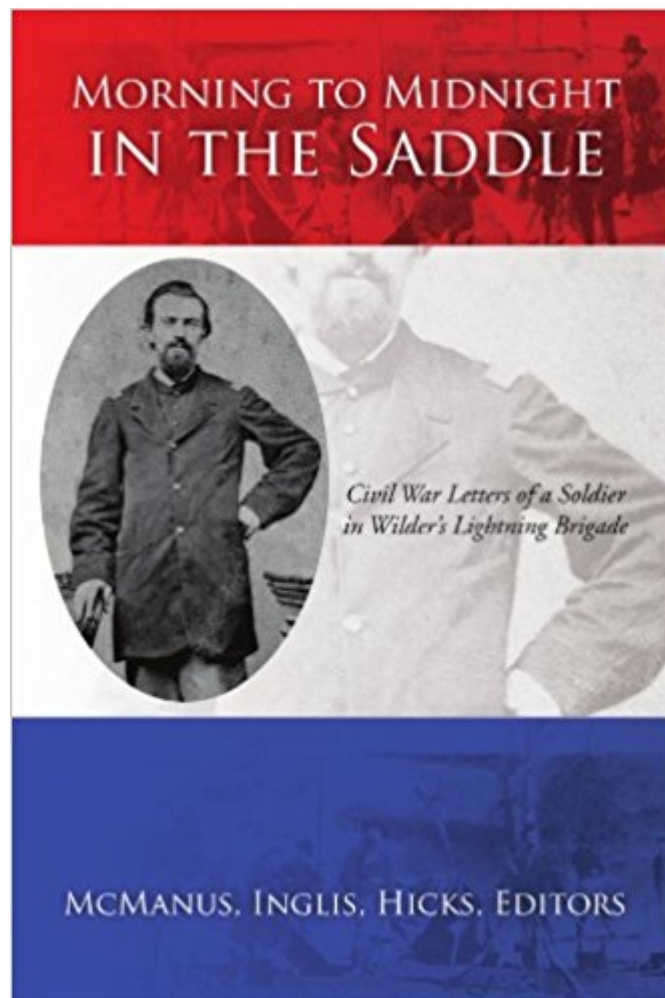




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I bought this book because my gr grandfather was in the 123rd ILL, and I am always looking for more information about what he endured during the war. Unlike letters from many soldiers, the letters give fairly detailed information about what went on day-to-day as well as battles fought, who was wounded or killed, etc. The book also contains excellent additional material putting the letters in context with what was going on at the time. I probably will buy the hard cover edition, because I will want to flip through certain sections again. If someone has a specific interest in Wilder's Lightning Brigade, also look at histories of other regiments in the brigade, particularly the 72nd Indiana.

My great great grandfather served in an Illinois regiment in Wilder's Brigade, so I am always on the lookout for accounts from Wilder's troops as to the events and conditions they experienced . This book is invaluable in describing the exploits of the well known "Lightning Brigade" of mounted infantry from a soldier's perspective. Would recommend MORNING TO MIDNIGHT IN THE SADDLE especially to those who are particularly interested in Civil War history from a participant's viewpoint--such as letters, diaries, written reports, and so forth. .

I feel like I got to know Otho McManus as a person who became my friend. I was pulling for him to make it through the Civil War, even though I learned his fate early on in this book. The editors do a great job of putting Otho's letters to his wife and daughter in perspective with events of the Civil War and on the home front. Because I live in the region where many of the soldiers of the 123rd Illinois Infantry were from, I really enjoyed getting to know of the heroic deeds and of the drudgery of camp life of these soldiers. As the rating indicates, I loved the book.

I enjoy reading about personal experiences from the Civil War. My Great Grandfather was in the Illinois 123rd Infantry Regiment Company H and was part of Wilder's Lightning Brigade. This book was well done.

I really enjoyed this book - a personalized history of one man's experience in the Civil War. The letters provide a window into the life of a soldier, with the setting of the battles explained by the rest of the text. The letters are also a window into the culture of the times, a revelation of the relationships between a husband and a wife separated for extended periods. I strongly recommend this book.

I have really enjoyed reading this book, especially since it references people from the part of Illinois where I was raised. It even mentions a relative or two, and the unit my Great-Great Grandfather was also a member of during the Civil War.

Written by a close friend who gave us a copy of the book. Ordered more for others we knew would be interested in it. You will learn more about the Civil War in this book than in all the books you have read in the past.

Very excellent first hand knowledge and perspective from a pivotal unit. A highly mobile and heavily armed brigade that was instrumental in restoring this nation and should be considered a predecessor of the modern special operations force's. Written by a seeming ordinary man that loved his country and his family while enduring extraordinary feats of hardship, homesickness, wide spread illness, and the sheer terror that only war can provide. While all the time insistent that they would prevail and make this country whole again and stronger for the sacrifice. Definitely a must read for any history enthusiast

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