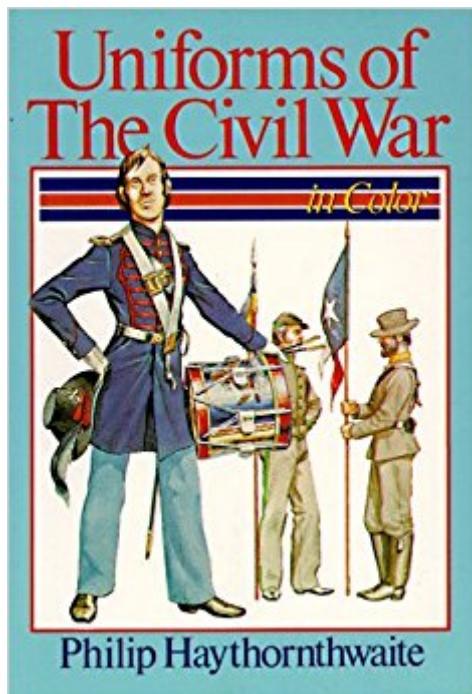


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"Uniforms of the Civil War in Color" by Philip Haythornthwaite is published by Sterlings in the U.S. and by Blandford in the U.K. It is one of the books in the "Uniforms of" series. More than 20 years ago, I first came into contact with this series of books through the purchase of "Uniforms of Waterloo in Color" also written by Philip Haythornthwaite. I was impressed by the book's information and its color plates and that prompted me to purchase this one a year ago. "Uniforms of the Civil War in Color" was originally published in 1975, a year after the publication of "Uniforms of Waterloo in Color." You can tell that Mr. Haythornthwaite has been a prolific writer and he is indeed one and a well-known military historian and uniformologist. He is well regarded in the circles of military historians, uniformologist, modelers, re-enactors and wargamers. The "Civil War" in this book title refers to the American Civil War, a popular wargame period. This book is about 192 pages long and, like all the other books in this series, it is in the size of a small paperback novel. This makes carrying it around for a quick reference or read easy. After 20 years, I still have my "Uniforms of Waterloo in Color" on the nightstand next to my bed and frequently flip through it to read and re-read the many descriptions. This one will no doubt experience a similar fate. This book has 64 color plates with half

of them depicting various units of the Union Army and the other half depicting units of the Confederate Army. It includes a "Historical Introduction" chapter which provides a brief description of various campaigns, such as the Peninsular Campaign, the Second Bull Run Campaign, the Antietam Campaign, the Fredericksburg Campaign, the War in the West of Mississippi, the War in the East of Mississippi, the Gettysburg Campaign, War in the West, War in the East, Naval Operations, the Valley Campaign, Petersburg, the Atlanta Campaign, the March to the Sea, the Franklin-Nashville Campaign, the War at Sea, the Selma Campaign, and the Appomattox Campaign. However, probably due to the size and nature of this book, the description of each of these campaigns is often a one-paragraph affair. Those who want to acquire a more in-depth knowledge of this war will need to consult other books that tackle the political and military history rather than the uniforms of this war. For those who want to further explore the history of the uniforms of the two armies, there is a list of sources and references on pages 7 and 8 of this book. Brief descriptions and information of the uniforms of the units in the color plates appear on pages 135 to 184. There is an Orders of Battle of the two armies (Army of the Potomac (Union) and Army of Northern Virginia (Confederate) on pages 185-191. Sketches of Confederate army belt plates are on page 192. Other chapters include Artillery of the Civil War, Firearms of the Civil War, Edged Weapons of the Civil War, Regimental Uniforms, and Uniforms of the Civil War which is subdivided into sections including Rank Markings, Belt-Plate and Buttons, and Federal Corps Badges. This book is a wonderful introduction to the uniforms of the American Civil War. Modelers and wargamers who want to find a quick reference of the uniform of a certain unit of a particular arm during the war will find this a very useful guide. Those who are military collectors or serious uniformologists may find this not adequate, but then this book is not intended as a guide for those purposes.

A really well done small book, though big on the number of pictures combined. Just about every other page is an individual soldier. Plenty of detail in the drawings. Would be especially good gift for any one interested in Civil War or military history.

Good illustrations.

One of the better color guides for wargamers and or painters. Covers some obscure units. Lots of good color plates.

As promised.

Good

Good pics.

I own many books on the Civil War and this is one of my favorites! The color plates are numerous and high quality, they show the great variety of uniform styles worn by both sides. They would be valuable to the buff, reenactor, war gamer and historian alike. Descriptions of the plates are also excellent. As a bonus there is more than just uniform information. There is a good overview of the major campaigns, descriptions of firearms and artillery, organizational information and more. No civil war buff should be without this book!

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