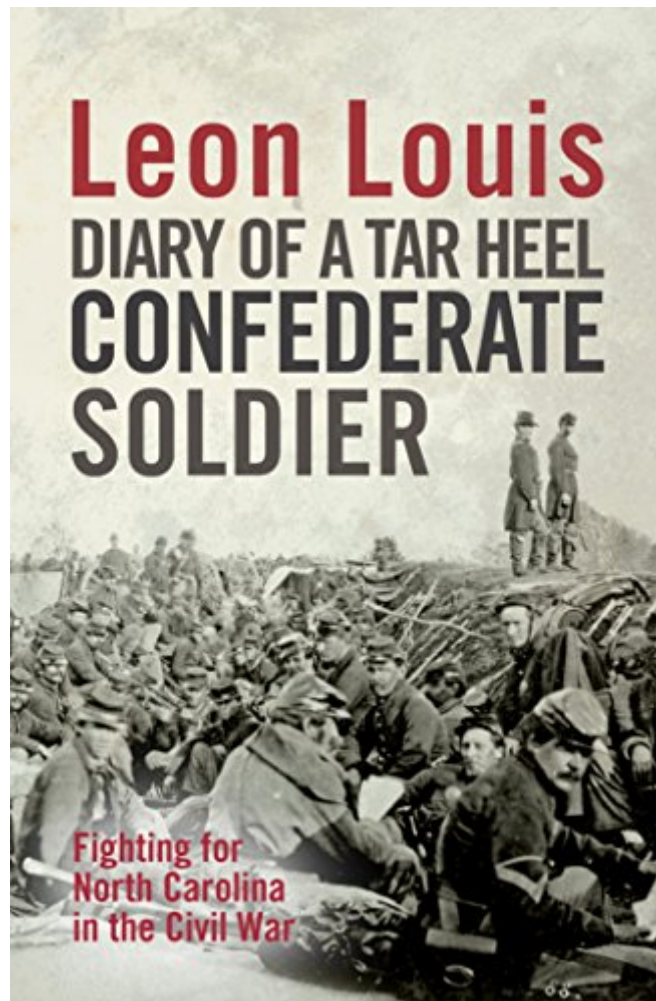


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# Diary Of A Tar Heel Confederate Soldier



## Synopsis

This is not the diary of a lieutenant or general, but instead that of an ordinary private. Leon Louis, at the age of nineteen, signed up to join the First North Carolina Regiment in 1861 and remained with them for six months before being mustered into the Fifty-Third North Carolina Regiment until the end of the war. He was not involved in strategic discussions or decisions but he was one of the many thousands who unquestioningly put their lives on the line for the cause of the confederacy. He reveals in stark prose the day to day drudgery of the war, from cutting down trees for the preparation of defences to creating bedding from collected leaves, which he described as "a bed fit for a king or a Confederate soldier." Louis saw conflict at number of occasions throughout the war including the Battle of the Wilderness where he was captured by the Union army. He spent the rest of the war in prison and details his life in those camps, but also gives details of the continuing action of the Fifty-Third Regiment from other sources until the end of the war. Also included in Leon's account are details of all the men who fought in the two regiments that he served with. *Diary of a Tar Heel Confederate* provides an insight into the life of an ordinary soldier fighting for the South during the American Civil War. After the War Leon was actively involved in the organization "United Confederate Veterans" in which he became a major. This diary was published in 1913 and he died in 1919. There is a monument in Charlotte, North Carolina, honoring him and the twelve other Jewish Confederate soldiers who are buried in the Hebrew Cemetery.

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## Customer Reviews

Being from N.C. and a student of the Civil War, I found this book very interesting. The author, Leon Louis named towns and places in my state that I live near and described the way they looked to him 150 years ago. Even if you are not a N.C native you will find Louis' descriptions of everyday soldier's life during this period of great interest.

Written the way he saw it. One can only imagine the agony they lived ,while serving in the war. Captivating.

The diary is easy to follow and does a good job of putting you there. It isn't a literary piece but is worth reading for those who are curious about the life of an ordinary soldier.

i loved the book it gave personal view points of the war. I was more surprised when I looked up his name on the internet he's family lived in new York city after moving there from Germany he was also jewish so his view of the war is more surprising and makes for a terrific look at the war

Excellent, gee wow it was great.L. Louis did a great job of telling the story through his eyes.Prison life and camp life was just told in an amazing way.

An interesting and honest read which gave a direct reflection of how it was for this man during this brutal war.

Interesting to hear someone's experience, someone who was there. It seems like the winners are the ones who write the history, and this is easy to read from the view of one who was there.

A good source, but very brief, and short on factual info. But, in general. the book deserves to be viewed as a source on Confederate troops in the war and the role they played.

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