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A Soldier Looks Back-Col
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2015-12-07 This book is composed of individual essays that I have written over the last 15 years. They address a variety of topics ranging from the 1944 Normandy invasion to other combat areas that I have had significant personal experience with, beginning with Vietnam through the birth of today's special operations forces. Much of the real background history has been lost over time and I wish to memorialize it while I still can. Above all else, these

essays are a salute to the infantry: Army and Marine, who among our military, have borne the greatest burden in all our wars and conflicts since the birth of this nation. I have written these essays with the hope that the lay reader can learn to appreciate the experience of the uniformed participant in our national conflicts and understand the sacrifices and issues that a very small portion of our population experiences on behalf of us all. Normandy has been a particular obsession of mine since I was 10 years old. I

commanded the 40th anniversary return to Normandy by the 82d Airborne in 1984 and have been returning there every year to provide staff rides to the U.S. and Allied soldiers and airmen that arrive each year. I have had the privilege of walking the ground with many of the original veterans and gaining insights that no history book contains. I firmly believe that the invasion was the greatest single effort our civilization has ever undertaken and probably ever will. It represents a microcosm of what we are as a people and what our uniformed personnel are all about. It and they are unique. Normandy is unique, hallowed, and largely untouched ground and above all else, it is the story of ordinary people doing extraordinary things, which is the foundation of our nation. Vietnam was the war for my generation. Among many things, I learned to appreciate the qualities of other nationalities as well as the frailties and shortcomings of my own. Above all else, Vietnam gave me a very personal lifelong appreciation

for the common soldier doing his work in an uncommon manner; he above all else deserves our respect and appreciation. Grenada was a true watershed in our history. It put the ills of Vietnam behind us, gave us a renewed sense of national pride and was the epitome of what America is all about - returning democracy to those that had lost it and acting as a symbol of selfless sacrifice for something greater than each of us. Grenada, with its failures, provided the impetus for badly needed reforms to the special operations community and spawned all the tools and capabilities that today we take for granted. The Desert Wars have been a huge national stress test for our military. Years of difficult grunt labor for ambiguous purposes and possibly lost causes have not diminished in the slightest the strength and will of our uniformed Americans, despite the fact that they deserve far more than what their nation has granted them in return for their service. Reflections is a collection of comments and observations that have no specific geographical or

campaign purpose but make specific points regarding issues and people. The Special Operations experience was perhaps the most meaningful for me on a personal basis. I was there in the beginning with the Iran hostage rescue attempt and saw on a very personal basis how the services resisted and fought creation and enhancement of the capabilities we now enjoy and take for granted. I had a small part in the creation of what we see today as born through the Nunn-Cohen Amendment, MFP 11 (SOF Funding), and Goldwater-Nichols. Despite the institutional pain I suffered as a result of the association, I wear the scars with great pride and know that the capabilities and values will remain long after my passing.

The Life and Times of Col. Daniel Boone, Hunter, Soldier, and Pioneer-Edward Sylvester Ellis 2019-11-29

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Heroes for All Time-Dione Longley 2015-02-25 Winner of the Bruce Fraser Award (2016) Voices of Civil War soldiers rise from the pages of Heroes for All Time. This book presents the war straight from the minds and pens of its participants; rich passages from soldiers' letters and diaries complement hundreds of outstanding period photographs, most previously unpublished. The soldiers' moving experiences, thoughts, and images animate each

chapter. Written accounts by nurses and doctors, soldiers' families, and volunteers on the home front add intriguing details to our picture of the struggle, which claimed roughly 6,000 Connecticut lives. Rare war artifacts—a bone ring carved on the battlefield or a wad of tobacco acquired from a rebel picket—connect the reader to the men and boys who once owned them. From camp life to battle, from Virginia to Louisiana, from the opening shot at Bull Run to the cheering at Appomattox, *Heroes for All Time* tells the story of the war through vivid, personal portrayals. *If Not Now, When?*-Colonel Jack Jacobs 2008-10-07 A Medal of Honor recipient looks back at his own service in the Vietnam War—and ahead to America's future. Jack Jacobs was acting as an advisor to the South Vietnamese when he and his men came under devastating attack. Wounded, 1st Lt. Jacobs took command and withdrew the unit, returning again and again, saving fourteen lives—for which he received the Medal of Honor. Here, Col. Jacobs tells his

stirring story of heroism, honor, and the personal code by which he has lived his life, and expounds with blunt honesty and insight his views on our contemporary world, and the nature and necessity of sacrifice. *If Not Now, When?* is a compelling account of a unique life at both war and peace, and the all-too-often unexamined role of the citizenry in the service and defense of the Republic. *In the Trenches*-Frank Eugene Chase 1898
Plays of the 19th and 20th Centuries- 1904
Collection of Plays Ca. 1870-1914- 1898
Confederate Veteran- 1916
C. Julius Cæsar's Commentaries ... Made English ... by Col. Martin Bladen. The eighth edition, revised, etc.-Julius Caesar 1770
The Gilded Age-Mark Twain 1884
Just Another Day in Vietnam-Keith Nightingale 2019-10-19
Keith Nightingale's accomplishments in both military and civilian life largely contribute to the excellence of *Just Another Day in Vietnam* as a memoir of unusual depth as well as

breadth. Uniquely adopting a third-person omniscient point of view, Nightingale eschews the “I” of memoir in favor of multiple perspectives and a larger historical vision that afford equal time and weight to ally and enemy alike. Examples of the many perspectives based on real-life characters include: Hu, a VC “informant” whose false information led the Rangers straight into the jaws of a ferocious ambush; General Tanh, the COSVN commander; Major Nguyen Hiep, the 52d Ranger Commander; and Ranger POWs later returned by the North. Nightingale moreover offers the point of view of an American advisor to elite Vietnamese troops, a vital perspective regrettably underrepresented in the literature of Vietnam, including Burns’ documentary. Added to this are well-informed conjecture of enemy psychology; insight into the dedication and often misunderstood role of the elite Vietnamese Ranger forces; the intelligence acquired from debriefing captured Rangers, whose captors had told them that the

entire battle had been a carefully staged attack planned by COSVN as part of a larger Total War strategy developed by the leadership of the North Vietnamese Army; and an eyewitness account by a gifted author who is a rare survivor of one of the most vicious—and heretofore forgotten—battles of the war. Proud of What I Was — a Soldier-Richard Dan Hill 2011-11-17 Anyone who ever served in the military can tell a similar story. The circumstances change and the names are different, but when you deal with young soldiers anything is probable. Hill tells the reader about many of these young men and women in some very funny situations. He also details what it is like to be the commander of a unit with 200 or more of these soldiers, in peacetime and in war. In telling the story of his long and varied career, he offers some real leadership gems that carry over to industry. As one observer quipped, every Lieutenant should read this book before spending a day with troops; he will either resign his commission or stay in the

military until they kick him out. The author refers to the family members of military members as the real heroes in the military. You will gain a whole new appreciation of what it is like to be an Army spouse. Hill and his wife, Carla, moved 16 times during his 24 year career. Once children came along, it meant new adventures, along with new schools and new friends. The term Army Brat is worn with pride, but it is a title that is hard earned. One knows that military families are nomads, but the author explains how assignments happen and the consequences of decisions on careers and promotion. He tells the reader about dealing with the ubiquitous assignment officer. The citizen who has never been around the military will learn a great deal about the inner workings of the career Army Officer and those who support them. You will laugh out loud at some of these tales and cry when you learn about the sacrifices these soldiers and the families make. You will swell with pride when you hear how some of these men respond from unspeakable adversity. Hill is unabashedly

proud of all veterans and as the title states, he is proud of his many years of service. He is Proud of What he was A soldier.

The Story of a Common Soldier of Army Life in the Civil War, 1861-1865-Leander Stillwell 1920

The Select London Stage; Coll. of the Most Reputed Tragedies, Comedies (etc.)-1824

We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young-Harold G. Moore 2012-11-06 New York Times Bestseller: A "powerful and epic story . . . the best account of infantry combat I have ever read" (Col. David Hackworth, author of About Face). In November 1965, some 450 men of the First Battalion, Seventh Cavalry, under the command of Lt. Col. Harold Moore, were dropped into a small clearing in the Ia Drang Valley. They were immediately surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese soldiers. Three days later, only two and a half miles away, a sister battalion was brutally slaughtered. Together, these actions at the landing zones X-Ray and Albany constituted one of the most savage and significant

battles of the Vietnam War. They were the first major engagements between the US Army and the People's Army of Vietnam. How these Americans persevered—sacrificing themselves for their comrades and never giving up—creates a vivid portrait of war at its most devastating and inspiring. Lt. Gen. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway—the only journalist on the ground throughout the fighting—interviewed hundreds of men who fought in the battle, including the North Vietnamese commanders. Their poignant account rises above the ordeal it chronicles to depict men facing the ultimate challenge, dealing with it in ways they would have once found unimaginable. It reveals to us, as rarely before, man's most heroic and horrendous endeavor.

Advocate of Peace- 1903

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Military Memoir of Lieut.-Col. James Skinner, C.B.-James Baillie Fraser 2012-06-14 This two-volume work, published in 1851, charts the career of a military adventurer who acquired wealth and fame in

India.

Basic: Surviving Boot Camp and Basic Training-Col. Jack Jacobs 2012-05-08 There is absolutely nothing in the American experience comparable to basic training or boot camp. If you haven't been through it, you can't understand it. But if you've been through it, you never forget it. No matter where they live, all American fighting men and women have one thing in common: They have survived basic military training. They've crawled through the swamps on Parris Island, stood in the frigid cold guarding a Dumpster at Great Lakes, struggled to complete fifteen bars on the horizontal ladder to get to the chow hall at Ft. Jackson, fought desperately to stay awake after long days without sleep at Lackland. They were shaved and screamed at, they barely ate, they marched a hundred miles, and they accomplished things they never would have dreamed were possible. They made the epic journey from civilian to soldier in eight weeks... and gained a lifetime of memories in the process. If you've done it, you will recognize the Drill

Instructors, the marching chants, the movie segments, the proper way to make a hospital corner, the jokes, the camaraderie and the shared feeling of triumph. And those who haven't done it—yet—will understand and appreciate this life-changing experience. Basic is the story of that training. Col. Jack Jacobs and David Fisher tell the funny, sad, dramatic, poignant, and sometimes crazy history of how America has trained its military, told through the indelible memories of those who remember the experiences as if they happened yesterday.

Annals of Iowa- 1907
A Soldier of Fortune-Warren Judson Brier 1909
The Historical Romances of Louisa Mühlbach Pseud: Frederick the Great and his court; tr. by Mrs. C. Chapman and her daughters. 1885.
Frederick the Great and his family; tr. by Mrs. C. Coleman and her daughters. 1884.
Berlin and Sans-Souci; or, Frederick the Great and his friends; tr. by Mrs. C. Coleman and her daughters. 1884-Luise Mühlbach 1885
Steel My Soldiers' Hearts-David H. Hackworth

2003-05-06 The commanding officer of an infantry battalion in Vietnam in 1969 recounts how he took over a demoralized unit of ordinary draftees and turned it into an elite fighting force, and describes its accomplishments.

The Heart of a Soldier-Kate Blaise 2005 A helicopter pilot with the Air Cavalry recounts the story of her marriage to a commissioned officer, describing how she turned down a dream assignment to stay by her husband's side during his Korea deployment, their shared horror at the September 11 attacks, and her husband's death in Iraq. 40,000 first printing.

Stories of Our Soldiers- 1893
The London Stage- 1824
Living and Breathing-Keith M. Nightingale 2015-10-10 The basis of this book is my initial introduction into combat in Vietnam as a 1st Lieutenant with the Vietnamese Ranger infantry. I was the Deputy Senior Advisor to the Vietnamese 52d Ranger Battalion located at Xuan Loc, Long Khanh Province, III Corps, South Vietnam. The book is 95 percent fact and 5 percent speculation regarding

a major action the battalion fought in June of 1967 near the Dong Ngai River, War Zone D. The action begins with a Viet Cong (VC) soldier surrendering to U.S. elements in Long Khanh. He related that a VC company was building a base camp near the Dong Ngai along a stream named Suoi Long. The intelligence led the commanding general of the 18th ARVN Division to assign the task of finding and destroying the camp to the 52d Rangers. The Rangers deployed in less than 24 hours from initial notification to a Landing Zone approximately 2½ kilometers from the reported base camp. The Rangers were immediately engaged and ambushed by a full strength Main Force VC battalion backed by an entire VC regiment, which quickly engaged the trapped Rangers that night and early morning. No U.S. support was available other than long range artillery. In desperation, the Ranger battalion commander, the following morning at dawn, ordered a covering assault into the attacking VC by one company to be followed by a withdrawal under pressure of the

remainder of the battalion aided by more than 72 tactical airstrikes within a 45 minute period. As I regrouped into our new perimeter at around 10 a.m., I counted a total of 32 Rangers left from an original assault force of 450. During the Christmas period in December 1967, a number of Ranger prisoners held by the VC during this action were released back to our control as a good will gesture. During the debrief of the ex-POWs, they independently related that they were told by their captors that the entire action was planned at the highest level in order to trap and destroy a major South Vietnamese unit. We had no reason to doubt the authenticity of the report and this book is based on the supposition that it is true. The character of Hu, the informant, and his actions are real. The death of Gen Do, COSVN commander, and the effect of the B-52 Arc Light strike with subsequent movement into Laos, is as the former POWs related to us. The portrayal of Do and his planning briefings are conjecture. The remainder of the description is as I saw the

action, the players, and the effects. For this action, the 52d Ranger Battalion was awarded a second U.S. Presidential Unit Citation, one of the very few Vietnamese units to garner two of the highest awards the U.S. can proffer upon a military unit, U.S. or foreign.

Hand & Heart of a Soldier- Elaine Fox 1996 Hating all Union soldiers, particularly the ex-fiance+a7 who betrayed his southern heritage by fighting for the north, Richmond belle Emma Davenport must confront William in order to get medical supplies to her people. Original.

Schoolboy to Soldier 1935-1945-Clement Hoyle 2006-09 'Schoolboy to Soldier' is the story of how a boy of 14 years old joined the Army and became a soldier of the Second World War. It embraces enlistment and training with special emphasis on the almost impossible standards set by the workshops.

Confederate Veteran- 1998 The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography- 1896

Gleason's Literary Companion- 1864 One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Saratoga and the Surrender of Burgoyne-University of the State of New York. Division of Archives and History 1927 The Growth of a Century- 1895 The Florida Agriculturist- 1891 Looking Back Over the Past 50 Years-South Dakota. Department of Game, Fish, and Parks 1959 The Spectator- 1854 History of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1770- Frederic Kidder 1870 The British soldiers William Wemms, James Hartegan, William M'Cauley, Hugh White, Matthew Killroy, William Warren, John Carrol, and Hugh Montgomery were charged with the murders of Crispus Attucks, Samuel Gray, Samuel Maverick, James Caldwell, and Patrick Carr, on March 5, 1770. The trial was held on November 27, 1770 in Boston at the Superior Court of Judicature.