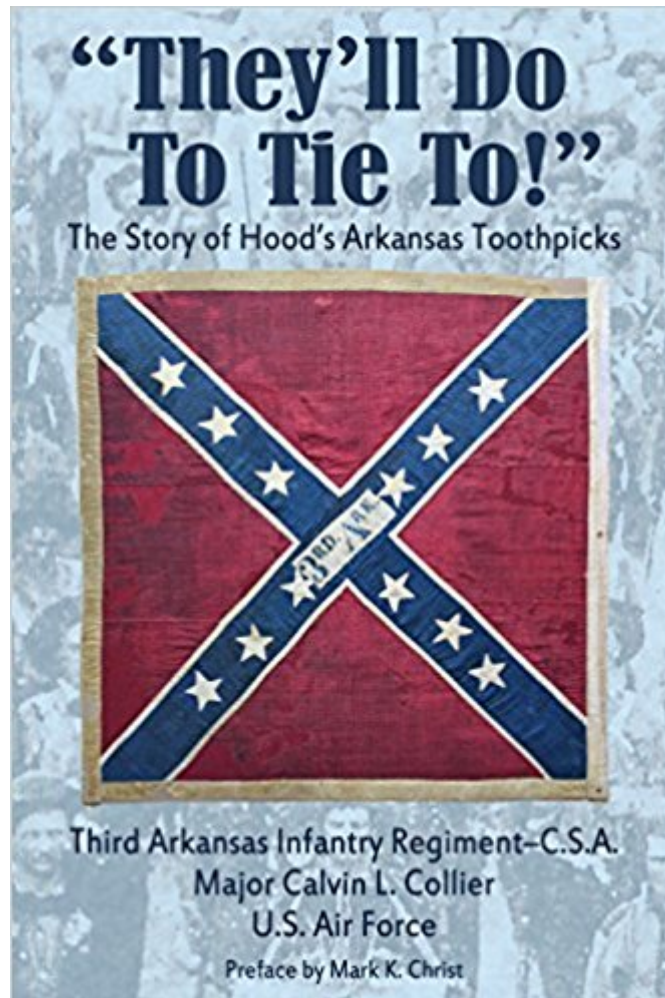




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"They'll Do To Tie To!": The Story Of Hood's Arkansas Toothpicks



Synopsis

The 3rd Arkansas was one of the most distinguished and well-respected Confederate regiments of the Civil War. It was the only Arkansas regiment to serve the entire war in the east, where most of the major battles were fought. The men of the 3rd Arkansas acquired a reputation as tenacious fighters and were known for the long knives "Arkansas toothpicks" they carried. As part of Gen. John Bell Hood's Texas Brigade, they found themselves in some of the fiercest fighting in the war in places such as the famous "sunken road" at Antietam and the Battle of Gettysburg. "They Did It" was originally published in 1959.

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Customer Reviews

Calvin L. Collier, a native of Surry County, Virginia, was a major in the U.S. Air Force and served at the Little Rock Air Force Base. His other books on the Civil War include *The War Child's Children* and *First In, Last Out*. He and his wife Melba live in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

This book is a must for anyone wanting details about the Civil War. The book presents facts dealing with a specific regiment that was engaged in most battles fought in the Northern Virginia campaigns. The 3rd Ark lost nearly 90% of its original roster from disease and combat. The troops were given mundane jobs building battlements to leading charges. This regiment was known for their Arkansas toothpicks and being deadly shots. They were also known for the unsanitary conditions of their campsites. It's a book that's hard to put down.

Very detailed. My great, great grandfather served with both the 3rd & 10th regiments. One very silly complaint...author uses way to many exclamation points!!!!!!! Seems like every other sentence he feels obliged to convince me to feel excited when "the men double timed up the hill!!!" Like canned laughter on TV sitcoms. I'm sure i'm the only one who noticed so if the author is still alive he should'nt lose any sleep.

The Third Arkansas Infantry Regiment, C.S.A. fought in almost every major battle in the east during the Civil War. Nicknamed the "Arkansas Toothpicks" for the double-edged knives they carried, the men of the Third were well-known and widely feared. As part of Gen. John Bell Hood's Texas Brigade (Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia), the men of the 3rd Arkansas found themselves in some of the fiercest fighting in the war in places such as the famous "sunken road" at Antietam, Chickamauga, and the Battle of Gettysburg. Originally published in 1959, the book is typical of many regimental histories written, some by amateur historians, around the time of the centennial commemoration of the Civil War fifty years ago. Still, the book provides a solid account of a bold and hardened regiment that paid a high price in its service to the doomed Confederacy. Of the 1,353 soldiers who fought in the 3rd, only 144 were left to stack arms when the Confederacy surrendered. The book also carries the complete muster rolls as of July 5, 1861, the roll of recruits who enlisted prior to July, 1861, and the parole list at the time of surrender. This is "must" reading for all students of the Civil War.

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