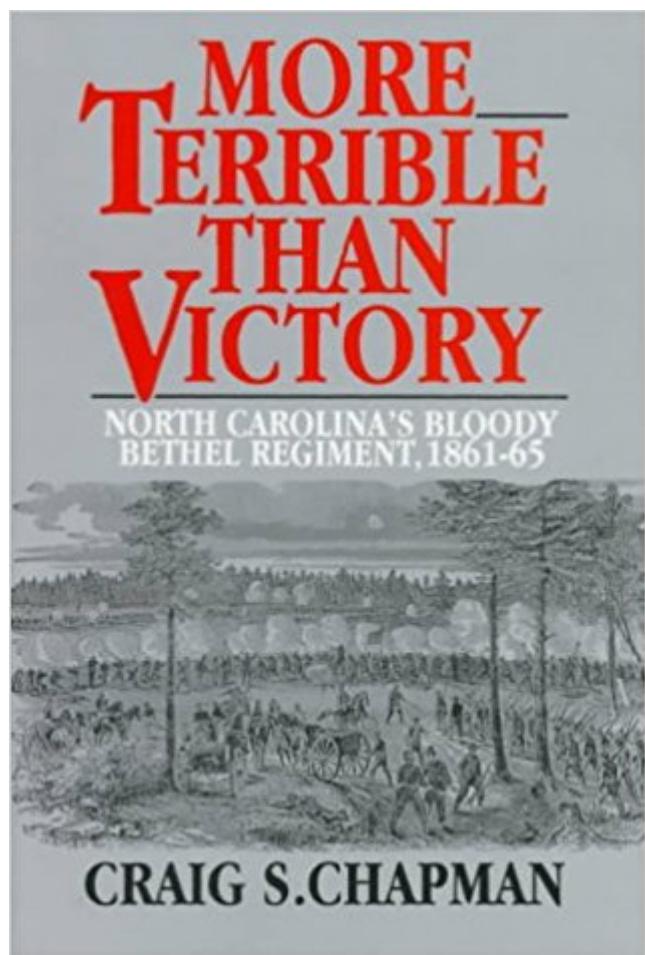


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This vividly written history of North Carolina's Bethel Regiment recounts the epic struggles of a distinguished but tragic volunteer unit that fought on the first battlefield of the Civil War and figured prominently in many of its most famous campaigns until the war's end at Appomattox. It is a unit-focused tour of the war's Eastern Theater, with a fine storyteller as your guide. The Bethel Regiment was named for its defense of Bethel Church during the Confederacy's early victory near Yorktown, Virginia. It was there that one of the regiment's men became the first Confederate soldier to die in a battle. This compelling new regimental history puts you into the thick of the action where you can see the fighting through the eyes of the individual combatant. You will gain fresh insights into the enigmatic character of the Southern soldier, getting to know him as a man who fought valiantly, suffered horribly, and ultimately lost a war that just could not be won. The Bethel Regiment's sorrowful journey through years of combat, disease, and controversy shed light on some of the Confederacy's internal tensions and on the attitudes and makeup of the Tar Heel soldier. Offering new perspectives on Gettysburg (in particular, a lasting debate about Pickett's Charge), the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Appomattox, and numerous other battles from the beginning of the war until its end, *More Terrible Than Victory* is a poignant account of a first-class fighting unit.

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Good stuff.

Excellent and as far as I know only good account of the 1st/11th NC, in which an ancestor served. Folks, please remember the victor writes the history and we're not taught or shown through media the true story. In a complicated time for the nation it was foremost about money and greed by industrialists who were successfully trying to control the trade in cotton and rice of some states with other nations. If you look up the CSA Constitution (currently in the US National Archives) you'll see the importation of slaves was prohibited. Really. I wouldn't lie to you. If a modern army acted in the ways common to US forces at the time (massive shelling of civilian populations, wholesale theft or destruction of everything necessary to life such as farm equipment, animals and crops there would be worldwide condemnation and war crimes trials. We hear about Andersonville, but do you hear about Point Pleasant? Do you hear of southerners freezing and starving among plenty? No. The victor writes the history and the producers are in it for the money. I do wish the book included more information on those who served in the unit.

Great reading.

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