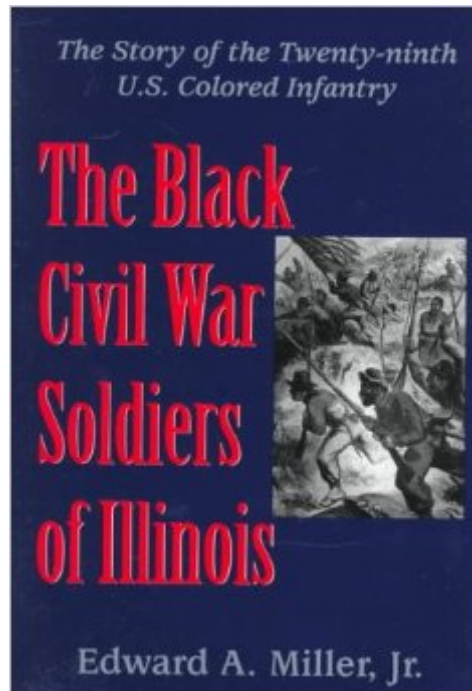


The book was found

# The Black Civil War Soldiers Of Illinois: The Story Of The Twenty-ninth U.S. Colored Infantry



## Synopsis

A chronicle of the Civil War experiences of the only African American regiment from Illinois. The author details the formation of the regiment, the prejudice that shaped their service, its involvement in many of the famous Civil War battles and the tragic postwar fate of its officers.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 267 pages

Publisher: University of South Carolina Press; First Edition edition (February 1, 1998)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1570031991

ISBN-13: 978-1570031991

Product Dimensions: 6.3 x 1 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.5 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (2 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #865,134 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #71 inÂ Books > History >

Americas > United States > Civil War > Regimental Histories #202 inÂ Books > History > Military >

Regiments #4720 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Specific

Demographics > African-American Studies

## Customer Reviews

Walt Whitman once stated that the interior history of the Civil War soldier would never be told.

Though Whitman's assessment is generally true, Edward A. Miller offers us an interpretive rapprochement through a new history of the all-black 29th U.S. Colored Infantry, a unit formed in Illinois. Yet, this work is not simply a regimental history, but a deeper study in the lives of black recruits in the Civil War era, and a journey into the hinterlands of an American racial pathos.

Throughout this study, Miller explores in detail the biographies of individual soldiers, revealing their often convoluted histories which seem to be cut from the same mold. Yet, Miller has uncovered interesting and valuable demographic and socio-economic data. In addition, Miller explores the culture of the 29th's white officers, men who were unduly pre-judged as incompetent by their fellow Union soldiers. The 29th's only substantial combat experience came at the ill-fated Battle of the Crater, where the employment of black regiments was unfairly blamed for battlefield failures. As such, many in the North wanted to place the responsibility for the disaster upon supposedly inferior black troops. However, Miller's historiography yields a saner assessment through a very detailed account of the battle. When the war ended, instead of disbanding, the 29th was brought up to full

strength and marched to Texas to meet a perceived threat from French encroachment into Mexico. Their life was "difficult, food shortages common, and medical care inadequate." (164), and many died of privation. Broadening the reader's perspectives, Miller highlights the sixty percent of the 29th's officers and men who filed for pensions from their service.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Black Civil War Soldiers of Illinois: The Story of the Twenty-ninth U.S. Colored Infantry Don Troiani's Civil War Infantry (Don Troiani's Civil War Series) Sons of Privilege: The Charleston Light Dragoons in the Civil War (Civil War Sesquicentennial Edition) (Civil War Sesquicentennial Edition (University of South Carolina Press)) Horse Soldiers: The Extraordinary Story of a Band of US Soldiers Who Rode to Victory in Afghanistan Freedom Journey: Black Civil War Soldiers and The Hills Community, Westchester County, New York (Excelsior Editions) What This Cruel War Was Over: Soldiers, Slavery, and the Civil War Chicago's Irish Legion: The 90th Illinois Volunteers in the Civil War Civil War Infantry Tactics: Training, Combat, and Small-Unit Effectiveness My Life In The Irish Brigade: The Civil War Memoirs Of Private William McCarter, 116th Pennsylvania Infantry Harvard's Civil War: The History of the Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Four Years with the Iron Brigade: The Civil War Journals of William R Ray, Co. F, Seventh Wisconsin Infantry The 24th Wisconsin Infantry in the Civil War: The Biography of a Regiment The 14th U.S. Infantry Regiment in the American Civil War: John Young Letters Infantry Bugle Calls of the American Civil War "Bully for the Band!": The Civil War Letters and Diary of Four Brothers in the 10th Vermont Infantry Band The US Army's First, Last, and Only All-Black Rangers: The 2d Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne) in the Korean War, 1950-1951 Courageous Women of the Civil War: Soldiers, Spies, Medics, and More (Women of Action) Irish Confederates: The Civil War's Forgotten Soldiers They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the Civil War They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War (Conflicting Worlds Series)

[Dmca](#)