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History plays tricks sometimes. During the course of America's experience it has enshrined an exceptional few military leaders in our collective consciousness as "great," while ignoring others often equally as deserving. *In the Shadows of Victory* takes a look at an array of American battlefield commanders who were as responsible for triumph as their more famous peers, yet have often gone unsung.

For example, few of the thousands who pass by the traffic square between Fifth Avenue and Broadway in Manhattan each day realize that it houses a tomb. Fewer still understand that beneath the obelisk rests one of America's best military commanders? William Worth? a hero in not one but two of the nation's wars. Similarly, the Civil War general who never lost a battle and who many military historians believe fought one of the two most perfect battles in history was not Grant, Sherman, Lee, or Jackson; it was Thomas? who never extolled his own cause but in all likelihood saved his nation's.

From the War of Independence, through the Mexican War and Civil War, and during the numerous Indian wars throughout, great combat leaders have emerged across America's battlefields, yet have just as suddenly slipped through the cracks of history once the guns went silent. At the same time conflicts themselves have often disappeared from consciousness, the public forgetting the fights the country waged against the Barbary Pirates, the British in 1812, and against the Seminoles and Apaches.

In the Shadows of Victory describes the heroics and command acumen of 25 superb military leaders whose sacrifice and skill have often been neglected. As such it provides a fascinating tour through early American military history and the various martial challenges the young nation faced during its first century of existence.

REVIEWS

a valuable addition to the history of American military leaders because of its viewpoint. I highly recommend this book to students of history and military history, especially American military history. It is a necessary addition to the libraries of all such students and the public at large.

Michael F. Dilley, Author of *GALAHAD: A History of the 5307th Composite Unit, (Provisional)* and *Behind The Lines – A Critical Survey of Special Operations in World War II*, Co-author (with Lance Q. Zedric) of *Elite Warriors – 300 Years of America's Best Fighting Troops*

It is obvious that Phillips has done a lot of research for this book. A look at his bibliography will confirm this but it is only necessary to read the various chapters to see the depth of his research and analysis. He did not just cut and paste the information together. Rather, he has taken the time to put his research into perspective by drawing his own conclusions. This book is easy to read, informative, and well written. It is a valuable addition to the history of American military leaders because of its viewpoint. I highly recommend this book to students of history and military history, especially American military history. It is a necessary addition to

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"...a welcome addition to popular writing on military history... both informative and a pleasure to read. The individual narratives are well structured, carefully researched and nicely written. The use of brief biographies ("Before and After") for many of those chronicled is a particular strength...I would recommend it to those who wish to get new perspectives on interesting chapters in American history. Also to those who simply like a good story well told...an excellent book, well worth reading – even for those who don't particularly like military history. I had the privilege of serving with Tom Phillips while on active duty. I got to know him as a superb officer. And he may well turn out to be an even better writer.

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