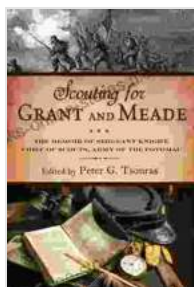


The Reminiscences of Judson Knight, Chief of Scouts, Army of the Potomac

Judson Knight was one of the most skilled and experienced scouts in the Union Army during the American Civil War. He served as Chief of Scouts for the Army of the Potomac under General George G. Meade, and played a vital role in many of the army's most important campaigns, including the Battle of Gettysburg. Knight was a master of reconnaissance, cavalry raids, espionage, counterespionage, and guerrilla warfare, and his intelligence gathering was essential to the Union's success.



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In his memoirs, Knight provides a fascinating account of his experiences as a scout during the Civil War. He describes the challenges and dangers of scouting behind enemy lines, the importance of accurate intelligence, and the role of scouts in shaping the course of battle. Knight also offers unique

insights into the character of General Meade and other Union leaders, and provides a vivid picture of the daily life of a soldier in the Army of the Potomac.

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Early Life and Career

Judson Knight was born in Alna, Maine, on February 2, 1836. He grew up on a farm and received a basic education. In 1856, he moved to Illinois, where he worked as a surveyor and a schoolteacher. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Knight enlisted in the Union Army as a private in the 3rd Illinois Cavalry Regiment.

Knight quickly rose through the ranks, and by 1863 he was serving as Chief of Scouts for the Army of the Potomac. In this role, he was responsible for gathering intelligence on the Confederate Army, leading cavalry raids, and conducting espionage and counterespionage operations.

The Battle of Gettysburg

Knight played a vital role in the Union victory at the Battle of Gettysburg. He was responsible for gathering intelligence on the Confederate Army's movements, and his reports helped Meade to make key decisions during the battle. Knight also led several cavalry raids against the Confederate supply lines, which disrupted the Confederate Army's ability to fight.

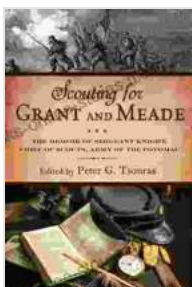
After the Battle of Gettysburg, Knight continued to serve as Chief of Scouts for the Army of the Potomac. He participated in many of the army's most important campaigns, including the Overland Campaign, the Siege of Petersburg, and the Appomattox Campaign. Knight was also involved in the capture of Confederate General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House.

Post-War Career

After the Civil War, Knight returned to Illinois, where he worked as a farmer and a businessman. He also served as a member of the Illinois State Legislature and as a delegate to the Republican National Convention. Knight died in 1923 at the age of 87.

Legacy

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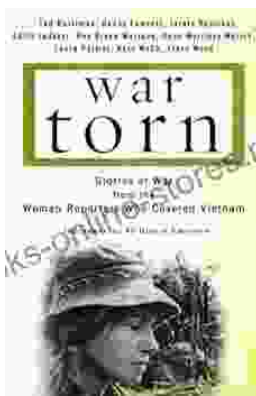
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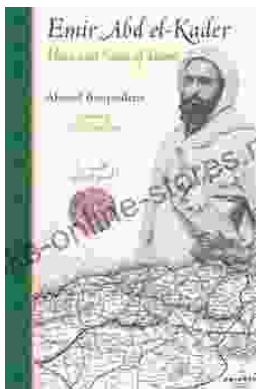
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