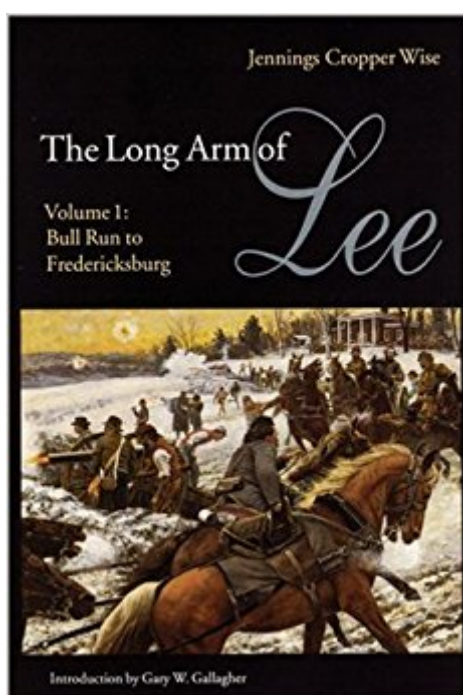


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Gary W. Gallagher, a professor of history at Penn State University, is the editor of *Lee the Soldier* (Nebraska, 1996).

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Have always wanted to have and read this key work--once one gets past the birth of the inventor of gunpowder the author finally gets to where you want him to go and he combines historical description with tactical analysis. Of course the verbiage drips with the Lost Cause but you can screen that out.

This is a first-rate history of the artillerymen of the Army of Northern Virginia. The background of every field-grade officer and many company-grade officers is covered, as well as the organization of the ANV's artillery arm at various stages in the war, and some material on its tactical performance. I'm glad I bought it. But there is still room for a history of artillery tactics in the ANV, and considerable room for a discussion of the ordnance itself. The reader concerned with the effect of replacing 6-pd guns with Napoleons and introducing rifled guns will need to look elsewhere as well.

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