

Bibliography and Readings on Camp Parapet

For first hand accounts of camp life at Camp Parapet, these books are recommended reading.

Arthur W. Bergeron Jr., editor, "*The Civil War Reminiscences of Major Silas T. Grisamore C.S.A.*", Louisiana State University Press, 1993.

Major Grisamore was quartermaster of the Eighteenth Louisiana Infantry Regiment. The commanding officer was Colonel Alfred Mouton, son of a former Louisiana governor. The 18th was assigned to protect the construction of the Carrollton defenses from October 9, 1861 to January 3, 1862.

Grisamore's work was originally published as a series of newspaper articles in the *Weekly Thibodaux Sentinel* between April 27, 1867 and December 2, 1871, under the name "Uncle Silas". While this work covers the entire wartime service of the 18th, the narrative is both "folksy" and straightforward, and gives us one of the few descriptions the defense line that eventually became Camp Parapet during Confederate control.

James H. Croushore, editor, "*A Volunteer's Adventures, A Union Captain's Record of the Civil War*", Louisiana State University Press, 1946.

Captain John William DeForest served in the Twelfth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. The 12th Connecticut was assigned to the New England Division as part of General Benjamin Butler's army occupying south Louisiana. From May 1862 until January 1864 the 12th was stationed at or around Camp Parapet.

DeForest's work consists of letters he wrote to his wife while he was stationed at Camp Parapet. The collected letters was named one of the one hundred finest Civil War books by *Civil War* magazine. More than one half of this book deals with Louisiana from a Yankee perspective.

Edward Bacon, *"Among The Cotton Thieves"*, The Everett Companies, Bossier City, Louisiana, 1989.

Edward Bacon served as Colonel of the Sixth Michigan Volunteer Infantry. The 5th also served in Butler's army of occupation.

There are Southern perspectives, there are Yankee perspectives, and then there is Bacon's perspective. The colonel's diatribe was originally published in 1867 by the Free Press Steam Book and Job Printing House of Detroit. Bacon gives us view of the miserable conditions Federal soldiers found themselves at and around Camp Parapet.