

1. History : United States - Civil War
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SUBJECT MATTER: Life & adventure in 19th century New Hampshire, Massachusetts, & Maryland, from the perspective of average citizens caught up in some of the most cataclysmic events in US history.

INTENDED AUDIENCES: Readers of various ages: Middle Elementary + Teen + YA + adult / History & Civil War enthusiasts / School groups

FORMAT: Original hand-drawn comics by Marek Bennett, with text from Freeman Colby's diary. Includes appendices detailing reference images & other background info.

HOW THIS BOOK CAME ABOUT: The unexpected discovery of a forgotten Civil War memoir in a local village historical society led NH cartoonist Marek Bennett to spend three years drawing this comics version of the text.

The Civil War Diary of Freeman Colby
drawn by Marek Bennett

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color cover + maps & appendices
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1862: A New Hampshire Teacher Goes to War

Marek Bennett's comics adaptation of this actual Civil War memoir brings to life the dry humor and grim conviction of teacher-turned-soldier Freeman Colby.

Fiercely proud of his Granite State heritage, Colby bows to no one – not the rowdy students of his rural one-room schoolhouse, not the high-handed Union army officers in town, and certainly not those Rebel traitors causing all that trouble down South. But Colby needs work, and his ne'er-do-well little brother Newton needs looking after, so the boys enlist with a new regiment promising three years' pay and plenty of patriotic adventure in a quickly growing war...

Experience the Civil War as you've never seen it before, in step-by-step comics action & engagingly emotive stick-figure detail.

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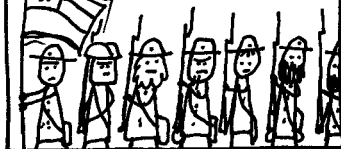
With the BOMBARDMENT
of FORT SUMTER



the whole NORTH
AWOKE with a shock



to the EXISTENCE
of war;



but FEW of even the
BEST INFORMED MEN



dreamed of how
RELENTLESS
and long
DRAWN OUT



that
STRUGGLE
was to
be.



ANOTHER EXCURSION

On Saturday,
OCTOBER 16



the REBELS
CROSSED the
Potomac



on BOTH
SIDES
of us



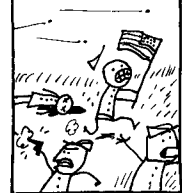
and DROVE the
10th VERMONT



which was
NEXT BELOW
us



back AWAY
from the river



That night we
SLEPT with our
GUNS for
PILLOWS



and SUNDAY
MORNING after
an INSPECTION
of ARMS



we STARTED
about half past
eleven for
CONRAD'S FERRY

