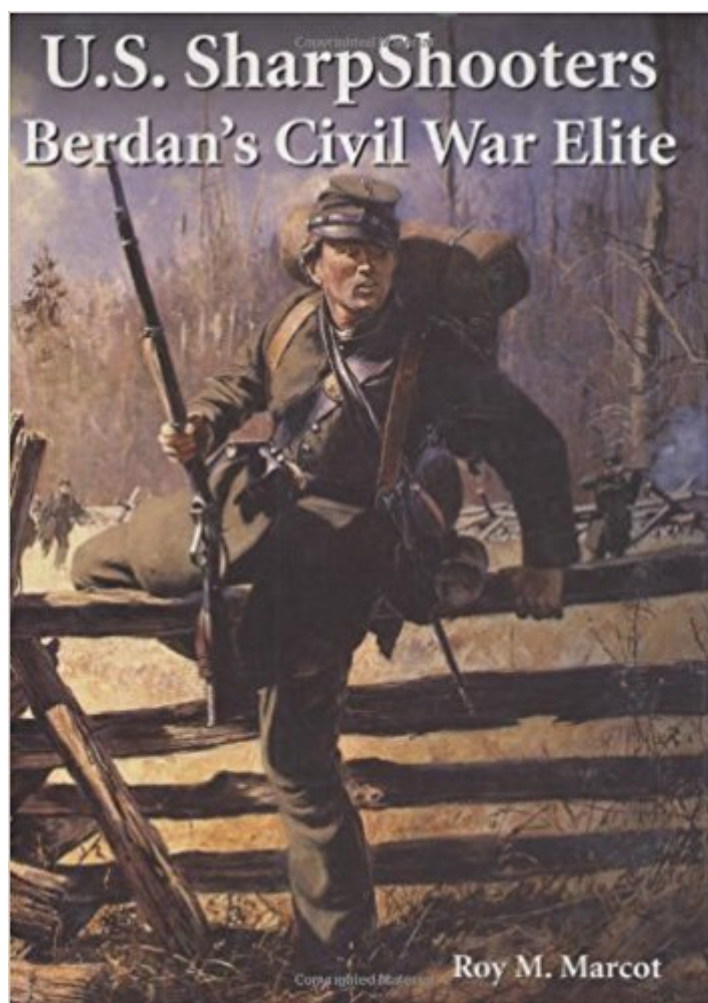


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# U. S. Sharpshooters: Berdan's Civil War Elite



## Synopsis

This detailed and beautifully illustrated book tells the story of Col. Hiram Berdan's brilliant conception: the U.S. Sharpshooters, a specialized 2-regiment unit of marksmen recruited from the farming and backwoods communities of the North. Known for their distinctive green uniforms, Sharps breech-loading rifles, and risky tactics, the Sharpshooters fought at battles such as the Peninsula, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and the Wilderness. The book covers their training, tactics, and weapons and is a must-have for Civil War enthusiasts and anyone interested in the history of special forces. Features paintings by acclaimed Civil War artist Don Troiani.

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In previous readings, I had come to understand that Berdan was disliked. I had even read historian Stevens' book, but I did not realize that Berdan was a coward. This book advanced that thesis. It also advanced the assertion that the 1st US Sharpshooters were held together by Trepp. This book is beneficial to one's understanding of the US Sharpshooters in the Civil War but must also be accompanied by other books on the same subject to give the reader a greater understanding of the men and the dynamics around the best that the Army of the Potomac had to offer in the Civil War.

The U.S. Sharpshooters was a great idea which did much to further the Federal victory in the Civil War, although it seemed to have a tough time getting started, including being armed. However, the unit's success seemed to be in spite of Berdan rather than because of him. He was totally without military experience and seemed incapable of gaining any. He seemed mainly concerned with

becoming a brigadier general while avoiding the battlefield. There were so many charges and countercharges that went nowhere. He had a real knack for alienating the subordinates who could most help him. About the only credit he deserves is for coming up with the idea.

This is a well researched book that ties in some new research with other established information on this famous Civil war regiment. The narrative flows well and is a book for the enthusiast as well as someone looking for information on the Sharpshooters and their changing role in the American Civil War.

this is an excellent book for anyone old or young who wants to know something about special forces in the american civil war. the book is well written and easy to read. i highly recommend this book to read and enjoy. thanks, don

Excellent , well produced book with just the right ammount of factual documents together with contemporary accounts of the warfare of another , altogether different era .Well researched with marvellous photos and stories of both the weapons and the men .A recommended purchase for both the student and the " coffee table " reader .

Enjoyed reading, very interesting.Well written and informative.One of the best books on this subject.Will go to the front of my library in the civil war section.

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