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NEW ATA HANDBOOK - A PHILATELIC TOUR OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

The American Topical Association announces the release of its newest topical handbook, A PHILATELIC TOUR OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR by Mr. Larry Dodson. This thoroughly researched, 214 page book is much more than just a listing of worldwide postage stamps and stationery that deal with the topic of the American Civil War and the people involved. It covers such interesting issues as single and multiple battles including the numbers of soldiers involved on each side, the numbers killed, captured and wounded, and the commanders of each force. Twenty single battles are identified along with historical notes for each. Also, 100 different Confederate and Union personages are identified with significantly detailed biographies of each.

In a section under the heading Transportation, trains, ships and even an ambulance used during the conflagration are identified. Flags, uniforms and places are shown next, followed by a section detailing literature and films, actors and actresses, directors, producers, composers, authors, poets and sculptors that reflect some aspect of the Civil War. Multiple and minor philatelic references follow before the author delves into souvenir cards and other related items.

This handbook closes with an alphabetical listing of people portrayed on stamps related to the Civil War as well as by a listing of all the stamps issued, alphabetically by country. This book is so thorough in its research that the reader does not have to be a philatelist to enjoy it. For anyone with an interest in the Civil War this book is a good read and is sure to find its way outside of the confines of philately alone.

There are several pages in full color in this 8 ½ by 5 ½ inch, perfect bound handbook. The price is \$26.00 for non-ATA members and \$22.00 for American Topical Association members. Postage costs are \$2.00 to USA addresses, \$3.00 to Canadian addresses and \$6.00 for overseas. Non members can receive the lower price by joining the ATA at the time of ordering. Dues for one year in the US are only \$20.00 and for others is \$30.00.

Other ATA Handbooks written by Mr. Dodson include *Computers on Stamps – Volumes 1 and 2*, and *The Philatelic Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, all of which are still available from the American Topical Association.

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