

THE GALLANT GLADDEN

The life and times of General A. H. Gladden
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Few people know the life of Addley Hogan Gladden, the gallant commander of the Palmetto Regiment and hero of the Mexican War and War Between the States.

In response to General John Anthony Quitman's order to take the Palace of Chapultepec and Mexico City, Gladden turned to his troops and shouted, "Come on boys, we'll try it." Gladden's troops were disputed every step of the way, with more than 2,000 Mexican muskets defending the capital, Mexico City. "The Palmetto Flag," General Quitman said, "was the first that floated over the gates of the city before the smoke had ceased to curl over the brave victors." South Carolina's Palmetto Regiment claimed the honor.

For his part, Gladden was presented some fine swords by the State of South Carolina and the City of Charleston. These were given "as an offering for the people's gratitude for the most signal public services...as a testimonial of her appreciation of the distinguished ability and bravery manifested as "Chief of the Palmetto Regiment."

A military man by instinct, Gladden was also a molder of men, as well as an affectionate and devoted father to his only daughter, Mary Jane. A South Carolinian, he was a war hero, a politician,

community leader in both his native Columbia, South Carolina, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

When the War Between the States erupted, Gladden hastened to his native South Carolina but returned to Louisiana at the urging of the Governor to aid in bringing that state into the Confederate fold. While there in Louisiana, he was appointed a brigadier general. Within a year, he was killed at Shiloh leading his brigade in what was called the greatest battle on the North American continent to that time.

Just after his death, Gen. Braxton Bragg, dubbed him the "'Bengal Tiger' for he became fierce as that beast where necessity required it...Such was Addley H. Gladden...a gentleman without fault...a soldier without a frailty."

Gladden was the leader of many brave, courageous men--many who lived, and many who died to formulate the history of America. He was a South Carolinian, tried and true. He lived for his country and died for it, according to one of them, "the bravest man who ever carried a sword."

Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

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The Gallant Gladden is a well-researched biography of a soldier, community leader, and innovator. From his birth in South Carolina to his untimely death at Shiloh 52 years later, we learn about this man who left his mark in his native Columbia, South Carolina and his adoptive town of New Orleans, Louisiana.

During the Mexican War, Addley Hogan Gladden served alongside the young officers who would make their mark during the War Between the States, Robert E. Lee, U.S. Grant, P.G.T. Beauregard, Albert Sidney Johnston, etc. He joined the Aztec Club, an organization formed by these same officers. Later he would serve as Mayor of Columbia, South Carolina where he was instrumental in bringing natural gas to the young capital city. After moving to New Orleans, Gladden was one of the founding members of the Pickwick Club, the precursor of the Mardi Gras celebrations.

Addley Gladden was offered a commission in South Carolina's forces but returned to Louisiana where he was commissioned a Brigadier General. Leading his brigade at Shiloh, the "Bengal Tiger" was mortally wounded on April 6, 1862, dying five days later.

This elegant, burgandy-bound, 351 page, history with gold-embossed swords on the hard cover ~ 200 historic photographs, illustrations, maps and documents including a fold-out Roster of the Palmetto Regiment and the Battle Map of Shiloh~ is a handsome addition to every library, an eminent research acquisition. **The Gallant Gladden** contains a comprehensive index and genealogy.

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