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Pelican Publishing to Release: *The Raiding Winter* *Book Provides Day-by-Day Account of Confederate Cavalry Raids*

During the spring of 1862, Confederate troops within the Western theater of the Civil War were attempting to come to terms with disastrous defeats that led to greater Union occupation of the South. Under great strain to compensate for insufficient numbers of infantry units, Confederate commanders were forced to reconsider their military tactics. From this reassessment emerged an innovative, strategic type of mobile warfare that allowed the Confederacy to complete the most successful mounted operation of the Civil War. In "The Raiding Winter," Michael R. Bradley provides a day-by-day analysis of the Confederate army operations in December of 1862 and January of 1863 that culminated in the unprecedented use of horsemen to successfully strike behind enemy lines.

The series of successful raids by Confederacy cavalry in the winter of 1862 were lead by Commanders Nathan Bedford Forrest, John Hunt Morgan, Earl Van Dorn and Joseph Wheeler. Although of vastly different backgrounds and military expertise, these men earned their spot in history by taking advantage of the one area in which the Confederacy held superiority—their cavalry. Under their leadership, the Army of the Mississippi, led by General Ulysses Grant, as well as the Army of the Cumberland, led by General William S. Rosecrans, were both halted in place for five months. While the concept was not original, it was the first time cavalymen were utilized in such a highly successful manner. Through this in-depth analysis of Confederate cavalry endeavors, Bradley presents a clear and concise picture of the revolutionary mobile warfare that would earn these raids a unique place in Civil War history. "The Raiding Winter" also includes a final section that contains a breakdown of the regiments and individuals who were a part of what Bradley terms the "horsemen of the Confederate apocalypse."

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