

A Radio Review

Good morning folks and welcome to this weekend's Civil War Book Review. I first encountered Thomas M. Eishen a few years back when I visited his excellent Civil War website www.thomaseishen.com. The Canada Civil War Association then traded links and occasional friendly e-mails update.

After 15 years of work, his first novel, "Courage on Little Round Top: A Historical Novel" is now available online from Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com, The Twentieth Maine Store, Maine Historical Society, and Walmart.com. Autographed copies are also available from his websites www.courageonlittleroundtop.com and www.thomaseishen.com

Letter by letter that's " t h o m a s e i s h e n . c o m "

Like millions of others, Eishen first became interested in America's Civil War when he read Michael Shaara's Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Killer Angels*. As many of my listeners know, Shaara brought to life such men as Lee, Longstreet, Buford, Hancock, and Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. Inspired and influenced by *Courage on Little Round Top* is the story of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and Robert Wicker, the young officer Chamberlain captured during the 20th Maine's charge down the bloody slope of Little Round Top, and the events that brought them together.

Eishen vividly describes the scene as follows - "Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain stumbles down the steep rocky slope of Little Round Top. His charging regiment cheers as the Rebels turn on their heels and flee, all except one. Second Lieutenant Robert Wicker stands his ground and raises his Colt to take aim at Chamberlain's head before firing." *Courage on Little Round Top* is a chronicle of the events that brought these brave soldiers face to face in a fierce battle that remains a vital part of America's history. For Eishen, the most exciting part of *The Killer Angels* was Chamberlain's capture of a confederate officer, but Shaara told the story only from Chamberlain's point of view. Also, as he learned more about Chamberlain, Eishen discovered Shaara and left out some exciting details concerning Chamberlain and the Twentieth Maine. *Courage on Little Round Top* completes the story of Chamberlain and the 20th Maine by bringing readers a close up look of their adversaries, Lieutenant Robert Wicker, and the men of the 15th Alabama. It is the true story of two men and events that brought them face to face during one of the most dramatic events in our history.

"*Courage on Little Round Top*" is a wonderful historical novel that brings exciting history to the forefront. The book has a wonderful cover design by Angela Donelle Underwood with a great illustration by the famous Mort Kunstler. By the way, this well-presented softcover book is sold at special low prices at various online stores.

"Courage on Little Round Top" is published by Skyward Publishing and is available on the following websites:

Amazon.com
Barnes and Noble.com
The Twentieth Maine Store
Maine Historical Society
Walmart.com.

Once again, autographed copies are also available from Eishen's website www.thomaseishen.com or www.courageonlittleroundtop.com

The book has been approved to be sold at the following National Parks Department battlefield parks.

Shiloh National Military Park
Antietam National Battlefield
Appomattox Court House
Fort Washington

As usual, feel free to send me your New Civil War book review e-mail suggestions at mark@markvinet.com .

Until next time, keep on reading!

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