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Chapter 1: The Birth of a Regiment

1. The Call to Arms

When the news of Abraham Lincoln's election as president reached Virginia in November 1860, it was met with outrage. Many Virginians believed that Lincoln was a radical abolitionist who would destroy their way of life. In response, Virginia seceded from the Union on April 17, 1861.

The secession of Virginia led to the outbreak of the American Civil War. Within a matter of weeks, both the Union and the Confederacy began raising armies. In Virginia, Governor John Letcher called for volunteers to form a state militia.

The response to Letcher's call was overwhelming. Thousands of Virginians flocked to recruiting stations, eager to defend their state. Among those who volunteered were a group of young men from the

Shenandoah Valley. These men were led by a young lawyer named Eppa Hunton.

Hunton and his men formed the 26th Virginia Infantry Regiment. The regiment was mustered into service in May 1861, and it was soon sent to the front lines. The 26th Virginia Infantry Regiment would go on to fight in some of the most important battles of the Civil War, including Gettysburg, Antietam, and Fredericksburg.

The call to arms in Virginia was answered by men from all walks of life. Farmers, laborers, merchants, and professionals all joined the ranks of the Confederate army. These men were united by a common cause: the defense of their homeland.

The 26th Virginia Infantry Regiment was a microcosm of the Confederate army. The regiment was composed of men from all walks of life, and they were all united by a common cause. The regiment's men fought bravely in every battle they participated in, and they

played a major role in the Confederate victory at the Battle of Gettysburg.

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2. Muster and Training

The Virginia Regiment was mustered into service in April 1861, shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War. The regiment was initially composed of ten companies of infantry, with a total strength of about 1,000 men. The regiment was commanded by Colonel Eppa Hunton, a former officer in the United States Army.

The regiment's first training camp was located at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. The men were drilled in basic infantry tactics and marksmanship. They also received instruction in artillery and cavalry tactics. The regiment also spent time building fortifications and preparing for the coming conflict.

In June 1861, the regiment was ordered to join General Joseph E. Johnston's army in the Shenandoah Valley. The regiment participated in the Battle of First Manassas, where it helped to drive back the Union

forces. The regiment also participated in the Battle of Kernstown, where it fought against Union forces under the command of General Nathaniel Banks.

After the Battle of Kernstown, the regiment was assigned to General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. The regiment participated in the Seven Days Battles, including the Battle of Gaines' Mill and the Battle of Malvern Hill. The regiment also participated in the Battle of Second Manassas, where it helped to defeat the Union forces under the command of General John Pope.

The regiment's training and experience in the early battles of the war prepared it for the challenges that lay ahead. The regiment would go on to fight in some of the most important battles of the Civil War, including the Battle of Gettysburg, the Battle of Antietam, and the Battle of the Wilderness.

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3. The Officers and Men

The Virginia Regiment was composed of men from all walks of life, including farmers, laborers, merchants, and professionals. The regiment was led by a group of experienced officers, including Colonel Eppa Hunton and Lieutenant Colonel Bradley T. Johnson.

The regiment's officers were a mix of career soldiers and civilians who had volunteered for service. Colonel Hunton was a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and had served in the Mexican-American War. Lieutenant Colonel Johnson was a lawyer and politician who had no prior military experience.

Despite their different backgrounds, the regiment's officers were united in their commitment to the Confederate cause. They were also skilled leaders who were able to inspire and motivate their men.

The regiment's men were a diverse group of individuals who shared a common desire to defend their homeland. They were farmers, laborers, merchants, and professionals who had left their homes and families to fight for what they believed in.

The regiment's men were also a tough and resilient group. They endured the hardships of camp life, the horrors of battle, and the long marches. They also displayed great courage and determination in the face of adversity.

The officers and men of the Virginia Regiment were a close-knit group who fought bravely for their cause. They were a credit to their state and to the Confederate army.

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