



## Rebel Private Front and Rear

By William Andrew Fletcher

University of Texas Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 180 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 6.0in. x 0.7in. Rebel Private Front and Rear is a line soldiers account of the Civil War without heroics. Private Fletcher tells how at Gettysburg he was overcome by a bad case of cowardly horror when an order came on the third day to get ready to charge. I tried to force manhood to the front, but fright would drive it back with a shudder, he confessed. The attack of jitters lasted about fifteen minutes, and then he fell asleep while awaiting the order to advance. But Fletcher could be brave to a fault. He was restless and venturesome and during the lulls between fighting would sometimes ask for permission to go on dangerous scouts into enemy territory. Once, just before Fredericksburg, he slipped out to a haystack in the no-mans-land near the Rappahannock so that he could watch the Yankees build a bridge. And in his last fight at Bentonville he risked his life on a rash and futile impulse to capture a whole squad of Federals. At Second Manassas, Fletcher was struck by a bullet that grazed his bowels and lodged in his hip. His detailed description...

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