

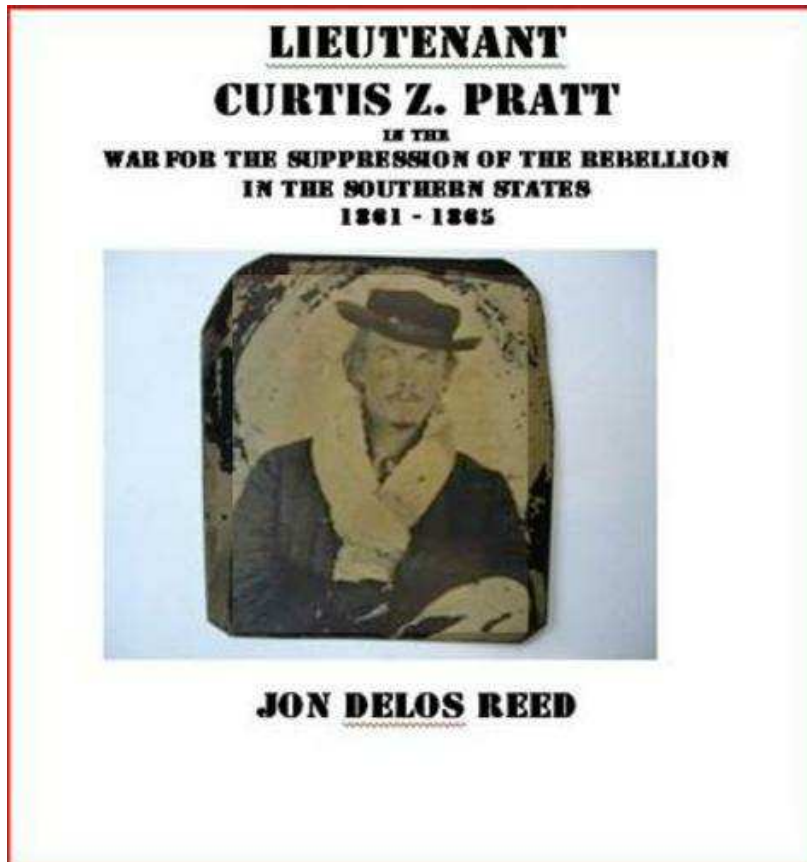
## **NEW CIVIL WAR BOOK**

### **Lieutenant Curtis Z. Pratt**

by  
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The book, *Lieutenant Curtis Z. Pratt*, follows his adventures in the Civil War, joining Michigan's 6th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, boarding the USS Constitution, March 6, 1862, narrowly avoiding not only rebel shore batteries but the Battle of the Monitor and Merrimac. Sailing around Florida, he and his regiment lead a startling invasion into the Deep South hundreds of miles behind enemy lines, without the possibility of retreat.

Michigan's 6th is the first Union regiment to enter Louisiana and the city after the Battle of New Orleans. At the Battle of Port Hudson, May 21 - July 9, 1863, longest siege in U.S. military history, he is one of three men from twenty volunteers to reconnoiter the fort and return.



Awarded a battlefield commission to First Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment Corps d'Afrique, he is a white officer assigned to train and lead a company of black enlisted men, mostly former slaves, into backcountry combat against hardened enemy infantry.

Lieutenant Pratt leads his men in the Red River Expedition toward Shreveport, but is halted at

the Battle of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, April 8, 1864, escaping downriver using Bailey dams and bridges. He falls ill at Morganzia, Louisiana, resulting in his resignation of his commission January 1865, only weeks before war's end. Pratt returns to a wife not seen since leaving soon after marrying almost four years before, with a harrowing surprise.

*Jon Reed*

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