



The Forgotten Marines: The Capture of John Brown

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Createspace, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.3rd Edition -- Oddly enough, the role of the United States Marines during the capture of John Brown at Harper s Ferry (October 1859) has been completely overlooked and essentially forgotten - even by the Marines themselves. Most modern history books, within a quick line or two, exultantly refer only to Colonel Robert E. Lee, commanding Marines, and assisted by First Lieutenant J.E.B. Stuart, as capturing John Brown. Is this an accurate depiction of the bona fide story? Not quite! Colonel Lee did not directly command the Marines as implied. The inter-service rivalry of the day, as well as the Act of 1834, Section 2, would not have allowed an Army officer to command any personnel from the Marine branch of service, except at the specific direction of the President. Lee was sent as the overall commander of Army forces, comprised of Militia units from Virginia and Maryland. The Marines sent to Harper s Ferry were Regulars and commanded by their own Officer-in-Charge, First Lieutenant Israel Greene, USM. (His last name is often found in most historical writings...

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