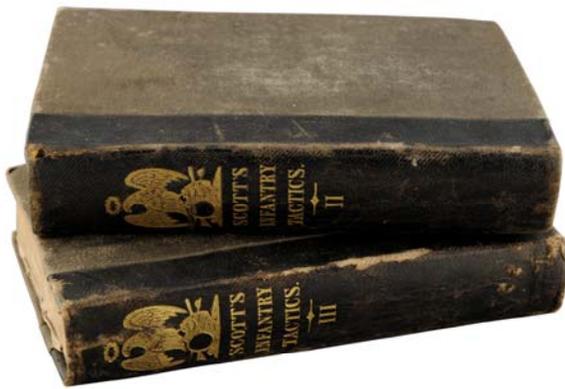


Scott's Infantry Tactics, 1843

These two volumes of the 1843 edition of *Scott's Infantry Tactics* belonged to Henry Clay Jr., son of the famous Kentucky senator, Henry Clay. Lieutenant Colonel Clay was second-in-command of the Second



Regiment of Kentucky Foot Volunteers. The book provides detailed instruction on infantry tactics and was a reference guide for young officers. The tactics and formations contained within seem outdated today, more suited to the parade field than combat, but adherence to these tactics led to many victories. In 1847, at the battle of Buena Vista, Clay and his commanding officer, Colonel William R. McKee, lost their lives.

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