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BOOK REVIEWS

long periods of time, his wife, Alice, battled her own feelings of depression, inadequacy, and especially anger at the role of Victorian wife, which she fought against in search of worth and individuality.

A Long March is an interesting combination of military and social history that successfully examines the effect each aspect had on the other. As Frank was transferred from post to post throughout the country and abroad, he struggled to gain military recognition while often in the shadow of Nelson Miles. At home Alice struggled for recognition in her own right.

Additional points of conflict arise as Frank makes the slow transition from Indian fighter to Indian advocate. His thoughts regarding the treatment of the American Indians by the U.S. government and military were often a source of inner dilemma as he sought to do the decent thing while at the same time doing his job.

This book will appeal to a wide range of readers: western military historians, those interested in women's history, and lay persons to whom the American West holds special appeal.

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A Long March: The Lives of Frank and Alice Baldwin. By Robert H. Steinbach. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1989. Preface, prologue, photographs, notes, bibliography, index. xiv + 226 pp. \$24.95.

The battles fought by Frank Baldwin on the open plains are not the only conflicts chronicled in *A Long March*. While Frank was away for