

A Soldier's Life ^[1]

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Military service meant months or years away from home, endless hours of drill, inadequate food or shelter, disease, and long days marching on hot, dusty roads or in driving rain — all punctuated by moments of sheer terror. In this chapter, we'll explore the life of a Civil War soldier — camps, food, uniforms, music, and arms, as well as disease, amputation, prison, desertion, and death.

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