

## **The Soldier's Experience** <sup>[1]</sup>

What was the war like for the millions of American soldiers, sailors, and airmen who fought it? In this chapter you'll hear their stories — oral histories recorded long after the fact but also stories as they were told at the time, in print, audio, and video. Additional materials — photographs, diagrams, maps, music, and army training manuals — will give you context.

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