# THE MEN WHO FOUGHT



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Fighting, during America's civil war, was not just by troops on the ground. Sailors at sea also did battle, like at Hampton Roads during the 8th-9th of March in 1862. Two ironclads—the *Monitor* (for the Union) and the *Merrimac* (also known as CSS *Virginia*, for the Confederacy)—fought off Sewell's Point (today's Norfolk), supported by other ships. There were hundreds of casualties. This image depicts a chromolithograph entitled "The *Monitor* and *Merrimac*: The First Fight Between Ironclads," produced by Louis Prang & Co., and published in Boston (circa 1886). Online, Library of Congress. Click on the image for a better view.

Who were the fighters of the American Civil War? What was life like for them?

The National Archives contain many pictures - mostly of Union soldiers. What follows is a representative sampling:

- An Army battery stands at drill in Ringgold, Georgia.
- Company "H" of the 44th Indiana Infantry.
- 2nd Maine Infantry at a camp site.
- The 2nd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery created "havoc" with a 32-pound shell at Fredericksburg, Virginia.
- Company of 21st Michigan Infantry also called "Sherman's Veterans."
- Members of the 21st Michigan Infantry.
- A Regimental Drum Corps.
- 114th Regiment of the Pennsylvania <u>Volunteers</u> at Headquarters for the Army of the Potomac. 1863.
- Army engineers, from the 8th New York State Militia, pose in front of a tent.
- <u>Company "E"</u> of the 22nd New York State Militia, near Harpers Ferry, Virginia. (Harpers Ferry, where the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers converge, is now in the state of West Virginia.)
- Captain Otis and the <u>22nd New York Infantry</u> at Maryland Heights, Harpers Ferry.
- Officers of the 164th and 170th New York Infantry.
- Flag of the 8th Pennsylvania Reserves.

- At Camp William Penn, Pennsylvania, the 26th U.S. "Colored Volunteer Infantry" was on parade.
- Headquarters of "F" Company, 11th Rhode Island Infantry, at Miners Hill, Virginia.
- Men in the trenches before Petersburg, Virginia.
- <u>Battery Rodgers</u>, a fort on the Potomac River, below Alexandria.
- Federal troops <u>build</u> a bridge across the Tennessee River at Chattanooga in March of 1864.
- Sailors and Marines on board the U.S. gunboat Mendota in 1864.
- Men aboard the CSS Manassas, an armored ram.
- Wounded soldiers, in the hospital, at a time when morphine was widely used for pain. (At the end of the war over 400,000 men had "Army Disease" morphine addiction.)
- <u>Amputations</u> in the field were more common than most people realize.
- Interior view of Carver Hospital, Washington, D.C.
- Convalescent camp near Alexandria, Virginia.
- When a military tour of duty was finished, the soldier was discharged. Follow the link to an example of a <u>Civil War Discharge</u> from February, 1863.

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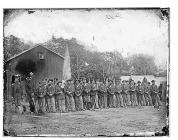
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<u>Army Battery at Ringgold, Georgia</u> Image, Courtesy U.S. National Archives.

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Company "H" of the 44th Indiana Infantry

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2nd Maine Infantry - Encampment

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#### 2nd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery - Damage Inflicted

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#### Fredericksburg, Virginia

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# 21st Michigan Infantry - Sherman's Veterans

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#### 21st Michigan Infantry - In Formation

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# Regimental Drum Corps

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#### 114th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers

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#### 8th New York State Militia - Army Engineers

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#### 22nd New York State Militia - Company "E"

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#### Convergence of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers

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#### 164th and 170th New York Infantry - Officers

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#### 8th Pennsylvania Reserves - Flag

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26th U.S. Colored Volunteer Infantry

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# 11th Rhode Island Infantry - Headquarters of "F" Company

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### **Troops in the Trenches**

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#### **Battery Rodgers**

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# Building a Bridge Accross the Tennessee River

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#### Mendota - U.S. Gunboat

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# CSS Manassas

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Hospital Ward in the Civil War

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# Amputations at the Field Surgical Tent

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# Convalescent Camp

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