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## **U.S. SOLDIERS' HANDBOOKS/GUIDES (Official & Unofficial)**

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

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### **PRECURSORS**

The American Soldier: A Pocket Manual for the Use of Recruits and Volunteer Military Companies...  
NY: Abbey & Abbot, 1861. 71 . U143A43.

Clemens, Thomas G. "August V. Kautz and His Books." Mil Collector & Historian (Winter 1988):  
pp. 152-56. Per.

Kautz, August V. Customs of Service for Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers... Phila:  
Lippincott, 1865. 303 p. U113K38.

Nesmith, James H. The Soldier's Manual for Cavalry, Artillery, Light Infantry, and Infantry.... Phila:  
Author, 1824; reprinted 1963 by Riling & Lentz. 75 p., 11 color plates. U113N4.  
Used for Philadelphia militia.

Viele, Egbert L. Hand-book for Active Service: Containing Practical Instructions in Campaign Duties:  
For the Use of Volunteers. NY: Van Nostrand, 1861. 252 p. U173V53.

**NOTE: THE SOLDIER'S BOOK, 1835-45**

According to General Regulations 1835, Art IX, Para 41, this "book" was furnished each soldier in order to "...record the military history of its possessor...", to wit, his pay, allowances, service and conduct. It apparently served as an individual pay and personnel record, not as an instructional manual or handbook.

Administrative aspects of the 1835 Soldier's Book can be traced in U.S. War Dept General Orders No 10, 1835; No 11, 1837; Nos 26, 54 and 60, 1839; and No 30, 1844. General Order 15 of 1845 (not on file) ended its use.

**LATE 19TH-EARLY 20TH CENTURIES**

Hershler, N. The Soldier's Handbook for the Use of the Enlisted Men of the Army. Wash, DC: GPO, 1884. 62 p. U113A49.

First official handbook issued to troops. Contains selected regs and Articles of War, plus other topics of interest and forms for personal records. See later eds.

Vetock, Dennis J. "A Soldier's Manual." Vignette of Mil Hist No 175, MHI, 11 May 1981. 1 p.

**WORLD WAR II**

American Legion. "Fall-in": Greetings to the Men Who Serve Today from Your Comrades of 1917 and 1918. Booklet, n.p., 1941-45(?). 32 p. U113F34.

Non-combat advice on adjustment to Army Life from the previous generation.

New Soldier's Handbook. NY & Wash, DC: Penguin Books & Inf Jrnl, 1942. 279 p. U113N4.

The Soldier's Handbook. Wash, DC: Inf Jrnl, 1940. 247 p. U113I5.

U.S. Army. Engr Amphib Cmd. The Engineer Amphibian Soldier: Information for Individual Care. Handbook, Camp Edwards, MA, 1942-45. 109 p. UG153I53.

General info ranging from first aid to venereal diseases.

U.S. Army. Medical Field Service School. Personal Preparation for Overseas Duty. Booklet, Carlisle Barracks, PA, Mar 1944. 30 p. UB403P47.

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## **Soldiers Guides**

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White, Frank, & Mayer, Herbert B. Getting Ahead in Your New Army. n.p.: Hale, Cushman & Flint, 1941. 146 p. U113W44.

Wylie, Philip, and Muir, William W. The Army Way: A Thousand Pointers for New Soldiers Collected from Officers and Men of the U.S. Army. NY: Farrar & Rinehart, 1940. U11A75.

## **VIETNAM WAR**

U.S. Dept of Army. The Soldier's Guide: FM 21-13, dated Aug 1961. 294 p. MilPubs-FM.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Soldier's Handbook: DA Pam 21-13, dated Sep 1964. 105 p. MilPubs-Pam.  
Prepared by CONARC. Superseded by same-numbered pamphlet of Oct 1968 entitled The Soldier's BCT Handbook, 236 p.

U.S. Dept of Defense. Armed Forces Info and Educ. Handbook for U.S. Forces in Vietnam: DA Pam 360-521, dated 1966. 171 p. MilPub-Pam.  
Prepared by MACV but published by DOD.

U.S. MACV. HQ. Newcomer's Guide to Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Saigon, 15 Jun 1969. 28 p. DS552.55U556.  
Gen info on procedures.

## **SINCE 1972**

Perez, Dennis D. The Enlisted Soldier's Guide. Harrisburg, PA: Stackpole, 1986. 223 p. U113P47.