

SOLDIERS: VIEWS/OVERVIEWS

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

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See also:

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See also:

-Bibliographies on WWII forces of specific nations (Germany, Great Britain, France, Russia) and other bibliographies in this section.

RURAL VERSUS URBAN SOLDIERS

To resolve the contention that the rural populace makes better soldiers than urbanites will require a great deal of dispassionate historical, sociological and demographic study. The prevailing opinion sides with the "rurals," but that is not conclusive, and further research is necessary.

One research approach would be to examine rosters of elite units, noting the home residences. Examples of elite units include Rogers' Rangers and Washington's Life Guard in the 18th century, Berdan's Sharpshooters in the Civil War, the volunteer cavalry in the Spanish- American War, ranger battalions of World War II, and the Vietnam-era Special Forces.

Other approaches would compare the military service of the agrarian South and the urban North in the Civil War and later wars, plus checking hometowns of Medal of Honor recipients.

For information on the origins of soldiers of major American wars, see:

Baldwin, Fred D. "The American Enlisted Man in World War I." PhD dss, Princeton, 1964. p. 62. U766.B24.

Just over 25% of the Class I men who registered for the first draft in Jun 1917 were "engaged in agriculture"

U.S. Selective Service. Director. Selective Service and Victory: The 4th Report of the... Wash, DC: GPO, 1948. 709 p. UB343.A315v4.

Through Jun 1945, 11% of the men inducted were farmers and farm laborers.

U.S. War Dept. Office, Provost Marshal General. Second Report of the Provost Marshal General...on Operations of the Selective Service System to December 20, 1918. Wash, DC: GPO, 1919. p. 407. UB343.A56.

Of the 2,680,000 men placed in Class I, 750,000 were farmers.

Wiley, Bell I. The Life of Billy Yank. Indianapolis, IN: Bobbs-Merrill, 1952. p. 304. E607.W49. Indicates nearly half the union soldiers were farmers.

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As a footnote to any statistics on the occupations of WWII soldiers, one must note the blanket agricultural deferment from conscription. For information on that program,, see the Selective Service System's Agricultural Deferment (Wash, DC: GPO, 1947; UB3343A3213no.7). Needless to say, a draft, especially one without large-scale deferments, would merely reflect the occupational patterns of the society at large. It would be more useful for you to study the occupations of volunteer enlistees, but such statistics may only be available in the National Archives.

Other useful sources on American soldiers:

Bolton, Charles K. The Private Soldier under Washington. NY: Scribner's, 1902. 258 p. E255.B69.

Linderman, Gerald F. The Mirror of War: American Society and the Spanish-American War. Ann Arbor. MI: U MI, 1974. 227 p. E169.1.L5435. See Chap III, "The War and the Small-town Community."

Moskos, Charles C., Jr. The American Enlisted Man. NY: Sage, 1970. 274 p. U766.M56.

Stouffer, Samuel A., et al. The American Soldier. Vols. I-II. NJ: Princeton U, 1949. U22.3.S78.

Incidentally, an English soldier of the late 18th and early 19th centuries who, as a journalist, defended the lowly soldier and wrote convincingly about the virtues of rural life was William Cobbett, a biography of whom has recently been published. See George Spater, William Cobbett: The Poor Man's Friend, 2 vols. (NY: Cambridge, 1982).

Support for rural superiority appears in a study of the soldiers of the Indian War, Don Rickey's Forty Miles a Day on Beans and Hay (Norman: UP of OK, 1963; F594R5). Rickey reports that "men from the smaller towns and rural communities were believed to make the best soldiers." (p. 22). A 1909 publication provides a clue to the basis of that belief: The Story of the Soldier (NY: Appleton, 1909; E181F73), on page 84 of which author George A. Forsyth notes the emphasis placed upon familiarity with firearms, a rural characteristic.

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To pursue historically the subject of city-versus-country health see the extensive literature on the subject and such general studies as these:

McNeill, William H. Plagues and Peoples. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1976. 369 p. RA649.M3.
See for example, pp. 66, 98 and 275.

Mumford, Lewis. The City in History. NY: Harcourt, Brace & World, 1961. 657 p. HT111.M8.

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