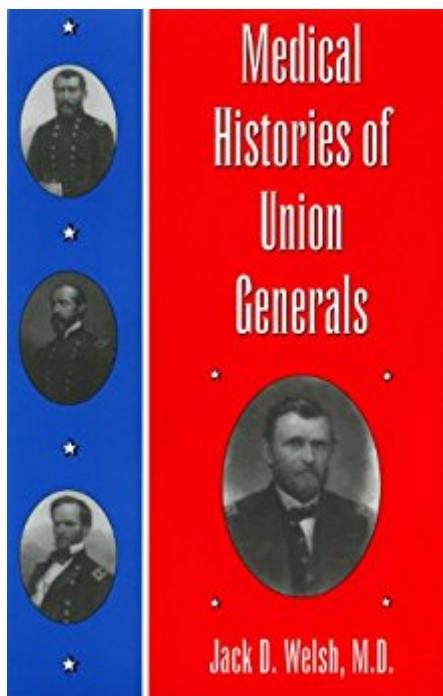


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# Medical Histories Of Union Generals



## **Synopsis**

During the Civil War, the majority of the 583 Union generals studied here were afflicted by disease, injured by accidents, or suffered wounds. Following the war, they often suffered lingering diseases and the effects of unhealed wounds. Medical Histories of Union Generals includes a glossary of medical terms as well as a sequence of medical events during the Civil War listing wounds, accidents, and deaths. With his earlier book on Confederate generals, Dr. Welsh has produced a "must have" reference for medical and military historians.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Medical Histories of Union Generals while not precisely a page turner (it's best digested in 8-12 page segments), does provide a different view on union generals. When I first obtained the book I naturally cherry-picked some familiar and important generals, then began reading A-Z. Since I've been reading civil war books for approximately 50 years it's a bit hard to surprise me with new information: Medical Histories did manage this feat. What did surprise me? Other than information on some specific generals, I would pick the following: (1) the damage sustained by some of these

generals who lived for many years with what had to be ghastly wounds. I'd assumed that given the state of the medical profession in the mid-19th century someone who lived 30 or 40 years after the war would have to be a hale and hearty old fellow -- not so in many cases. (2) the number of generals injured by their horses (most often when the horse was shot in battle). It should be intuitive that a horse was a much larger target than its' rider, but I just had never connected the dots. (3) the amount of time lost by the generals while recovering from wounds or medical conditions (dysentery, malaria, etc.) that helped explain why so many brigades you read about in battles were commanded by a colonel detached from their regiment. Many officers never actually served in the field after being commissioned general due to their wounds or medical condition and instead spent their time on light-duty assignments or commanding districts.

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