



United States History and Literature
11th grade

“The Price in Blood”

*Combat Deaths in the Civil War and the
Poetry of Walt Whitman*

By Mr. Richard Geib



Lecture Outline

1. Why the Civil War?
2. Technology and Tactics
3. Civil War hospitals (“Fix Me” video)
4. Whitman war poetry (“Dances Wolves”)



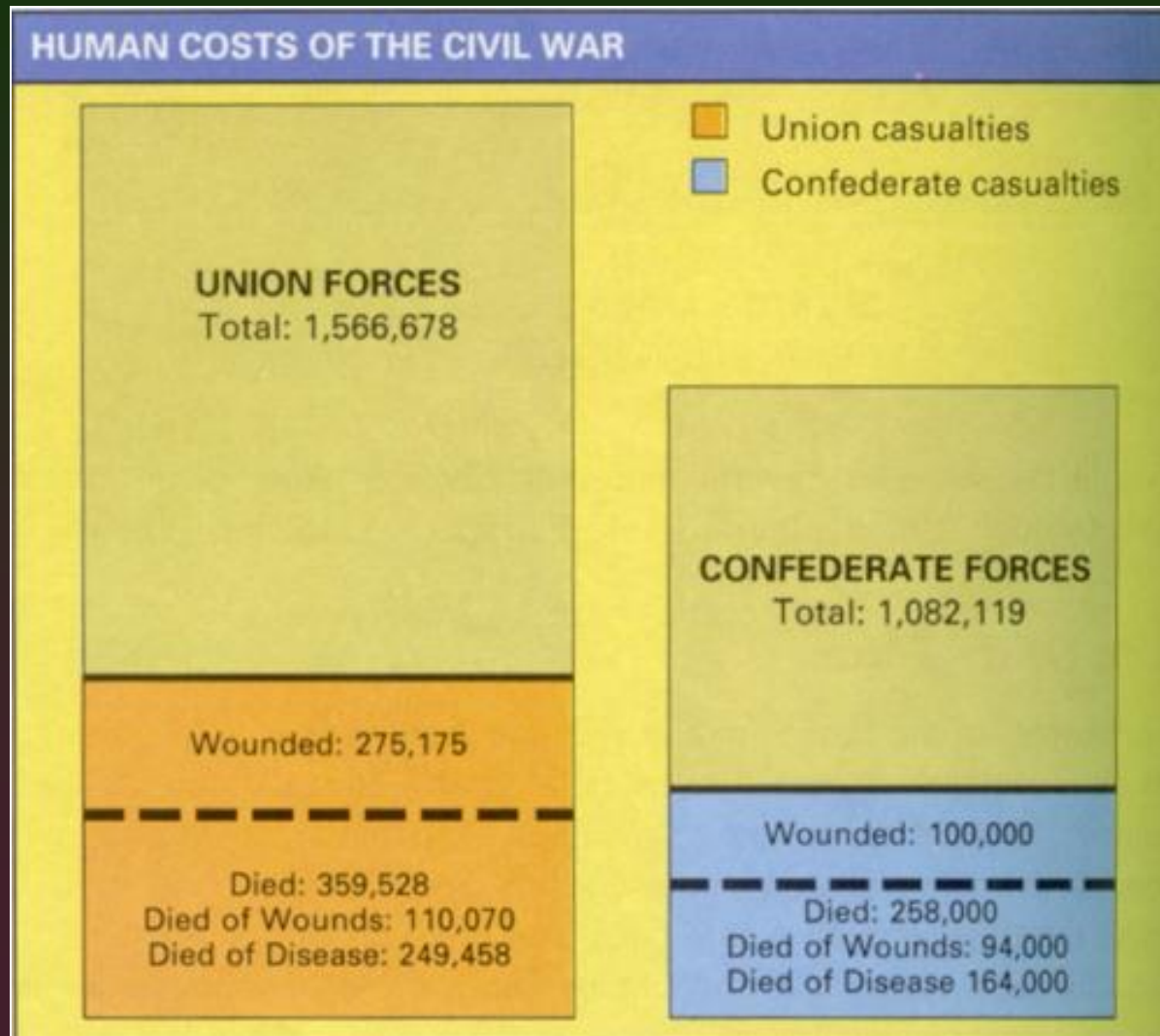
Six officers of the 17th New York Battery
Gettysburg, Pa., June 1863

The Price in Blood: Civil War Dead

At least 618,000 Americans died in the Civil War, and some claim the toll reached 700,000.



The Price in Blood: Civil War Dead

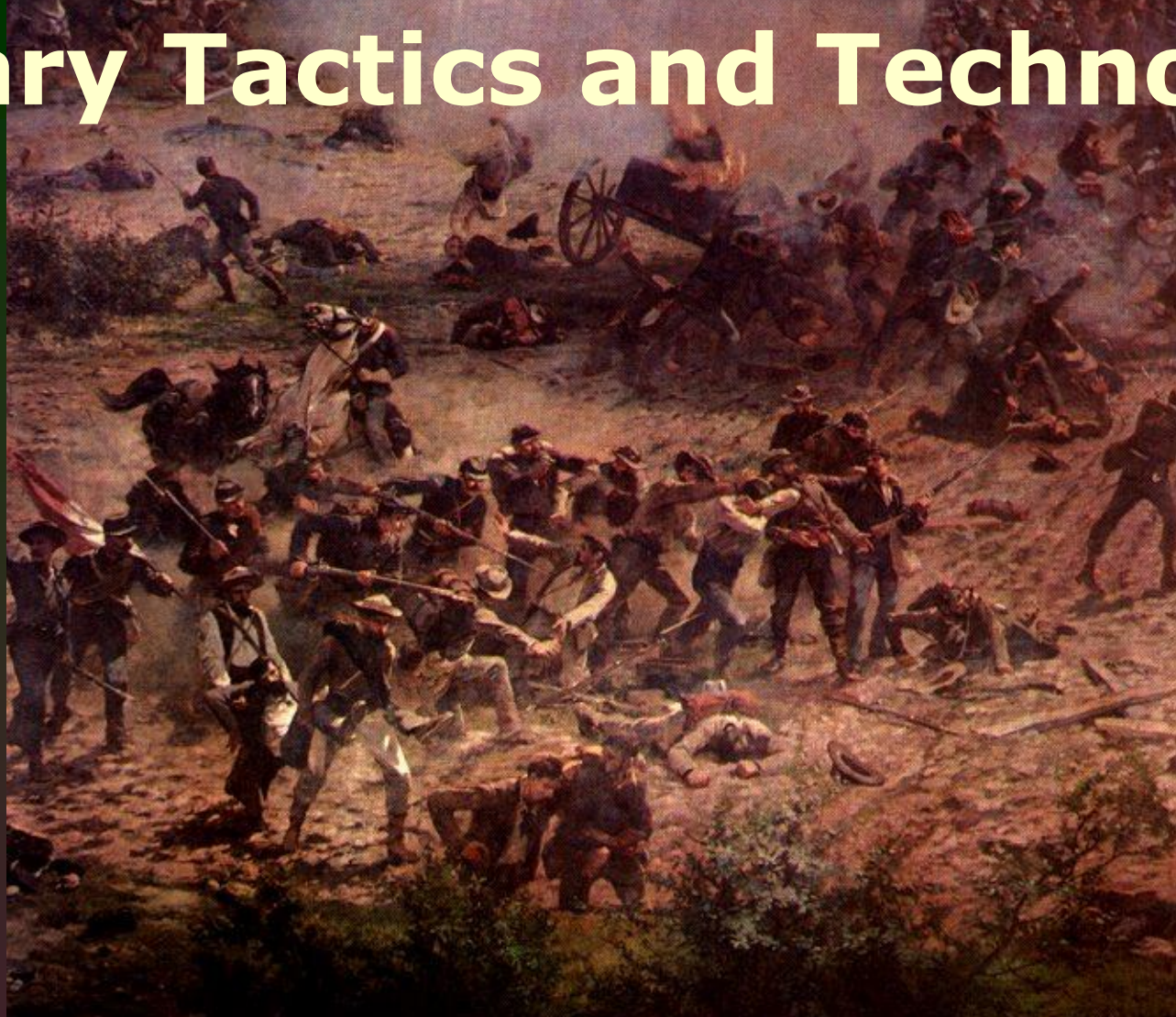


Pre-Civil War Attacks



Older tactics of the "direct attack" in formation.

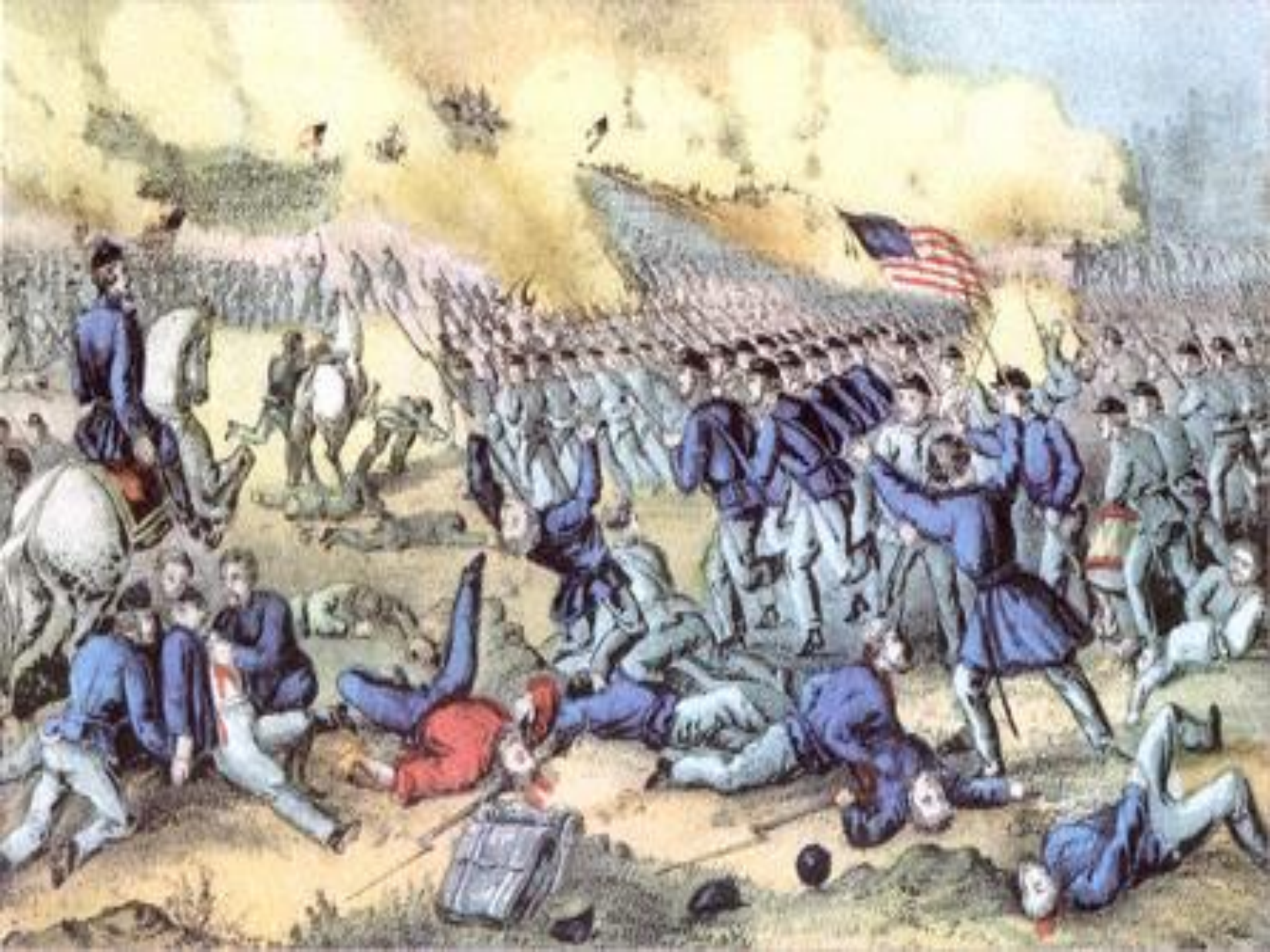
Military Tactics and Technology



Vastly superior firepower makes older, Napoleonic military tactics outdated. The frontal charge against the modern canon and rifled musket only gets soldiers killed in large numbers.













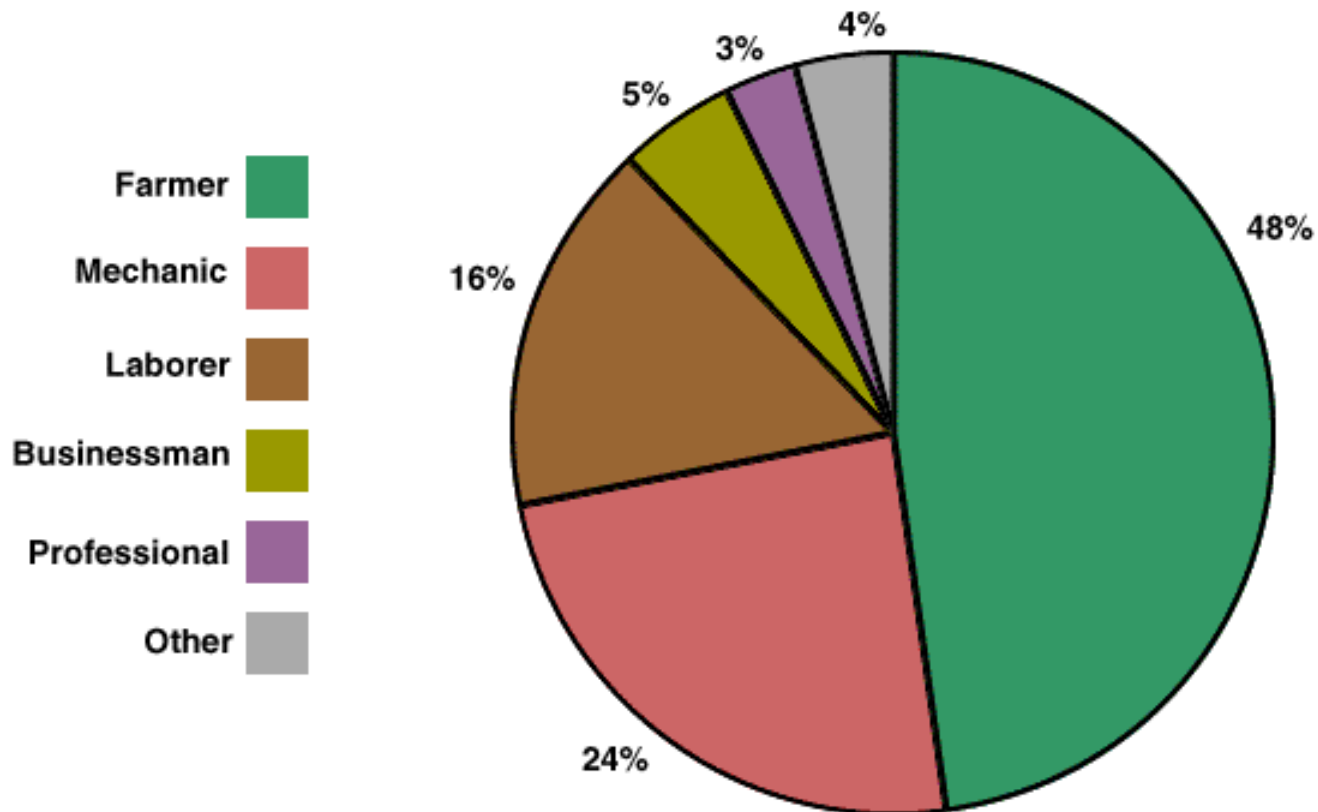






WHAT DID THEY DO BEFORE?

Soldiers' Occupations



THE CARNAGE

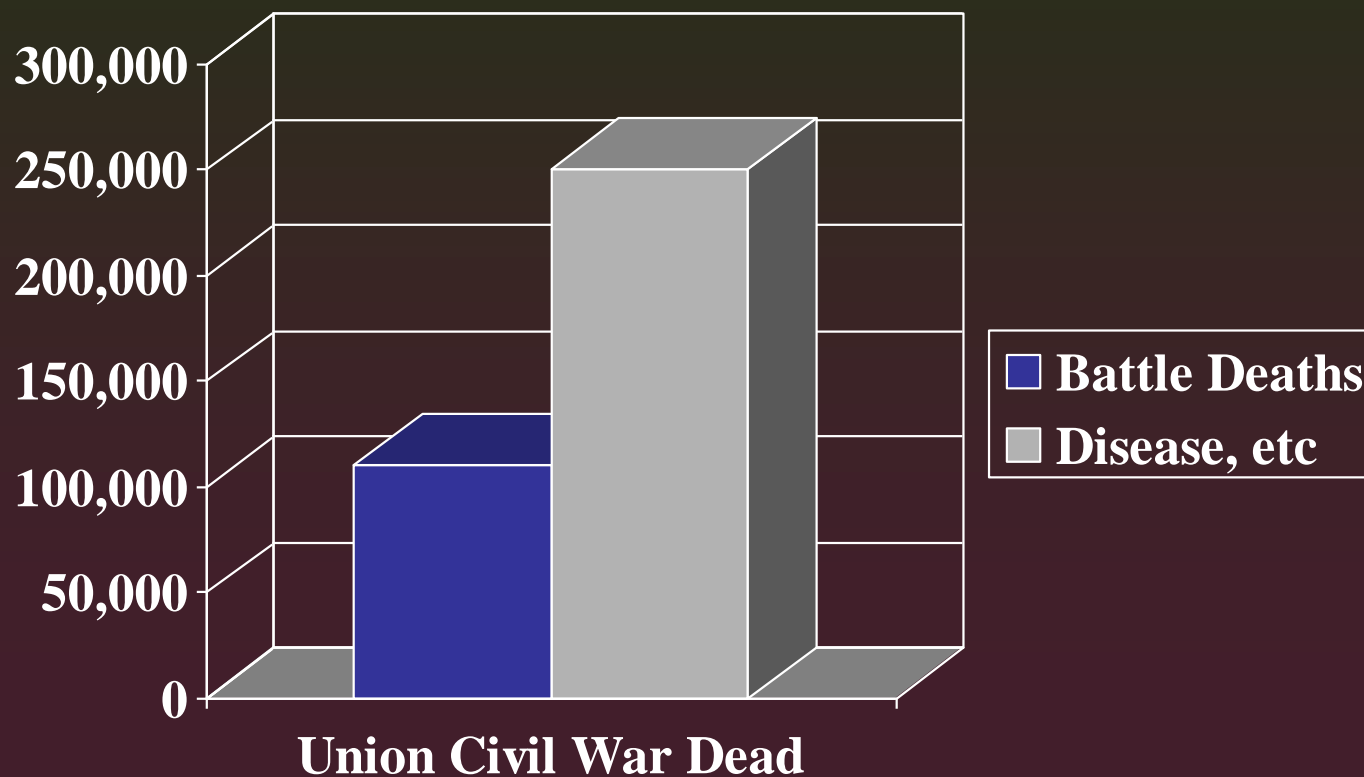


Union Civil War Dead

The Union armies had from 2,500,000 to 2,750,000 men. Their losses by the best estimates:

Battle Deaths: 110,070 ; Disease, etc. 250,152

Total: 360,222



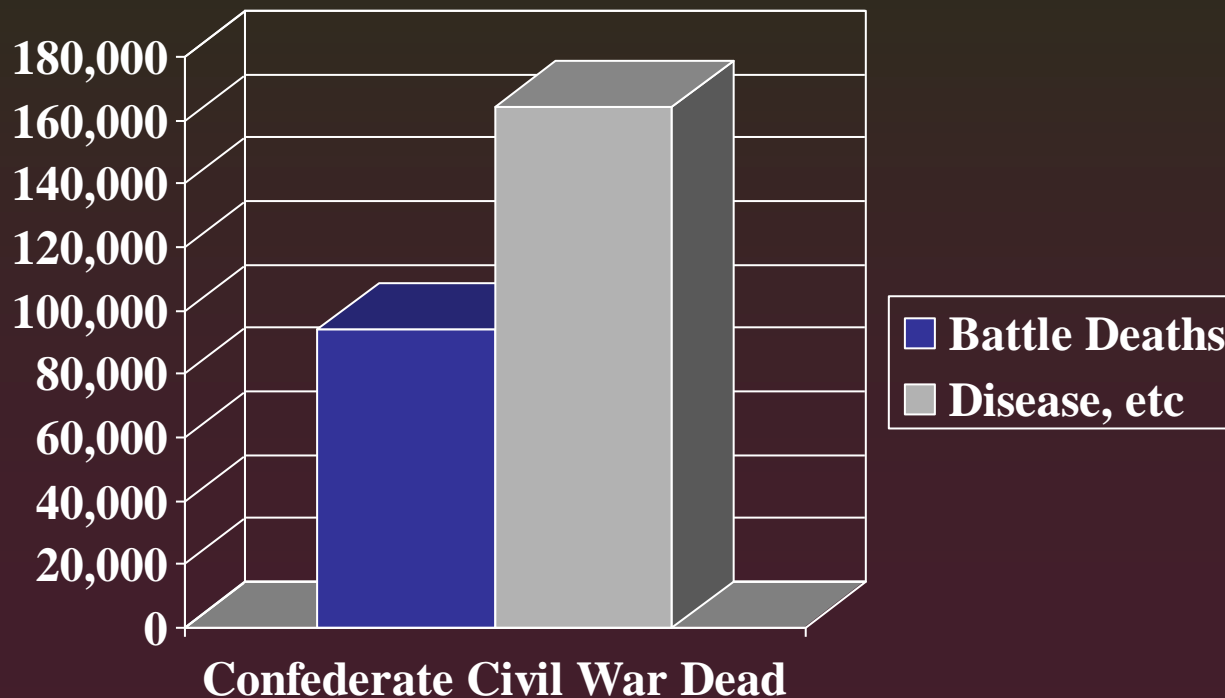
Confederate Civil War Dead

The Confederate strength, known less accurately because of missing records, was from 750,000 to 1,250,000.

Estimated losses:

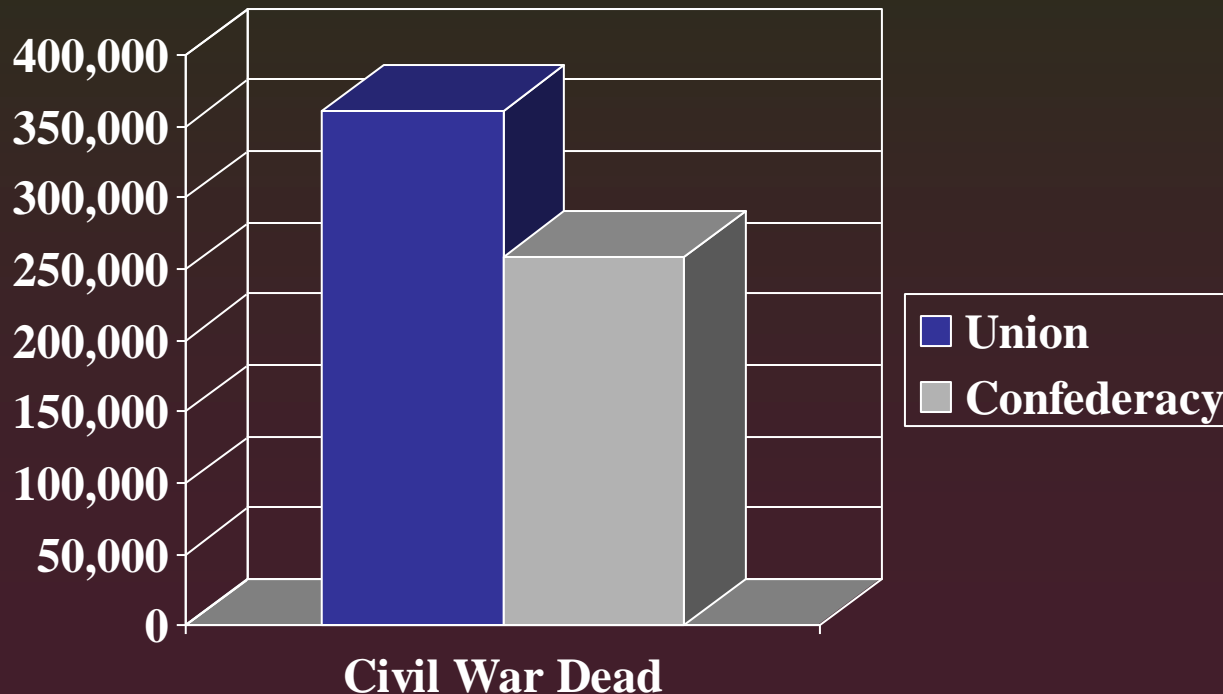
Battle Deaths: 94,000 ; Disease, etc. 164,000

Total: 258,000



Civil War Dead Total

It is best estimated that the Union lost 360,222 and the Confederacy lost 258,000.



The North is rocked, but...

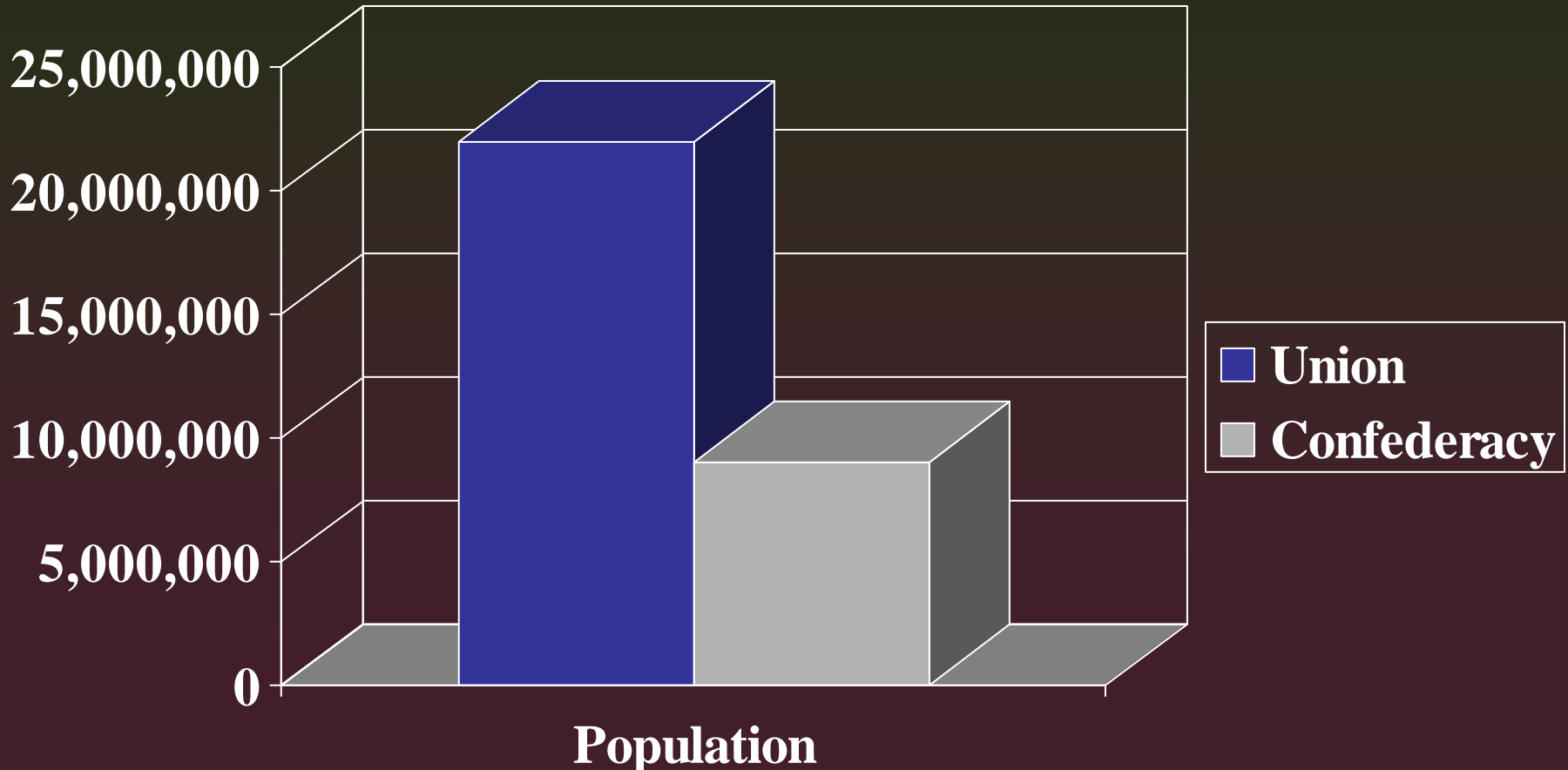


...but the South is shattered!

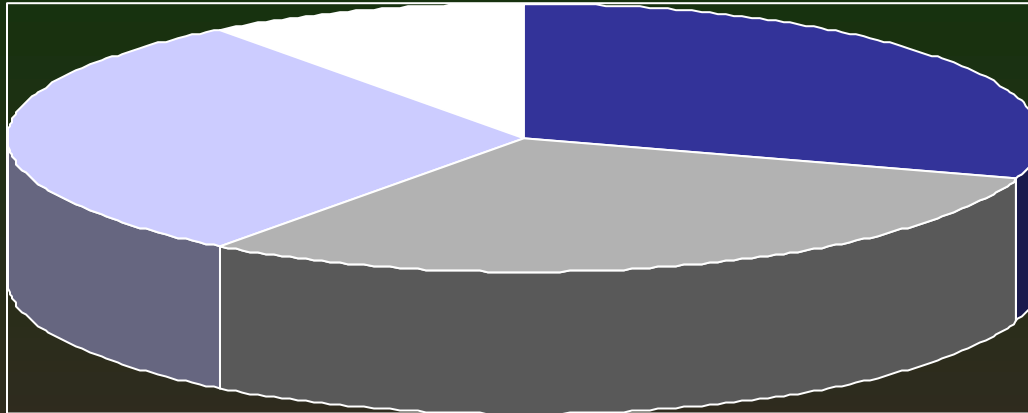


Pre-Civil War Populations

According to the census of 1860, the North contains **23 states** and approximately **22 million** people and the South has **11 states** and some **9 million** people.



Union Armies Age



- 21 and Under: 30%
- 21-24: 30%
- 25-30: 30%
- Over 30: 10%



The Boys' War

- More than 2,000,000 Federal soldiers were 21 and under.
- More than 1,000,000 were 18 or under.
- About 800,000 were 17 or under.
- About 200,000 were 16 or younger.
- About 100,000 were 15 or younger.
- 300 were 13 and younger -- mostly as drummer and fifers, but also as fighters.
- 25 were 10 and under



Portrait of Boy Soldier

Battle of Gettysburg

Duration: *Three days*

Grand total of Wounded
and Dead: *51,112*

	Union	Confederacy
Dead	3,155	3,903
Wounded	14,529	18,735
Missing	5,365	5,425
Total	23,049	28,063



Confederate Dead at Gettysburg
July 1863



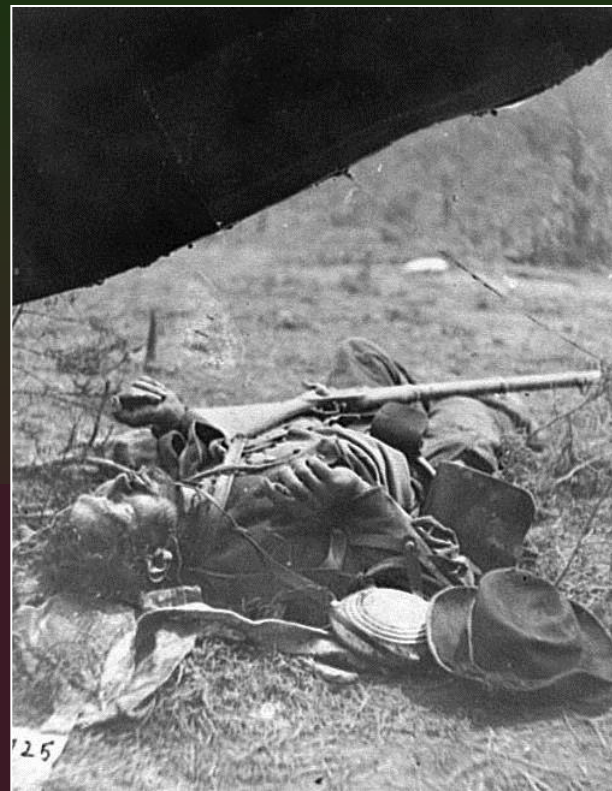
FACT: Gettysberg is the largest battle ever fought in the Western Hemisphere.

Battle of The Seven Days

Duration: *Seven days*

**Grand Total of Wounded
and Dead: 36,463**

	Union	Confederacy
Dead	1,7343	3,478
Wounded	8,062	16,261
Missing	6,075	875
Total	15,849	20,614



**Spotsylvania Court House, Va., vicinity.
Body of another Confederate soldier
near Mrs. Alsop's house**

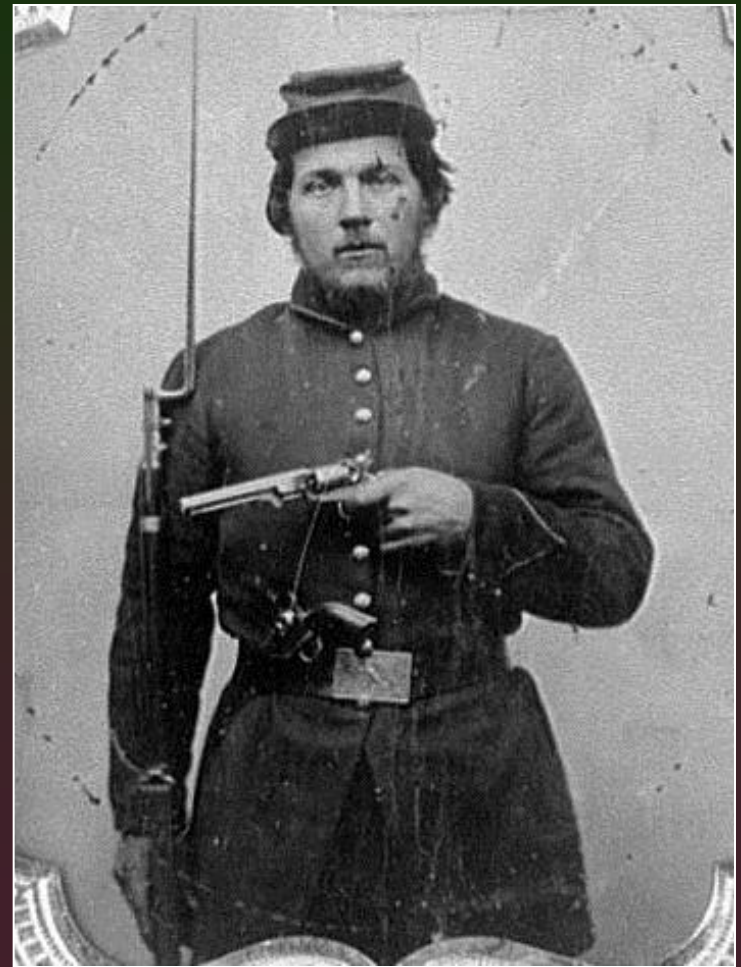
May, 1864

Battle of Chickamagua

Duration: *Two days*

Grand Total of Wounded
and Dead: 34,654

	Union	Confederacy
Dead	1,657	2,312
Wounded	9,756	14,674
Missing	4,757	1,468
Total	16,170	18,484



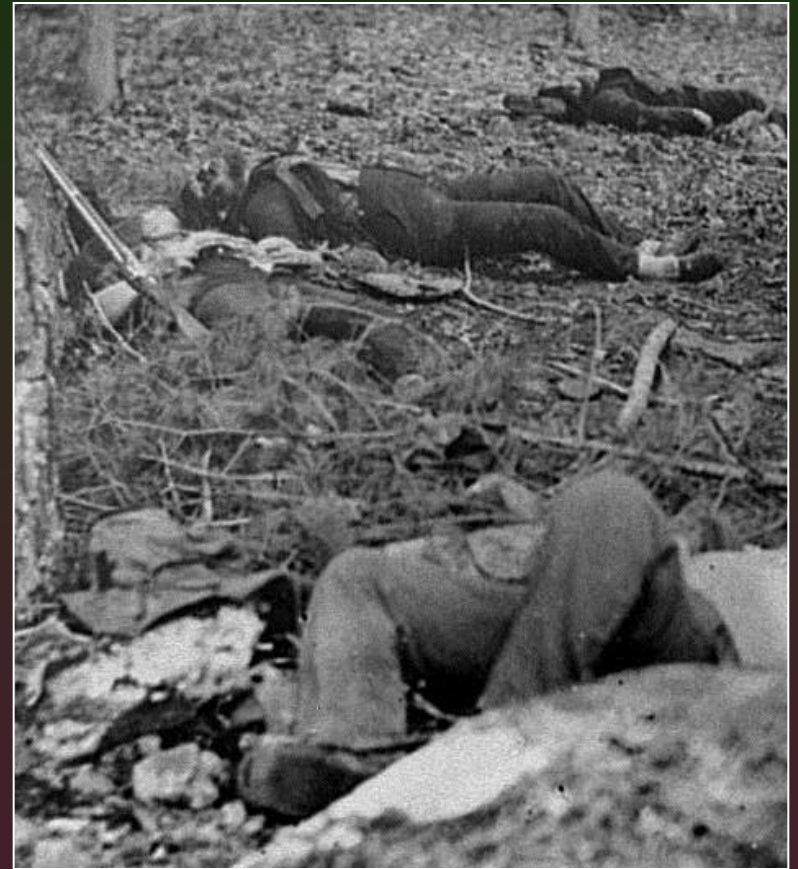
Portrait of Pvt. George F. Norris, Company K,
5th Vermont Infantry, U.S.A

Battle of Chancellorsville

Duration: *Four days*

Grand Total of Wounded
and Dead: 29,556

	Union	Confederacy
Dead	1,575	1,665
Wounded	9,594	9,081
Missing	5,676	2,018
Total	16,792	12,764



Three Dead in the Woods Near
Little Round Top in Pa.

July 1863

Battle of Sharpsburg/Antietam

Duration: *One day*

**Grand Total of Wounded
and Dead: 26,134**

	Union	Confederacy
Dead	2,108	2,700
Wounded	9,549	9,024
Missing	753	2,000
Total	12,410	13,724



**Confederate Dead Gathered for
Burial at Antietam**

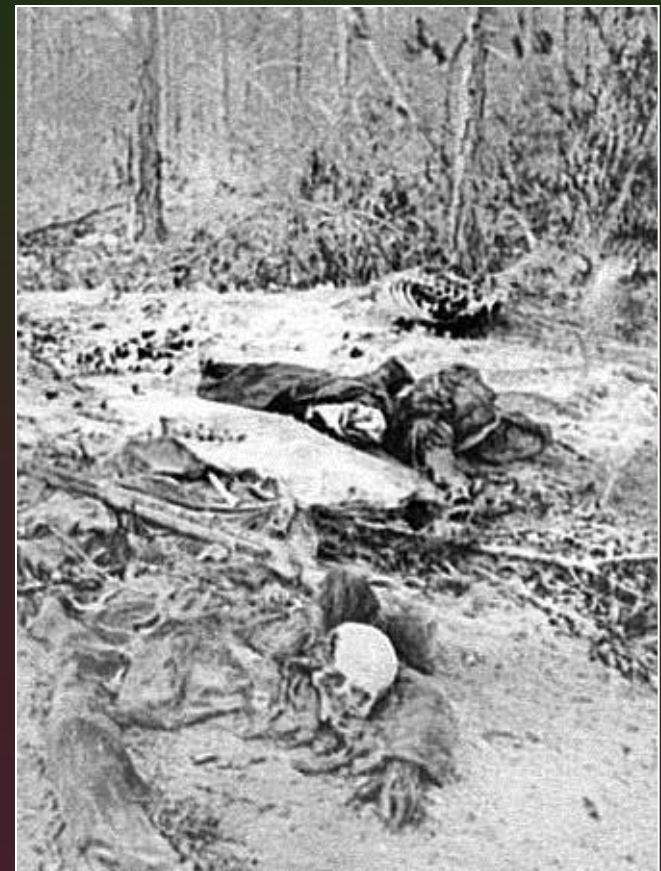
September 1862

Battle of Second Manassas/ Bull Run

Duration: *Three days*

Grand Total of Wounded
and Dead: *25,251*

	Union	Confederacy
Dead	1,724	1,481
Wounded	8,372	7,627
Missing	5,958	89
Total	16,054	9,197



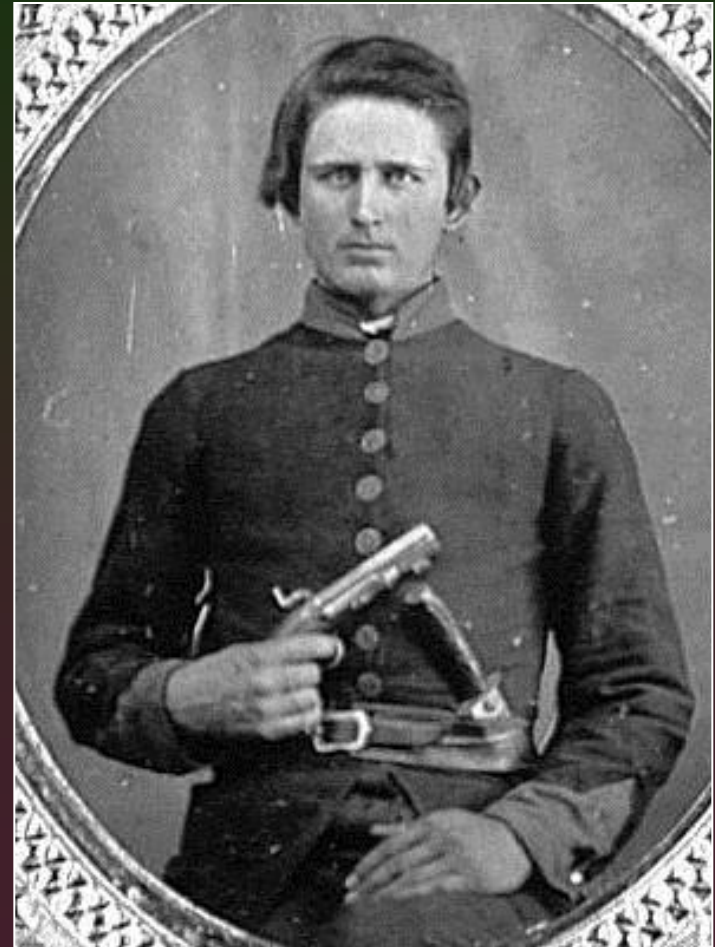
Unburied Dead in Forest
Near Cold Harbor, Va. in 1862

Battle of Stone's River / Murfreesborg

Duration: *Two days*

Grand Total of Wounded
and Dead: *24,701*

	Union	Confederacy
Dead	1,677	1,294
Wounded	7,543	7,945
Missing	3,686	2,476
Total	12,906	11,795



Portrait of Pvt. Robert Patterson, Company
D, 12th Tennessee Infantry, C.S.A.

Battle of Shiloh

Duration: *Two days*

**Grand Total of Wounded
and Dead: 23,741**

	Union	Confederacy
Dead	1,754	1,723
Wounded	8,408	8,012
Missing	2,885	959
Total	13,047	10,694



**Dead Confederate soldiers in the
"slaughter pen" at the foot of Little
Round Top, Gettysberg in 1863.**

Battle of Fredericksburg

Duration: *Two days*

Grand Total of Wounded
and Dead: *17,962*

	Union	Confederacy
Dead	1,284	595
Wounded	9,600	4,061
Missing	1,769	653
Total	12,653	5,309



Unburied Dead in Forest
Near Cold Harbor, Va. in 1862

Battle of the Wilderness

May-June 1865

Some of the great blood baths of the war came as General Grant drove on Richmond in the spring of 1864. Confederate casualties are missing for this campaign but were enormous.



Body of a Confederate soldier near Mrs. Alsop's house in vicinity of Spotsylvania Court House, Va. *May 1865*

Federal Losses in the Battle of the Wilderness

The Wilderness, May 5-7: 17,666

Spotsylvania, May 10 and 12: 10,920

Drewry's Bluff, May 12-16: 4,160

Cold Harbor, June 1-3: 12,000

Petersburg, June 15-30: 16,569

These total 61,315 with rolls of the missing incomplete.



Petersburg, Va. Dead Confederate soldier with gun

April 3, 1865

THE FACES OF THE DEAD









Savage Station, Va. Field hospital after the battle of June 27.

June 30, 1862



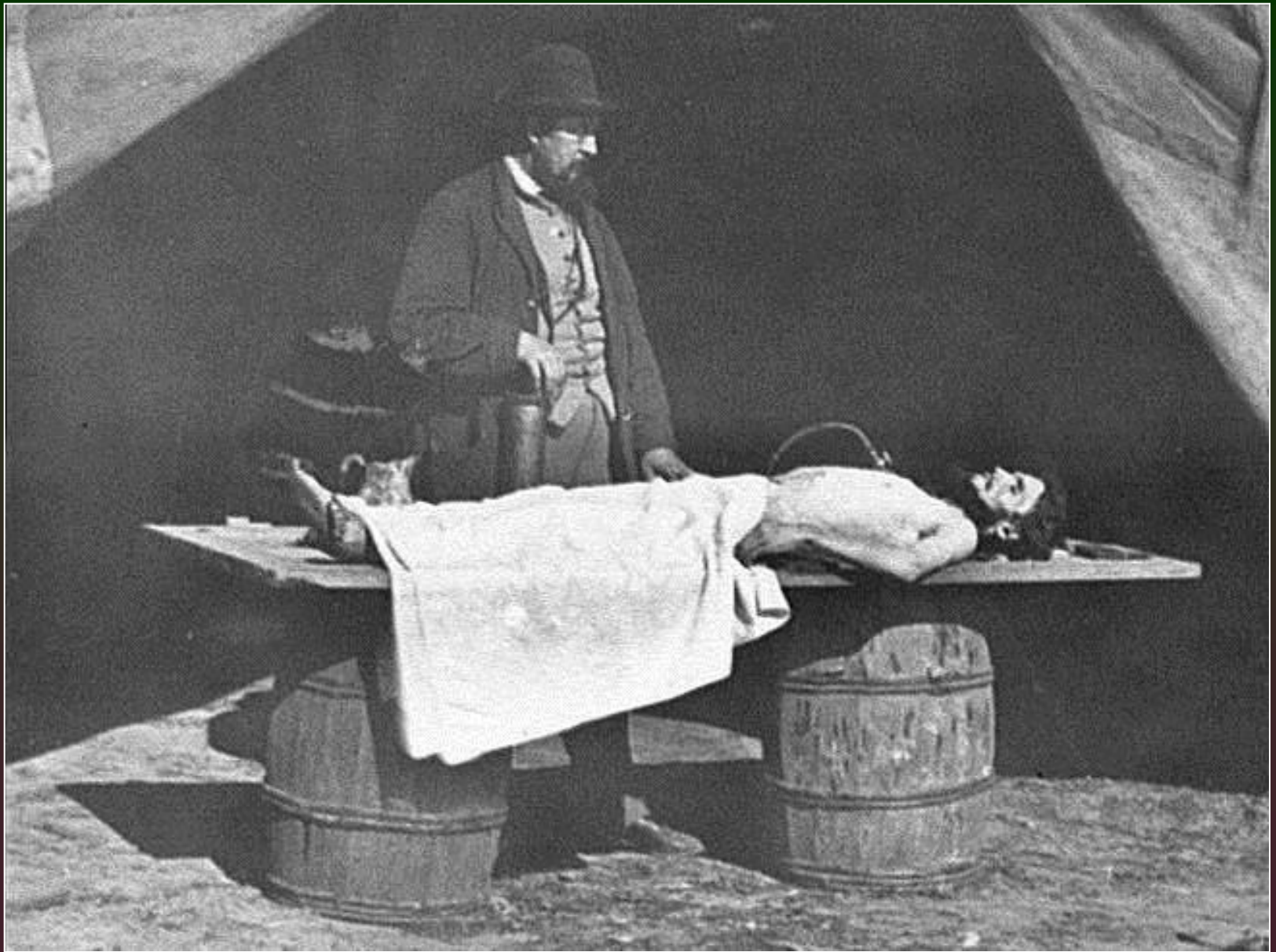
**Cold Harbor, Va. African Americans collecting bones
of soldiers killed in the battle.**
April 1865



**Washington, D.C. Patients in Ward K of Armory Square Hospital.
1865 August**



Washington, D.C. Patients in ward of Harewood Hospital; mosquito nets over beds.



Unknown location. Embalming surgeon at work on soldier's body.

“FIX ME”

