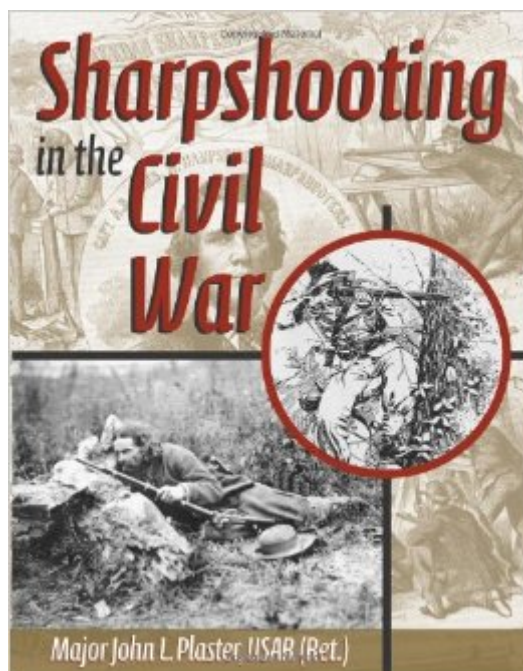


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# Sharpshooting In The Civil War



## Synopsis

Here is the single greatest volume ever published about Civil War sharpshooting, from the expert perspective of world-renowned sniping and shooting authority John L. Plaster. Comprehensive in scope, this book details how sharpshooters were recruited, trained, and organized. Plaster fully explores their armaments, their tactics and techniques, and how they operated (sometimes decisively) in battle. Discover dozens of accomplished and colorful but forgotten sharpshooters who, until now, had faded into the past. Exhaustively researched and profusely illustrated, these pages contain more than 160 rare photos, along with original artwork. Excerpted from Plaster's epic History of Sniping and Sharpshooting, this book is a must-have for historians, reenactors, and students of the American Civil War.

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Major John L. Plaster, USAR (Ret) has written a lively and fascinating history of the elite sharpshooters and their weapons during the Civil War. Throughout American history from the French and Indian War to today's conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, elite sharpshooters have played an integral part in warfare. Major Plaster's book is the history of these elite sharpshooters during the Civil War. The book has the history of the men (both Union and Confederate), the weapons they used (often personal rifles that were non-government issue), the regiments they composed of, and the targets (deadly toll of officers and enlisted during battles, skirmishes, and targets of opportunity). The outstanding book is detailed in the following chapters:- Introduction Part One: Organizing for

War1: Sharpshooters of the Confederacy2: Sharpshooters of the UnionPart Two: Sharpshooter Weapons and Tactics3. Confederate Sharpshooter Weapons and Equipment4. Union Sharpshooter Weapons and Equipment5. Sharpshooter Tactics and TechniquesPart Three: Sharpshooters in Battle6. Bloody Days: Antietam and Fredericksburg7. Three Days at Gettysburg8. Vicksburg to the Bitter End- Bibliography- IndexMajor Plaster highlights the elite history of individual sharpshooters who were outstanding hunters by and large before the Civil War. These outdoorsmen would bring their own hunting rifles and "try out" for the regiments. One of the first Union Officers who raised a regiment of these sharpshooters was Colonel Hiram Berdan who also had the men wear their distinctive forest green uniforms instead of the Union Blue.

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