

The War Continues, 1862–1864 ^[1]

Most people on both sides had expected a quick war, but by 1862 it was clear the war would continue for years and take a terrible cost. The entire Confederacy, as well as Maryland and Pennsylvania, saw bloody battles. In North Carolina, a battalion of Cherokees served the Confederacy, while in the east, enslaved African Americans escaped to Union lines, were freed, and joined the U.S. Army. Blockade runners dodged Union ships to bring needed supplies and luxury items to the port of Wilmington. In this chapter, we'll follow the middle years of the war through the experiences of North Carolinians of all backgrounds.

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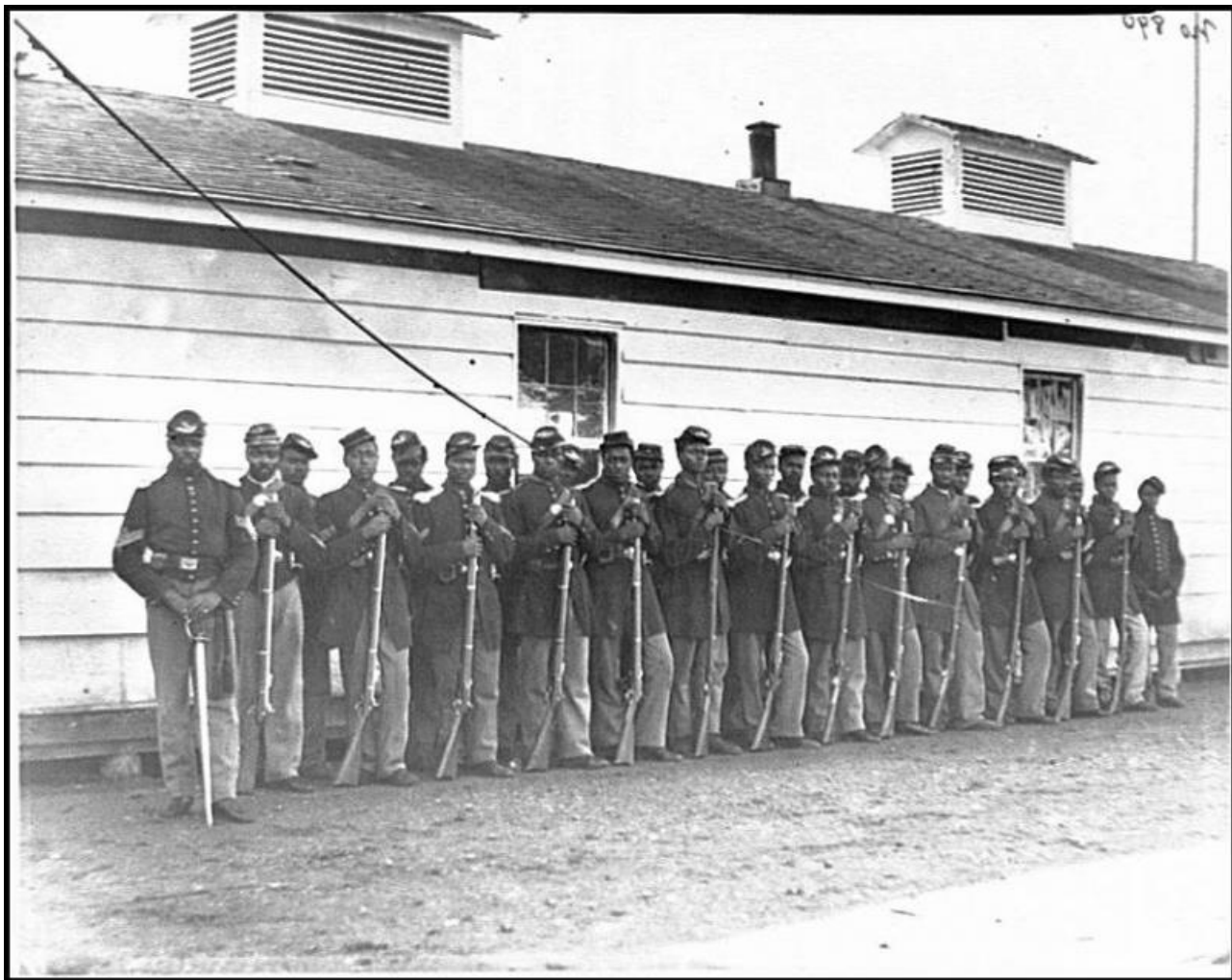
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An image of Company E, 4th United States Colored Infantry was assigned to defend D.C. the 27 soldiers were the first to serve for the Union in 1863.

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