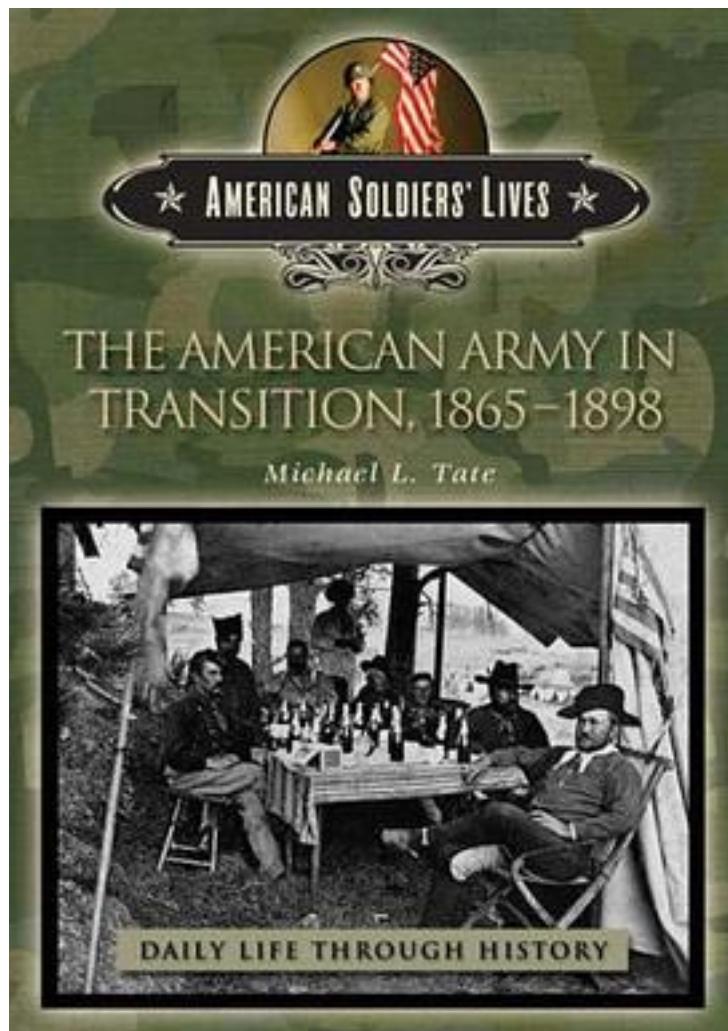


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The last thirty-five years of the nineteenth century were a time of dramatic change for

the U.S. military, including the Reconstruction of the South after the Civil War; fighting the Indian Wars from 1865 to 1890; and shifting military personnel concerns and increased responsibilities, including law enforcement, protection of the National Parks, and border patrols. As the century neared its end, the army faced increasing retrenchment and increased advocacy for veterans' causes as the Civil War veteran population aged. Based on documents, diaries, newspaper accounts, and family histories, this book illustrates the lives of the average soldier and his family, his involvement with the community, and his contributions and needs as a veteran. Highlights of the topics covered in this volume include: Reconstruction duty in the South; staffing the new military departments in the West; relations between Native Americans and soldiers, including Indian scouts, and Indian rights; promoting Western overland transportation, river improvements and communication; army relief work, and protecting the fledgling National Parks; the experiences of White, Black and Indian Soldiers; relations with civilian communities; veterans' needs, and pensions for military families. The book also includes a timeline, a topically arranged bibliography, and a comprehensive index.

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