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***UNITED STATES INVALID CORPS***

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**Bret Schweinfurth**

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Bret Schweinfurth will tell the story of the Invalid Corps which was organized under authority of General Order No. 105 from the War Department dated April 28, 1863. This Corps, later known as the Veteran Reserve Corps, was created to make suitable use in a military or semi-military capacity of soldiers who had been rendered unfit for active field service due to their wounds or disease contracted in line of duty, but who were still fit for garrison or other light duty. These soldiers were, in the opinion of their commanding officers, meritorious and deserving.

Those serving in the Invalid Corps were divided into two classes:

- Class 1, partially disabled soldiers whose periods of service had not yet expired, and who were transferred directly to the Corps, there to complete their terms of enlistment;
- Class 2, soldiers who had been discharged due to wounds, disease, or other disabilities, but who were able to perform light duty and desired to do so.

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