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back to 1862 ourselves, these accounts are the best way to do it. Stockwell's book does a great job of clarifying what a civil war soldier's number one concern was - getting something to eat. A large part of his remembering of the war is the continual search for food. The book really brings this home. As you read certain passages you can get a very clear picture in your mind just how hard of a life this soldierin' actually was. The book also gives a good account of how casually death came to some soldiers. They are killed when they are eating, standing in line, etc. by stray bullets. And Stockwell is a witness and his descriptions of these scenes bring home the absurd horror of war. If the book has a failing it is that it is not in 7 volumes. That way, when you finish this first part so quickly, there would be six more to read. So, quick read or not, Rest in peace, old soldier. I enjoyed your adventure.

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