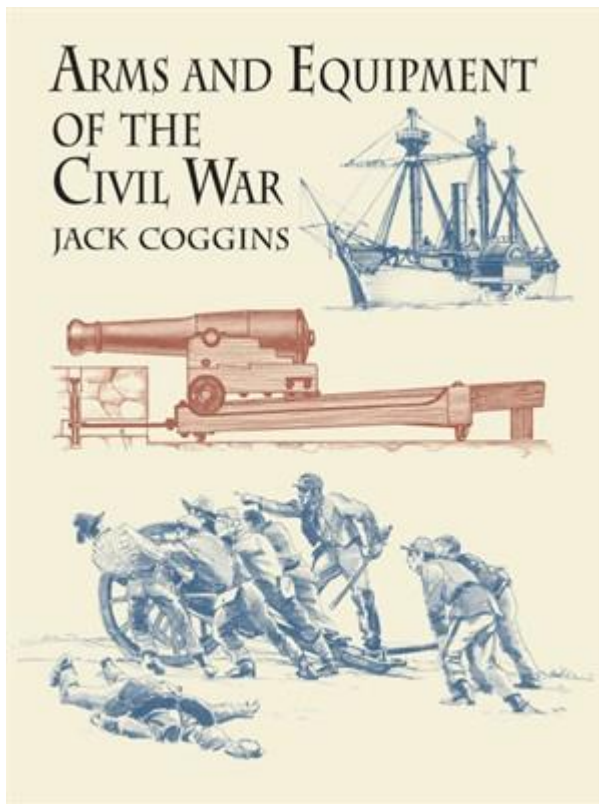


# **'Arms and Equipment of the Civil War'**

## **By Jack Coggins**

### **Review by Mike Crane**

**O**f all the books about the American Civil War, this is one of my favorites. It is a great resource book. Jack Coggins was the author and illustrator. All of the basic topics of the Civil War are considered. These are stated in the table of contents: The Infantry, The Cavalry, The Artillery, The Engineers, The Signal Corps, Railroads, The Medical Departments, The Quartermaster Corps, and The Navies. A bibliography and index are also listed.



Coggins writes in great detail about the arms and equipment of the armies and navies of that era. He also drew many (and I do mean *ömanyö*) accurate black and white pictures illustrating uniforms, weapons, saddles, cannons, pontoon bridges, ships, etc. of the Civil War armies and navies. There was nothing that could be compared to this book when it was first published in 1962. It was a virtual encyclopedia of information. Although many books have been written about the arms and equipment of the Civil War since then, this is still one of the best, most inclusive books to be found on the subject. If you are a serious student of the American Civil War, you will want to have this book in your library. If you plan to play wargame scenarios from the American Civil War, you simply must have this book.

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