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INTRODUCTION

These references provide a survey of Minnesota's military role in the Civil War.

Not included here, for the sake of brevity, are those works relating to the U.S. - Dakota Conflict of 1862 that are not concerned specifically with military activities. Also not included are works concerning Civil War veterans' activities and organizations unless they contain specific information on wartime service.

Sources additional to those listed that are recommended for in depth research on Minnesota in the Civil War include:

- Minnesota state, county and city histories published during the late 19th century are often rich in personal military anecdotes.
- Earlier collections of Minnesota biographies frequently detail the war service of prominent Minnesotans.
- Newspapers, especially those dating from the 50th (1911-1915) and the 100th (1961-1965) anniversaries of the war, and war time papers dating from the weeks following specific battles or military unit activities.
- Grand Army of the Republic and other veterans' publications sometimes contain biographical memorials or anecdotes of service.
- Minnesota Civil War soldier manuscript diaries, journals, letters and photographs, of which the Minnesota Historical Society preserves rich and well cataloged collections.
- Contemporary unit records of various Minnesota military organizations, including order books, rosters, descriptive books and regimental papers, held both by the Minnesota Historical Society and the National Archives and Reference Administration.
- Card File of Minnesota Civil War Veterans maintained by the Minnesota Historical Society Reference Department that lists military unit and often other data such as burial location and G.A.R. membership affiliation of Minnesota Civil War soldiers and other Civil War veterans residing in the state.
- Special Veterans’ Census of 1890 available on microfilm and with index.

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