



FREEDOM SOLDIERS

The Emancipation of Black Soldiers in Civil War Camps, Courts & Prisons

The men examined in *Freedom Soldiers* took self-granted breaks--"leaves of freedom"--and, once caught, were tried by the US Army for the military crime of "desertion." In the courts-martial, they justified their unauthorized departures by telling authorities that they left to temporarily help their families, regain their health, and evade violent officers. Army judges nevertheless convicted freedom seekers, sending most to military prisons.

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