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The soldiers and sailors of the Civil War lived their lifetimes in years that saw tremendous changes in the world. Older Civil War officers included Major General Winfield Scott, who was born in 1786, before the writing of the constitution, the Presidency of George Washington and the Age of Steam. Some of the younger soldiers on the other hand, lived until the age of the automobile and television.

The Civil War ended in 1865 which was:

- Two years before Dr. Joseph Lister of Great Britain introduced aseptic surgery in 1867. Keeping wounds clean lowered infection rates drastically, a practice that would have saved countless thousands during the Civil War.

- Two years before Secretary of State William Seward pushed through the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867.

- Five years before Louis Pasteur of France and Dr. Robert Koch of Germany proved in 1870 that diseases were caused by microscopic germs.

- Eleven years before Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876.

- Thirteen years before Thomas Edison patented his phonograph in 1878.

- Fourteen years before Thomas Edison invented the incandescent light bulb.

- Twenty years before Karl Benz introduced his gasoline powered automobile on Germany in 1885.

- Twenty-five years before motion picture photography.

- Thirty-three years before former Confederate Generals, Fitzhugh Lee, Thomas Rosser and Joseph Wheeler were appointed as Generals in the U.S. Army during the Spanish American War of 1898.

- Thirty-eight years before the Wright Brothers flew their airplane at Kittyhawk, North Carolina in 1903.

- Fifty-seven years before commercial radio broadcasting began at KDKA, Pittsburg in 1922.

- Sixty-two years before the first talking motion picture, *The Jazz Singer*, was released in 1927.

- Sixty-eight years before the death of the last non-brevet Civil War general, Union Major General Adelbert Ames in 1933.

- Seventy-four years before the motion picture...*Gone With The Wind*.