

**CW/VFM-91: *James Hunter Stevenson***

Life in the Regular Army: A Narrative of the Exciting Adventures of a United States Cavalry Expedition Across Western Prairies, Desert and Mountains in 1853-1856

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Stevenson, being desirous for adventure, enlisted for five years in the US Cavalry while he was still a teenager. He discusses training and becoming accustomed to camp life; including being picked on by the seasoned troops. Once they are through with training, he describes camp life in great detail. Throughout his term in the cavalry, he travels around the country and briefly describes his stay in each place. He mainly discusses his duties as a soldier in the US Cavalry, and mentions the little violence that he did witness due to Indian raids. But he also discusses the adventures he has on the frontier.

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