

Glossary

This glossary defines vocabulary as it is used in this book. The definitions given here are the ones that will be most helpful in reading *Rebel in Petticoats*. The page number in parenthesis refers to the page on which each word is introduced.

- aide** – a person who acts as a helper (p. 246)
- assault** – a violent attack (p. 149)
- bayonet** – a knife attached to the muzzle of a rifle for use in close contact (p. 61)
- beau** – the sweetheart of a woman or girl (p. 110)
- betrothed** – engaged to be married (p. 125)
- blockade** – the closing off of an area to prevent movement of people and supplies (p. 107)
- buckboard** – a four-wheeled, open carriage with a seat carried on a flooring of long, flexible boards whose ends rest directly on the axles. (p. 50)
- casualties** – persons who are killed, wounded, captured, or missing during a military action (p. 67)
- cavalry** – military troops that were formerly trained to fight on horseback (p. 60)
- color-bearer** – a soldier who carries the flag (or colors) of a unit of troops in a battle (p. 182)
- corporal** – an Army or Marine Corps officer ranking above private (p. 246)
- desertion** – the act of leaving one's duty in the military without permission (p. 261)
- entrench** – to surround or fortify with a trench or trenches (p. 172)
- evacuate** – to leave or send away from a dangerous place (p. 22)
- gingham** – a cotton cloth that is usually woven in checks, stripes, or plaids (p. 124)
- harbor** – 1. to give shelter to; hold (p. 225) 2. a sheltered place along the coast where ships can safely anchor or dock (p. 23)
- haversack** – a bag, slung from the shoulder, for a soldier's rations (p. 59)
- infantry** – the branch of an army made up of units trained to fight on foot (p. 60)
- legislature** – a body of people with the power to make and change laws (p. 16)
- lieutenant** – a low-ranking military officer (p. 60)
- minie ball** – a conical rifle ball designed for the muzzle-loading Minie rifle invented in 1847 and used dominantly in the Civil War (p. 153)
- muzzle** – the front part of a gun barrel (p. 219)
- occupy** – to take possession and control of (p. 22)
- oilcloth** – a cotton fabric coated on one side with vegetable oils mixed with a clay filler making it waterproof (p. 245)
- pendulum** – a weight hung, as in a clock, so that it can swing back and forth (p. 255)
- petticoat** – a skirt worn by girls and women as an undergarment (p. 3)
- regiment** – a unit of troops made up of two or more battalions (p. 148)
- siege** – the surrounding of a town, city, or fortress for a long time by an army that is trying to make it surrender (p. 183)
- subordinate** – a person who is lower in rank to another (p. 139)
- swoon** – to faint (p. 220)
- typhoid** – a very serious contagious disease that is marked by high fever and is caused by germs in dirty food or water (p. 217)
- veteran** – a person who has served in the armed forces, especially during a war (p. 66)

Notes: *The American Heritage Children's Dictionary*
Webster's New World Dictionary