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Abstract:

Disease killed two-thirds of the soldiers who died during the Civil War. And of the various maladies that plagued the war, yellow fever was more pervasive than malaria—a mosquito-borne illness which afflicted over 1.1 million soldiers serving in the South. Yellow fever, another disease transmitted by mosquitoes, struck fear into the hearts of military planners who knew that "jack" could wipe out an entire army in a matter of weeks. Bell examines the physiological and psychological effects of these diseases and their impact on military operations and strategy in 1862, the first full year of the war.

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