

# HISTORY AT HOME

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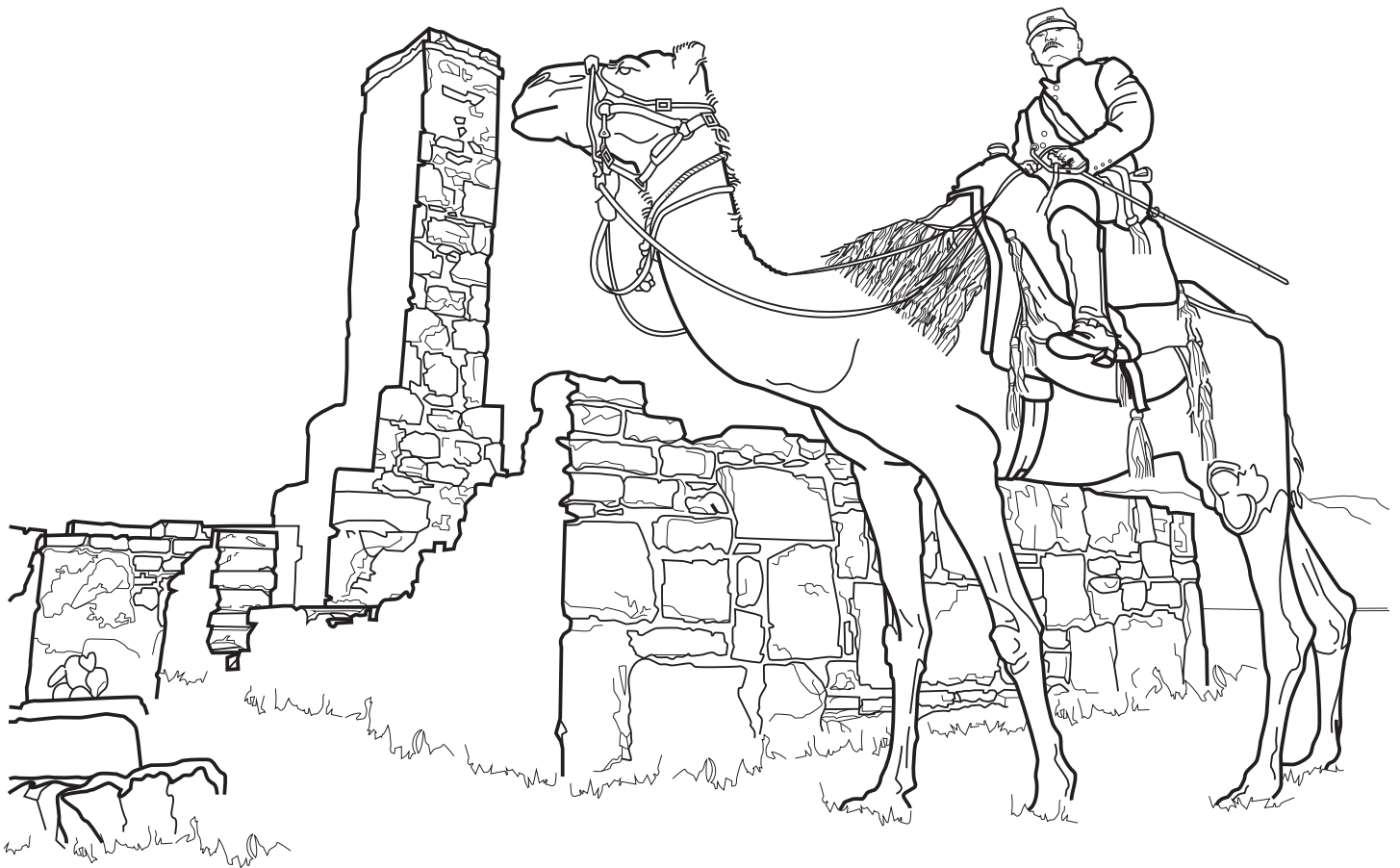
## MILITARY HISTORY

**DID YOU KNOW?** In 1856, camels arrived via ship at the port of Indianola, Texas. The camels came from Greece, Turkey, Malta, and Egypt. The Army believed that camels would overcome many of the obstacles associated with the inhospitable American Southwest.

Field experiments included a trek to the Big Bend region, and a survey of a wagon road through the New Mexico and

Arizona territories to California. The camels arrived at Fort Lancaster in July 1857.

After 1857, the camels were used in a few other expeditions, but never as often as horses and mules. When Texas seceded from the Union in 1861, many camels fell under Confederate control. They weren't used in the Civil War.



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