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 - i. Comparisons with British and French armies at Waterloo, 1815
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- 4. James H. Burton and the Minie ball
- 5. Northern and Southern arms making compared
 - i. The Springfield Armory and mass production
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- 6. Tactical impact of new weapons
 - i. Fredericksburg, Dec. 1862
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- B. The Civil War and the origins of modern warfare: some observations and conclusions