



BUGLES

A bugle is a cone-shaped brass horn. The American army started using the bugle during the War of 1812. During the Civil War the bugle replaced the fife and drum, because it could be heard at great distances. The fife and drum could not be heard as well as the bugle. The bugle meant so much to the Union army that it became their symbol.

After the Civil War, many groups besides the army started to use the bugle to keep in touch. Bugles announced meal times on passenger ships. Bicycle clubs used bugles to signal to their members. Horse racetracks used the bugle to start the race.

The radio ended the everyday use of the bugle. It is still used in drum and bugle corps and "Taps" are still played at many funerals.