



Civil War Terms

Union Army – Military of the United States of America (Associated with the North)

Confederate Army – Military of the Confederate States of America (Associated with the South)

Telegraph - A communications system that transmits and receives simple electric impulses, in which wires directly connect the transmission and reception stations.

Morse Code - code used for transmitting messages by telegraph in which letters of the alphabet and numbers are represented by various sequences of dots and dashes or short and long signals.

Infantry - Soldiers armed and trained to fight on foot.

Artillery – Soldiers that specialized in using cannons.

Calvary - Fast moving troops trained to fight on horseback.

Kepi – French designed cap, similar to a modern baseball hat. Effective for keeping the sun out of soldiers' eyes

Haversack – Cloth bag used by a soldier to carry his personal belongs.

Canteen – Tin water container; Often covered in wool. When the wool was wet, evaporation would help keep the water inside of the canteen cool.

Military Drill – Training for soldiers which taught the correct ways to march and move in combat and handle their weapons effectively.