

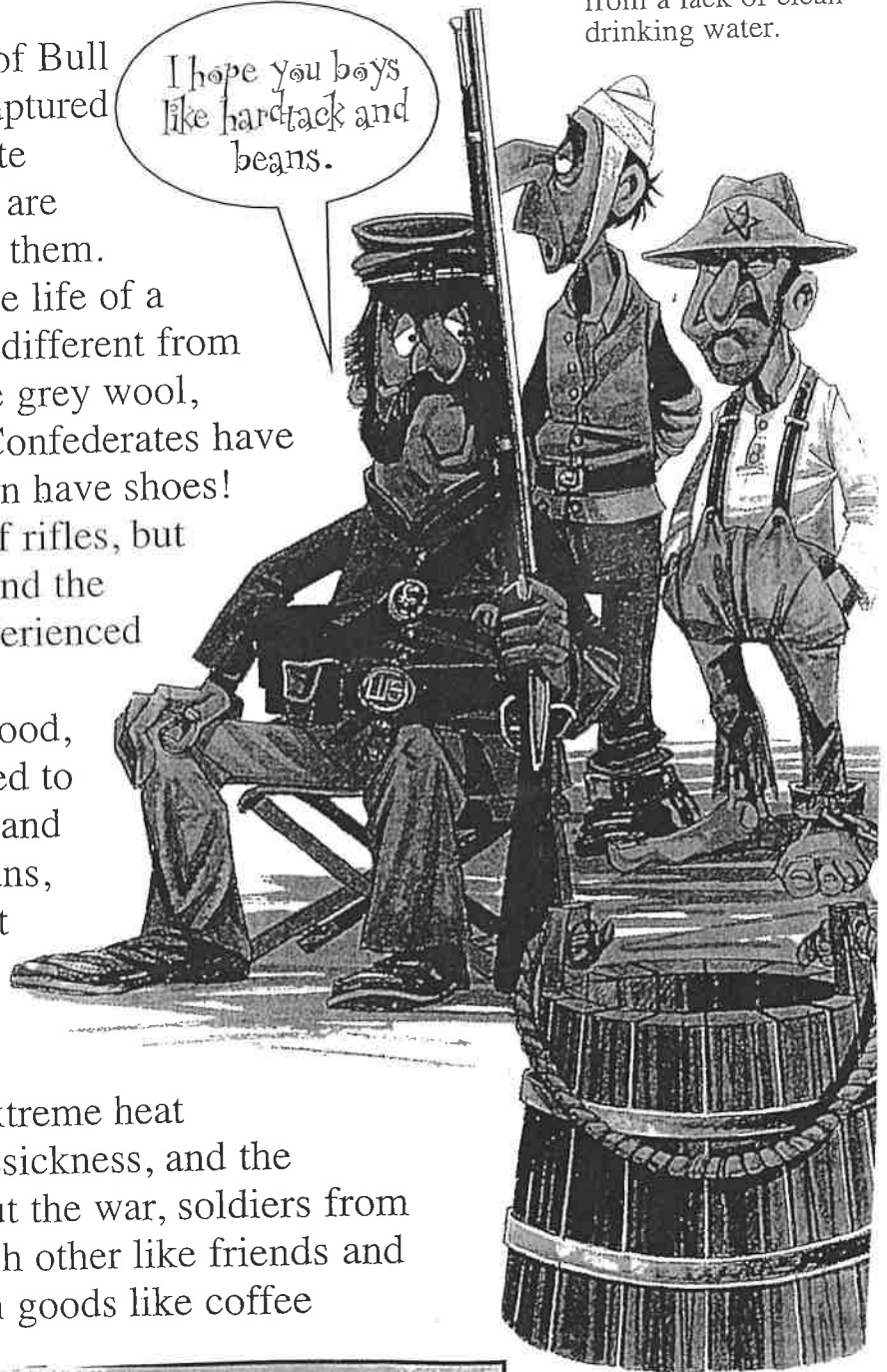
Try not to get captured!  
Even if prisoners of war were treated well, many still died of malnutrition, disease, or from a lack of clean drinking water.



uring the Battle of Bull Run, your unit captured a few Confederate soldiers and you are ordered to guard them.

I hope you boys like hardtack and beans.

You learn that the life of a Confederate soldier is not so different from your own. Their uniforms are grey wool, similar to yours, but not all Confederates have uniforms and some don't even have shoes! They have muskets instead of rifles, but many are excellent soldiers and the Confederate generals are experienced and skilled. The food in the Confederate army is not as good, or as plentiful, as you are used to and they have fewer doctors and nurses. But they are Americans, just like you. You realize that the Southern soldiers have to endure the same hardships you do: living outdoors, long marches in extreme heat or cold, loneliness and homesickness, and the dangers of battle. Throughout the war, soldiers from each side will often treat each other like friends and trade news, stories, and even goods like coffee and tobacco.



In the Confederate army, cavalry soldiers (right) have to supply their own horses. You have to be a very good horseman to ride in the cavalry.



**DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS.** Most Confederate soldiers grew up on farms and were used to horses and guns. Southerners expected their soldiers to be superior to Northern soldiers, many of whom were from cities and had never fired a gun before.

## Challenges

1. What article of clothing did some confederates not have?
2. What do you have to be in order to join the cavalry?
3. Which side was expected to have better marksmen?
4. What 2 things did the armies share?
5. Why didn't you want to be taken prisoner?
6. What color were the confederate uniforms and what were they made out of?
7. How were the two armies similar?