CIVIL WAR SOLDIER VOCABULARY

ARTILLERY--cannon and other large weapons.

BAYONET--weapon like a knife attached to front end of a musket or rifle.

BEDROLL--blankets rolled and carried by soldiers, also contained personal belongings.

BUMMER--soldier that would take needed items from farmers and townspeople.

CANTEEN--tin or wood container on a strap, used to carry liquid.

CAP--a small device used to explode powder in a musket barrel.

CAP BOX--small box of leather attached to the belt to hold caps used to fire muskets.

CARTRIDGE--paper tube which held a bullet and gun powder.

CARTRIDGE BOX--box made of leather used to hold cartridges.

CAVALRY--group of men fighting from horseback.

FORAGING--roving the countryside in search of food, sometimes taking from farmers.

HARDTACK--hard biscuit made of flour, salt, and water.

HAVERSACK--small canvas sack used by soldiers to carry their food.

HOUSEWIFE--small sewing kit.

INFANTRY--group of men fighting on foot.

JACKET--four-button woolen or cotton coat worn by Civil War Soldiers.

KEPI--cap or hat worn by Civil War Soldiers, part of uniform.

KNAPSACK--canvas container strapped to a soldier s back which held personal belongings.

RIFLED-MUSKET--musket loading gun, fired with cartridge and cap.

SUSPENDERS--cloth or leather used to hold up pants.

TIN CUP--cup used to hold water and to cook with

CHIEF COOK AND BOTTLE WASHER--person able to do many things

SHEET IRON CRACKERS--hardtack

SARDINE BOX--cap box

BREAD BASKET--stomach

ARKANSAS TOOTHPICK--a large knife

PEPPERBOX--pistol

FIT TO BE TIED--angry

HORSE SENSE--on the ball or being smart

HUNKEY DOREY--great!, fabulous!

GREENHORN, BUGGER, SKUNK--officers

SNUG AS A BUG--cozy or comfortable

SAWBONES--surgeons

SKEDADDLE--scatter or run

HORNETS--bullets

POSSUM--a pal, friend, or buddy

FIT AS A FIDDLE--healthy or in great shape

UPPITY--conceited

SCARCE AS HEN'S TEETH--rare or scarce

HARD CASE--tough

BLUFF--cheater

HARD KNOCKS--beaten up

BEEN THROUGH THE MILL--done a lot

PLAYED OUT--worn out