

Civil War Slang

1. CHIEF COOK AND BOTTLE WASHER--person able to do many things
2. SHEET IRON CRACKERS--hardtack
3. SARDINE BOX--cap box
4. BREAD BASKET--stomach
5. GREENBACKS--money
6. GRAYBACKS--lice or Southern Soldiers
7. ARKANSAS TOOTHPICK--a large knife
8. PEPPERBOX--pistol
9. FIT TO BE TIED--angry
10. HORSE SENSE--on the ball or being smart
11. TOP RAIL #1--first class
12. HUNKEY DOREY--great!, fabulous!
13. GREENHORN, BUGGER, SKUNK--officers
14. SNUG AS A BUG--cozy or comfortable
15. SAWBONES--surgeons
16. SKEDADDLE--scatter or run
17. HORNETS--bullets
18. BULLY--yeah! hurrah!
19. POSSUM--a pal, friend, or buddy
20. FIT AS A FIDDLE--healthy or in great shape
21. UPPITY--conceited
22. SCARCE AS HEN S TEETH--rare or scarce
23. GRAB A ROOT--potato or have dinner
24. TIGHT, WALLPAPERED--drunk
25. BARK JUICE, TAR WATER, NOKUM STIFF, JOY JUICE--liquor
26. HARD CASE--tough
27. BLUFF--cheater
28. JAILBIRD--criminal or prisoner
29. HARD KNOCKS--beaten up
30. BEEN THROUGH THE MILL--done a lot
31. QUICK-STEP--diarrhea
32. PLAYED OUT--worn out
33. TOEING THE MARK--doing the job
34. GOOBERS--peanuts
35. SUNDAY SOLDIERS, KID GLOVE BOYS, PARLOR SOLDIERS
36. FRESH FISH--raw recruits
37. WHIPPED—beaten

Five Part Letter Form

1. **HEADING:** The heading includes your address and the date.
2. **SALUTATION:** This usually begins with “Dear...” After the person’s name you put a comma.
3. **BODY:** The body of the letter is the information you are writing in your letter.
4. **CLOSING:** In the closing the first word is capitalized and you put a comma after the last word. Some examples are Sincerely, Yours truly, Your friend, Love,
5. **SIGNATURE:** This is your name. It goes under the closing.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A FIVE PART LETTER:

1) Erie, Pennsylvania
March 31, 2014

2) Dear Sister Mary,

3) I enjoyed receiving your letter. I am sure we will become good friends. Please come to my house for a visit. Hope to see you soon.

4) Your friend,
5) Margo