

Confederate forage cap with infantry horn Insignia Object Card

In 1858, a board of officers designed the forage cap for general use in the US Army. It is important to know that the design was adopted, in part, because it could be sewn by machine rather than by hand, thus reducing the expense. Of the eight officers on the board which approved the design in 1858, at least five became Confederate soldiers. It provided little protection from the weather and was universally hated by the soldiers.

