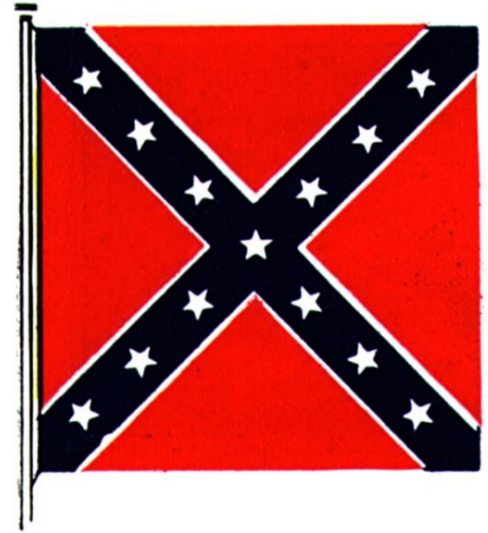


Advantages for Southerners

- Southerners fought for independence, a clear objective. Northerners fought for less cohesive objectives. Some fought to preserve the Union. Some fought to eliminate slavery.
- The South fought a defensive war. Northern troops had to carry out an offensive invasion.
- The South had a strong military tradition. Many of the finest U.S. Army and Naval officers were from Southern states.
- The Federal government had great arsenals and military bases located in Southern states.
- Southerners believed that Great Britain and France would provide military assistance because of their economic dependency on cotton.



“The best-known Confederate flag was the Battle Flag, the familiar ‘Southern Cross.’ It was carried by Confederate troops in the field which were the vast majority of forces under the confederacy. The Stars represented the 11 states actually in the Confederacy plus Kentucky and Missouri.”

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