Private of the Iron Brigade

Black: hat, haversack, belt, cap box, bayonet scabbard, shoes
Dark blue: sack coat
Sky-blue: trousers, canteen cover, hat cord
Gray: blanket roll
Brown: rifle stock, rifle sling
Yellow: belt plate, bayonet scabbard tip, hat badge
Silver: bayonet, musket lock, barrel, and fittings

The Iron Brigade was formed by Union volunteers from small towns in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan. This Brigade was to become a legend of the Civil War. Their distinctive headgear, which was called a "Jeff Davis" or "Hardee" hat, originated their nickname of the "Black Hat Brigade." This private reads a sad letter from home.