

WITH LEE IN VIRGINIA

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4. **BREAD BASKET** _____
5. **GREENBACKS** _____
6. **GRAYBACKS** _____
7. **ARKANSAS TOOTHPICK** _____
8. **PEPPERBOX** _____
9. **FIT TO BE TIED** _____
10. **HORSE SENSE** _____
11. **TOP RAIL #1** _____
12. **HUNKEY DOREY** _____
13. **GREENHORN, BUGGER, SKUNK** _____
14. **SNUG AS A BUG** _____
15. **SAWBONES** _____
16. **SKEDADDLE** _____
17. **HORNETS** _____
18. **BULLY** _____
19. **POSSUM** _____
20. **FIT AS A FIDDLE** _____
21. **UPPITY** _____
22. **SCARCE AS HENS TEETH** _____
23. **GRAB A ROOT** _____
24. **HARD CASE** _____
25. **BLUFF** _____
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1. CHIEF COOK AND BOTTLE WASHER _____ *A person able to do many things*
2. SHEET IRON CRACKERS _____ *Hardtack*
3. SARDINE BOX _____ *Hat box*
4. BREAD BASKET _____ *Stomach*
5. GREENBACKS _____ *Money*
6. GRAYBACKS _____ *Lice (and sometimes Southern soldiers)*
7. ARKANSAS TOOTHPICK _____ *A large knife*
8. PEPPERBOX _____ *Pistol*
9. FIT TO BE TIED _____ *Angry*
10. HORSE SENSE _____ *To be smart*
11. TOP RAIL #1 _____ *First class*
12. HUNKEY DOREY _____ *great, fabulous*
13. GREENHORN, BUGGER, SKUNK _____ *officers*
14. SNUG AS A BUG _____ *cozy, comfortable*
15. SAWBONES _____ *Surgeons*
16. SKEDADDLE _____ *To scatter or run*
17. HORNETS _____ *Bullets*
18. BULLY _____ *Another way of saying "yeah!" or "hurrah!"*
19. POSSUM _____ *Friend or buddy*
20. FIT AS A FIDDLE _____ *Healthy or in great shape*
21. UPPITY _____ *Conceited*
22. SCARCE AS HENS TEETH _____ *Rare*
23. GRAB A ROOT _____ *To have dinner*
24. HARD CASE _____ *tough*
25. BLUFF _____ *cheat*
26. JAILBIRD _____ *criminal or prisoner*
27. HARD KNOCKS _____ *To get beaten up*
28. BEEN THROUGH THE MILL _____ *Done a lot, seen a lot*
29. PLAYED OUT _____ *Worn out*
30. TOEING THE MARK _____ *Getting the job done*

