Some very youthful Louisiana soldiers waiting for their first taste of battle, two weeks before Shiloh. These are members of the Washington Artillery of New Orleans. We see them at Camp Louisiana proudly wearing their new boots and their uniforms as yet unfaded by the sun. Louisiana gave liberally of her sons, who distinguished themselves in the fighting throughout the West. The Fifth Company of the Washington Artillery took part in the Battle of Shiloh, where Grant narrowly escaped as crushing defeat at the hands of A. S. Johnston and Beauregard as was administered to the Federals at Bull Run. The Confederates defeated Sherman's troops in the early morning, and by night were in possession of all the Federal camps save one. The Washington Artillery served their guns handsomely and helped materially in forcing the Federals back to the bank of the river. The timely arrival of Buell's army the next day at Pittsburg Landing enabled Grant to recover from the reverses suffered Sunday, April 6, 1862.

Brave sons of Alabama who flocked to the Confederate military camps in 1861 in response to the call of Davis. They are wearing the gray uniform of the Confederacy, and waiting impatiently to be sent against the superior numbers of the North. Alabama sent regiment after regiment into the field. As early as October 7, 1861, the State had furnished 23 regiments, 2 battalions, 10 detached companies of horse and as many of foot; and 5 other regiments were forming. The banners of the Alabamians floated over every battlefield from Manassas to Appomattox, and during the mighty conflict 122,000 men from the State entered the Confederate armies.