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The term Union which is also called Union Army during the American Civil War was the army of individuals that fought for the rights of North America. It was a huge man army with several subdivisions to cover the different part of the region. The name of some prominent union armies includes Army of the Ohio, Army of Potomac, and Army of Tennessee. Whereas on the other hand, the Confederate States of America as also known as Confederacy during the American Civil War (Coulter, 2018). The administration of the 11 states in the south of America took the official affairs into their hands and fought a war which ended with their defeat in the year 1865.

**Advantages and Disadvantages of Union with effects**

**Advantages**

1. The good leadership is the major advantage of the Union. The leaders with extraordinary leadership qualities like William Sherman, George Thomas and biggest of them Lincoln are few examples. The leadership qualities of Lincoln made him a President.
2. The Union had a huge number of the populace. There was no slavery among the Unions, and the people were given allowance to serve the army. With these steps, the number of the army of Union grew by more than 200,000 soldiers.
3. Unions had a strong economy. Their industrial base and commerce were strong enough to provide them a huge benefit. They made their own stuff and supplies in order to meet the requirements of daily needs. They do not depend on imports(Donald, 2015).

**Disadvantages**

1. The Union States were unaware of the terrain of the contenders. This is a huge disadvantage that Union is unaware of the shortest and safest in and out the path of the area under the control of enemies.
2. Union in American Civil War has to track and plan attacks as well as they work in an aggressive way.
3. Victory is the utmost desire of the Union States, and they had a lot of political and social pressure of taking the victory. The pressure affected the soldiers in a negative way as they were unable to focus on the war strategies(Donald, 2015).

**Advantages and Disadvantages of Confederacy with effects**

**Advantages**

1. They had an excellent and remarkable spy system which is an important tool in winning any war.
2. Their war strategies were brilliant and quick. The brilliant war strategies benefit the Confederacy in a huge way.
3. The had an advantage of fighting at their home field. This gives huge emotional support to the Confederate soldiers and fighters (Goldfield, 2015).

**Disadvantages**

1. The transportation system of the Confederate states was very weak and poor. In order to achieve any victory either in war or in trade, the transport and road system of the state must be up to the standards.
2. There were less industrialized than Unions. They had a very little number of factories to produce weapons. Low productivity means low chances of victory.
3. They were in small number. Their population consisted of nearly 9 million individuals having a minimum or zero fighting abilities. This had a huge effect in war as it is quite difficult to win with a low skilled and limited number of men (Goldfield, 2015).

**Turning Point of American Civil War**

The Battle of Antietam was a turning point in the American Civil War. It was the first ever foremost fight to occur in the northern land. The General of the Confederate army planned to produce an uproar by entering his army into Maryland. He was hopeful to won the battle and was determined enough to win on the land of Unions. But the Union defeated the Confederates. This was considered as the bloodiest day in the history of the Civil War (Donald, 2015). The Battle of Gettysburg is also one of the main turning points of the civil war. This battle was a huge defeat to the southern land. The General Lee of south planned to invade Pennsylvania to steal weapons. They failed to do so because of the strength of Union who forced them to retreat to Virginia. Moreover, the Anaconda Plan proved to be a turning point as well. In this plan, the General of South Winfield Scott's made a strategy to use the American Navy in order to block the coast of Confederacy to take control of the Mississippi River (Dew, 2017). This plan caused a huge success to the North, i.e. Union.

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