



The Bugle Call for August 2021



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On the Cover: The sun sets on the Cave Hotel Museum at the Battlefield of Lone Jack, Missouri just out of Kansas City. Early on the morning of August 16, 1862, 2,000 Confederates surprised and defeated a detachment of Federal cavalry led by Maj. Emory S. Foster. Foster, seriously wounded and taken prisoner, surrendered his troops late in the afternoon after 43 were killed and 75 were wounded. Confederate losses were 118 men.

In This Issue: The Chairman's Column, the Confederate Column, the No-Frills Editorial, Board Meeting Summary, Clatsop Landing, Mail Call, Beef, Pets, a Book Review, and other cool stuff.

The Chairman's Column

By Don Benson

The August column is missing in action, presumed killed or captured and in Libby Prison.

The Confederate Column

By Jim Stanovich

ATTENTION BATTALION
PREPARE TO TAKE ARMS!

Our first event in nearly two years is fast approaching. The Battle For Clatsop County is on, Labor Day Weekend, September 4-6. Time to start gathering your reenacting stuff up, clean it up and make those repairs we've all been putting off. If y'all are anything like us, your gear is scattered all over the place, after such a lengthy layoff.

Speaking of the Clatsop event, the NCWC trailer full of fence rails and the Confederate Brigade Flag pole are currently sitting in Dallas Oregon. If there is anyone in the area that is heading towards Astoria, with the ability to tow said trailer and or haul the flagpole before the event, please contact me.

For those who have not renewed your membership for the 2021 season, it's time to get that

done too. Our membership coordinator has set the deadline for Clatsop as August 21st. Anyone who does not get their membership renewal in by then will need to "pay to play" at the event. There will be NO membership renewals at the event!

This is also an odd number year, so don't forget to turn your safety tests into your unit commanders.

Looking forward to seeing y'all again in September!

FORWARD MARRRRRRRRRRCH!!!!

Safety Test Year

Since 2021 is an odd-numbered year, that means that it's Safety Test Time! Stop by the NCWC website, download the safety test pages, answer them satisfactorily, and send them to your military C.O. pronto. Don't delay, do it today!

Membership 2021 Crunch Time

Must Be Paid Up By Aug. 21 For Clatsop

Membership Chair Sharon Stanovich reports that nearly 300 members could possibly try paying 2021 dues in the two weeks before Clatsop, or at the event. This will not be enough time to process all the memberships. Members who are not paid for 2021 are strongly urged to do so before August 21st to allow time for each application to be processed. Fees are \$25 for individual membership, and \$50 for a family membership. Members who come to Clatsop without paid membership by then will be charged \$25 for pay-to-play. Renewing your membership is as easy as using the online payment on the NCWC's webpage. Don't delay, do it today!

Powder and Caps Prices Higher

If you anticipate needing to restock your powder and caps for later this season, be forewarned: prices of both have increased greatly, and are in short supply. You may want to make your purchases sooner, rather than later, and avoid being caught short.

The No-Frills Editorial

The Battle for Clatsop Landing is only six weeks away as of this date, and I am trying to stay as low key as possible. I knew that canteen I bought last

month was going to get used this year. Clatsop is going to have as great a chance for success as we all may collectively give it.

We have received some major free publicity thanks to Mike Movius, the head of the Civil War Roundtable Congress. Mike has put out some prime publicity about the Clatsop reenactment, and plans to drive down from Olympia, WA, to see how we present ourselves. Mike's CWRC website is viewed by reenactors from all across the nation, and it would not be unreasonable to think that reenactors from other states might decide to come out and join us. That could be interesting! That's not counting Trevor Steinbach, who as Col. James Gaskey, surgeon of the U.S. XVII Corps now has membership in the 69th New York, and will be performing night surgery. That is also not counting Dr. and Mrs. Curt Fields, Jr., who will be joining us as General and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant.

As you can see, we have a lot going on this Labor Day weekend. You will probably be informed about the following repeatedly, and by different folks, but do not delay in getting your membership processed and paid up as soon as possible. Membership chair Sharon Stanovich cannot process people the first day of the reenactment since it takes fifteen minutes per person. Don't show up Saturday expecting to get your event card unless you have paid your membership beforehand.

It would also be prudent during the periods of extended sunshine to check your canvas. I haven't seen my tent since 2019, but I think I put it away clean. I better double check that.

Lastly, remember that powder and caps are in a tight market. Don't plan to buy some a couple of days before Clatsop. You may be in for a rude surprise.

In the meantime, keep your heads down out there.

The Bugle Call is usually sent out on the 25th of each month. Sometimes it is sent earlier, and sometimes it is sent later, depending on important information.

Proposed articles may be sent to: jandghartman76@gmail.com.

Board Meeting Summary

The regular meeting of the Northwest Civil War Council was held live and via Zoom on July 15th. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair Don Benson.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: \$361 in dues were collected for net monthly income of \$342. The NCWC has a net total of \$32,447 in assets.

Event Reports: Event coordinator Annabelle Larsen reports that Clatsop will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday it will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and reenactors can begin packing up. Cars will be allowed on the field at 3:00 p.m.

Battles will take place at 11:00 and 3:00 daily, except Monday with one battle at 1:00. Activities will include a 10:00 a.m. flags presentation, 10:30 parlor talk, 12:30 medical demonstration at the 69th New York's aide station, a 1:15 p.m. fashion show, and 2:00 presentation by General Grant with music afterwards. Church service will be Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and night surgery by Doc Trevor Steinbach at the 69th New York's aide station.

It was moved and seconded to donate \$250 to Curt Fields, Jr. to defray his expenses from driving here from Collierville, TN. The motion carried.

A work party to cut wood for Clatsop and Colton reenactments will be held at Don Benson's property this upcoming weekend, July 17 and 18.

Colton: event coordinator Don Benson reports that the BLM wants more safety. He plans to

meet with all unit commanders that Friday evening to identify all medical personnel to provide for any medical emergencies. There will be a tactical battle Saturday night on the back side of the horse camp. A guest from Washington will be attending to demonstrate ground charges to the NCWC. Don pointed out that all sutlers who sell firearms related materials must have an insurance policy with a \$1 million-dollar liability coverage. It was moved and seconded to lower insurance rates for sutlers to match that of WCWA. The motion carried.

The tactical event at Woodland, WA is a "go." There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person to defray the costs of porta-potties. This may turn into a joint WCWA-NCWC event that will be open to the public in the future.

Equine Safety Committee: A new technique was learned at the last meeting to introduce horses to gunfire. It seemed quite effective, and the committee plans to incorporate it for the future.

Rules Committee: no report.

Publicity: Annabelle Larsen reports that publicity is going well.

Deb Martin reported that the Civil War Roundtable Congress website has featured the Clatsop reenactment on its News and Events page, with several good photos. CWRC moderator Mike Movius will attend Clatsop. The CWRC is the group which presents the Friday's With Grant presentations.

Facebook Page: Ashley Wendel says that the Facebook page is going well.

Civilian Battalion commander Deb Martin spoke with Curt Fields for an hour last weekend. He says that he will happily accept more volunteer aides, and the more the merrier. The U.S. cavalry unit will supply him with a horse.

CSA Battalion Commander Jim Stanovich reports that Chaplain Eric Wood has retired, and this year

Peter Vrooman has volunteered to fill in. Jim also reported that he has tracked down the NCWC fence rails used for props, but needs somebody willing to go to Dallas to get them.

U.S. Battalion Commander Kevin Burton would like all unit commanders to give him reports on unit numbers so that he may determine troop strength. Don Benson also would like to see the U.S. battalion to reach out to the WCWA U.S. units to mend some fences that were cracked several years ago to improve intra-state participation.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: Chair Don Benson pointed out that elections will be coming up in a few months.

Annabelle Larsen reported that she will be switching from the 69th New York representative back to the Civilian Alliance in a few months.

The next meeting will be held on August 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

2021 NCWC Dates

Clatsop - Sept. 4-5-6

Colton - Sept. 18-19

Albany Veteran's Day Parade

These events are pending no Covid restrictions.

WCWA Events

Tactical Reenactment at

Woodland, WA August 14-15

Contact Rich Bright, 3rd WVA Cav for details

Battle of Eagle Creek, Wallace, ID September 11-12

Clatsop County 2021

BATTLE FOR CLATSOP COUNTY SEPTEMBER 4-5-6, 2021

Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria, OR 97103

The time is fast approaching for our Battle for Clatsop County Event. Here is some of the pertinent information so that we all can have an exciting and SAFE event.

Event Details: Reenactor Set Up: Friday September 3, beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tear Down: Cars allowed in after 3 p.m. Monday.

Registration: Registration will be at Confederate HQ with Sharon Stanovich on Friday. Membership is required to be submitted no later than 2 weeks before the event. DO NOT WAIT for this deadline, as it takes time to process. Everyone needs to be registered upon arrival (if you are going to be arriving late, please let your commander know, so that they can tell the registration team). YOU WILL BE PULLED FROM THE BATTLEFIELD IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED. Event cards will be checked. Be kind to the registration team, we are all volunteers and deserve to enjoy the event as well!

Fire Safety: NO IN-GROUND FIRES. All fires must be off the ground and far enough off the ground not to burn anything or leave any marks. Please take every precaution not to start a fire. Fires/candles/lanterns will not be left unattended. Each tent is REQUIRED to have a fire bucket, if you have a fire extinguisher, please bring it. Mandatory 24 hr. fire watch, please keep a diligent eye out for any fire danger.

Artillery, take extra precautions on the battlefield, have buckets of water, shovels, wet burlap

as a precaution. Infantry and Cavalry, take full canteens and extra if you HAVE them.

Garbage: There is a dumpster for our use. All reenactor garbage needs to be placed in the dumpster. The bags around the camps are for the public. There is no-one to help with garbage besides ourselves. If you see a full bag please take it to the garbage, we have extra bags.

Water: There is no running water on the field. The club's water tanks will be on site. Please be respectful of these tanks, they will only be refilled after public hours. Bring buckets or water jugs. You can fill them up in the parking lot, too. It is recommended to bring your own water.

Wood: Firewood is provided. Firewood will be located at Union Cav Camp. Bring any unused firewood back to this location, as we will use it for future events. Do not dump any ashes in the grass/dumpster/garbage cans, please find a different way to dispose of it.

Pets: All pets, especially dogs, must be leashed and tied/restrained at all times. The fairgrounds is very strict about this. If there is a loose animal, you will be asked to leave the event and/or animal control called. Please clean up after your animal!

Modern Camping: Please tell Annabelle Larson, event coordinator, if you intend to modern camp no later than Aug 21st, space is limited. The fee for RV camping is \$20, 1 RV per site, 1 vehicle per site. This is in the upper parking lot, there will be no tent camping in RV camping.

Tent Camping will be in the field near reenactor parking, no power hookups. The fee is \$20 per tent. Everyone in Modern camp MUST be a registered paid member.

General Safety: Alcohol is not allowed during public hours. 2021 is a Safety Test year. Please fill

this out prior to the event, you will not be allowed on the field without it. When driving in camp, please go slowly and watch for people. Contact: Annabelle Larson, Event Coordinator is the first contact for this event. Her camp will be with the 69th New York. Please let her know if you need assistance.

Looking forward to a great event! Please reach out if you have questions.



1. Union Cav Camp
2. Union Civilian
3. Union Infantry
4. Union HQ
5. Artillery
6. Community/Church Fly
7. Confederate Infantry
8. Confederate Civilian
9. Confederate HQ
10. Confederate Cav
11. Battlefield
12. Bleachers
13. Reenactor Parking

This layout is similar to the 2019 event. Sizes are approximate.

Mail Call

Our first letter comes from a Federal lieutenant ,William Jackman, of the 14th Maine, to his wife, Nancy. Spelling and punctuation are his own.

Port Hudson August 20 1863

Dear Nancy, I have not received any thing from you since I wrote last. time is working off pretty fast, it seems so with me. Every thing is working well I don't have much reason to find fault. I would hurry time some but that is out of my power so I do not bother my dad about it.

Ira B. Gardner left for home this morning with others to take charge of conscripts Assigned for this regiment. Probably he will be there before this reaches you and you know that it is given to the family to be a little newsy. Now there was a little circumstance which took place between Ira and myself. For fear that he will not tell the story right I will give it to you in full. It is the best thing that has happened. It done me a lot of good. Here tis.

On the morning of the 17th inst Ira, Charles, and myself were eating our breakfast. Ira spoke up all at once rather sudden and said O I forgot to send for Colonel Porter just as though he felt it an honor to feed Col. Porter. I spoke and coolly said that if I were under the same circumstances Col. Porter wouldn't send for me. Ira then replied that it makes no difference (his meaning was that you are nothing but a Lieut, I am a Captain here) if you don't like the management of this mess you may leave the table. Now that did not sound very good in my ears under the circumstances. Ira took a notion that he would go away from the company and hire his board which left Charles and I to look out for ourselves (this was after we came on to the ground where we are now) so we got some provision together and I went to work and built up a table, rigged some seats, just got fairly underway when he took his seat at one end of the table and furnished anything that he happened to want which we didn't have and eat the rest out of ours, but this didn't last long. He soon got so that he made his whole meal from what we furnished. I replied to him in these words. I am in command here, sir. You stop your noise or leave the table damn quick. This ended the talk. The Col. soon came and took a seat to the table about the same time Charles and Ira went out, but Ira had to say that Lieut Jackman was out of sorts this morning. So I told the Col. what I had said with caused him to say that I was out of sorts. Ira came back to the tent about the time the Col.

finished eating. We were just coming out of the tent when Ira said I am going to arrest you. I order you in arrest. You may give up your sword. I replied that you have not that power and that I shall not give up my sword. All this in the presence of the Col. The Col. thought that I ought to go in arrest. I told him I thought different and went to my duty. The Col. went to see Gen. Andrews about it and came back satisfied that I was right. It must be humiliating for Ira. It will do the boy good. Then he went to work and made some charges. I think I will send you the copy he sent me. He has not done me any damage but has hurt himself. If he would keep still he might succeed in making some believe that he does know something. He is continually about filing charges and arresting, but I guess that he will not undertake to arrest another officer very soon. Charles hates him and says worse things about him than I hope I ever shall have occasion to. He thinks it a little mean in him in going off without paying for his board. While he lived on us he said to me, one day don't you think he acts like Orren Brown. I might say a great deal more but I kind of hate to be newsy. I shouldn't have said any thing about this but I thought you might hear of it in his way of telling of it and it might hurt your feelings, so I thought I would give it to you just as it was. Ira said to me one day in presence of Charles that the more I associate with you the poorer opinion I have of you (now what does that sound like). I told him that he would insult a man right to his face and not know it and gave him to understand that it showed his breeding.

If you hear of this you may tell them that you know the whole word for word. If it circulates different from what I have written it, straighten it out. I have given it to you in its exact words and the results.

I will mention one thing more. Major Bolan while in command of the regiment received a document from Ira signed officially touching that which was none of his business. Rather meddling with others. He read it then tore it up and was heard to say that if it had been from any one else he would have been mad. You had better keep this to yourself till such time as in your judgement it would be best to say something.

Truly Yours

William Jackman

It will be fall when you get this. The apples will be fit to cook. I should like to be there with you to have some biscuit and applesauce and a custard pie. Say to the children that I think of them often and would have **them be** good to one another. I am in hopes to see them before the snow leaves the ground next spring, but it is uncertain. I already feel that I have been away from home quite long enough.

WJ

Our second letter is from a soldier in the 41st Mississippi Infantry. Spelling and punctuation are his own.

Camp Lookout Near Chattanooga, Tenn Aug 19th/62

Dear Uncle

I wrote you a short letter before leaving Tupelo. We took a barge up the Yensus River where we took the cars for Montgomery, on to Atlanta and up to Chattanooga...a part of the time on flats and it running.

Our wagons and teams were sent through by Tuscaloosa and Rome and have not arrived yet...they are cutting us down to the least amount of baggage possible...six Tent Flaps to 100 men and their Officers, 1 Tent to Field and Staff and 1 tent to Brigade Headquarters and two to Division Headquarters....

We look for a long and rapid march, the general belief is that we go to Nashville, a portion of this army is already on the move, some towards Knoxville and some are crossing the River at Chattanooga.

I know nothing more about the position of the Federal army in this vicinity than can be learned from the papers--one of our companies returned last night from Pickett duty about four miles below this on the River, but saw no Yankees, the impression is that the Federal Army is moving and we hear they were fighting at Cumberland Gap on yesterday. It is certain that Gen. Bragg is not here and

I presume from that fact that there is some point of more importance.

We have seen nothing of Beauregard since our arrival at Tupelo, whether he has been relieved or has been furloughed on account of bad health is a question, but I think the former, for there was some blundering about Corinth or I am much mistaken.

Our Regiment is in pretty good health and are pretty well drilled, Col. Tucker is very popular and a good drill officer, the troops here are all in much better spirits than they were two months ago and if they can get a chance at the Yankees before old Abe gets his 300,000, I think they will do good execution.

Our encampment is in Wauhatchie Valley 5 miles south of Chattanooga on the Nashville and Chattanooga R. R. It is a pretty little valley at the foot of Lookout Mountain, have plenty of good water and the weather is cool enough to be bracing two blankets not being uncomfortable before day.

Your nephew,

Pvt. Thomas Cole

Contest Winner!

Our July issue had two errors, both found in the book review, by Donny Cameron, a.k.a. the Barefooted Boy. Frederick Douglass spelled his last name with two S's, not one, and Stephen A. Douglas did not attend Lincoln's Second Inauguration in 1864, since he died in 1861. Donny wins a lifetime subscription to The Bugle Call and the editor takes forty lashes with a wet noodle.

Beef. It's What's For Dinner.

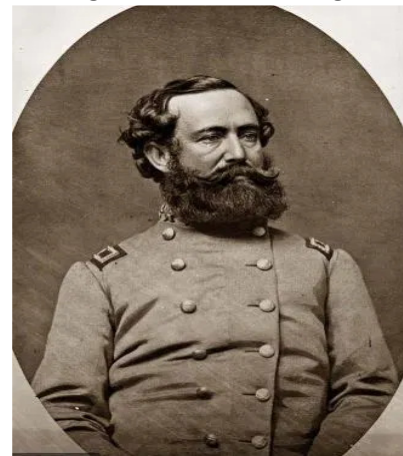
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In the Late Unpleasantness both the Blue and the Gray did many things which the European armies had done in the early 19th Century. One accepted practice was to supply a large, moving army with its own source of beef. The American armies during the Civil War continued this practice. The Army of the Potomac,

whether commanded by McClellan, Hooker, or Meade, traveled with 90,000 men, several thousand wagons pulled by four-horse or mule teams, many hundreds of cavalry remounts, and several thousand head of beef cattle. The other Federal armies and the Confederates did the same thing.

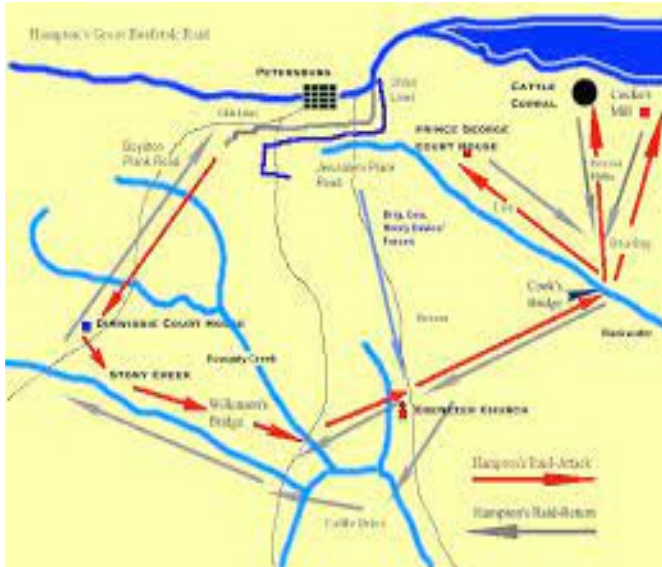
Texas cattle had been driven to Arkansas during the war, but eventually that link to the eastern Confederacy was choked off by the U.S. Navy's ships and gunboats, and Grant's capture of Vicksburg on July 3rd, 1863. From then on, and probably for months before, the armies of Robert E. Lee and Braxton Bragg did not get much fresh beef, if any.

The Beefsteak Raid was a Confederate cavalry raid that took place in September 1864 as part of the Siege of Petersburg. Maj. Gen. Wade Hampton (below) led a force of 3,000 troopers on what was to become a 100-mile ride to acquire cattle that were intended for the consumption of the Federal Army which was laying siege to Robert E. Lee's army in Petersburg, Virginia. Always lacking in supplies, the Confederate forces that were defending Richmond were beginning



to run out of food.

A report by General Robert E. Lee on August 22, 1864, stated that corn to feed the Southern soldiers was exhausted. A scout, Sergeant George D. Shadburne, informed General Hampton on September 5, 1864, that there were 3,000 cattle behind Union lines, at Edmund Ruffin's plantation on Coggin's Point, five miles away from Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's headquarters, and that they were lightly defended by only 120 Union soldiers and thirty civilians.



Sensing an opportunity to increase the army's food stores, Hampton arranged for 3,000 troops to follow him. These men included "several certified Texas cattle thieves." Hampton led his men to the south of the cities, behind Union lines, on September 14. He chose to cross where Cook's Bridge over the Blackwater River once stood, knowing that an attack from there would be unexpected. After his engineers reconstructed the bridge, Hampton's force attacked at 5 a.m. on September 16, with a three-pronged strike, the center directed toward the cattle. Hampton's force captured more than 2,000 cattle, along with 11 wagons and 304 prisoners, leading them back to the Confederate lines at 9 a.m. on September 17.



Despite the raid's success, its impact was not as great as the large number of cattle taken might seem to indicate. Whereas the Union had the resources to replace its lost cattle, the Confederates lacked grain to spare for feed. They were therefore forced to slaughter the cattle almost as soon as they had secured them. The ensuing "feast" on the Confederate side might be better described as a rush to consume the beef before it spoiled.

The total losses for the Confederates, who saw some opposition, were 10 killed, 47 wounded, and 4 missing. The official count of cattle successfully reaching the Confederates for food was 2,468.

For days afterwards, the Southerners would taunt the Northern sentries, thanking them for all the food and inviting them over for dinner. There was so much beef available that Confederate sentries would sometimes offer it in unauthorized trades with Federal sentries for certain luxury items of which the Federal soldiers had a plentiful supply, but which the Confederates lacked. After the beef was eaten or spoiled, the Confederates reverted to their previously dire food situation.

President Lincoln called the raid "the slickest piece of cattle-stealing" he ever heard of. General Lee's adjutant, Colonel Walter H. Taylor said it made up for the loss of the Weldon Railroad, a claim most historians consider to be overstated. A fictionalized depiction of the raid is featured in the 1966 film *Alvarez Kelly* starring William Holden and Richard Widmark (below).



The Prince George County Historical Society holds an annual steak dinner on the anniversary of the Beefsteak raid to commemorate the event and raise funds.

Pets and the Daily Life

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During the Late Unpleasantness there were 10,000 battles and skirmishes, but it must be remembered that for every day of battle the typical soldier spent ninety-six in camp. Camp life, especially during winter

quarters, could become dull and tedious. It is understandable that soldiers and sailors would latch onto animals as pets and mascots since they would serve as a reminder of a normal life back home. Historian James Robertson has documented that in just the Federal armies alone, there was one eagle, two bears, and a camel kept as regimental or company pets or mascots. Adding in the hundreds or thousands of dogs, cats, chickens and lambs kept by soldiers and sailors, the sight of pets became commonplace.

The 8th Wisconsin Infantry probably had the most famous mascot of all: a bald eagle named "Old Abe". Abe sat on a special perch, and was carried into battle, which he seemed to enjoy. The men in the 8th kept Abe's wings clipped so that he could not fly away, and remarkably, Confederate sharpshooters never hit him.

During "Old Abe's" service, the 8th Wisconsin participated in many battles, expeditions, and pursuits of Confederate forces. Among these were the battles of Iuka; Corinth; Island Number 10; Big Black River; Champion's Hill; the Red River and Meridian expeditions; and the Battle of Nashville. "Old Abe" was there every step of the way. His image lives on as the shoulder patch and insignia of the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" of the U.S. Army.



Sallie, a Staffordshire bull terrier, became the unofficial mascot of the 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry when she was brought to their training camp outside of West Chester, Pennsylvania in the first few months of the war in 1861. Named after one of the local Pennsylvania beauties, Sallie grew into an even-tempered and very affectionate dog towards all of the men in her new adopted "pack". The men of the regiment often joked that there were only three things Sallie disliked: Rebels, Democrats, and women. It seemed from the start that Sallie was made for military life. During drills, she would latch onto a particular soldier and prance

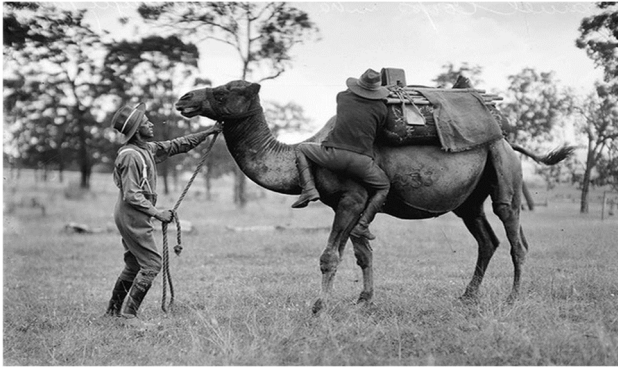
alongside him during the exercises. At dress parade, she would station herself right alongside the regimental colors as the men were reviewed. At night, Sallie would frequently sleep outside the regimental officer's tent after strolling through the camp on an inspection of her own. Sallie was even able to learn the bugle calls and drum rolls of the regiment.

The 11th Pennsylvania's memorial has an image of Sally, and visitors who know her story often leave mementoes.



A Washington, D.C. newspaper reported: "The oddest pets we have yet seen were two bears, which the 12th Maine regiment of the 19th Corps, led through the city recently. These bears were brought all the way from Louisiana and have been in several fights. They have become perfectly tame and tractable, and march along at the head of the band, with an air that indicates they feel themselves veteran soldiers of the bruin order, and that they have a character to sustain. A regiment that passed through some days ago had with it a mountain goat, captured, also in Louisiana, and which had been in several battles and skirmishes. In one of the latter he was seriously wounded, but by careful nursing he got well."

Douglas The Camel, or "Old Douglas," was a domesticated camel used by Company A of the Forty-third Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A. Because of Old Douglas, the 43rd came to be known as the Camel Regiment. Although the details are unknown, Douglas somehow made his way to Mississippi, as a left-over from the U.S. Army's camel experiment. He was initially given to Colonel W. H. Moore by 1st Lt. William Hargrove. Besides being a mascot, Moore assigned Douglas to the regimental band, carrying instruments and knapsacks.



Old Douglas's first active service was in the luka campaign. He also participated in the 1862 Battle of Corinth. He remained with the regiment until the Siege of Vicksburg, where he was killed by Union sharpshooters. Enraged at his murder, the men swore to avenge him. Col. Bevier enlisted six of his best snipers, and apparently shot the culprit. Of Douglas's murderer, Bevier reportedly said, "I refused to hear his name, and was rejoiced to learn that he had been severely wounded." According to legend, after Douglas was shot, his remains were carved up and eaten, with some of his bones made into souvenirs by Federal soldiers.

Douglas is currently honored with his own grave marker in Vicksburg's Cedar Hill Cemetery. He, along with other camels used during the war, is not overlooked by historians, nor by Civil War Reenactors. There is currently a group called the Texas Camel Corps, whose mission is to promote the stories of camels like Old Douglas, used during the Civil War.

One of the best documented pets in the Confederate armies belonged to Private Tom Tuck of Co. H, 1st Tennessee Infantry, as described by his friend Corporal Sam Watkins, in his book "Company Aitch". Tom had a pet rooster named Southern Confederacy, or "Fed" for short. Tom entered Fed in several cock fights, and Fed won all but his last match. Tom philosophically pointed out that "those who fight must sometimes die," and at Fed's demise the men in Tom and Sam's mess ate him for dinner.

Fed did live on in Sam's book, immortalized in an epic poem, of which, three stanzas are presented:
*"Not a laugh was heard – not even a joke –
 As the dead rooster in the camp-kettle they hurried;
 For Tom had lost ten dollars, and was broke,
 In the cock-pit where Confed was buried.*

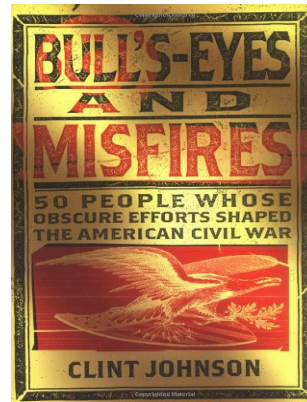
*They cooked him slowly in the middle of the day;
 As the frying-pan they were solemnly turning;
 The hungry fellows looking at him as he lay,
 With one side raw, the other burning.*

*Not a few or short were the cuss words they said,
 Yet, they spoke many words of sorrow;
 As they steadfastly gazed on the face of the dead,
 And thought 'what'll we do for chicken tomorrow?'"*

Book Review: Bulls-Eyes and Misfires – 50 People Whose Obscure Efforts Shaped The American Civil War

by Clint Johnson, 258 pgs. With bibliography, index, photographs. Published 2002 by Rutledge Hill Press. Price: under \$10.

It's a good thing when a history author states their bias right at the beginning. Clint Johnson writes in his introduction that he is a Southern writer, born in Florida, living in North Carolina, who had five ancestors in the Confederate Army.



That being said, he came up with a slightly new approach to brief biographies of people whose efforts helped shape the Civil War. He examined the contributions of 25 Unionists and 25 Confederates, classifying each as either a "bull's-eye" or a "misfire," depending on what they did to help or hinder their cause.

Johnson clearly states that at times he had a hard time labeling somebody as a "misfire," when they had a very good career and made only one mistake, and he also had a hard time labeling somebody as a "bull's-eye," when they were known for doing only one thing well in their entire career.

For those of us who are Civil War junkies, I would not describe Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell, Julia Dent Grant, or Maj. Gen. Lew Wallace as "obscure." Neither would I describe Varina Howell Davis, Gen. Edward Porter Alexander, or Gen. John B. Magruder as obscure, but one person's well-known personalities are another's obscure folks.

Many of his picks truly are obscure, and earn their bull's-eye or misfire accordingly. Union Maj. William F. Barry ordered a battery commander at First Manassas not to fire on the 33rd Virginia Infantry because they wore blue. It didn't matter that they were marching from the wrong direction, or that Capt. Charles Griffin could see better at Henry House Hill. If Griffin had fired, there may not have been a Second Manassas. Barry earned his "misfire."

This is not a truly well-researched book. Johnson assigns Benjamin Butler's hare-brained scheme to blow up an old ship at the first siege of Fort Fisher, North Carolina, to Assistant Secretary of the Navy Gustavus Fox, who did his job very well. He says that Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell did not get relieved as commander of the Army of the Ohio for being chronically slow, but because he wouldn't play ball politically with President Lincoln.

A book like this makes for easy reading. Each of the 50 biographies are short, and occasionally Johnson makes a really good point. He reminds me that a good major league baseball hitter is considered successful if he bats over .300. That means that 70 % of the time he is not.

Read it? Sure! Why not? I learned a few things, you might, too.

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THE CURRENT SITUATION

Dispatches from Tullahoma represent the army of General Bragg retreating across the Tennessee River, completely demoralized and falling to piece. They burned the splendid bridge at Bridgeport in their retreat toward our city.

ROSECRANS MOVING SOUTH

The Army of the Cumberland is as close as McMinnville, and seems to be heading this way. Chattanooga, with its rail connections and industry is strategic.

We must assume that sooner or later Rosecrans will attack here. Bragg has built numerous artillery positions and entrenchments, and we look quite secure.

AN APPEAL FROM JEFF DAVIS

Jeff Davis has issued an urgent appeal to Confederate officers and soldiers to return immediately to their various camps and corps. He complains of a want of alacrity on the part of all classes in coming forward in this most dismal hour of the South.

INCENDIARISM IN THE WEST

Within the last two months rebel incendiaries have set on fire and destroyed fifteen first-class Mississippi steamboats, valued at three-quarters of a million of dollars, and caused the loss of twenty-eight lives.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES

MORGAN'S RAID

The raid John Hunt Morgan led into Indiana, which he seems to be pursuing with great boldness, has thoroughly roused the people of that State and of Ohio to a sense of their danger. On 13th General Burnside declared martial law in Cincinnati, and in Covington and Newport on the Kentucky side. All business is suspended until further orders, and all citizens are required to organize in accordance with the direction of the State and municipal authorities. There is nothing definite as to Morgan's whereabouts; but it is supposed that he will endeavor to move around the city of Cincinnati and cross the river between there and Maysville. The militia is concentrating, in obedience to the order of Governor Tod.

GENERAL LEE'S ACCOUNT OF GETTYSBURG

THE following general order of General R. E. Lee to the army, issued from Hagerstown on Saturday, was found when General Kilpatrick entered the town on Sunday morning:

GENERAL ORDER—No. 16.

HEAD QUARTERS, ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA,

July 11, 1863.

After the long and trying marches, endured with the fortitude that has ever characterized the soldiers of the Army of Northern Virginia, you have penetrated to the country of our enemies, and recalled to the defenses of their own soil those who were engaged in the invasion of ours. You have fought a fierce and sanguinary battle, which, if not attended with the success that has hitherto crowned your efforts, was marked by the same heroic spirit that has commanded the respect of your enemies, the gratitude of your country, and the admiration of mankind.

Once more you are called upon to meet the enemy from whom you have won on so many fields a name that will never die. Once more the eyes of your countrymen are turned upon you, and again do wives and sisters, fathers and mothers, and helpless children, lean for defense on your strong arms and brave hearts. Let every soldier remember that on his courage and fidelity depends on all that makes life worth having—the freedom of his country, the honor of his people, and the security of his home. Let each heart grow strong in the remembrance of our glorious past, and in the thought of the inestimable blessings for which we contend; and, invoking the assistance of that benign Power which has so signally blessed our former efforts, let us go forth in confidence to secure the peace and safety of our country. Soldiers, your old enemy is before you. Win from him honor worthy of your right cause, worthy of your comrades dead on so many illustrious fields.

R. E. LEE,
General Commanding

General Meade telegraphs, July 14, "My cavalry now occupy Falling Waters, having overtaken and captured a brigade of infantry 1500 strong, two guns, two caissons, two battle flags, and a large number of small-arms. The enemy are all across the Potomac.

CONFEDERATE PRISONERS RECEIVED

Up to Friday night eight thousand four hundred rebel prisoners had reached Baltimore from the battle-field of Gettysburg, and one thousand five hundred had been received at Harrisburg, making a total of nine thousand nine hundred.

TAKEN UP AND JAILED - July 20th: Alonzo Q. Giddalong, for public brawling, drunk and disorderly, to wit: attempting to trade fisticuffs with patrons of The Thunder Mug who vaguely resemble General Bragg. Appeared before Judge Lindahl Aug. 29, fined ten dollars and two days in jail.

MILITARY BLANKS

For sale at this office, such as Monthly Company Returns, Clothing Returns, Ordnance Returns, Provision Returns, Special Requisitions, etc.

TO THE EDITOR: I recently had the pleasure of seeing a fine performance of "Scoutin' About" at the Concert Hall. Mike McSlab was wonderful as The Scout. His rich, baritone voice is amazing, especially when one considers that he sings without four front teeth. It's a shame that the military won't take him. With such a rich voice, he would make a splendid artillery office. Rose Quartz looked so fine in her costumes that theater-goers would hardly know there is a war on, what with how the costumers used the burlap. The local theater troupe is better than any this side of the Ohio River, I am sure.

Most Sincerely, Eulalie McKechnie Shin

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To The Editor: I hev an idear fer deelin with them Yankee cannons cross the river. Holler out some big tree trunks, band em with iron hoops from the foundree sos they wont burst, fill em with scrap metal an sech, then fire em off at them cannons up on Stringers Rij. That orta take car of em.

Signed Festus J. Cornpone

TAKEN UP AND JAILED: July 20, Noah Scape, drunk and disorderly on a public boardwalk. Appeared before Judge Lindahl, fine five dollars and requested to join the Army. Either one.

LOCAL INTEREST

RABBIT NOT RESSURECTED

Mr. "Q", farming in Dry Valley, tries to be good friends with neighbor, Mr. "T". When Mr. Q's dog brought in a dead rabbit one night, quite dirty, wet, and muddy, he recognized the breed as belonging to his neighbor, Mr. T. Hoping that Mr. T would not blame his dog for its misdeeds, Mr. Q gently washed and dried the dead rabbit's fur, combed it clean, and under cover of darkness walked nearly the mile to Mr. T's farm and placed the rabbit in the hutch with its friends.

Scarcely an hour after sunrise the next morning, Mr. Q was greeted with a pounding on his door, and the highly excited Mr. T.

"Mr. Q! Mr. Q! Do you still have that jug? I need a swallow for my nerves!" Mr. T exclaimed.

"Why, T! What can be the matter?"

"I had a rabbit die two days ago! I buried it out back, and now it's in the hutch looking good as new!"

The Gazette is authorized to state that Jefferson Sawyers will stand for election to the Tennessee Legislature.

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Taken up and jailed: July 20, Perry Winkle, drunk and disorderly, and singing terribly off-key. Appeared before Judge Lindahl, fined five dollars for first charge, one dollar for second charge. Admonished not to sing in public in the future, and to drink in moderation.