



The Bugle Call for December 2022



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On the Cover: the hills of Ringgold Gap, Georgia. On November 27, 1863, after the disastrous Confederate defeat at Missionary Ridge, Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne, with 4,000 men, placed his artillery on these hills and for five hours stopped two divisions totaling 16,000 men, led by Joe Hooker. Hooker lost over 500 men killed and wounded. Cleburne lost 20 killed and 201 wounded, and received the thanks of the Confederate Congress for his efforts. His action saved the artillery and supply trains for Bragg's Army of Tennessee.

In This Issue: the View From the Chair, the Confederate Column, the Union Column, the No-Frills Editorial, Board Meeting Summary, two parades, mail call, some relics, a boat, a fruitcake, a book review, and other cool stuff.

The View From the Chair

By Capt. Ashley Wendel, NCWC Chair

Happy Thanksgiving to all our members! I hope you are all healthy this winter and enjoy time with your families this holiday season. I know that next spring seems a long way off. However, the board and I will be spending the next couple months approving schedules and budgets for the coming year.

As this year comes to a close, please get your memberships re-upped for next season. We closed out the year with 400 members, about a dozen of whom had signed up for the very first time to participate at Clatsop. Please remember that if you're either on the board or a unit rep to the board then your membership must be updated before the January meeting, so make haste and get it done lest you forget.

Thank you, to those who made the Veterans Day Parade. I know it's hard to get time off during the week. I want you to know that your efforts are

appreciated. I hope we have a good showing for the Springfield Christmas Parade as well.

I have a question for you our members. The NCWC is in need of an event coordinator for Lebanon. They would do things like put the contract together with the city, get porta-johns and other needed equipment scheduled, and permissions cleared for the event. There are responsible for coordinating the event and getting the details out to the club. The new coordinator would have the mentorship of the previous coordinator to help them learn the ropes, plus the vice-chair and I are available to help answer questions and guide you along the way. It's an important position that we as a club need to fill. Are you willing to step up, fill the roll, and help preserve history? If so, please email me directly asap. Thank you.

Stay safe and warm this winter.

Ashley Wendel
Chair, NCWC

The Confederate Column

By Col. Matthew Bishop

Was eaten by wild turkeys and will return later.

The Union Column

By Col. John Leaton

Was also eaten by wild turkeys and will also return.

The No-Frills Editorial

Another Veterans Day has come and gone, and I watched the Albany parade via a live stream on a television station's website. I also managed, after two days of efforts, to get some photos of the Albany parade, albeit screen shots from the live stream. The Ol' Editor is slowly being dragged into the 21st Century.

I think of my two great-uncles, both veterans of the First World War, from which our Veterans Day observance originates. I wonder what they would think of the devices available in 21st Century warfare. Nothing good, I'd imagine.

I saw a few veterans of the Second World War in the parade: a former sailor in uniform, speedily pushing his walker along the route, two women who were members of the "Rosie the Riveter" association in a vintage auto, plus a former sergeant major, also in a vintage auto.

During the parade, at eleven minutes after the eleventh hour, I walked to the end of our driveway between rain showers, and played Taps on my bugle, perfectly. I wondered why that could not have happened at the Sunday battles during the Clatsop reenactment. Missed the high G both times, then. I guess that during reenacting, some things, like in warfare, will remain a mystery.

Board Meeting Summary

The November 17th meeting was started at 7:45 p.m. after a quorum was established. The August board minutes were approved as read. The new treasurer, Julie Bishop, presented the treasurer's reports for August, September, and October, which were reviewed and approved.

There is one event left in 2022, the Springfield Christmas Parade, Dec. 3rd. Events for 2023 are tentatively set as Cheadle Lake, May 19-21, with 19th a school day; Powerland July 1-4, Clatsop Sept. 2-4, Albany Veterans Day Parade Sat. Nov. 11, and Springfield Christmas Parade on Sat. Dec. 2nd. The venues for Powerland and Clatsop are already set. David Banks has contacted House on the Metolius regarding its availability and awaits a reply.

Rules Committee chair Donny Cameron is working with WCWA to synchronize a list of members expelled or suspended.

Membership Chair Kristi McKenzie reported 12-15 new members prior to Clatsop, and membership for 2022 hit 400.

Education Chair Heidi Davis reported that some schools book presentations, then cancel when we wish to bring period firearms.

Battalion commanders had nothing new to report. The Safety Committee reported that 2023, being an odd-numbered year, will require safety tests for all members who go on the battlefield.

Unfinished Business: The current trailer for the

fence rails is now waiting for new tires, and will then be ready.

The four units on probation will be given another year to get membership back to full strength.

The Cheadle Lake event needs a new event coordinator, and the volunteer will have the assistance of the previous event coordinator to guide them. The executive board accepted a new insurance policy at a short meeting earlier this month.

The next meeting will be January 19, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

NCWC Event Dates 2022

Springfield Christmas Parade Dec. 3

How to Reach Us

You may reach The Bugle Call at our address: buglecallncwc@gmail.com. The Bugle Call is usually sent on the 25th of each month. Sometimes it may be sent sooner, sometimes it may be sent later, depending on critical news.

Free Money For NCWC

Remember that if you shop online, there is an Amazon Smile account for our members and or supporters to use if they would like to support our club. The nice thing about this is that it doesn't cost anything extra for you to do! Some products on Amazon are marked as "Smile Eligible" and those products automatically donate a percentage to our clubs account. The club then receives a check. So if you would like to take advantage of this on your next Amazon order, follow this link, or set it up under your Amazon account, it will ask you to confirm or change every six months. You can share this with your friends and family as well. Below in the link that you can use, you can also find this info on our website, as well as just search for us when it asks you to select an organization to support.

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Fun Dates for December

3 - 1826 Gen. George B. McClellan, US, born

5 - 1839 Gen. George Custer, US, born

6 – 1833 Col. John Mosby, CS, born
1865 -13th Amendment passed
8 – Lincoln makes proclamation of Amnesty & Reconstruction.
13 – Battle of Fredericksburg, 1864 – Fort McAllister surrenders
15 – 1864 Battle of Nashville
16 – 1864 Battle of Nashville
20 – 1860 South Carolina secedes
25 – 1821 Clara Barton born
31 – 1815 Gen. George Meade, US, born
1862 – Battle of Stones River

Photo Links for 2022 NCWC Reenactments

The following links are to professional photographers' websites <https://samanthalacy.ttp://www.facebook.com> <https://www.facebook.com/orangekraftwerksphotography/> <https://www.zanesphotography.com/Gallery/Reenactments> And these are the links specifically to Clatsop: <https://www.zanesphotography.com/Gallery/Reenactments/Battle-of-Clatsop2022/> and <https://rayshirley.myportfolio.com/2022-battlefor-clatsop-county?fbclid=IwAR2vYli1q8s9fhT-LIRFMBVtEuH4VNfhn8eHevO5udRP0mcymNYL2cwqB2g&n bsp;>

New Union Bugler Training?

At the Clatsop reenactment in September the current Union bugler recruited a new Union bugler to train during the off-season and to assist in seeing active service during next year. The bugler in training, Tristan Grayhill, is active in WCWA, and was reenacting with the 69th New York.

The current bugler gave Mr. Grayhill his email address, but neglected to get Tristan's email address, and would like to contact him.

If any reader knows Tristan Grayhill, would they please inform him that the current bugler for the Army of the Willamette would like Tristan to contact him at his email address.

Christmas Parade Update

Stand ready for our Christmas march on December 3rd, 2022!

Please join the 1st Minnesota and the rest of the

NCWC in Springfield Oregon's 71st annual Christmas parade. Everyone, no matter the color of your coat, number of feet you have, or the way you support the troops, is welcome and encouraged to come and bring history alive to the townsfolk in Springfield. More details to follow as we get closer to the date. For any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Jake Winkelman at jrwink99@gmail.com or on the NCWC members facebook page tag Jake Winkelman.

NCWC Marches Albany Parade

Members of the NCWC marched in the Albany Veterans Day Parade on Friday, the 11th, with nearly ideal parade weather; cool, but dry, with no wind, and a slight overcast.

A solid contingent of infantry and cavalry, both Blue and Gray, turned out for the highly popular parade which was live streamed on the KVAL News website from Eugene. The Ol' Editor watched the live stream from the beginning, and saw the NCWC contingent in their



complete glory, also noticing a few members of the artillery battalion marching with the infantry.



The Veterans Day observance dates from after the First World War, when it was called Armistice Day, observed on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, when an armistice was observed eleven minutes after eleven o'clock, to mark the end of the conflict. Eventually Congress decided that all veterans of the U.S. military should be honored on that date, thus the ensuing name change.



The Albany parade featured a very large turn-out of active-duty military with various kinds of motorized equipment, veterans and their dependents, a fly-over from the Oregon Air National Guard, and a fly-over by a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter.

Mail Call

As always, spelling and punctuation are those of the authors. Our letters in this issue are written about the Battle of Franklin, TN, November 30, 1864.

Brad Thompson was born in Osceola Illinois, enlisting as a 1st sergeant in Co B, 112th Illinois Volunteer Infantry on Aug 12, 1862. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant March 31, 1863, served as adjutant from Nov 25, 1863, and promoted to captain April 25 1865, prior to his muster out June 20th 1865.

Headquarters

112th Reg Ill Vol Inf

Fort Negley-Nashville Tn

Dec 7 1864

My Dear Wife,

I hope you had a good time going to town on the

30th, and succeeded in purchasing all you required. I wish I had been with you. That was the day we had such a terrible fight at Franklin; where men fell by thousands, and where shot and shell and grape and canister rattled thick and fast, where the whistling of bullets, the roar of cannon and the yells of the mad soldiers were enough to confuse any man's senses, and confound his mind. Oh! What a terrible day, an awful day, and one that no man who was there can ever forget. Nearly five thousand men killed in one day; upon one field, every one of whom left a wife, a mother, a sister, or perhaps children to mourn his death. War is terrible: this war is more terrible than any other, and the end is not yet (in sight). Hood's army continues to encircle the city, but whether he will risk an attack or will move off towards Kentucky is not yet apparent. If he goes to Kentucky, as some think he will, we will follow him. In that case we will have a long and arduous campaign before us-in the midst of a cold, wet winter. I hope Hood will attack us here, for I believe we can annihilate his army if he does .

Yours truly,

Brad F Thompson

A Confederate soldier named Mathew Andrew Dunn was shot and killed on November 30, 1864, during the Battle of Franklin. Dunn was a member of Company K, the Amite Defenders, 33rd Mississippi, Featherston's Brigade.

One of his commanding officers wrote his widow after the battle to detail the circumstances of Dunn's demise at Franklin. He is buried in an unknown grave at McGavock Confederate Cemetery.

The letter follows:

Headquarters

Featherston's Brigade

Near _____

January 11, 1865

Mrs Dunn,

Dear Madam,

I received a note from Mr Harrell a few days ago inquiring into the circumstances of your husband's death.

On the evening of the 30th Nov 1864, our brigade was formed in line of battle and moved through a very dense wood driving the enemy before us. On emerging from the woods we found ourselves in front of the enemy breastworks at Franklin. We were ordered to charge and at the word the Brigade moved forward your husband in the front rank. The charge was a gallant one, many of our men reached the works and fought for a while hand to hand with the enemy – but we were compelled to give way – and fell back some two or three hundred yards and there remained until next morning. Mat was killed in about 50 yards of the breastworks. He was killed instantly. During the night the enemy retreated and at daylight next morning I went immediately to the battlefield to look after my dead and wounded friends. Matt was one of the first I found. He was lying on his back. He appeared to be peacefully sleeping. A Spirit was on his countenance and everything indicated that he passed away without a struggle. He was wounded four times – two of which were sufficient to have caused instant death. One ball struck him directly in the front just below the breast bone passing through – another struck him in the right side passing through – another in the right cheek, and another in the left hand. Early as I was, others had been there before me and had taken everything of value from him. I found his testament lying near his breast and thinking of his widow far away, I put it in my pocket for you. I will be home sometime this winter and will bring it to you. My duty required my presence at other points and I left him. I saw afterwards that he received a decent burial at the hands of his friends and comrades.

_____ has preserved a lock of his hair for you. His mess mates tell me that he had no baggage except what he had with him (his knapsack and his blanket) and these were taken by the inhuman robbers of the dead. It would certainly be a consolation to you to have received some last

messages from your loved one, but the unexpectedness of the battle and the circumstances of his death precluded the possibility of such a thing. You have two strong sources of consolation Mrs Dunn, that your husband died as he had lived, a true Christian, and his death was such as becomes the true soldier, on the battlefield with his face to the foe, and followed by love and regrets of all his comrades.

Your loss is great and deeply do I sympathize with you, but you “mourn not” as one without hope,

I am respectfully

Your friend,

C.P. Neilson

Civil War Relics Found Along Mississippi River

by: Melissa Moon for WJTV, Memphis

Posted: Oct 25, 2022 / 09:51 AM CDT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The low water level in the Mississippi River is allowing modern-day treasure hunters to uncover Civil War relics along the river bank. Over the weekend, Riley Bryant found some Civil War-era bullets and a U.S. plate typically found on the cartridge bags of Civil War soldiers under the bridges at the south end of downtown Memphis.

This buckle was in near-perfect condition. Bryant shared his find on TikTok and Instagram and could hardly contain his excitement.



"I was freaking out," said Bryant. "You never find those, much less just laying on the ground like. So, it was pretty neat."

He estimates the plate is worth up to \$250, but he has no plans to sell it. Instead, Bryant said he would add it to the collection he takes to artifacts expos across the country.

"I just move it around to educate people. I would never sell anything I find. Honestly, it just has too much sentimental value to me," Bryant said.

The area where Bryant found the civil war relics is right below the bluffs where the Confederate Army manned Fort Pickering during the Civil War.

Bryant said he had searched the bluff before for artifacts, but when he saw how low the river was, he decided to see what he could find washed up on the shore.

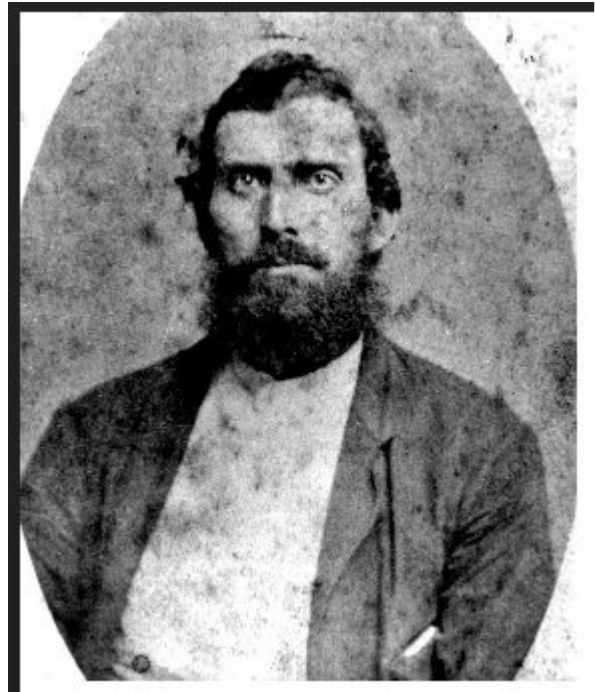
"This is ten times lower than it's ever been in my lifetime," said Bryant. "I said there is got to be stuff down here that nobody has ever been able to get to because it's been in the water the whole time."

The Real Newton Knight

Contributed by William "Unka Billy" Coleman, 69th New York, from the *Quora* online site for archeology and history.

Newton Knight was an American farmer, and soldier best known as the leader of the Knight Company, a band of Confederate army deserters who resisted the Confederacy during the Civil War.

After he walked away from the Confederate Army in disgust in November 1862, Newton Knight of Mississippi formed his own army of about 125 people comprised of both free white men and women as well as formerly enslaved runaways in order to terrorize the Confederate government and slave-owners in Jones County, Mississippi.



Knight's army operated in the swamps and received intelligence updates from an enslaved woman named Rachel, who was owned by Knight's grandfather and used her position in his house to gather information on Confederate troop movements and supply lines.

Using Rachel's information, Knight and his army were able to destroy Confederate bridges and railroads before ultimately renaming the county the Free States of Jones, where all people were equal under the law.

The story of Newton Knight and the Free State of Jones was filmed in 2016 as *The Free State of Jones*, starring Matthew McConaughey as Newton Knight.

CSS Teaser – Civil War Ship

By Stephanie Hagiwara for historical publications .com. Sep 24, 2022

Mrs. Susan Archer Weiss, eye-witness, Battle of Hampton Roads wrote "...the little *Teaser* (commanded by Capt. Webb) pushed her way in between the *Patrick Henry* and *Jamestown* and advancing close to the shore fired her one gun in face of the battery of sixty guns. Probably her insignificance saved her, for now every shot seemed concentrated upon the *Merrimac* [CSS *Virginia*], and the air and the very ground where we stood seemed trembling with the roar of shot and shells."

The CSS *Teaser*, Confederate Lt. Hunter Davidson and the USS *Monitor* paths first crossed at the Battle of Hampton Roads, Va. on March 8-9, 1862. During the Battle, Davidson served as the commander of the forward gun division for the CSS *Virginia*. The *Teaser*, a 64 ton, 80 feet by 18 feet tugboat, acted as the *Virginia*'s souped up tender while the ironclad *Monitor* took her place in Naval history.

The *Teaser* fought her way past the Federal shore batteries, to support the *Virginia*, arriving during

In June of 1862, Hunter Davidson was appointed the commander of the *Teaser*. He also became the head of the Submarine Battery Service. With Davidson at her helm, the *Teaser* became the first ship to lay mines.

Furthermore, it was resolved that the qualities needed to lay mines, handling and transporting a large and delicate cargo, would be useful in transporting and launching a balloon. That is why the *Teaser* also became one of the world's first aircraft carriers.

It was the multi-colored, patchwork balloon called "Gazelle" or "the Silk Dress Balloon" that ascended from the *Teaser*. "Gazelle" was designed and constructed by Capt. Langdon Cheves. He had to visit several of Savannah, Georgia's shops to obtain over 110 yards of dress silk, that he purchased for \$1.50 per yard. Unlike the Union, which manufactured their balloons entirely of white silk, Cheves had to buy whatever color material he could get. He then sealed the balloon with a light, flexible coating before sending it to Richmond, Va.

However, the South hadn't developed a method to inflate the balloon with gas in the field. Someone suggested filing up the balloon at the Richmond Gas Works and transporting it, inflated, by train to where it was needed.

On June 27th, 1862, during the Battle of Gaines' Mill, Va., the "Gazelle" first went aloft during battle. The balloon was commanded by the future general and signal officer Lt. Col. Edward P.

Alexander. Capt. Charles Cevor and Lt. Adolphus Morse alternated flying the balloon.

According to Alexander, "I saw the battle of Gaines' Mill from it, and signaled information of the movement of [U.S. Gen. Henry] Slocum's division across the Chickahominy to reinforce [U.S. Gen. Fitz John] Porter.



James River, Virginia. View of damaged deck of Confederate gunboat *Teaser*, captured on July 4, 1862, by USS *Maratanza*. Lib. Of Cong.

Ascensions were made daily, and when the enemy reached Malvern Hill, the inflated balloon would be carried down the river and ascensions made from the deck of a boat."

Unlike his brother, U.S. Gen. John W. Davidson, decided to "stand by the flag that I promised to protect." Years later, Hunter Davidson claimed that the brothers, "fought against each other in the seven days battles around Richmond and I came within less than five minutes of catching him, but he dodged into the Chickahominy and [U.S. Major Henry B.] Clitz was caught."

As is true today, when a multi-color balloon is floating above, people tend to notice. On July 4th, the balloon went aloft in the morning. A report of the sighting was dispatched to the Union Headquarters. The *Monitor* and the USS *Maratanza* were sent to investigate.

In the meantime, the *Teaser* was near Haxall's Wood Mill on the James River laying down mines. Spotting the Union ships, the *Teaser* went into emergency mode. The mooring line was cut, the Ship's Master, William Face rang for steam. As the *Teaser* turned to escape up river, she ran aground and became a sitting duck.

The *Maratanza* moved in as the *Teaser* fired first. During the exchange of cannon fire, the *Maratanza's* first shot hit high. Her second shot inspired Davidson to order his men to abandon ship. The third round hit the *Teaser's* boiler causing it to explode.

According to Lt. T.H. Stevens, the *Maratanza's* commanding officer, he "took possession, capturing everything on board, including public and private papers and effects, even the side arms of her officers."

Stevens also noted that the *Teaser* had "one 32-pounder banded and rifled gun of 57 hundred-weight, and one rifled 12-pounder, with ample supplies of ammunition. We also captured a Confederate balloon, a quantity of submarine telegraphic wire, and other appliances for submarine batteries."

Acting Paymaster William Keeler of the *Monitor*, went through the captured papers. There were maps with the locations of Confederate torpedoes along the James River, documentation of torpedo placement and usage, and private correspondence between Davidson and his wife. Nonetheless, the papers Keeler found most interesting was:

"The private memorandum book of Hunter Davidson who was in command. He was one of the officers of the *Merrimac* & this book was [sic] drafts of the *Monitor* & sketches of the mode of our capture, as they intended to attempt it. It was minute in all its details. We were to be bonded from four tugs at the same time (one of them was the *Teaser*) by men carrying turpentine, ladders, fire balls, wedges, sheets of metal, chloroform, etc. The names of the men were given, just what article each one was to carry, to what part of

the *Monitor* he was to go, etc., it even gave the men who were to carry matches & sand paper to rub them on."

Afterward, the *Teaser* was repaired and taken in by the U.S. Navy. As part of her anti-smuggling patrols, she may have captured the smallest vessel running the blockade – three men in a canoe, near the mouth of the Rappahannock, Va. She remained in service through the end of the war and then was operated commercially until 1878.



CSS Virginia center, CSS Teaser in foreground.

As for the Captain of the CSS *Teaser*, Davidson continued his work with torpedoes. On April 9, 1864, at Newport News, Va., Davidson jumped at the chance to finish what the *Virginia* had started at the Battle of Hampton Roads, and the *Monitor* prevented - the destruction of the USS *Minnesota*. On the 50 feet long CSS *Squib* torpedo boat, Davidson rammed the *Minnesota* 10 feet below the waterline with 53 pounds of explosives. The explosion sent "the heavy ship rolling to the starboard" but did not sink the ship.

Davidson later wrote, "This was the only instance during our war, and the first, of course, when the 'spar torpedo' was used with effect and without the loss of the attacking party."

While Davidson had not been able to sink the *Minnesota*, he was able to stop the U.S. fleet with a single mine. On May 6, 1864, the U.S. fleet was traveling up the James River to assist U.S. Gen. Benjamin Butler. Davidson blew up the lead boat, the USS *Commodore Jones*, out of the water. The

stunned fleet immediately turned around ending their advancement.

Civil War Fruitcake (Reprinted from the December 2020 issue)

The subject of fruitcake rarely elicits nothing less than strong opinions. Folks either like it, or they regard it right alongside the Ten Plagues of Egypt, or Frankenstein's monster. I happen to like fruitcake, and found a great recipe for one on the blogsite of Stephanie Ann Farra, who does Revolutionary War and Civil War reenacting. Stephanie found it in the June 1864 issue of Godey's Lady's Book. Apparently fruitcake needs one to six months to cure for the best flavor, hence the June issue. Here is Stephanie's recipe:

Civil War Fruit Cake Ingredients:

- 2 Cups Butter - 2 Cups Molasses - 2 Cups Sugar - 6 Eggs - 2 teaspoons Baking Soda - 1 Pound Raisins, Chopped - 1 Pound Currants, Chopped - 1/2 Pound Citron, Chopped - 1 teaspoon Salt - 1 Tablespoon Nutmeg, Ground - 1 Tablespoon Cinnamon, Ground - 1 teaspoon Cloves, Ground ~ 6 Cups of Flour



Instructions: Preheat oven to 325°F. In a mixing bowl, cream the butter, molasses sugar, salt, nutmeg, and cloves. Add a little water to your fruits and mix in a little flour to coat the fruits. Alternatively add fruits and mix in flour to make a stiff batter. Beat your eggs and fold in at the end. Line your pans with buttered paper. Fill pans 2/3 of the way with batter and cover the tops with greased paper. Bake for 1 hour to 2 hours depending on pan size. Test the middle with a skewer. This made 6 3x6 sized loaves. I baked them for an hour and 15 minutes. The day after they were baked, the tops were

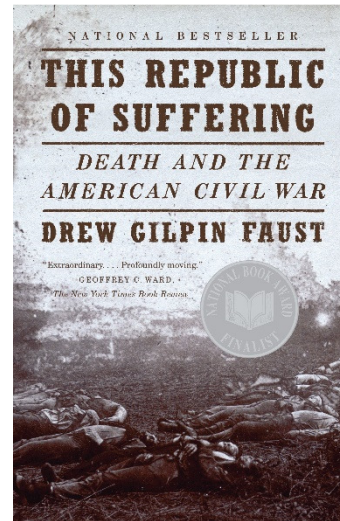
hard. I used a skewer to poke holes halfway down into the cakes and spooned rum over. I left the paper on and wrapped the cakes in plastic wrap then put them in a plastic container.

Historically they would be wrapped in paper and kept in an airtight tin, but I couldn't find one big enough. Some people wrap them in alcohol-soaked cheesecloth first. I tried coating them with rum weekly unless they seemed soggy, then I skipped a week.

It is rumored you can keep fruitcake good for up to 25 years by storing them in powdered sugar. They apparently do last forever. There was one found from Robert Falcon Scott's expedition to Antarctica in the early 1900s that still appears to be edible, and one being passed down from the Ford family for over a century.

Book Review: *This Republic of Suffering* by Drew Gilpin Faust, 349 pgs., Vintage Pub., with 56 illustrations, notes, acknowledgements, and index. Recommend? Nope.

Drew Gilpin Faust is the former president of Harvard University, and holds the Lincoln Professorship in History there.



Dr. Faust's book deals specifically with death and the Civil War. She points out that prior to the Civil War 85% of Americans died at home, usually in bed, surrounded by their families. This all changed during the war.

Dr. Faust organized *This Republic* into eight chapters. I made it through almost the first two before a brain fog set in. Her writing style reminds me of a

master’s degree thesis, and seems as dry as the Bonneville salt flats.

Oddly, the preface of about six and a half pages in length was brisk and well-organized, making the points she wished to make, and in 342 fewer pages.

The last chapter dealt with how the final casualty numbers for the war were arrived at, and, I freely admit, made some excellent points: whereas Robert E. Lee did not wish casualty numbers to be released to the public because it would provide information to the Federals, William T. Sherman wanted accurate casualty lists published to rob the Confederate press of the ability to exaggerate the number of Federals killed. Well, you can’t please all of the people all of the time, to quote Mr. Lincoln.

This Republic of Suffering can be purchased new for slightly more than twelve Yankee dollars, or used for a buck and a half.

The Chattanooga Gazette

James Rogers Editor John Hartman Correspondent

December 20, 1863

THE SITUATION IN TENNESSEE
Nothing important, upon which reliance can be placed, is reported of the movements and position of Bragg's army, now commanded by Hardee, or of Longstreet's forces in their retreat front Knoxville. General Burnside, at his own request, has been relieved from his command, in order that he may attend to private business. He is succeeded by General Foster.

IN TENNESSEE the Department of the Mississippi under Gen. Grant, with Sherman’s Army of the Tennessee, Thomas’s Army of the Cumberland, and Hooker’s two corps are settling into winter quarters in and around Chattanooga. Winter rains and frequent snow have reduced travel to either rail or river. Civilians traveling by train must have military approved passes. The Federal Army has observation and signal stations on Walden’s Ridge, Signal Mountain, and Lookout. Stragglers and bandits have vanished from Walden’s Ridge. It is confirmed that Gen. Bragg resigned his command of the Army of

Tennessee on December 1st, and that army is now commanded by Gen. William Hardee. The remaining Confederates of that army now carpet the area at Dalton, Georgia. The city of Chattanooga is now a vast army depot, as Market and Fourth streets are extended with sutler tents to nearly the river bank at the foot of Lookout. In Knoxville Burnside holds the city. Longstreet’s Corps has gone to ground northeast of the city at Strawberry Plains. Federal troops of Granger’s IV Corps are positioned between Longstreet and the city. Snows blanket the area, and soldiers of both sides are hungry and cold.

Deserters from the rebel lines state that a large number of soldiers in the Southern armies will take advantage of the amnesty offered in the President's Proclamation, as soon as they can become acquainted with its propositions. The Richmond Sentinel, speaking of this amnesty, regards it as intended to make capital in Europe.

THE Richmond *Whig* says that it really looks as if the South might be overrun. On another day it declares that the rebels can only retrieve their misfortunes by imitating the methods adopted by the Yankees in retrieving theirs; and it calls for a truly great General and a great army to be put in the path of General Grant in three weeks. It says again that the rebels would be a race of cowards if they should even contemplate the possibility of ever yielding to a foe so contemptible, so cruel, so loathed and abhorred as the Yankees; and if they are the race they have believed themselves to be they will not give way to despondency, but nerve themselves for a fiercer struggle and more costly sacrifices. In fact, they will die in the last ditch.

Lost: During the retreat from Missionary Ridge to Dalton, Georgia, a fine bay horse, 16 hands high, with saddle and blanket. If found, please take to Sgt. Dub Woods, Jr., 1st N.C. Cavalry, for fifty dollar reward.

General LONGSTREET in his retreat from Knoxville lost four thousand prisoners and nearly all his cannon and trains.

CHARLESTON HOLDS OUT
The port of Charleston continues to resist the siege, and the Federal Navy is settling in for the winter.

The blockade remains effective, as very few ships can run to port, and those only at night.

ARMIES WINTER IN VIRGINIA

Both armies in the Eastern Theater have gone into winter quarters on opposite sides of the Rappahannock.

FROM WASHINGTON CITY

Rumors are sweeping Washington that Gen. Meade is to be relieved of command, and that Gen. Sedgwick will be the new commander.

JOHN MORGAN ESCAPES

General John Morgan and six of his officers— viz.; Captains Bennett, Taylor, Sheldon, Haynes, Hockersmith, and McGee —escaped from the Columbus Penitentiary on 27th by digging through the floor of their cell to a sewer leading to the river. John Morgan, on retiring, changed with his brother Dick from the top cell to the lower tier. The floor of the lower cell is two and a half inches thick, in which a hole was cut, under the bed, leading down into a two and a half foot sewer, running to the main wall around the Penitentiary. This wall was cut under, and the party escaped into the open country. The night was dark, with heavy rain. All efforts are being made by the authorities for his recapture. The fugitives have arrived safely at Toronto, Canada.

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LOCAL INTEREST

The loyal remaining citizens of Chattanooga and its immediate area are faced with many privations due to the recent hostilities. The Federal armies, led by General Grant, are graciously issuing rations to loyal citizens of the city. The nearly incessant rains of recent weeks have made river navigation quite dangerous. Currently only military vessels or chartered vessels with military cargo are permitted transport on the river.

Travel by rail is operating to Nashville only for those with military passes. Travel south and east has been suspended. Travel over Walden’s Ridge along the Anderson Pike is nearly impossible except by horse or mule. Wagon travel is not advised.

SANITARY TO AID WOUNDED

THE president of the U.S. Sanitary Commission, Henry W. Bellows, has telegraphed the New York Times that twenty additional agents are coming to Chattanooga, that stores are going forward, and that everything possible is being done to alleviate the suffering of our wounded.

JEFF DAVIS ON A TOUR

The Petersburg Express of Wednesday says that President Davis passed through Petersburg the day previous, for some point South, accompanied only by a friend or two, and but for the fact that he is so well known by the people of the Confederacy, would

have gone through entirely unobserved. He was looking well, and appeared to be in excellent spirits. It is not improbable that Jeff Davis is on his way to Charleston and Mobile, on a tour of inspection.

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The Staff of

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Wish All Our Readers and Subscribers a

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