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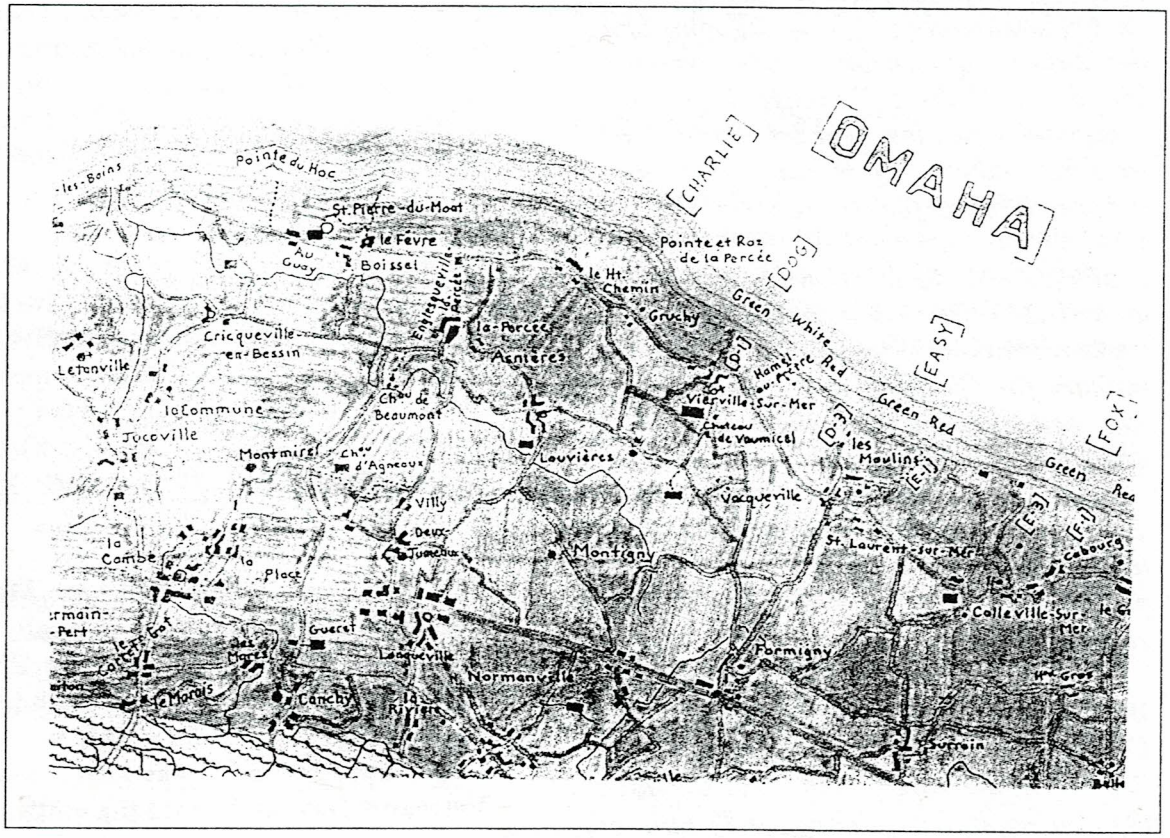

While the map above is not the map of a Civil War battlefield, sons and grandsons and nephews of Civil War veterans served during World War II. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. and Gen. Douglas MacArthur were just two such famous officers. The Guilderland Library is sponsoring a lecture series on World War II the next two months. The Round Table encourages you to attend some of these presentations.

OCTOBER MEETING
Friday October 20, 2006
Guilderland Library
2228 Western Ave.

SOCIAL HOUR	**6;00-7:00PM**
BUSINESS MEET	**7:00-7:30PM**
PRESENTATIONS	**7:30-8:30PM**
Q&A	**8:30-9:30PM**

CDCWRT MEETING

The October meeting of the CDCWRT will be held in the Guilderland Public Library on Friday, October 20th, at 7:30pm. Since the library is sponsoring a lecture series on World War II this fall that is similar to its successful series last year on World War I, we will combine our meeting with one of the presentations for October.

Last year Col. Lance Betros, who teaches at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, spoke about the preparation of the U.S. military for World War I. That meeting was well attended, and there were many questions afterwards.

This year Col. Betros has chose as his topic,* "D-DAY AND BEYOND."** ***This promises to be as informative and entertaining an evening.

We would also encourage members of the CDCWRT to attend the lecture on Friday the 13th, at the library. Anthony Deblasi of the University at Albany, will talk on,* "THE JAPANESE BACKGROUND."** ***If you are superstitious about Friday the 13th, remember it is the birthday of the U.S. Navy.

UP-COMING EVENTS

The Annual Gala for the HUDSON-MOHAWK INDUSTRIAL GATEWAY will be held on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH at the Harmony Mills in Cohoes. The Round Table has always supported the event, and last year members of the RT helped run the silent auction to raise funds. Volunteers for this very worthy event are needed. Please speak to Sue Knost, Mike Spaulding or Rosemary Nichols if you are interested in helping.

The November meeting of the CDCWRT planned for SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, VETERANS DAY, HAS BEEN CANCELLED. We had hoped to obtain as our guest speaker, Cricket Bauer Pohanka. However her schedule has been fill with a movie production about the 5th New York Zouaves. She is the executive producer of "Red Legged Devils." Moreover, the sudden and tragic death of the son of James Lighthizer, president of the Civil War Preservation Trust, has made his availability impractical. At this time, the Board has suggested that the CDCWRT support the library's World War II series. The scheduled topic for **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, IS ON THE HOME FRONT.**

The New York State Military Museum will open its World War II exhibit that same day. Members of the RT are encouraged to attend the activities in Saratoga during the day. This would be a very appropriate way to celebrate Veteran's Day, and avoid the malls.

NOVEMBER 17TH TO 19TH, FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, IS REMEMBRANCE DAY WEEKEND IN GETTYSBURG. This marks the 143rd anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Since the

anniversary of the battle this year was on the actual days of the week, the address will also be the same. This is a larger event than the battle days. Anyone interested in attending and wanting a room at the motel, should talk to Sue Knost as soon as possible.

The December meeting of the CDCWRT will be on Friday, December 8th. Our special invited speaker will be noted author, JEFF SHAARA. The library will close 5:00 pm that night. A large crowd is expected, and the meeting will be in the main library, which can accommodate a larger crowd. Admission will be by ticket, but there will be no charge for the tickets. An adequate number of tickets will be reserved for members of the RT. Details will be in next month's newsletter.

Since there will be many other attendees, we will postpone our holiday party and elections to the January potpourri meeting.

The January meeting of the CDCWRT will be held on Friday, January 12, 2007. This is our annual Potpourri Meeting.

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on September 25th. The Treasurer reported that there is $2247.08 in the regular account, and $8505.62 in the preservation account. The Irish Festival netted $504.95 and the Albany Rural Cemetery Civil War Days netted $471.00. The Cemetery event started off with a rainy morning, but by noon the rain had stopped. A modest crowd was on hand for the afternoon activities.

Since October is a full month and includes the fall trip to Philadelphia and the Hudson-Mohawk Industrial Gateway Gala, it was decided that the Round Table should support the Library's World War II lecture series, rather that have a competing program.

The Board also voted to send $1500 to CWPT to purchase 454 acres of unprotected land at both the Richmond (KY) and Perryville battlefields. Donations will be multiplied by a factor of 12.3 from matching funds. Our donation is then leveraged to $18,450. This donation is particular important for the CDCWRT since member Chris Kolakowski is the executive director of the Friends of the Perryville Battlefield group.

Board member J.J. Jennings announced that the final tally of donations to the RT in lieu of wedding gifts for Bernadette LaManna and J.J., himself, amounted to $1250.00!!

MISCELLANEOUS

Past president, Joe Stracuzzi, is recovering from a serious infection at Ellis Hospital, Room 419, in Schenectady. He will be there perhaps another week. He could use some cheering up and good jokes.

Civil War at the Norman Rockwell Museum: Stockbridge, MA.
On view through October 29, 2006 is an exhibit entitled, ***"Frederic Remington and the American Civil War: A Ghost Story."***

LINCOLN MEN AND SONS OF DIXIE

We would like to continue this feature over the next year. If you have a brief biography of a Civil War relative, and would like to share it with the Round Table, please send it to the editor of *The Dispatch.* If you have a photo of the individual, we would include it with the article.