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Rattling Sabres

by
Glen E. Zook

I am trying some new features with this edition of The Texas Union Herald. The most obvious are the watermarks on each page. These watermarks are “clip art” from the Internet which, from the information on the various websites, are free to use without even having to credit the sources. The use of these watermarks are to give a bit of “pizzazz” to this publication. I would like to hear from the readers as to their opinion of these watermarks.

In addition, I am trying to get back on schedule as to when this newsletter is actually published and is distributed to the members of Camp #18 and to those Department of Texas officials, National SUVCW officials, certain DUV members, and others who are on the distribution list.

I am playing around with the intensity of the watermarks so that they are subtle, do not make reading the text difficult, and yet get the idea as to what they are representing. Each edition will have a different watermark.

Just in case someone doesn't recognize the watermark in this edition, and I don't think that anyone will not recognize the artwork, it is Abraham Lincoln. Next month I will have a different watermark unless there are a lot of objections to this addition.

It did take a little bit of experimentation to even get the watermarks to display properly. There are instructions, on the Internet, telling how to accomplish such. However, not all the information was really that thorough and it definitely took some experimentation to get the watermarks to properly appear.

I do receive several other newsletters from both within the Department of Texas as well as from Camps and Departments located in different parts of the country. Some of these newsletters are pretty plain in terms of their presentation and some are very heavy with graphics and other things. Frankly, I am trying for a “middle of the road” approach with this newsletter being more like a period newspaper such as Harper's Weekly.

Of course, there is always my standard plea for items to put in this newsletter. With the exception of a very few individuals, both within Camp #18 and without, there is very little in terms of information being submitted. Remember, you don't have to be an accomplished author. Just get me the article, announcement, etc., and I can

definitely rewrite things if necessary. Again, you do not have to be a Camp #18 member to submit material.

Continuing with finding photographs of the various Civil War battles fought in the month of the newsletter, here is the list, from the Hill's Manual, of battles fought in September:

Battle of Boonville, Missouri, September 1, 1861; Battle of Carniflex Ferry, Virginia, September 10, 1861; Battle at Cheat Mountain Pass, Virginia, September 12 through September 17, 1861; Battle at Blue Mills, Missouri, September 17, 1861; Skirmish at Papinsville, Missouri, September 21, 1861; Battle at Britton's Lane, Tennessee, September 1, 1862; Battle at Chantilly, Virginia, September 1, 1862; Battle at Washington, North Carolina, September 6, 1862; Battle at Middletown, Maryland, September 12, 1862; Battle at South Mountain, Maryland, September 14, 1862; Battle of Harper's Ferry, Virginia (now West Virginia), September 12 through September 15, 1862; Battle of Mundsfordville, Kentucky, September 14 through September 16, 1862; Battle of Antietam, Maryland, September 17, 1862; Battle of luka, Mississippi, September 19, 1862; Battle of Augusta, Kentucky, September 27, 1862; Battle at Sabine City, Texas, September 8, 1863; Battle of Chickamauga, Tennessee, September 19 and 20, 1863; Surrender of Atlanta, Georgia, September 1, 1864; Battle of Winchester, Virginia, September 19, 1864; Battle of Fisher's Hill, Virginia, September 22, 1864; Battle of Pilot Knob, Missouri, September 26, 1864. Of course, no Civil War battles in 1865.

Writing editorials can be easy at times and very hard at other times. It is coming up with a subject that is the problem. Sometimes, a subject just falls into my lap and, unfortunately, sometimes, I have to rack my mind to come up with a topic.

There is a teenage boy, who lives a few houses up the block, who is very interested in Civil War history. A couple of days ago I gave him a stack, over a foot thick, of various magazines that I had concerning the Civil War. I don't know if he had an ancestor in the war. If so, I might be able to talk him, and his father, into joining the SUVCW.

Although it really is a completely different subject, I am wondering just what is going to happen because it will be exactly 100-years since World War I ended. The armistice was effective at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, in 1918. My wife's grandfather was a captain during that war. Otherwise, I don't seem to have any connection with World War I.

Until next month . . .

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reason, you cannot do either, contact the editor to see if your particular word processor format can be handled.

If "hard" copy, make sure the copy is legible (can be read by someone else!). Typewritten, computer printed, even in Crayon on "Big Chief" tablet is acceptable. Just get the information in!

Even small (1 or 2 paragraphs) material, or photographs, can be used. That makes editing and publishing the newsletter easier since "fill" material is available for those little areas that seem to happen whenever an article is included in the publication.

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August Meeting

The September 2018 meeting of the
Colonel E. E. Ellsworth Camp #18
SUCVW
Will be held on
Tuesday 18 September 2018
At the
Heritage Farmstead Museum, Plano, TX.

Articles Needed!

If the members of the **Colonel E.E. Ellsworth Camp #18** do not want to be inundated with articles that were chosen by the editor (what he wants to see in the newsletter) then they need to start inputting items for inclusion in **The Texas Union Herald**. Tidbits about the Civil War, stories, articles, current news items, photographs, even commentaries are most welcome.

Don't worry if you are not an accomplished author. Get the idea onto paper (computer, etc.) and get it to the editor. He really can edit (rewrite, etc.) and you'll be surprised at just how well you can write!

If you have E-Mail capabilities, you can either include the information in the body of the message or put it in either Word format or ACSII ("txt") format. If, for some

The History of the GAR (continued)

Transcribed by
Donald E. Darby

CHAPTER VI.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF S.A.
HURLBUT
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY
15, 1868

Headquarters were retained at Springfield, under the charge of Adjutant-General Stephenson.

General Hurlbut, engrossed in his own affairs, was unable to devote the time required for personal supervision or direction of the work at the Headquarters during this, probably the most critical period in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, and though Adjutant-General Stephenson was thoroughly devoted to the Order, it was evident that he greatly lacked the requisites for the methodical conduct of office business.

Applications for advice, instructions, and requisitions for supplies were not promptly attended to, and the work of organization was thusly retarded. The larger Departments found it necessary to print Rituals, Rules and other supplies for their Posts.

The failure to convene the National Encampment during the year gave occasion for considerable criticism and a number of leading comrades felt it necessary to strongly advise the Commander-in-Chief of the evil consequences of such delay.

A conference of influential members was held in Philadelphia to consider this manner, and the consent of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief McKean was obtained to a proposition that he should himself convene the Encampment if another appeal to Headquarters should pass unheeded. The necessity for such action was, however, averted by the issue of the following:

General Orders Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic,
No. 46.

Adjutant-General's Office
Springfield, Illinois,
December 2, 1867.

It is hereby ordered that the annual meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic be held in the city of Philadelphia on the 15th day of January 1868.

The attention of Department Commanders is respectfully called to Section One, Article Sixteen, Rules and Regulations of the Order, and they are hereby required to call a meeting of their respective Departments, if not already done, prior to said meeting, in order that they may elect their delegates in accordance with said Article, and be fully represented, as business of importance will be presented to the meeting.

By order of STEPHEN A. HURLBUT,
Commander-in-Chief

B.F. STEPHENSON, Adjutant-General

The meeting was held in the Assembly Buildings, southwest corner of Tenth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. Commander-in-Chief Hurlbut presided.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania; James G. Blunt, Kansas; Henry B. Banning, Ohio; Geo. W. Palmer, New York; and Robt. W. Smith, Illinois.

DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED.

Connecticut, 6; Delaware, 4; Illinois, 36; Indiana, 22; Iowa, 6; Kansas, 2; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 4; Maryland, 5; Michigan, 2; Minnesota, 5; Missouri, 7; New Hampshire, 3; New York, 14, New Jersey, 5; Ohio, 34; Pennsylvania, 8; Potomac, 5; Rhode Island, 5; Tennessee, 3; Wisconsin, 4. Total, 21 Departments and 186 Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was referred back with instructions – 1st, on motion of Comrade Moorehouse, of Kansas to omit military titles of comrades; and 2d, on motion of Comrade D.E. Sickles, New York, to receive the names of “*ex officio* members.” It is not shown what names, if any were added to the amended report.

Adjutant-General Stephenson presented the following:

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL, G.A.R., U.S. *
HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLS. Jan. 10, 1868

To the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, through their representatives in National Convention assembled, greeting:

The Adjutant-General, in presenting this the first official report of the rise and progress of the glorious Order now presented in National Convention, approaches the subject with extreme diffidence, feeling himself, as he does, unable to do the subject the justice it deserves.

Early in the spring of 1866 a few patriots, deeply feeling the importance of organizing a grand association of the gallant Union soldiers and sailors of the late terrible rebellion, for the purpose of fostering fraternal relations, and keeping alive the zeal of patriotism and devotion to our country, and above all for the purpose of mutual support and assistance in clothing the naked, feeding the hungry and furnishing employment to destitute, sick and wounded comrades, and caring for the widows and orphans of our gallant dead, formed their plans, and publicly calling on all interested, on the 12th day of July 1866, met in Convention in the Representatives Hall in the State Capitol at Springfield, Ills., and then and there, formed the *nucleus* of

the grand organization here represented in Convention, and which, from that humble origin now extends an influence of great power throughout nearly every State and Territory in our country.

Your present Adjutant-General was honored by the appointment as Provisional Commander-in-Chief. With but crude materials at his command (mere local influence, and but little pecuniary means) aided by a few noble workers, he succeeded in a few months in establishing Provisional Departments in several States and Territories, and placing them in good working order. The Boys in Blue saw the importance of the Organization, and as they flew to arms when Sumter fell, so did they soon fill up our ranks. But the material was crude, our ranks but as raw recruits, and the importance of a more thorough organization was keenly felt. So the first National Encampment was called to convene in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., on the 20th day of November 1866, and then and there the Grand Army of the Republic received its first official recognition. The officers for the current year were elected, a Council of Administration appointed, a Constitution and Regulations adopted, and the noble ship, with its precious freight of charity and fraternal love, with the stars and stripes nailed to the mail, was launched upon the great sea of human events, and right nobly has the gallant bark done duty since that time; though she has passed through many bitter engagements with her ancient enemies, the traitor ship and crew, and even sailed by those who should have been her friends, *her flag is still there!*

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From information derived from numerous letters received daily at my office from every part of our land, I am highly gratified in stating my belief that our organization is rapidly gaining in strength and important, and through its instrumentality thousands of starving widows and orphans have been fed and clothed, while other thousands of our poor, helpless, crippled comrades have been placed in positions where they could earn their own bread, who, but for our instrumentality, would be left to seek their support from the cold hand of charity, *and the Union soldier disdains to beg.* I would also state that all the documents, files of correspondence, books, &c, remaining in my office, will be held subject to the requisition of my successor.

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In conclusion, I would officer my hearty congratulations for the unprecedented success of our Organization, so dear to the heart of every patriot soldier, and earnestly trust that the deliberations of this body may prove harmonious, and such action matured as will better develop the power and influence of our Order for good throughout our land.

Fraternally,
B.F. STEPHENSON.
Adj't-Gen'l G.A.R., U.S.

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- The MSS of this report was not among the papers turned over. The above extract was copied from the

FINANCES

The financial statement showed receipts, \$352; disbursements, \$1,637.56; deficiency, \$1,285.56. The receipts were from the following Departments: Louisiana, \$130; Pennsylvania, \$70; Kansas, \$50; Ohio, \$20; Missouri, \$17; New Jersey, \$13; Michigan, \$10; Minnesota, \$10; Nebraska, \$10; West Virginia, \$10; Massachusetts, \$8; Wisconsin, \$4.

The report of such meager receipts was a surprise to the members of the Encampment. It roved that something was radically wrong in the system of taxation, or else in the method, or lack of method, of collecting. It was evident that the work or organization had been hampered by poverty of means, and that a remedy must be promptly applied.

The delinquent Departments represented over 1,400 Posts. The Committee on Finance, Comrade Nathan Kimball, Indiana, Chairman, recommended the immediate assessment of one dollar upon each Post to liquidate the indebtedness

The result of this assessment, as shown in the report for the following year was the collection of but \$302, the following Departments only, paying their assessments: California, \$6; Connecticut, \$18; Maine, \$12; Maryland, \$11; Massachusetts, \$43; Michigan, \$29; New Hampshire, \$1; New York, \$55; Pennsylvania, \$99; Potomac, \$3; Rhode Island, \$10; Tennessee, \$5; Wisconsin, \$10.

Comrade J.T. Owen, of Philadelphia, then personally advanced to Major Stephenson \$500 in cash, and paid bills for printing Rituals, etc., amounting to nearly \$1,400. Three years time was required to repay the money so advanced.

During the session of the Encampment a communication was received from the National Council, Union League of America, a secret political association, inviting a conference "for purpose of securing co-operative action between the Grand Army and the Union League of America."

The invitation was referred to a committee. consisting of C.E. LippinScott, Illinois; J.B. McKean, New York; Nathan Kimball, Indiana; Jno. F. Hartranft, Pennsylvania and Jas. Shaw, Rhode Island. The committee, after consideration, decided that no action should be taken on the proposition.

RULES AND REGULATIONS AND RITUAL.

The names of members appointed on these committees are not recorded, but the reports were made by General Theo. B. Bates, New York, as Chairman of the Committee on Rules, and by Major A.S. Cushman, Massachusetts, Chairman of Committee on Ritual.

District organizations were abolished. A proposition to change the terms of the Declaration of Principles which would show the Order to be non-partisan, gave rise to a

heated discussion which threatened to lead to a disruption; one side claiming that the organization should be avowedly political in its objects, the other, while as desirous of upholding "the rights of the defenders of their county by all moral, social and political means in our control" took the ground that partisanship had practically destroyed the Order in the West, and would have the same effect elsewhere, and that the organization could not be maintained while there was any ground for the popular belief that it was a secret political society. The amendment "that this association does not design to make nominations for office or to use its influence as a secret organization for partisan purposes," was finally carried. The Article prohibiting the introduction of any partisan questions was incorporated in the Rules at the next session.

Comrades A.S. Cushman, Massachusetts, and T. Wentworth Higginson, Rhode Island, as sub-committee, presented a revised Ritual, which was adopted by the Encampment without change.

RESOLUTIONS

Comrade N.P. Chipman, Chairman, resented the following from the Committee on Resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, we believe the loyal people of this country bear the citizen soldiery in grateful remembrance, and heartily accord to them all honor for their heroic sacrifices to save the nation, and whenever the question of merit is equally balanced would prefer to see honorably discharge soldiers and sailors promoted to places of trust and profit; and

Whereas, by the experience of the past two years we are painfully admonished that public officials, and those possessing the power to appoint to and remove from office, almost wholly ignore service in the late army and navy against rebellion as a qualification for office, and sometimes treat such service as a positive disqualification:

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we most earnestly recommend this subject to Congress as deserving speedy action.

Resolved, That we regard it the duty of the Congress to provide, by some regulation of the civil offices, so that honorable service as a soldier or sailor of the country may constitute a qualification for appointment and that in the several Departments of the Government a definite and equitable number from this class of citizens be chosen from the list of applicants, if shown to possess the requisite skill and fitness.

Resolved, That Congress be requested to so frame the law as to protect our comrades now in civil employment of the Government from being discriminated against by those having the authority to remove them in any future reduction of the number in such civil employment.

Resolved, That this resolution be engrossed, and a copy thereof certified and sent to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with the request that they be laid before that honorable body as the sense of the citizens soldiery of the country, and with the urgent petition that Senators and Representatives give this matter their early and earnest attention.

Comrade E.Y. Goldsborough, of Maryland, presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas arrangements are being perfected by State legislation and otherwise to inter in the Antietam National Cemetery the remains of rebels who were killed in the vicinity of said cemetery; and,

Whereas, we feel that respect to our fallen comrades requires us to oppose any such movement, and to protect their ashes from insult: Therefore be it

Resolved, by the Grand Army of the Republic in convention assembled. That we demand from Congress such legislation as will forever prevent burial, in any of the national cemeteries of any person other than the deceased soldiers and sailors of the Republic for whom they were intended, by placing said cemeteries under the control of the general Government, or by such other mode as to them shall seem best to accomplish the object herein sought.

Resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the President of the Senate of the United States and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the immediate action of said bodies.

Resolutions were adopted thanking General J.P.C. Shanks, Indiana, for the introduction of a bill in Congress to furnish disabled soldiers and sailors requiring them, artificial limbs at the expense of the United States; to the Common Council of Philadelphia for the use of their chamber in Independence Hall for the closing meetings of the Encampment; and heartily commending the proposition to erect a National Monument at Springfield to the memory of the martyred President, Abraham Lincoln.

The UNION LEAGUE of Philadelphia extended a courteous invitation to the Encampment to visit the League House. The secretary, George H. Boker, in forwarding the invitation, said: "The freedom of our house is offered to your members individually, at all times, during the sessions of your useful and patriotic convention in this city."

The thanks of the Encampment were tendered the Union League for their hospitality.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected officers: Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan, Illinois; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Joshua T. Owen, Pennsylvania; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Jos. R. Hawley, Connecticut;

Adjutant-General, N.P. Chipman, Potomac; Inspector-General, Edward Jardine, New Jersey; Quartermaster-General, T.C. Campbell, Ohio; Surgeon-General, Dr. John Bell, Iowa; Chaplain-General, Rev. A.H. Quint, Massachusetts.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Connecticut, E.W. Whitaker; Illinois, Julius C. White; Indiana, Chas. Cruft; Iowa, Thos. I. Sanders; Kansas, Jno. A. Martin; Louisiana, H.C. Warmouth; Maryland, A.W. Denison; Maine, M.T. Wentworth; Massachusetts, A.S. Cushman; Michigan, William Phelps; Minnesota, J.A. Ege; Missouri, T.C. Fletcher; New Hampshire, D.J. Vaughn; New Jersey, G. Cummings; New York, Theo. B. Gates; Ohio, H.B. Banning; Pennsylvania, Jno. F. Hartranft; Potomac, N.P. Chipman; Rhode Island, James Shaw, Jr.; Tennessee, H.D. Grant; Wisconsin, J.K. Proudfit.

To be continued next month

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The journal contains information on all of the G.A.R. conventions as well as other information.

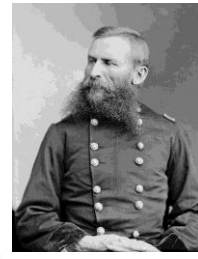
September Birthdays



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6 September 1819



Joshua Chamberlain
8 September 1828



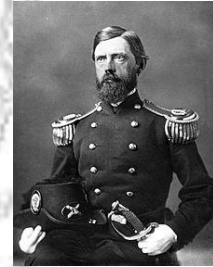
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Andrew Hall Foote
12 September 1806



John Sedgwick
13 September 1813



John F. Reynolds
20 September 1820



John Grubb Parke

22 September 1827



Truman Seymour
22 September 1824



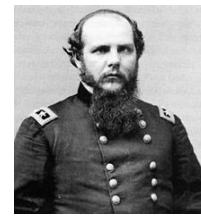
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24 September 1827



William Babcock Hazen
27 September 1830



William "Bull" Nelson
27 September 1824



John M. Schofield
29 September 1831



Samuel P. Heintzelman
30 September 1805



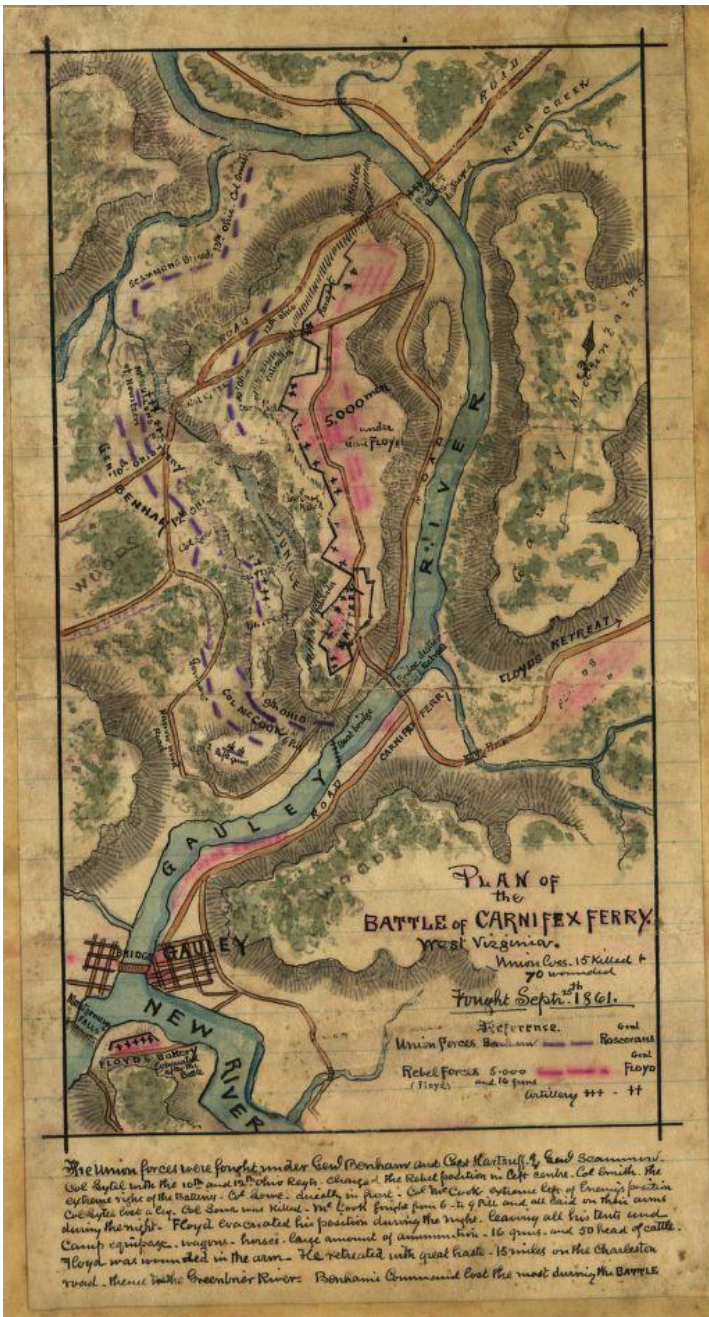
Charles P. Stone
30 September 1824

September Battle Images

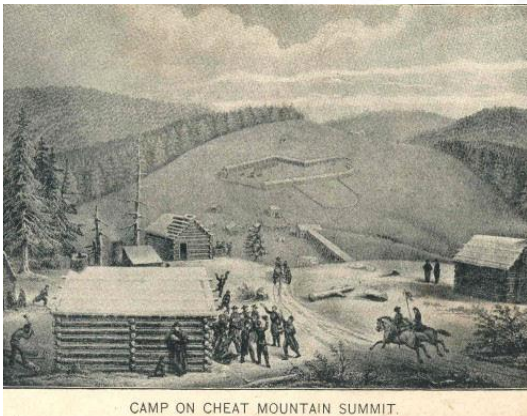
Battle of Boonville, June 17, 1861

1. Gen. Lyon's Troops land at 7 a.m. and march west towards Boonville on Rocheport Road.
2. At two miles, the Federal Troops are fired upon by State Guard pickets who then fall back.
3. The Federal troops advance one mile in line of battle and, at 8 a.m., encounter a large body of State Guardsmen ahead. The main part of the battle begins. The State Guard, outnumbered and facing artillery fire, falls back to Camp Bacon.
4. The State Guard retreats to Camp Bacon, but the Steamboat McDowell comes up and begins to shell the camp. Federal troops advance to find camp evacuated.
5. The final State Guard stand is made at their armory at the fairgrounds. Shelling from the McDowell soon forces the State Guard to withdraw and they retreat south. At 11 a.m. Gen. Lyon receives the surrender of Boonville from a delegation of local citizens.

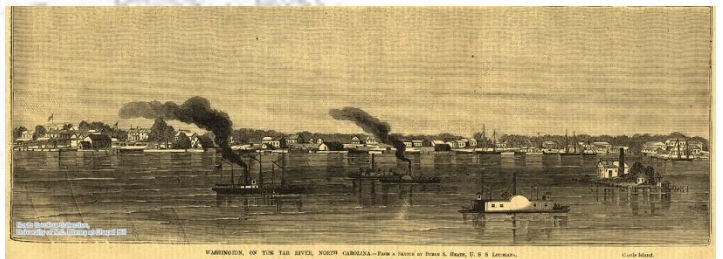
The map shows the Missouri River flowing from the top right towards the bottom left. Rocheport Road runs parallel to the river. Key locations include Court House, Bacon House, Bacon Island, Cheerton Island, Cheerton Landing, Elbert House, Wm. M. Adams House, Camp West of Camp Bacon, and the fairgrounds. A north arrow is on the left. A red arrow points to the fairgrounds with the text 'You Are Here'.



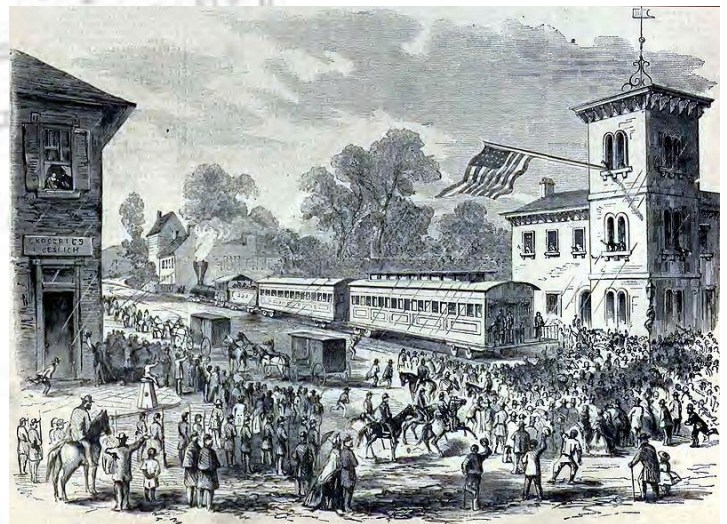
Battle of Carnifex Ferry



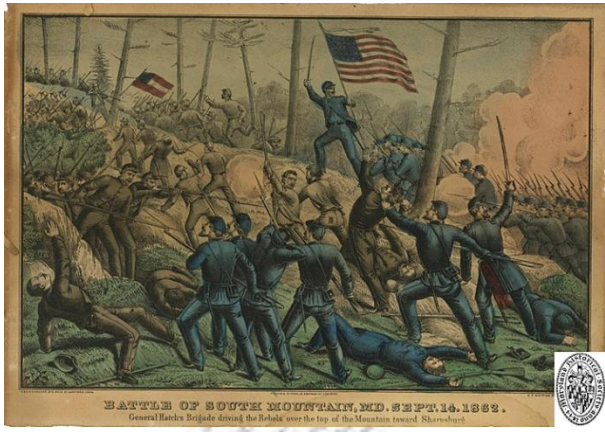
CAMP ON CHEAT MOUNTAIN SUMMIT



Battle at Washington, North Carolina



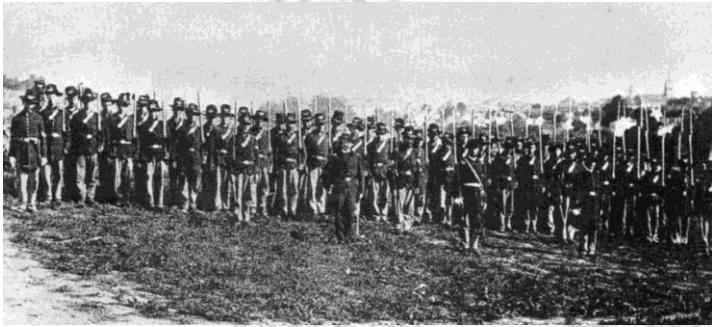
Battle at Middletown, Maryland



BATTLE OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN, MD. SEPT. 16, 1862.
General Harbo's Brigade driving the Rebels over the top of the Mountain toward Sharpsburg.



Battle of Antietam



Union Forces at the Battle of South Mountain



Battle of Antietam



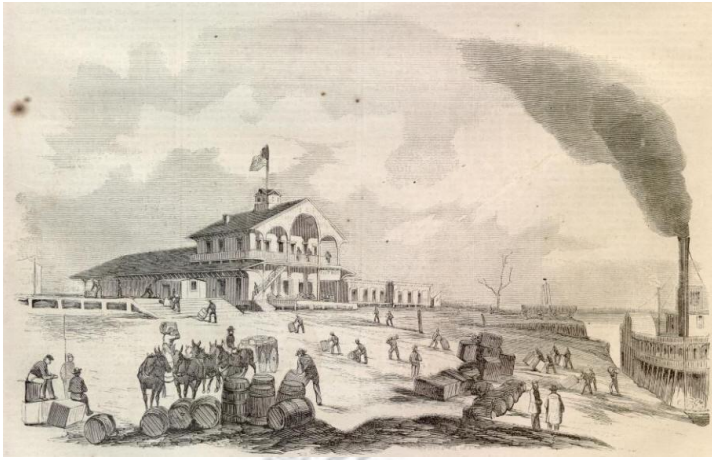
Harper's Ferry, West Virginia



Union Troops at the Battle of Harper's Ferry



Lincoln at Antietam



Battle of luka



Battle of Chickamauga

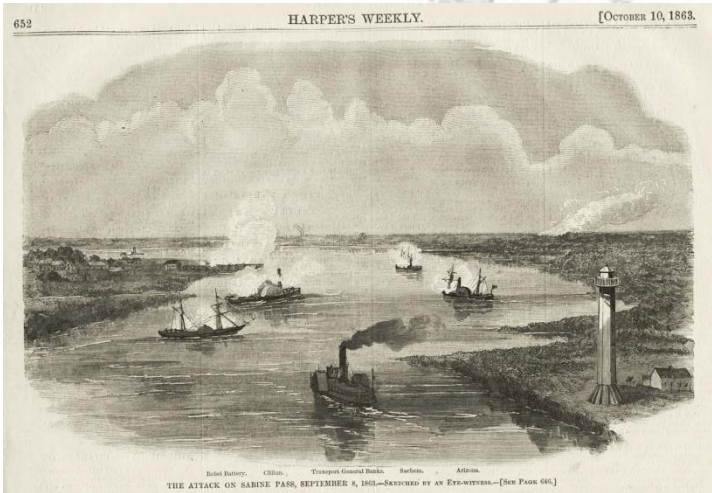
Photo # N01 54825 USS Rattler (1862-1864)



Battle of Augusta, Kentucky



Battle of Chickamauga



Battle of Sabine Pass



Battle of Chickamauga



Atlanta, Georgia



Battle of Winchester, Virginia



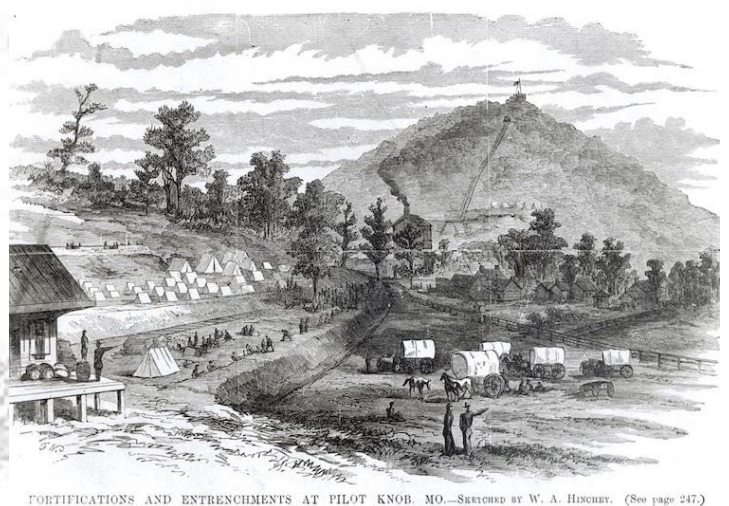
Atlanta, Georgia



Confederate Prisoners Battle of Fisher's Hill



Atlanta, Georgia



FORTIFICATIONS AND ENTRENCHMENTS AT PILOT KNOB, MO.—SKETCHED BY W. A. HINCHLEY. (See page 247.)

Battle of Pilot Knob