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Corporal Bearss of the Marines (1923-2020)—a personal reminiscence

by Robert K. Krick



EDWIN COLE BEARSS Corporal Marine Raider

Tom Broadfoot suggested to me that I might write an obituary of my friend of 53 years duration, Ed Bearss, to put in his pending printed catalogue. I embraced the notion enthusiastically.

There's way too much humorous and irreverent content herein, though, to support the *obituary* label, so this has got to be called something else. Given the tortuous historical corridors that I trod together with Ed across more than a half century, this might ought to be called *Ed and Me*. I apologize not a bit for the personal aspect that resulted from musing about it all.

In the summer of 1967, Ed was all of 44 years old and I had just gone to work as historian at Fort McHenry National Monument as an impossibly green youngster. Ed and a much renowned historical architect came up from Washington to examine an 18thcentury house over which the agency exercised some tangential control. I drove them through downtown Baltimore, that still being feasible in 1967, and took them past H. L. Mencken's house on Hollins Street and his apartment on Cathedral Street; then R. E. Lee's 1849 residence on Madison Street. I recall Ed's delight at seeing those places for the first time. The architect, I remember for no good reason at all, was excited at having landed a date with an actress he much admired. My diary says we failed outright in our obscure mission in 1967, but for the next 50 years, Ed helped me immensely in historical and bureaucratic struggles, and betimes I was able to help him too.

The degree to which even major battlefields remained unidentified, or at least obscurely understood and misidentified, as late as the 1970s seems utterly incredible in retrospect. Even Gettysburg fell short of clarity, in considerable degree because of dense ground cover. In the Shenandoah Valley, then almost entirely unpreserved, no one knew the precise locations of key sites—at least Ed and I did not. In March 1980 he and I and 12-year-old Bobby Krick spent two days bumping around on back roads in a ratty little auto, preparing to lead the annual Chicago Civil War Round Table tour in May. We hoped especially to pin down a reasonably close location for Robert Rodes' death site near Hackwood at Third Winchester. After getting lost in a moldering trailer park, we reached a conclusion of sorts. In fact, we were more than a half-mile wrong, as subsequent research and exploration would prove. [A few years later, coincidentally, Bobby Krick went to work at Little Big Horn Battlefield as a seasonal historian-the same place where Ed had his first NPS billet, as d ef

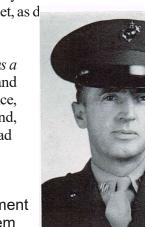
Historian of the NPS, the greatest of Western historians, Bob Utley.]

Ed's life often demonstrated the sempiternal truth, oft repeated—Once a Marine, always a Marine. He and I collaborated endlessly on Civil War touring, writing, management, and preservation; but USMC threads ran steadily through much of what Ed did. At Ed's instance, I helped a friend of his, the much-distinguished historic-landscape architect Ben Howland, work on a plan for preserving Brandy Station Battlefield in 1979, long before that site had

Ed's father, Omar Bearss, from a 1943 publication of the Rifle Range Detachment at Camp Matthews. I avidly collected those "red books," as Marines called them for the uniformly designed embossed covers in faux leather. As I paged through this one I thought I had spotted Ed himself. When I showed it to Ed, he never had seen the photo of his dad.



OMAR E. BEARSS Captain Assistant Post Exchange Officer



gotten much attention. Ben used the project as the grist for a graduate-level course he was teaching at the University of Virginia. Neither Ed nor Ben mentioned it to me at the time, but they had both been Marine Raiders in the Solomons. A long life of dealing with the USMC has shown me beyond doubt that genuine warriors aren't noisy about it; boisterous "veterans" seem often to be bogus, in fact. (The only negative things I ever heard about anyone from the leading historian of the Corps for decades, the consummately mild Joe Alexander, concerned Marines who boasted too much.) I only later learned that Ben had been much distinguished at Tasimboko. I regret having missed the chance to ask him about September 1942 at Edson's Ridge.

In the 1970s, the NPS began studying the feasibility of establishing a War in the Pacific historical park on Guam, since the island remained a U.S. protectorate. In January 1979, Ed called me to solicit suggestions for research background on Guam, for that purpose. The USHR had scheduled hearings, and he of course would represent the NPS at them. My library afforded some things not otherwise readily available, even at that early date, and I sent him copies. Ed suggested adding me to the planning team, including work on-site in the Marianas, but at that point we were in the midst of exorcising a particularly hideous bureaucrat and I could not leave. Many years later another Pacific opportunity, headed for filming on Peleliu, collapsed when Gene Sledge died. I never did get to the Pacific.

Another Pacific Theater trip that fell through must have been among Ed's greatest disappointments. As a member of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines (the raider battalions having been disbanded), he landed at Cape Gloucester in December 1943 and a few days later suffered savage wounds that shattered both arms, at what the Marines aptly designated Suicide Creek. Ed spent 26 months in hospitals. [Late in life Ed repeatedly urged me to write an article vindicating his commander, Lt. Colonel William R. Williams of 3/7, relieved of command the day after Suicide Creek unfairly, in Ed's view.] Although he later led hugely popular tours on battlefields of every war, all across the North America and Europe and some of the Pacific too, Cpl. Bearss had never been back to Suicide Creek. One of the tour companies he worked for scheduled a Pacific junket on a small cruise boat that would include Cape Gloucester. Ed assured me he could head straight to the deadly creek, through miles of trackless jungle, some of the densest on the planet; he was in his late 80s at the time. The dramatic venture got



Ed Bearss signing a copy of the reprint of Tunnard's Louisiana memoir, which he edited, at a release party in 1970. Standing at the far right is legendary publisher Bob Younger, who produced the reprint and who was as eccentric as Ed himself—no mean feat.

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cancelled because local unrest at a couple of the destinations had erupted into outright violent revolution. News reports mentioned a return to head-hunting and cannibalism. Ed of course was undaunted, and dismayed at the cancellation.

Ed's wide propinquity with the Corps helped me substantially during the aftermath of the same bureaucratic imbroglio that kept me away from Guam. He went to the Director of the NPS, another Marine, and told him to make sure to protect me. Ed never told me that; the director did some years later, after he retired.

I spent four hugely entertaining years working for the Marine Corps after I retired, writing the exhibits for the grand new museum at Quantico. For exhibit subtitles, I generally used quotes, aiming to include ones from lesser ranks when possible. I embraced the opportunity to get one from Ed for the very short panel (68 words) on the forming of the raider battalions: "I had wanted to be a Raider since I heard of them in boot camp." The museum of course includes an array of audiovisual programs (which I had nothing to do with). One of them used Ed for some narrative. A few years later Ed and I were leading a tour of Civil War sites around D.C., and he was holding forth at the Korean War memorial in his inimitable raspy voice and erratic cadence. I noticed two impeccably turned out enlisted Marines standing nearby listening. When Ed finished, they came up and wanted to meet him: they had recognized his voice from the museum programs.

Ed's quirky speaking style and distinctive voice made him memorable, content aside. He bobbed back and forth when orating, whether at a podium or on a battlefield. Once, at one of the January seminars on the beach at Sarasota, Ed literally fell off the edge of the platform while wandering and bobbing. He never ceased talking while going down or coming back up. The long-running TV program "Civil War Journal," and related subsidiaries, featured a medley of old art, new art, modern battlefield videos, and a steady diet of talking heads. Once when the California filming crew came out to shoot a bunch of historians speaking, I arranged to set them up to do the work in Fredericksburg. The local library agreed to let us do the filming in their conference room on an upper floor. Ed and me, Gary Gallagher and Jack Davis and maybe someone else, took turns answering questions on camera, or talking at length on designated topics. The journal editors would chop such things up and use them in small bites for years. Bookshelves lined the walls of the conference room, which served as storage for newly arrived titles awaiting processing. Most of the books were popular fiction of the *Sweet Savage Love* genre, with lavender dust jackets and illustrations of horses or sailing ships in the background and women in the foreground about to be kissed (or bitten?) on the neck. We rounded up armsful of *Official Records*, looking entirely apposite for the occasion, and filled the shelves behind the narrators' heads with those more seemly spines. It worked just fine—until Ed's turn came. He could not sit still, bobbing and weaving even when seated, and he kept getting out of the safe area, into visual range of the Danielle Steel oeuvre. We had to fetch up more *OR*s to widen the safety zone.

To a degree beyond the casual understanding of civilians, Ed's role as Chief Historian of the NPS did not include any real power over central-office decisions. He was staff, and handcuffed in a fashion familiar to such roles, both military and civilian. That left him able to be an important asset to those of us working in preservation only somewhat indirectly. During the runup to the absolutely crucial 1989 legislation that saved Jackson's Flank Attack and 2500 acres around Fredericksburg, Congressman Bob Mrazek and Senator Jim Jeffords steered the bill on Capitol Hill. The NPS opposed it, inevitably, because the agency is indifferent (or much much worse) about historic sites, especially military ones. The old breed worshipped the big Western parks (as do I, in fact); most of the headquarters types really wanted all available chips spent on parks of only local significance, but with high political impact—urban beaches, for one instance. Nobody wanted resources wasted on battle-fields. The Congressional committees had come to know and trust Ed, who left them amused and admiring. We got around his orders to express opposition in the hearings easily enough, by having troop maps as central exhibits, with the boundary adjustments shown relative to the action. After obediently registering NPS opposition, Ed answered questions about accuracy of the maps, and their markings, which made the case. The 1989 bill seems to me the most important for battlefield preservation in at least a half-century or more, but I admit to being Chancellorsville-centric.

Ed relished harassing the NPS historians who helped him lead tours, or came along for the ride, for imaginary shortcomings. Whipcord lean himself, he particularly badgered NPS fellows grown a bit bulky. Ed loved to tell his audience about his special plans for one of my staff at Fredericksburg. The fellow was, and is, mild-mannered, a bit chunky, and well beyond military age. Ed boasted that he knew the current Commandant of the USMC because he often led staff rides for him—which was true. Using that insider connection, he had arranged for an age waiver so the NPS fellow could be sent to Parris Island for much-needed boot camp, despite his advanced age.

Another constant tune in the familiar refrain involved imaginary romantic liaisons between young NPS historians and a harridan at Gettysburg. No doubt that would be considered a hate crime today, or at least emotional imperialism of some sort, but it was a simpler era. Ed's attitude came through clearly when I once told him in confidence about an actual serious personal problem of that sort, afflicting one of the younger historians, hoping he might help arrange a transfer as a partial solution. I said, "Dammit, Ed, this is serious so you cannot harass him about it or anything else in public." He responded: "Robert, I never tell stories about young historians unless they are not true." And that was in fact the case.

My long-time friend Russ Smith, who became an important NPS bureaucrat despite being short, and both smart and ethical—both virtual death-knells for that kind of post—heard that I was writing about Ed and sent this note about his own early career at Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie during the Bicentennial: "There were four major archaeological projects going on and a restoration project was turning the fort upside down. All of this activity had a basis in Ed's research. Ed would visit us from time to time as work progressed. To us young ranger/historians, Ed was a god. He always remembered just one thing to tease each of us about, which delighted us no end."

Ed's favorite target in the whole gallery probably was Harry Pfanz, long-time historian at Gettysburg and author of three classic volumes on that topic, then later Chief Historian of the NPS. Harry was a quiet and dignified fellow, and perhaps Ed's best friend. Ed ragged him mercilessly. Once, on Little Round Top as both were leading a tour jointly with me, when Harry's turn came, he said in rejoinder: "Wouldn't you think that a grateful government would have a facility to house former Marines when they become senile?"

Gary Gallagher and I led many a seminar and tour that included Ed among the historians orating at battlefield landmarks. The day after Ed's death, Gary sent me a simple e:mail that rattled off some of Ed's favorite rants: "Jeb Stuart was a [sissy]!" "Bedford Forrest liked to kill people." "Krick will get a toupee, and it will be a cheap one!" "Marines don't trust anyone who covers himself with a towel in the shower." To Gary's list I would add a memorable line, oft-repeated, about a good-natured fellow who failed egregiously in a preservation role. He was, Ed said in USMC style, "the kind of guy who would go bankrupt running a whorehouse at Pearl Harbor."

Another of Ed's innumerable jibes, oft repeated (as they all were), assailed young NPS historians who participated in tours, when he spotted them with their hands in their pockets. That is forbidden for U. S. Marines, as unmilitary. He particularly harassed Donald Pfanz, Harry's son who was a historian at Fredericksburg. After years suffering under that abuse, one of the victims located a photo of Ed himself with his hands in his pockets while listening to someone give a tour talk. Copies of the incriminating image circulated promptly and widely and served as an antidote forever after.

The concluding words of one stanza of the hymn of his beloved corps discuss heaven's security—...*they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines*. Ed will be making sure none of the Marines ever has his hands in his pockets.

Robert K. Krick Fredericksburg, Virginia September 2020



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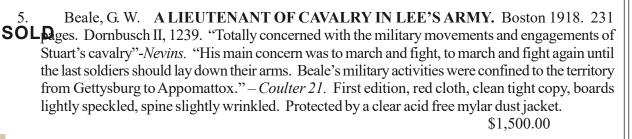
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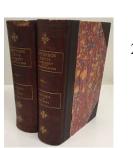
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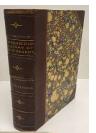
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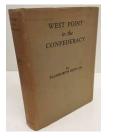
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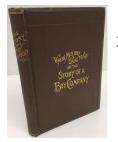
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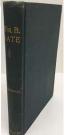
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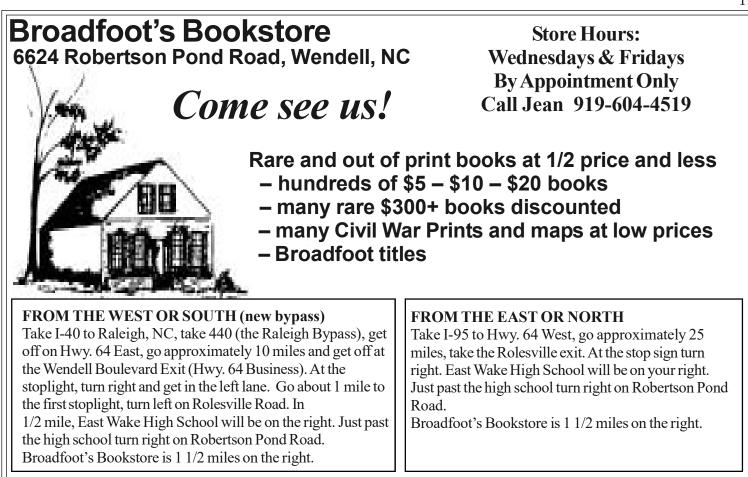


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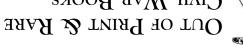
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