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# *THE FIRST CAMPAIGN* **LEE & McCLELLAN** **IN WEST VIRGINIA**

Little research or discussion has been given to the action in West Virginia during 1861. Our November speaker, Clayton R. Newell, maintains should be considered the first campaign of the Civil War. So he wrote a book about it, and it has just been delivered to the bookstores.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Newell says that although he set out to write about the political objectives of the campaign, the personalities of Lee and McClellan became more and more central to his examination of campaign the more he studied it.

McClellan and Lee did not face off in West Virginia. But Col. Newell examines how this campaign shaped their decisions and their behavior, and its effects on their actions in the conflict which followed.

Clayton Newell retired from the U.S. Army in 1992. His last assignment was in the Army's Center for Military History. He will have copies of his book available at our meeting.

CLAYTON R. NEWELL

**THE FIRST CAMPAIGN:  
LEE vs. McCLELLAN IN WEST VIRGINIA**

Thursday, November 14, 1996, 7:30 P.M.  
Manassas National Battlefield Park Visitor Center

**Bull Run Civil War  
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## From the Firing Line

# WE DID IT! The Symposium Was Worth the Work.

## Now... ABOUT OTHER ISSUES....

Greetings Members and Friends,

Whew! What a good day on Oct. 5. The location at the church couldn't have been better, the speakers more thought-provoking, the lunch tastier, or even the weather nicer. And first indications are that we will have somewhere around \$500 to send to APCWS when it's all sorted out. We are very pleased with our first experience at a symposium. Enough so that some enthusiastic individuals are thinking about coming up with another topic for next year. Forty-two people actually attended the day-long event, one from as far as Harrisburg and two from New Jersey. Karen's White Fire Chili was a big hit at lunch, apparently a far cry above the box lunches provided at similar occasions. John Hennessey doubled up and covered Longstreet as well as Pope. Many thanks to him as well as Frank O'Reilly, Mike Miller and James Phelps. For those not familiar with local lore, lifelong Manassas resident and Sudley Church member Mary Ferguson Smith filled us in on how the church was rebuilt due to the efforts of a Union soldier. Jason Duberman of Clío's History Bookshop sold out of Henney's *Return to Bull Run* and wishes he'd brought more. And finally we have to congratulate the winners of John McAnaw's quiz - our own Scott Patchan aced it, with Tom Courtney not far behind.

With the symposium behind us, the priority of the Executive Committee is membership. It remains a mystery to me that Chicago, the original round table, has a membership so large and Manassas never even had a round table at all until 1990. We have increased our ranks somewhat, but it's hard to believe that in this large and densely populated area, right in the midst of two of the more important battles of the Civil War, that there aren't more people who would be interested in joining us. We suspect that they are out there; we just need to find them. We found five new members at the symposium. Local newspapers announce our meetings regularly. We strive to get a flyer posted on the visitor center's bulletin board each month. We need a membership brochure to leave at key spots, like the Manassas Museum and Historic Manassas. The local libraries now reserve their slots for literature related to government supported activities only, so there is only the community bulletin board available anymore. At \$15, we deliver a pretty good bargain of speakers, tours and newsletter.

Update on all the road studies: Prince William County Gainesville District Supervisor Ed Wilbourn told 750 county residents at his transportation meeting October 28 that he would like to combine the Western Transportation Corridor plan and the Rt. 29 Alternative plan into one big road over Stony Ridge. Keep your eye on the Western Corridor and Rt. 29 studies underway by VDOT. Wilbourn's idea is not included in the Western Corridor study though he tried to insert it, but a version does show up in the Rt. 29 study. Information on the VDOT public hearings on the Western Corridor are listed below. In addition to those VDOT hearings, the county board of supervisors hold their own hearing Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 P.M. at the McCoart Center. A public meeting date for the Rt. 29 study has yet to be scheduled. These studies affect all of us, and of course our battlefield. Each one of us needs to publicly state our concerns.

Yours faithfully,  
Martha Hendley

### *Prepare for Action!*

## THE FIFTH BATTLE OF MANASSAS HAS BEGUN

**T**he one overriding lesson learned from the bitter fight in the mid and late 1980s to save an integral part of the Manassas battlefield, i.e. the 542 acre William Center Tract, is that Americans want this battlefield protected from destruction.

It took the efforts of many prominent and ordinary citizens, led by the indomitable Annie D. Snyder of Pageland Lane, to win this costly fight which was termed The Third Battle of Manassas. Bipartisan Congressional support and the approval of President Ronald Reagan were key to the successful legislative taking of the William Center Tract in October 1988. The term the Fourth Battle of Manassas was used to describe the successful efforts to keep Disneyland East out.

The Fifth Battle of Manassas has rekindled the bitter feelings caused by the two previous battles. The newest threats are not as readily identifiable as the William Center Tract or Disney. But they are real, very real. As background, keep in mind the fact that the legislative taking by Congress of the William Center Tract had, as one of its expressed purposes, the diminution of motor traffic through the battlefield.

Let us now proceed to the proposed actions that, if approved, threaten the integrity and setting of the Manassas Battlefield Park and the beautiful rural landscape along the western and

northwestern boundary of the park. A discussion of the threats follows:

*First threat: Intersection of U.S. Hwy. 29 and Rt. 234, Stone House intersection*

Proposed plans call for the construction of left turn lanes at the Stone House intersection. The length of these lanes is unknown but, according to one source, could "easily be more than 200 yards long."

The construction of these turn lanes will, in addition to markedly degrading the physical appearance of that very important part of the battlefield, also attract more traffic, not less, through the battlefield.

The intent of Congress per the legislative taking in 1988 was to reduce the amount of thru-traffic. If these turn lanes are constructed, there will undoubtedly be follow-on efforts to make Rt. 234 two lanes (at least) each way from I-66 to Hwy. 29.

*Second threat: Parkridge Project, Intersection of I-66 and Rt. 234*

If you look at the National Park Service map for visitors to the battlefield, you see a wedge-shaped section of land located just north and west of the intersection of I-66 and Rt. 234.

According to the Prince William Newsletter of Oct. 11, 1996, this is the site planned by the Eastern Operating Company of the Opus Group for another retail center measuring over 300,000 square feet, including a 15-screen cinema complex.

If this shopping mall is built, it will place a tremendous strain on the existing road network and undoubtedly cause traffic tie-ups at this intersection.

According to the newsletter, construction on this project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1997, with a completion date of winter 1998. If this project is completed, there will be, without a doubt, intensified efforts to widen Rt. 234 through the entire battlefield.

*Third threat: Proposed Rt. 234 Bypass*

This proposed road goes by several other names, including U.S. Hwy. 29 Bypass and the Dulles Parkway. Opposition to the proposed routings of this bypass has been intense and is growing.

Opponents state that the term U.S. Hwy 29 Bypass is used to that the road can be identified with the legislation related to the Federal acquisition of the Williams Center Tract which, in part, was aimed to reduce traffic on Rt. 29 through the park. Thus Federal transportation funds could be used to build this road and "protect the battlefield."

Critics also state that is not a viable Rt. 234 bypass, but rather a link in the proposed Dulles Parkway which, if built, will run from Dulles International Airport to I-95 in Stafford County.

The proposed routes for the Rt. 234 Bypass have infuriated area residents and battlefield preservationists. There are several options.

One proposal has the bypass running north-south to the west of Pageland Lane to a point just south of Catharpin Run, where it cuts across Pageland Lane and continues north to the east, paralleling Pageland Lane.

Another option proposed follows the same route to a point north of the park boundary, where it crosses Pageland Lane and courses northeast over Stoney Ridge, across Catharpin Run west of Sudley Church, and joins with County Rte. 659.

Both options adversely affect the battlefield and the surrounding countryside. The route over Stoney Ridge goes through terrain heavily occupied by

Jackson's Confederate forces during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Manassas.

According to informed sources, including local residents, there were Confederate field hospitals and cemeteries on Stony Ridge and in the area which would be affected by the proposed road construction. For example, one field hospital site and cemetery has been identified on the Rock Hill Farm.

Once more we must muster our forces to preserve the Manassas Battlefield, one of the brightest jewels in the crown of the National Park Service. To paraphrase an oft-cited quote "The price of historic

preservation is eternal vigilance and timely action." Join the ranks to protect our treasured battlefield.

## Kernstown Battlefield Update

Due to a recent court decision in Winchester, the fair market value price for the Charles Hardy Grim Estate, which includes Pritchard's Hill and adjacent terrain, has not been established. According to newspaper reports, the judge will not announce his decision on the valuation of the Grim Estate until early 1997.

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## Round Table's First Conference Considered a Success

## DO WE WANT TO DO THIS AGAIN?

The round table's first conference, "Leadership at Second Manassas," came off without any of the numerous problems that was envisioned by the seminar committee.

First of all, we made money. The committee's biggest concern was whether there would be enough interest to cover costs. Break-even point was at 30 attendees; we had 42 attend plus several no-shows. So we've sent over \$400 to APCWS. By the way, several of those who attended were from out of state - four New Jerseyites drove down, and afterwards said it was well worth the trip. The Round Table also gained five new members.

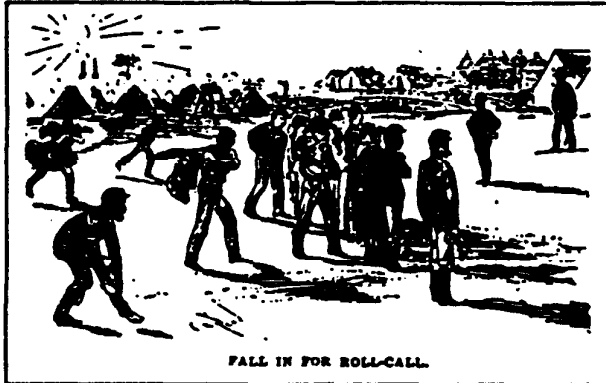
Kudos for speakers Frank O'Reilly, John Hennessey, J. Michael Miller and James Phelps. Engrossed expressions were prominent in the audience, and the question and answer periods were lively. Clio's History Bookshop was a popular corner.

We liked holding it at Sudley Church. The thought of holding a Manassas battle-based conference at such a historic location was appealing, and its facilities were suited for the number of people who attended. Definitely a good choice.

The kitchen crew noticed a number of people coming back for seconds of white chili and salad bar, so the menu was well chosen as well. There was some disagreement about whether chili could be made with turkey and without beef or tomatoes, but noticeably that disagreement was not made by Texans. There was also some controversy over the degree of spiciness - the cook's Texas-trained tastebuds felt it bland; Virginian tastebuds considered it too hot. However, all agreed it should be on the menu of our next conference.

Which leads to the question: How much interest is there in holding a seminar next year or the year after? During the planning process, the committee muttered "no way" but that was opening night nerves. After cleaning up the conference room those committee members who were most adamantly opposed to ever holding another conference prior to the meeting were amusingly the ones holding a lively discussion on the possible topics for a conference next year. What's your opinion?

# Upcoming Field Trips



Given that we are well under way with the 1996-97 field trip schedule, kudos and just plain thanks must go to the leaders of the trips already taken: to Scott Patchan for a great September jaunt through Third Winchester, and to Joe Kelley and Gary Ecelbarger for a well-done October excursion to Antietam. Both trips were informative and, as usual, thoroughly researched, not to mention just plain fun.

The next trip is November 16<sup>th</sup> to Fredericksburg, led by John McAnaw, Mark Knowles and Dan Paterson. Please see details elsewhere in this newsletter.

The December 7<sup>th</sup> trip is not so much a battlefield tour as it is a commemoration. As I said at the October meeting, we will journey to Antietam to volunteer at the annual Antietam National Battlefield Memorial Illumination.

## CIVIL WAR RICHMOND, Jan. 11

Charlie Grymes leads a tour to "Civil War Richmond" January 11. On the agenda are the Confederate Museum and White House, and either Hollywood Cemetery or the Capital Building, depending on the weather. Although there are admission charges for the Confederate Museum and White House, we are researching how to get the lowest admission fee possible, in line with our being "cheap but proud."

## LIBRARY RELIC ROOM, February

For February, Martha Hendley is arranging a tour of the Relic Room at the Bull Run Library (date to be determined).

BY CHRIS CUSTODE

## CIVIL WAR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, *Spring*

### 1864 OVERLAND CAMPAIGN, *Spring*

Also come spring, we will continue with the 1864 Overland Campaign, which we started last spring with the Wilderness and Spotsylvania, by touring North Anna River and Cold Harbor with Mike Miller and John McAnaw, respectively.

### CROSS KEYS AND PORT REPUBLIC, *June*

In June, we head back to the Shenandoah Valley with John to tour Cross Keys and Port Republic, the last two battles of Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign. Summer plans will be announced as they are available.

If anyone has questions about the upcoming field trip schedule, would like to volunteer to run a trip or help with a tour, or has ideas for a tour, contact me.

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 16 - 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg  
(717) 334-0772.

Dec. 7: Civil War Christmas Program, Antietam Battlefield Visitor Center, 3 P.M. Music, talks and a visit by Santa,  
(301) 432-5124.

Dec. 7: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Illumination of Antietam Battlefield, 6 P.M. Over 23,000 candles representing casualties are lit along the battlefield roads. The Round Table will be attending; see information on next page. Rain date is Dec. 14. (301) 432-5124.

*The newsletter's look will be changing over the next few months. Some will be planned, but others will be because of the vagaries of learning a new computer program. Have patience, please. I'm not sure what I'm doing, and even less sure of what this is capable of.*

*Karen Fojt*

# ANTIETAM Memorial Illumination Saturday, December 7

Once again the round table will journey to Sharpsburg, this time to help with the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Illumination at Antietam Battlefield. This stirring event evoked feelings of inspiration, awe and amazement last year, and turned a careful of normally boisterous souls into a quiet, reflective bunch.

For those who have never witnessed the sight, volunteers turn eight miles of park roads into a sea of light, as row upon row of luminarias commemorate the fallen of Antietam, one for each of the 23,110 casualties. And just as you think you've seen all you can see, you turn another bend...and another...and another...to processions of flickering in the darkness, lined up like so many tombstones and stretching back on either side of the road, on the rises, in the gullies and swales, beyond comprehension...each flame a life, lost and darkened forever on that hallowed ground.

Volunteers are assigned a part of the field where they set up the luminarias. After lunch, the candles are lit. A ceremony reflecting on the day is held at the Maryland Monument, after which the motorcade of volunteers begins. The general public proceeds at 6. The trip takes 45 to 60 minutes.

Since I announced this trip at the October meeting, I've learned that I have to give a final count of the volunteers before the November meeting. Please call me, 698-7749, by November 10 if you wish to participate in setting up the luminarias. Of course, you can attend as part of the general public at 6 if you like.

**DEPARTURE:** 8 A.M., Dogan's Ridge parking lot.

**RATIONS:** Bring your own. There are few restaurants in town, parking is limited and there may be heavy traffic. Some of us may want to have dinner in nearby Shepherdstown (four miles the other side of the Potomac).

**RAIN/SHOW DATE:** December 14. But we as a group will not sign up for it.

**CONTACT:** Chris Custode, (703) 698-7749.

In the opinion of your humble Field Trip Chairman, it is difficult to find a more unique or memorable way of reflection during this season of light, joy and peace.

# Marching Orders Fall in for FREDERICKSBURG, Saturday, November 16

This will be an informative and leisurely paced tour of Fredericksburg battlefield sites, including locations off the beaten track.

Included is a scheduled stop for reasonably-priced lunch at the popular Irish Brigade Restaurant. The tour ends no later than 3:30 P.M., allowing time for tour members to shop, if they wish, in the many fine stores in historic downtown Fredericksburg.

**TOUR GUIDES:** John McAnaw, Mark Knowles and Dan Paterson.

**ASSEMBLY POINT:** Dogan Ridge parking lot, on Rt. 234 on the Manassas Battlefield.

**ASSEMBLY TIME:** 8 A.M. We'll move out at 8:06.

**TOUR ROUTE:** U.S. 29 southwest to Warrenton; U.S. 17 (which follows the route of the Union Army of the Potomac in November 1862) to Falmouth. Strip maps will be provided at the assembly point. Tour participants can also join us at Chatham, the first stop.

**FIRST STOP:** 9 A.M., Chatham/Lacey House, the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Battlefield Park Headquarters.

**LUNCH:** Irish Brigade Restaurant, Fredericksburg. Reasonable prices.

**LAST STOP:** 3:20 P.M. Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center and adjacent bookstore.

**CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:** Dress appropriate to the weather. Hiking shoes and liquids recommended.

**AMOUNT OF EXERTION REQUIRED:** Light. Longest round trip from vehicles is .61 miles at the Bernard Cabins site.

**COORDINATION:** Sign up sheets will be at the Nov. 14 meeting. Contact John McAnaw evenings, (703) 978-3371 for more information.

# WESTERN TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR STUDY

Stafford, Prince William, Fairfax, Fauquier and Loudoun Counties

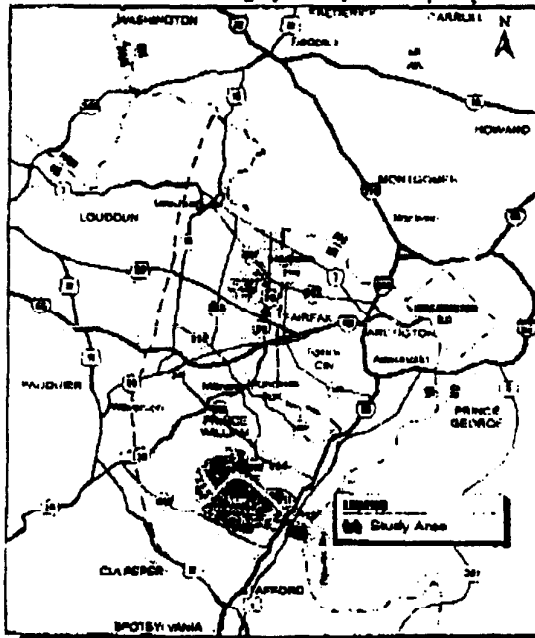
## Citizen Information/Participation Meeting

### Purpose:

To invite you to the last round of public meetings planned for this Major Investment Study (MIS). These meetings will all be held from 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the locations listed below. Staff will be available throughout the meetings to answer questions regarding the Study.

A brief presentation will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by an opportunity for citizens to present oral comments. Sign-up for oral comments will begin November 4, 1996. Citizens may call to pre-register (1-800-960-8448) weekdays between 9:00am and 4:00pm only.

In order to vacate the building by 10:00pm, time per speaker will be limited to three minutes to permit as many speakers as possible.



**Wednesday, November 13, 1996**  
Stonewall Jackson High School  
8820 Rixlew Lane  
northwest of Manassas  
in Prince William County

**Thursday, November 14, 1996**  
Stafford Senior High School  
33 Stafford Indian Lane  
north of Fredericksburg  
in Stafford County

**Wednesday, November 20, 1996**  
Liberty High School  
6300 Independence Avenue  
near the Bealeton community  
in Fauquier County

**Thursday, November 21, 1996**  
Farmwell Station Middle School  
44281 Gloucester Parkway  
in the Ashburn community  
in Loudoun County

### Comments:

Oral comments may also be given to a court reporter at the meeting. Written comments will be received at the meeting or may be sent within ten days to: Travsky & Associates, 3900 Jermantown Road, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

### Special Assistance:

If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting please call:

1-800-960-8448



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POTOMAC NEWS

# CITIZENS AGAINST ROADS FOR DEVELOPERS

PLEASE

## **ATTEND the HEARING** **on the WESTERN CORRIDOR**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1996**

**7:00 P.M. BRIEF PRESENTATION**  
**FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**STONEWALL JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL**

**8820 RIXLEW LANE, MANASSAS**

You may also give your remarks to a court reporter and turn in written comment from 5:30 - 10:00 P.M.

*Delegate Harry Parrish told us October 28th  
if the people come and voice their opposition, this road will not be built.*

### **COME SUPPORT THE "NO BUILD" ALTERNATIVE**

**Call 1-800-960-8448 to register to speak.**

**If you cannot get a time to speak, COME TO THE MEETING  
and SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO WILL SPEAK ON YOUR BEHALF.**

These roads are being promoted by **SPECIAL INTERESTS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TAXPAYERS**. Please attend this meeting and voice your support for the **"NO BUILD"** alternative. A vote for any other alternative will result in a roadway which may impact you, your friend, or your neighbor.

**!NUMBERS COUNT. YOUR ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL!**

**!You must ACT NOW to protect your property!**

CARD needs your help. Please be certain to sign our petition, send your letter to Gov. Allen, and mail your yellow "no build" alternative postcard. We must work together to stop special interests.

Many have worked hard to get the word out to our communities - at a personal expense. To defray the cost of photocopies, postage, and other expenses, we would appreciate any donation you can offer. Please send all donations by check to CARD:

P.O. Box 163, Catharpin, VA 20143

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# A Buckeye's Account of the Federal Assault at Fredericksburg, 13 December 1862

*Thomas F. D. Galway served with the 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, II U.S. Corps, during the Fredericksburg Campaign. He kept a diary of his military service which was later transcribed into a large book. These journals were the basis of a very informative book, The Valiant Hours, edited by Col. W. S. Nye and published by the Stackpole Co. in 1961. The following excerpt is offered as preparation for the Round Table tour of the Fredericksburg battle sites on Nov. 16.*

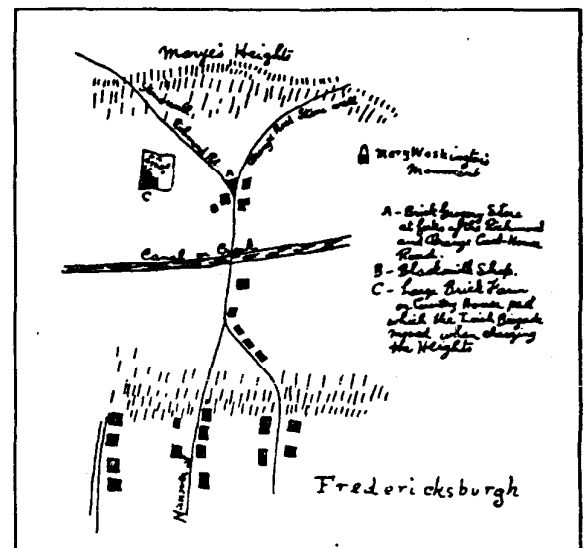
At daybreak on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> everything was stirring. The plunder had continued all night. Many of the men are already drunk again. A heavy fog covers the city and entirely envelops the valley between it and Marye's Heights, where the enemy's works are. Yesterday we could very plainly see the rebels moving about on the heights; this morning they are entirely obscured by the fog. Towards noon the fog begins to lift, and Franklin's men, away to the left, begin the attack. All is in motion now. The 1<sup>st</sup> Delaware, the 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio, and our own 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio, are detached to open the attack of our division (French's) in skirmishing order. Our regiment moves out Hanover Street towards the western outskirts of the city. The other regiments take the adjacent streets, it being the intention to deploy, and to connect our lines when we shall have cleared the houses and have reached the open grounds beyond. Just as we reach the edge of the city and before we have time to deploy, we are met by a fire from the enemy's skirmishers (Barksdale's brigade, we learn from a wounded Confederate) who are at the foot of the hill which descends from the city into the open valley.

In the plundering yesterday most of our men had "gobbled" plug tobacco, of which almost every man had a half a box on his back, wrapped up in his blanket, when we received the fire from Barksdale's men.

### *Attack against the Stone Wall*

General Couch, commanding our corps, who happened to be near us directing our advance and deployment, very indignantly ordered the tobacco to be cast aside. It was done at once, and with a cheer we deployed and went forward at a run.

Our colorbearer as usual was conspicuous for his bravery. Several times he outran his comrades so far as to incur the danger of being captured with our precious colors. We halted for a few minutes behind a slight rise of ground to reform and to give the short-winded men time to come up. Then with a lusty cheer we bounded forward again, not halting until we had taken the house at the fork of the road. Here the fighting became desperate. We distributed ourselves among the houses



Sketch map by Thomas R. Galway, 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio, of the Fredericksburg battlefield.

in the vicinity, firing from behind fences, out of windows, and from every possible cover.

At the angle of the road, forming a "flat iron," stood a small brick grocery store. The blunt end of the house, which was presented to us, was wide enough for a door which we found barred at our approach. A few blows from the butt of a musket opened it and we carried our bleeding comrades in, laying them first on the counters and then, as their numbers increased, on the floor - wherever, in fact, there was room. Strangest of all we found here a woman who, either by accident or a foolhardy desire to save her property had, after barring the door, descended into the cellar.

This house was right in the vortex of the whirlpool of destruction. Bullets whistled in every direction. Shells exploded, shattering, with their terrible detonation, every glass in the windows. The wounded began to beg for water, and their comrades, after looking everywhere in vain for a well, dragged the poor woman out of her cellar. Opening the back door, which looked out on the enemy's terrible batteries

on the heights, they forced her out into the pelting shower of missiles to show them the well. Poor woman! She must have gone mad with fear, if she finally escaped with her life.

Fighting continues unabated. The air is alive with fireworks. Along the crest of the hill just outside the city, our batteries are extended, firing over our heads at the heights in front of us. From the latter belch flashes of enemy artillery fire. At the foot of the heights are several stone walls, and between them as well as on top of the heights, are lines of rifle pits. All are teeming with Gray Backs. Line after line of our men advance in magnificent order out from the city towards us. But none of them pass the position which we took at our first dash and which we have continued to hold until now, in spite of the concentrated fire of the enemy's batteries and the destructive fusillade of his infantry. There is one exception, the Irish Brigade, which comes out from the city in glorious style, their green sunbursts waving, as they have waved on many a bloody battlefield before, in the thickest of the fight where the grim and thankless butchery of war is done. Every man has a sprig of green in his cap, and a half-laughing, half-murderous look in his eye. They pass just to our left, poor fellows, poor glorious fellows, shaking goodbye to us with their hats! They reach a point within stone's throw of the stone wall. No father. They try to go beyond but are slaughtered. Nothing could advance farther and live. They lie down doggedly, determined to hold the ground they have already taken. There, away out in the fields to the front and left of us, we see them for an hour or so, lying in line close to that terrible stone wall.

But we have plenty to occupy our attention on our own front. It seems that Frankiin, on the left, has retired. Rumors of that sort have spread along our line; how, I know not. At any rate the enemy's fire, if it was furious before, becomes tremendous now. Our artillery does little firing. No battery seems able to hold a position with us in the valley, and the artillery on the northern banks of the river opens only occasionally, being afraid of destroying us.

The balloon is up, near General Burnside's headquarters on the other side of the river. We can see it very plainly now and then, when the smoke blows away. Several times the enemy have thrown shells at it, and once it was wrapped in smoke but escaped damage. Finally it came down, though. The enemy made it too hot for that balloon.

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Column after column issues from the streets of the city, and after deploying into line, advances across the open valley under the murderous fire, to lose their share of men in the vain attempt to carry those impregnable heights.

## Tom Courtney Quizzes Out!

Round table member Tom Courtney demonstrated his commendable knowledge of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas Campaign by winning the quiz contest at our Leadership Symposium on Oct. 5. This was a difficult test for even the most ardent buffs of the War of Secession.

For his effort, Tom won a set of the Troop Movement maps prepared to accompany John J. Hennessey's acclaimed book, *Return to Bull Run*. Well done, Tom!

## November Birthdays

5 - Benjamin Franklin Butler, Maj. Gen. USV, 1818-1893. First volunteer major general appointed by Lincoln. He was the first to apply the term 'contraband of war' to slaves of Southern masters who fled into the Union lines.

13 - Joseph Hooker, Maj. Gen. USV, 1814-1879. During the Mexican War, he won the brevets of all the grades through lieutenant colonel for gallant and meritorious conduct, a record not surpassed by any first lieutenant in the service.

19 - Fitzhugh Lee, Maj. Gen. CSA, 1835-1905. Born in Fairfax County, a nephew of R. E. Lee and, on his mother's side, of Gen. Samuel Cooper. Reentered the US Army as Maj. Gen. USV in 1898, and commanded VII Corps in Cuba.

30 - Jedediah Hotchkiss, Engineer CSA, 1828-1899. The skills of the foremost mapmaker of the Civil War contributed much to the success of Jackson's Valley Campaign.



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