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Bristoe Graves

BRISTOW, Va. — Reporter Linda Wheeler wrote in the Aug. 16 Washington Post about the search for Confederate graves at a Bristoe battlefield farm south of Manassas. The search committee is headed by Robert "Red" Barbour of the Roanoke Sons of Confederate Veterans who raised \$7,000 to pay for thermal imaging and ground radar.

The graves are being sought on land that is due to be disturbed for housing development after Nov. 11. According to Wheeler, the graves will be marked and a monument to them will be built. The developer, Centrax Homes, has given another 127 acres to the Civil War Preservation Trust.

In addition to the Oct. 14, 1863, Battle of Bristoe Station, the farm was a camp for Confederate troops from First Manassas, and where they became ill with typhoid fever. In 1862 a Union brigade camped there and made note of 128 marked graves, most dated from Aug. 25 to 28, 1861. Thirty Confederates killed during action at the farm on Aug. 21, 1862, are presumed buried on the site.