

#### THE DAILY CITIZEN. J. M. SWORDS, ..... Proprietor.

VICKSBURG, MISS.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1863.

LFMrs. Cisco was instantly killed on Monday, on Jackson road. Mrs. Cisco's husband is in w in Virginia, a member of Moody's artillery, and the death of such a loving, affectionate and dutiful wife will be a loss to him irreparable.

EFWe are indebted to Major Gillespie for a steak of Confederate beef alias meat. We have tried it, and can assure our friends that if it is rendered necessary, they need have no scruples at easing the meat. It is sweet, savory and tender, and so long as we have a mule left we are satisfied our soldiers will be content to subsist on it.

IF Jerre Askew, one of our most esteemed mechani-citizens, was wounded at the works in the rear of our city a few days since, and breathed his last on Monday. Mr. Askew was a yong man of strict integrity, great industry and an honor to his family and friends. He was a member of Cowan's artillery, and by the strict discharge of his duties and his obliging disposition won the confidence and esteem of his entice command. May the blow his family have sustained be mitigated by Him who dooth all things well.

FGrant's forces did a little firing on Tuesday afternoon, but the balance of the day was comparatively quiet. Yesterday morning they were very still, and continued so until early in the afternoon, when they sprung a mine on the left of our centre, and opened fire along the line for some distance: We have not been able to ascertain anything definitely as to our loss, but as our officers were on the lookout for this move of the enemy, the expectations of the Yankees were not realized by a great deal.

IF Among many good deeds we hear spoken of with pride by our citizens, we cannot refrain from mentioning the case of Mr. F. Kiser. This gentleman, having more corn than he thought was necessary to last him during the seige of this place, portioned off what would do him for the brief interval that would ensue before the arrival of succor to our garrison, and since that time has relieved the wants of many families *free of charge!* May he live long and prosper, and his name be handed down to posterity when the seige of Vicksburg is written, as one in whose breast the "milk of human kindness" had not dried up.

IF Porter is enjoying a season of rest, and his men are doubtless obliged to him for his kind consideration for their welfare. On Tues-

Good News .- In devoting a large portion of our space this morning to Federal intelligence, copied from the Memphis Bulletin of the 25th, it should be remembered that the news in the original truth, is whitewashed by the Federal Provost Marshal, who desires to hood wink the poor northern white slaves. The former editors of the Bulletin being rather pro-south rn men, were arrested for speaking the truth when truth was unwelcome to Yanksedom, and paced in the chain-gang working at Warrenton, where they now are. This paper at present is in duress, and is edited by a pink moned, stab-sided toad-eating Yankee, who is a fuscal descendant of Judas Iscariot and a brother germain of the greatest Puritanical, sycophantic, howling scound drel unlung - Parson Brownlow. Yet with such a character, this paper cannot cloak the fact that Gen. Rob's E. Lee has given Hooker Milroy & Co. one of the best and soundes whippings on record, and that the "galoriou-Union" is now exceedingly weak in the knoes

#### Gen. Rob't E. Lee Again.

Again we have reliable news from the gal lant corps of Gen, Lee in Virginia. Elate with success, encouraged b a series of brillian victories, marching to and crossing the Rappu hannock, defeating Hooker's right wing, and then a through the Shenandoah Valley, drivin Milroy from Winchester and capturing 60,00 of his men and a large amount of valuab stores of all descriptions, re-entering Marylan holding Hagerstown, threatening Washingto City, and within a few miles of Baltimore onward and upward their war cry - our brat men under Lee are striking terror to the hea of all Yankeedom. Like the Scottish cure tain's braves, Lee's men are springing up fro moor and brake, crag and dale with flashin steel and sturdy arm, ready to do or die in t great cause of national independence, right and honor. To-day the mongrel administr tion of Lincoln, like Japaet, are in search a father-for their old Abe has departed i parts unknown. Terror reigns in their hal Lee is to t e left of them, the right of hem, front of them, and all around them; and da do we expect to hear of his being down them. Never were the French in Algeria me put out by the mobile raids of Ab Del Kan than are the Federals of Maryland, Washing ton City, Pennsylvania and Ohio by the m cureal movements of Lee's cavalry. L Paddy's flea are they to use Fedrals - n they have got them and now they have The omnipresence of our troops and th throwing dust in the eyes, or rather on heels of the panic-stricken Federals in Ma land and Pennsylvania, clearly prove t Lee just now is the right man in the ri place.

We by before our readers in this issue account of Lee's brilliant and successful shaught upon the abolition hordes, and si e'en from their own record, how our gar hoys of the cavalry have fleshed their sw to the hilts with their vaniting foes, and

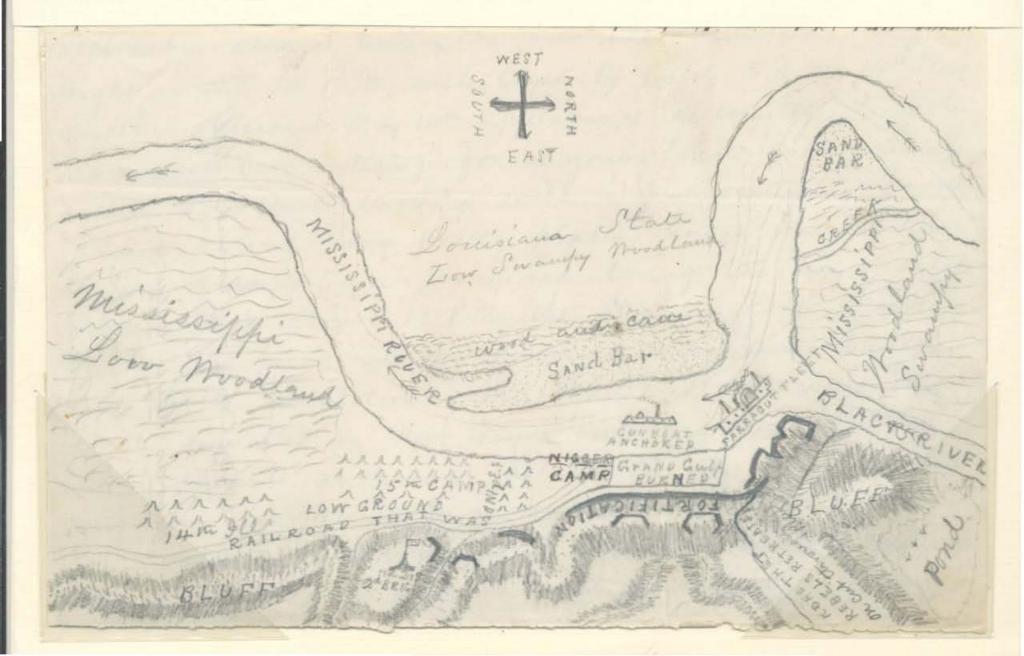
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**GRAND GULF, MISS., MARCH 20, 1863** Fifty miles below Vicksburg. Charles Tyler describes the movement of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, from Memphis to Vicksburg via a flotilla of steamboats and gunboats. "Just as I retired we recieved by **Rocket Signal Telegraph** information that Grant had been fighting and wining all day and had taken ten thousand prisoners at Vicksburg." Vicksburg fell to Grant on June 29, 1863. This was really the beginning of the end for the Confederacy because it propelled Grant to the overall command of the armies of the United States. The accompanying sketch of Grand Gulf was made by Tyler at the time. Note that Grand Gulf had been burned out by the bombarding of the gunboats of the Navy.



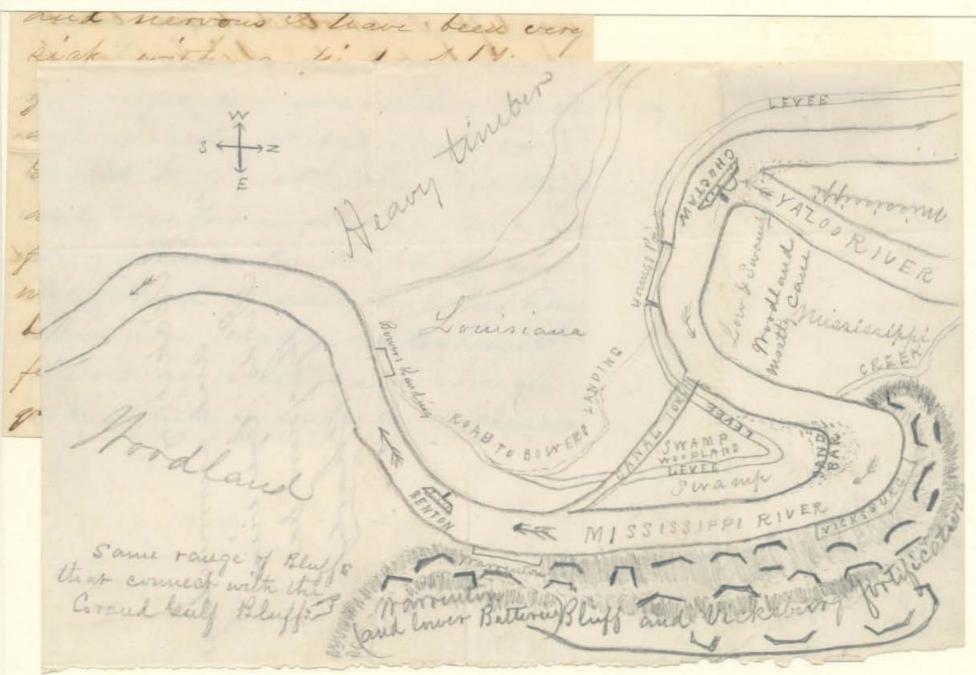
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**BEFORE VICKSBURG JUNE 15, 1863** Charles Tyler, clerk of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 16th Army Corps, writes home that he expects Vicksburg to be taken soon. "We have Vicksburg entirely surrounded from the river on the north around to the river on the south. ... we are planting heavy seige guns ..... some of these days Vicksburg will get an awful waking up with shet and shell .... they have a line of breastworks and forts all the way round .... there is a constant cannonading kept up from morning until night."

On June 29, 1863 Vicksburg fell to the Union forces under Grant — just two weeks after this letter was written. The sketch of the operations around Vicksburg was made by Tyler and included with the letter.



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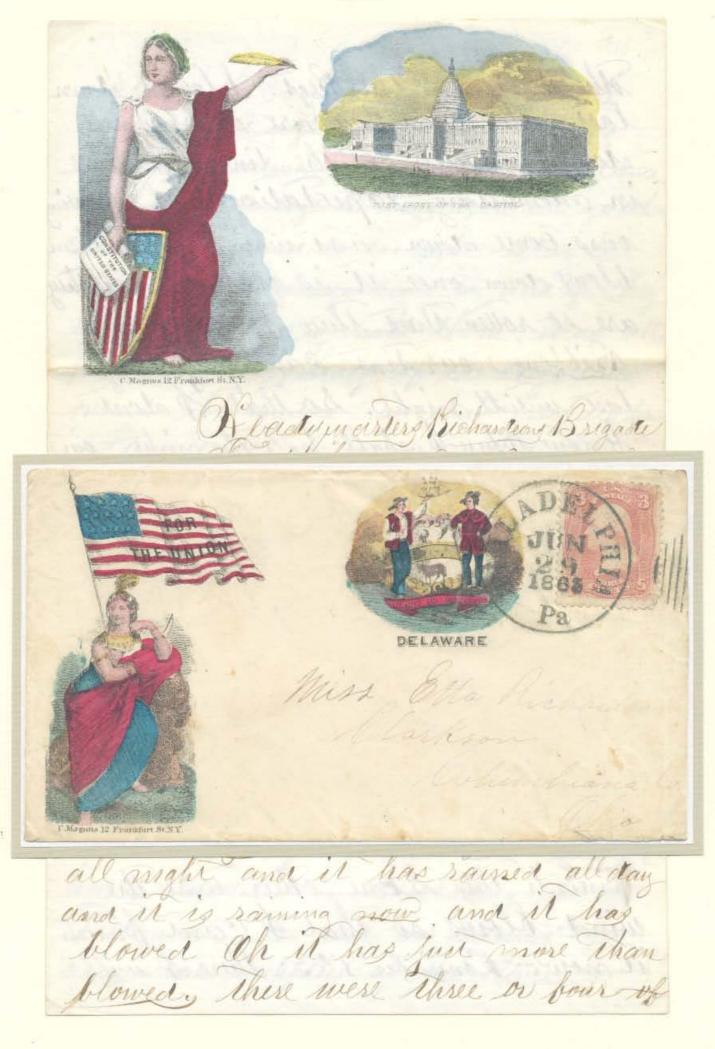
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## SOLDIERS LETTERS

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## THE WESTERN MAILS



## MINNESOTA BY MAGNUS

Charles Magnus made two designs of *MINNESOTA* for his series on the loyal states of the Union. Cover shown above is the only used example of this design recorded. Postmarked at **HARPERS FERRY VA Dec 15, 1862**.



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For his design of the Missouri state patriotic cover, Charles Magnus chose the image of an American Fur Trapper carrying a "For The Union" flag and the state seal.



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Dear Floyd,

At long last, please find enclosed a genuine used example of the Missouri state Magnus design patriotic cover! I think I have been looking for an example for 25 years now. Please accept it with my compliments.

Best Regards,

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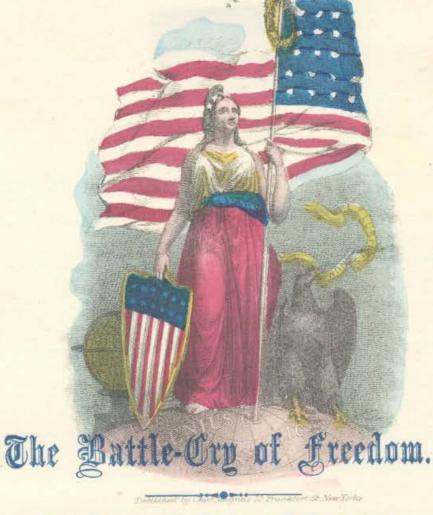
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## PATRIOTIC COVERS



Yes, we'll rally round the Flag, boys, we'll rally once again, Shouting the battle-cry of Freedom; We will rally from the hill-side, we'll gather from the plain, Shouting the battle-cry of Freedom! CHORUS. The Union for ever! hurrah! boys, hurrah! Down with the Traitor up with the Star! While we rally round the Flag, boys, rally once again Shouting the battle-cry of Freedom!

We are springing to the call of our Brothers gone before,



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HIS LIFE

PRISONERS OF WAR





COVER DATED JULY I, 1863, FROM CAMP CHASE PRISON CAMP, SHOWING COLUMBUS OHIO SQUARE GRID CANCELLATION AND TWIN PORTRAITS OF GENERALS MC CLELLAN AND HALLECK.

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## THE WAR YEARS

1860 - 1865

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SHIP LETTER WRITTEN ON BOARD U.S.S. COLORADO "Off Fort Pickens, Florida" in 1861.

Mrs. N. E. M. Babcock, Oroego, Troja C., n. u. 182 8

FORT PICKENS was located at Pensacola, Florida and remained in Federal hands during the war. Cover is from an army officer February 5, 1862. It is apparently a double rate that was returned to the sender by the Fort Pickens postmaster for an additional three cent stamp. Thus the DUE 3 of that post office.

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U.S. GUN BOAT WISSAHICHON OFF NEW ORLEANS. Ship letter 1862.

## THE WESTERN MAILS



U.S.S.COLORADO. This was a 3000 ton steam Frigate which played an important part in blockading the Alantic and Gulf ports during the Civil War.SEE the George White correspondence in this collection for more on the COLORADO. Cover above postmarked at KEY WEST, FLORIA MAR 3 1874. Also bears the handstamp of Naval Chaplin David H. Tribou.

U.S.S.HARTFORD. The Hartford was a 3000 ton steam Sloop and was Admiral Farragut's flagship at the battle of Mobile Bay during the Civil War. The person to whom the letter is addressed was the wife of Lt.Commander Parnell F. Harrington the Commander of the Hartford in 1878(later Admiral). Both the above ships were steam with auxiliary sail.

Ship's Letter. Mrs 9. F. Harringto 1126 Connecticut Washington . S. C. 3:08 U.S. of America. 1878

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#### PRISONER'S LETTERS.

Cover shown above is prepaid by the stamps of both sides. It was probably exchanged via the Flag of Truce boat NEW YORK. The Confederate stamp may have been put on by the sender or ten cents in cash was paid to the Confederates and they placed the stamp and cancelled it at Richmond, Virginia.

Cover **below** bears the handstamp of J.A. Patterson the Provost Marshall at Point Lookout, Maryland and is southbound via Flag of Truce.

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U.S. STEAM FRIGATE COLORADO. Ship letters while on blockade duty off the mouth of the Mississippi in 1861 and off Mobile Bay in 1862.

Ship Island was located off Pass Christian, in the Gulf of Mexico, about midway between New Orleans and Mobile Bay. SHIP ISLAND MISS.

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" Ship Island April 12, 1862 miss Kate; I don't beleave This Phillips will care (?) So & will write you again for letters are such a lupury down here on this foland, that an answer sum to be veril. SEL MISS. apr 16 mike Kate Cathern Jourshend Turent Fring that & thave and en poyed my self more then & have at any time before since &

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# News-Letter EXTRA.

SHIP ISLAND, MISS., MAY 6, 1862.

From the New Orleans'Bee, May 2. THE FEDERAL FLEET AND TROOPS.

The U. States fleet now lying in our river com-

The U. States fleet now lying in our river com-prises the following vessels: The flag steamship Hartford, bearing the blue pennant of Com. Farragut; the Steamships Brook-lyn, Pensacola, Mississippi and Pocahontas; and nine gun boats, numbered from 1 to 9. The Steam-ship Tennessee, the Towboat St. Charles, and the Steamber Diagonal Colling Public P Steamboats Diana and Sallie Robinson, were seized by the enemy, since their arrival in this port.

The Steamer De Soto, which formerly ran be-tween New Orleans and New York, is also in port.

Some of the prisoners brought from the forts and released on parole-came up in this vessel. The steamboat W. Burton, the tow boat Landis,

and a large side-wheel two-masted steamship, full of troops, arrived ou Wednesday. They were joinof troops, arrived on Wednesday. They were join-ed yesterday by ten transports, among which are the following: Steam war ship Mississippi, lying in the First District, Post 16, with a large number of troops, which came on shore. Sailing ship E. Wil-der Farley, lying in the First District, Post 18, with a swarm of troops. Ship Idaho, lying off the Point, filled with troops. The balance of the trans-ports are small steamers or tur boats, as far as we ports are small steamers or tug boats, as far as we could judge.

They have landed from four to five thousand men.

From the same paper we condense the following : On Tuesday, 20th April, the answer of the City Council was transmitted to Com. Farragut, and as a result of the messenger's interview with him was, that he abandoned his purpose of bombarding the City, and signified his intention of removing the City Hall flag by means of his own forme \$\$ A 000

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must be regarded as of the Press, we must not disclose, if we knew. Gen. S. takes with him the 12th Maine, 8th Vermont and 18th Connecticut, while five Regiments, with a part of two field batteries and one Co. Cavalry are left. These, with the field works upon the Island, the fort, and the Naval force in the harbor, are amply sufficient to protect us against any force which the enemy can send against us

HEAD QUARTERS, SHIP ISLAND, ( Мат 4ти, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 1.

By direction of Major Gen. Butler, the Command will until further orders, devolve upon Col. F. S. NICKERSON, Commanding 14th Maine Vol's, to whom all the Commanders of Regiments and Independent Companies will immediately report. By Command,

G. F. SHEPLEY,

Col. and Acting Brig'r Gen'l. E. ILLSLEY, A. A. A. Genl.

#### HEAD QUARTERS, SHIP ISLAND, ) Мау 4тн, 1862.

ORDER No. 1.

1. Pursuant to Gen'l Order No. 1, from the Head Quarters of Acting Brig'r Gen'l G. F. Shep-ley, I hereby assume the Command of this Post.

All orders heretofore issued and now in forec,

will be observed until otherwise ordered. II. Adjutant C. S. Bickmore of 14th Maine Vol's, is hereby detailed as Adj't of this Post. By Order,

#### Col. F. S. NICKBRSON. Commanding Post.

C. S BICKMORE, Adj't.

FORT JACKSON .- By politeness of Col. Nickerson, Commander, of Post, we have New Orleans dates to 2d inst. It seems there was a mutiny in Fort Jackson, which compelled its surrender." From this and other facts connected with the surrender of New Orleans, there can be no doubt that the number who are getting sick of this unholy rebellion, are not a few.

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LINCOLN'S GENERALS

1860 - 1865

#### "Head Quarters 14th Division Near Vicksburg. May 25 1863

General

I desire to record my testimony to the gallant conduct of Boomers Brigade of your Division on the 22d inst, in the attack on the defence of Vicksburg. The only chance to secure the lodgement made by my Division on the enemies works was evidently to send reinforcements to them; and though it entailed the loss of brave men, I felt that the importance of the object made it absolutely necessary to try. Col Boomer [George B.] formed his Brigade in two lines, placed himself in the center, and marched them forward in the most gallant style.

The enemy had been heavily reinforced, and the Brigade was met with a tremendous storm of bullets, but not a man flinched. They moved forward steadily down the hill, scrambled across the first ravine and were just formed to advance to the next when Boomer was struck down. Col Putnam was about to continue the advance when he larned that the last words of Boomer were not to attempt to charge those works. I was glad that no farther advance was made for it proved that the enemy had, had time to concentrate so strongly in front that it was impossible to take his works. When ordered to retire the Brigade moved back steadily, took up it's position and held it until ordered away. Besides being a gallant and noble soldier Col Boomer was a personal friend of mine, but he died at the head of his Command nobly performing his duty to his country and his cause.

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EUGENE ASA CARR had a long distinguished career of forty-three years in the army, most of it on the western frontier, in the Indian wars. At the time of this letter he commanded a division of the XIII Corps, before Vicksburg, which surrendered on July 4,1863 - about a month before it was written.General Carr was awarded the Congresional Medal of Honor for gallantry at the battle of Elkhorn Tavern where he was wounded three times on March 7,1862. He retired from the army in 1893 and died December 2,1910 and was buried at West Point from which he had graduated 1850. GEORGE B.BOOMER was a Colonel in the 26th Missouri Volunteer Infantry.

Nead Quarters 14" Division Near Vicksburg . "May 35" 1863. Genual. I desire to record my testimony to the gallant conducts of Boomers Brigade of your Vivision on the 223 inst, in the attack on the defence of Wicksburg. The only chance to secure the lodgements made by my Vioision on the entimies works was evidently to send reinforcements to Them; and though it entailed the loss of brave men, I fello that the importance of the object made it's absolutely necessary to buy. bal Boomer formed his Bugade in two lines placed himself in the centre, and marched them forward in the most gallant style. The energy had been heavily reinforced and the Pougade was mel with a hemendious doin of bullets but not a man flinched. They moved forward steadily down the full, scrambled across the first ravine and were just formed to advance to the next when Bromer was struck down.

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Desperate Cavalry Charge at Battle near Springfield.



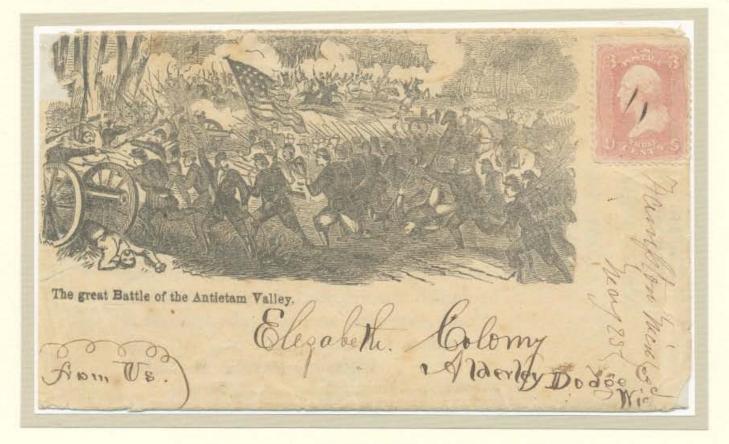
Brilliant Engagement of General Banks' Division with the Rebel forces under Stonewall Jackson, August 9th, 1862.

Aboard The Steamer Silver Mare, Dec 2 abound the Steamer of S. Bringle Dec 8th 1862. Dear Style. Dear Difo. According to promise I a again seat muself on the old boat to myself on the old Boat to sive you drop you a few lines in the form of a letter to let of our forming from Louisville on down you know where are and and what we are doing Biver. As I told you in my last litter for my last letter which was mailed at Gairs. Il I give safe in Tomsvilloron "Thursday Now you a buy skitch of our fourney up to noon of Dec 2" in the evening. Whe next morning we In passed Smithland, Ky, situated at the mouth Acesh prisoners at this place. we of the Cumbuland river at noon our men have got sick in the Hospital here. The le Whis place will partified. In also passed Paducah, Key at at 12 Holock and had to pass Theor the mouth of the Vermeaser rever at 3 Wolock P. M. here 2 miles long, the Ganal had I saw a law Boat here that our troops captured from

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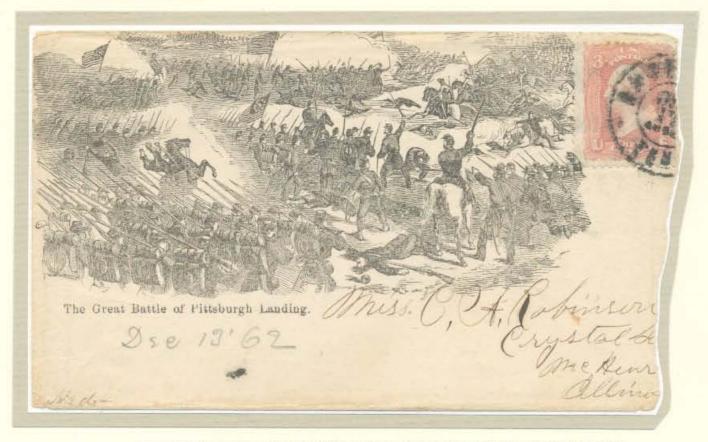
## THE BATTLES

1860 - 1865



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ANTIETAM IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF SHARPS-BURG September 16 and 17, 1862. Cover is postmarked at HAMPTON, MINNESOTA May 23.



PITTSBURGH LANDING IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF SHILOH April 6 and 7, 1862.

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## WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, November 9th 1862.

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you

africant Cuartermaster of Tolunteen, with the san Kof Captain in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the minth day of November , one thousand eight hundred and sixty- two Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the ADJUTANT GENERAL of the Army, your acceptance or non-acceptance; and, with your letter of acceptance, return the OATH herewith enclosed, properly filled up, SUBSCRIBED and ATTESTED, and report your AGE, BIRTHPLACE, and the STATE of which you were a permanent RESIDENT.

you will report for duty to Brigadier General 36. H. Sibley at Camp Released, Minn .- in person,

Capt. arthur 16. Mills, apt. Ch. Mr. of Vols Care of May Gail Pope, Samit Paul;

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#### 1846 DAVID BONHAM MURDER CASE 1847

David Bonham, a former state legislator was convicted of killing Henry Keene in a dispute over possession rights of a sawmill, on May 22,1846, in Milwaukee Co. He claimed self-defence - that Keene had threatened him with a heavy iron milldog [iron bar used to hook logs together] and that he fired at his legs with a shot-gun. Did not know that he had killed him until he was arrested the next day. Bonham was sentenced to be executed on December 11,1846, but was given a reprieve to February 3rd and then on the 2nd he was again reprieved to March 3,1847. Then two days before the execution , at 2 AM in the morning he was informed that the Governor had commuted his sentence. Eventually he was released from prison and one report has him going to Missouri where he died 23 years later. See two letters written from his jail cell and a printed petition to Governor Henry Dodge, as well as a letter dramatically describing the preparations for the execution.

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Postscript only from a letter by David Bonham to Byron Kilbourn, who was probably a state congressman, January 14th 1847, written on the back of the address sheet. Postmarked at RACINE Wis.T.JAN 14,1847. "PS Could I but get a pardon I would leave the territory forthwith Should the Governor request it, and I would also give bail to keep the peace and be of good behaviour in any Sum and to any length of time the Governor thought proper, I think my friends would bail me, for my God knows that could I once get out of this, they never would Catch Dave Bonham in another Scrape, And I dont think I ought to have got into this, for God knows that I tell the truth when I say that the thought of Killing never entered my head nor heart, and God also knows that the thought of fireing the gun never entered my head nor heart, more than a 4 of a minute before it was done and not till he was within a 2d as it were of strikeing me with that deadly weapon[iron mill-dog], but he is gone and I know no man living could have been more Sorry, an repented more for doing an act than I have for this, and I hope the deceased is in heavan, and if I suffer the penalty, I think that I Shall be able to meet it better than some that Swore against me ever will meet a natural death, but dear Sir I forgive them, and also all my enemies, for I certainly am determined to leave the world in peace with man on my part, and I hope in peace with God, God bless you an prosper The 3 Supervisors have just been in to see me from Yank-Jan 14th. you; ville in this Co, they wished to learn the testimony, I gave it to them, and they remarked that all Racine could not have induced them to Sign my petition before , but they wanted to Sign it now, and they Signed it before they left my cell, I have the testimony by me - It is astonishing to me, how people have been misinformed in my case - D.B."

## To His Excellency HENRY DODGE,

# Governor of Wisconsin :

THE UNDERSIGNED PETITIONERS, would respectfully represent to your Excellency, that at the October Term of the District Court of Racine county, 1846, DAVID BONHAM was tried for the morder of HENRY KEENE, and said Bonham was convicted and sentenced to suffer the punishment of death, on the eleventh day of December proxino.

Your petitioners would forther represent, that while they concede that by the strict rules of law, said conviction was correct, yet they believe there was sufficient proof of palliating circumstances, that said Bonham ought not to die for said crime.

First, Because the evidence in said cause left it very doubtful whether Mr. Bonham did not kill Mr. Keene in self-defence, as it was proved on the trial, that at the instant the mortal wound was inflicted, (which was by shooting with a shot-gun.) Mr. Keene was aiming a deadly blow at the head of Mr. Bonham, with a heavy iron mill-dog.

Second, Because Mr. Bonham was proved, on said trial, to have been, from his childhood up, of the best character for humanity, benevolence and kindness, not one instance being shown on his trial that he ever had before committed any act of violence whatever.

Third, Because Mr. Bonham was proved on his trial to have been an active and useful member of society-a strong advocate of its peace and good order, and of the duty of obedience to the laws of his country.

Fourth, Because Mr. Bonham is the husband of an amiable though very feeble wife, and the father of six children-the oldest thirteen years of age-all of whom will be left penniless, should the sentence of the law be executed upon Mr. Bonham.

Fifth, Because we do not believe that said crime was committed with any real premeditation, or formed design; but on a sudden occasion only, and while under great apprehension, by Mr. Bonham, of great bodily injury to himself. And we cannot believe that death should be inflicted alike upon such a man, and for such an offence, as it would be upon a man who was seeking for plunder, and had formed a secret and premeditated murder.

Entertaining these views, we would respectfully ask and pray, that your Excellency would be graciously pleased so to commute the punishment of the said Bonham, as to save him from death for said crime, and, as in duty bound, your Petitioners will ever pray.

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The David Bonham murder case became involved in the movement to abolish capital punishment in Wisconsin. But, it was not until 1853 that the State legislature passed such a law, in which life imprisonment was substituted for the death penalty in cases of first degree murder. What David Bonham pleaded for, while claiming that in his case it was "self-defence".

## THE WESTERN MAILS

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David Bonham writes from his jail cell to the Honorable John Haight, a member of the State legislature, while he id under sentence of death for the murder of Henry Keene.Letter is postmarked at RACINE WIS.T. JAN 27 1847 - rated 5 cents postage.

#### "Hon John T.Haight

#### Racine Jan 27 1847

My dear Sir I learn that His Excellency has rejected my application for a comuntation of my Sentence, this of course seals my fate. I have Sent a petition to the legislature and should my case come up in the house I beg and pray of you to assist me if you can consistantly with your duty as a legislature. O dear friend I have a Wife and 6 children as amiable and lovely as man can wish. My Wife has been with me near 2 weeks, and I know, and She Says that She cannott Survive me but a few weeks) My nerve is all but gone and all I can can say on the Subject is, that I hope I will meet Mr Keene in heaven, and altho - I know I must meet my God next Wednesday, Still I can say with a clear concience that I never thought of Killing Mr Keene, my blessed Saviour is my witness when I say that the thought of Killing him never once entered my mind, head, nor heart, and I die innocent of even an attempt to Kill. O dear friend I beg and pray of you to aid if possable in amending the act relative to Capital punishment, so as to Save me from death, for saidCrime, and you ever will recieve the prayers of an innocent and an affliete family, and also the prayers of This Thy humble Servant David Bonham"

"O dear friend in the name of humanity pass an act haveing in its object the 1st 2d and 3d degree of murder and define the first degree, so that no man Shall die for Such an act done in an offway, fearing he may die innocent of an intent to Kill - In Gods name, pass an act even if it cant help me any. So that I may know that no other man will die innocent."

### THE WESTERN MAILS



MURDER IN TERRITORIAL WISCONSIN

Letter dated at Racine, Wis.T., Sunday February 28,1847, describing the preparations for the execution of David Bonham. The following extracts are from the letter:

"Would you like to hear about a poor man that is to be hung on wednesday of this week ? [March 3rd] Well, I will tell you something of him. More than a year ago he got in a quarrel with a neighbor, and it ended in the murder of a Mr Keene [Henry] by Mr Bonham [David], who was tried (and proved guilty), at Milwaukee . He, not being satisfied with the trial, requested another at Racine, it was granted him in november when he was found guilty of murder, and sentanced to be hung the eighth of december . before the time arrived, the govenor sent a respit [respite or reprieve] until the third of Febuary, then every necessary preparation was made for his execution and burial, even to the coffin, and grave clothes. many people came in from the country the day before, A company of soldiers from Milwaukee dressed in very gay uniform, acompanied by a band of music arrived in the afternoon, And soon after a man came from the govoner with another respit of thirty days. The next morning about five hundred had come to town to witness the execution, and some of them were so mad because they were to be disappointed that they threatned to burn the court house and jail, if Bonham was not brought out and hung. That could not be, so they stuffed old clothes, with straw and made him look much like a man, swung it on a pole, and then set fire to it. Another respit will not be granted , so I suppose their desire will be gratified. Dont you think these men and boys very wicked to trifle in such a manor with so solemn a thing. A great many persons are expected here this week but your aunt Hat, wishes she could be in as quiet aplace as you will be, Although she will not see the man hung, yet she must necessarily hear the "death marches, and about all that goes on, for she lives but two or three doors from the jail, and court house, and but a few steps from the ground where the scaffold is built." Aunt Hat signes the letter "Harriet".

## THE WESTERN MAILS

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#### ROOT RIVER, MICHIGAN TERRITORY

Post Office was established January 25,1836 while in Milwaukee County.Located at the rapids of the Root River, four miles up stream from present day Racine, Wisconsin. On April 12,1836,less than three months, it was moved to the town of RACINE and renamed. With the estabilshment of Wisconsin Territory it became the County seat of Racine County on July 4,1836.Cover above bears the only recorded postmark of ROOT RIVER. Cover below the type I handstamped postmark of RACINE Wis.T.FEB 3 (1847), from the DAVID BONHAM murder case correspondence in this collection.

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III - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR

I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations, 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual.

"CHIPS", 11-A, U. S. Army Dog, Company "I", \* \* Infantry. For gallantry in action. After landing on Beach Blue east of \* \* \*, \* \* \*, at about 0420 the morning of \* \* July 1943, "CHIPS" and his handler advanced about 300 yards inland under a flurry of flares and tracer bullets. After maneuvering through machine gun fire they approached what appeared to be a native grass hut. Suddenly, a hidden enemy machine gun began firing from the hut on troops on the beach. Unhesitantly, "CHIPS" wrenched his leach from his handler's hand, dashed into the hut, teeth bared, and vigorously attacked the enemy gun crew. After a few seconds, the gun ceased firing, loud yelling could be heard and out of the hut one of the crew came running, "CHIPS" tearing at his neck. The second crewman soon followed, his hands raised high in surrender. American soldiers quickly took charge of the prisoners. "CHIPS" courageous act, singlehandedly eliminating a dangerous machine gun nest and causing surrender of its crew, reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered the service from Front Royal, Virginia.

By command of Major General TRUSCOTT:

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/s/ B. A. PRICE /t/ B. C. PRICE Lt. Col., A.G.D., Adjutant General. DON E. CARLETON Colonel, G. S. C. Chief of staff.

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# PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

# NEW-YORK, August 15th, 1857.

HON. AARON V. BROWN,

Postmaster General, Washington.

SIR,—It appears to me proper that I should place upon the files of the Post Office Department some record of the manner in which the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, throughout its service of nearly nine years, has fulfilled its obligations to the Government. Before presenting a detailed statement of mail service, (now in course of preparation,) allow me to invite your attention to some facts.

The contract, under which we have transported the mails between Panama and Astoria, was awarded to the *lowest* bidder, and by him assigned to this Company.

The Act of Congress authorized it as the connecting service with the line between New-York, New Orleans and Aspinwall, via Havana.

Our mail steamers (the first leaving October 5th, 1848) were the first which bore the American flag to the Pacific Ocean. The voyage of over 12,000 miles, necessary to place them on their station, being accomplished, all the difficulties of pioneers in their great enterprise remained to be encountered.

has not been favored by government. I doubt whether any other service in California, or performed under California expenses for the Department, can be cited to cost less per mile than a similar grade of service in the Atlantic States, or on the Atlantic coast.

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It has seemed only an act of justice that I should thus point out to you the difficulties of our service, and the triumph over them. The advantages to the public (from such service as we have rendered), particularly on the Pacific coast, cannot well be stated here; but the earnestness and fidelity with which every duty has been more than met, merit, and I trust will receive, the confidence and acknowledgment of the Department over which you preside.

Very respectfully, sir,

Your ob't serv't, WM. H. DAVIDGE, Pres't.

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Letter from Arthur Denver to Will Denver - May 27, 1877

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