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Col. Allen P. Julian on "Snake Creek Gap" - Friday, March 22

An old friend and Honorary Award Member, Col. Allen P. (Ned) Julian, will visit us again on March 22 and speak on "Snake Creek Gap: The Historians and the Principles of War".



Col. Allen P. Julian

To set the stage, here are the briefed comments of two historians:

Robert S. Henry: "Gen. W. T. Sherman with 100,000 men in three armies, George H. Tomas (Cumberland), James B. McPherson (Tennessee), and John M. Scofield (Ohio) demonstrated against Tunnell Hill and along the crest of Rocky Face ridge at Buzzard Roost and Dug Gap,

while McPherson's army marched down the narrow valley to the west of the ridge and filed through the unguarded Snake Creek Gap, away to the south. The process of outflanking Joe Johnston by extending the lines beyond his power to reach had begun.... McPherson's men filed through the Gap and into the valley, facing the little railroad station and the bridges over the Oostanula at Resaca, on May 9, 1864."

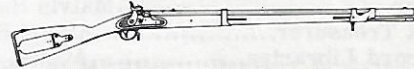
Fletcher Pratt: "Thomas massed as though for assault and Johnston thought he had tempted his rash adversary. He was mistaken... Thomas remembered having ridden through a narrow gorge, Snake Creek Gap, years before. It debouched on the banks of the Oostanula near Resaca, behind the rebel flank and onto their railroad line. Sherman snapped at the plan his lieutenant (Thomas) drew; on the 9th May the armies of the Cumberland and Ohio made a noisy pretense of attack that kept the Confederates within their lines at no sacrifice of life, while McPherson filed to the right through an awesome ravine where the sun never reached bottom (and) into the broken ground around Resaca."

Col. Julian says: "What I shall likely hit upon is a matter of constant annoyance to me. It is the placid insistence that Johnston or Sherman should have done this or so at Snake Creek Gap.... The principles of war are as old as the bow and arrow.... A New York City street gang fight and a full-scale battle are fought on the same principles - mass, surprise, offensive, etc. Actually, they are merely a matter of applied common sense."

So, read up on Snake Creek Gap and the Atlanta campaign, and Johnston and Sherman, and be ready with any arguments you have. Argufying with Ned Julian is a pleasure!

Ned has spoken to us in Chicago before, and few of our members have been more active in our behalf than he. He was guide and lecturer on our 1956 battlefield tour from Chattanooga to Atlanta when we inspected the places mentioned above.

Again, Ned was the "wheel" of our 1959 Battlefield Tour to Charleston and Savannah. That was a tour which had a number of events unique and memorable - including Chatham Artillery Punch. He has been our companion on several other tours.



219th REGULAR MEETING

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Col. Allen P. Julian

on

"Snake Creek Gap:
The Historians and the Principles of War"

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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1963

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

Cocktails at 5:30
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



AMONG PANELISTS who have been named for the sixth annual assembly May 22-24 of the National Civil War Centennial Commission are Bruce Catton, New York City; David J. Harkness, University of Tennessee; James V. Murfin, Hagerstown, Md.; and Sylvia Dannett, Scarsdale, N.Y. There will be 25 panelists. Catton's panel will be "A Civil War Book From Conception to Consumption". Delegates and others who wish to attend the assembly should make their reservations directly with the Parker House, Tremont and School streets, Boston 7, Mass., identifying themselves as registrants for the assembly.

Ned was born in Dixon, Nebraska, but considers himself a Hoosier since his parents were natives of Indiana and spent all except brief periods of their lives there. His Grandfather Julian was chaplain of the 53rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry and his Grandfather Cosgrove was a captain in the 44th Indiana infantry.

Ned entered the Indiana National Guard in June, 1921, and was in military activity until 1956 when he became director of the Atlanta Historical Society. The society's building, McElreath Hall, houses the Margaret Mitchell Memorial Library. She, the author of "Gone With the Wind", inscribed his copy, "Commanding Officer of the Last Federal Garrison in Georgia".

He is a specialist in military campaigns of the Civil War and a sometimes critic of the Richmond government, but he yields to no one in the good points of the Confederacy and the War. He is a member of many orders linked to the military service and the Civil War and is a past president of the Atlanta Civil War Round Table. He is working on two books, as time permits.

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istrar, and all officers.

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C. Hobson Goddin, and Jack Stinson.



STONEWALL JACKSON'S memory will be honored
at a public dinner May 1 in Richmond, Va., with Lenoir
Chambers, Jackson biographer and former newspaper
editor as speaker. It is expected that the film "Stone-
wall Jackson's Way" will be ready for presentation. The
day is the centennial anniversary of the historic con-
ference held by Generals R. E. Lee and Jackson on the
eve of their great victory at Chancellorsville on May 2,
1862. Jackson was mistakenly wounded by his own men
and died eight days later. On May 5, the National Park
Service will dedicate a new Visitor Center at Chancel-
lorsville. Ceremonies at Virginia Military Institute May
10 and at Guiney's Station will mark the centennial of
Jackson's death. The house where he died has been re-
habilitated. A special exhibit on Jackson will be held
during May and June at the Centennial Center in
Richmond.

FREEDOM HALL, 1235 N. Harlem Ave., Oak Park,
will have a special program at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24,
commemorating the centennial of the Emancipation Pro-
clamation. It is co-sponsored by the Oak Park-River
Forest chapter of the National Conference of Christians
and Jews. There will be a speaking program and music
by Win Stracke, folk singer.

SALT CREEK CWRT, whose membership is in our
western suburbs of Glen Ellyn, Lombard, and Elmhurst,
for its April 26 meeting has Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry
speaking on "Lincoln's Confederate Brother-in-Law."
McMurtry, a member of our CWRT is director of the
Lincoln Life Foundation at Fort Wayne, Ind.

from the
Editor's pen



Dr. David C. Mearns, chief of the manuscript divi-
sion, Library of Congress, made a fascinating presenta-
tion of "The Mysteries of the Manuscripts" of Lincoln's
Gettysburg Address at our February meeting. Dr. Mearns
dealt mainly with the two copies that Lincoln wrote out
after his return to Washington from Gettysburg. These
went into the possession of his two secretaries, John Hay
and John Nicolay. In life, and after death, with the two
copies out of public view, there was an intriguing series
of letters over the names of Hay, Nicolay, daughter
Helen Nicolay, Mrs. Hay, James Grant Wilson, Maj.
William Harrison Lambert, the Century company, Helen
Hay Whitney, and Senator John Sherman. Finally the
two copies were presented to the Library of Congress
in 1916. Of the other three copies, the Everett draft is
in the Lincoln room of the Illinois Historical Library at
Springfield, the Bancroft draft at Cornell University,
and the Cintas copy in the White House. Only the last
three contain the words "under God". The Cintas copy
is considered the standard text for reproduction of the
Address.

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Attendance at the meeting was about 80. A telegram
from member Rep. Fred Schwengel was read greeting
fellow members and commending the work and studies
of Dr. Mearns. In recognition of this, Dr. Mearns was
presented with the Honorary Award Membership and pin
of the Chicago Civil War Round Table. In the introduc-
tion, President Warren A. Reeder, Jr., commented that
Dr. Mearns was the only Washington person he had ever
met who was born there.

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The portfolio of paintings of Lincoln's life prepared
by the John Morrell company had not arrived, but will be
distributed at the March meeting. Some copies of "The
Symbol and the Sword", booklet published by Washington
D. C. Civil War Centennial commission were distributed
and more will be available at the March meeting. Brooks
Davis gave an outline of the Battlefield tour to Richmond.

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President Reeder has named as the nominating com-
mittee for this year Dr. G. P. Clausius, chairman, C.
Robert Douglas and Jerry Slechta.

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Dr. William H. Hazlett, longtime member and frequent
campaigner on battlefield tours, has been laid up for some
months and is slowly recuperating from a mild stroke.
We suggest a card or letter to him at his home, 1428 N.
State St., Chicago.

Our new national member, Robert A. Miller, is no
stranger. He and his wife were among the founders of
the Civil War Round Table at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and
have been in contact with our CWRT by letters and news-
letters. Recently business moved them to Spartanburg,
S. C. Their initial efforts to form a CWRT there were
unsuccessful, but they'll keep trying.

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Reporting on the Washington scene, Willard Edwards,
Chicago Tribune reporter, said:

"A group was discussing Rep. Fred Schwengel (R.,
Ia.) and his unrestrained enthusiasm for his idol, Abra-
ham Lincoln. One of them summed it up:

"Fred will never be truly happy until he's assas-
sinated."

Plan Gettysburg Centennial

The Battle of Gettysburg centennial program is taking shape. Each morning, July 1 to 4, "Vignettes of History" will be presented. These are human interest episodes staged at historic spots on the battlefield and in the community. Gov. William W. Scranton will welcome visitors on July 1.

On July 2, there will be a huge parade. "It will be a pageant illustrating our current strength through unity," said Adele Gutman Nathan, co-ordinator consultant to Pennsylvania's Gettysburg Centennial commission. It will be a portrayal of elements in United States history.

Ben. Edwards, Broadway scene designer, has been engaged to design symbolic floats. The carriage of each float will be in the form of a ship, symbolizing the "ship of state" from 1865 onward. Each will represent an element in the post-Civil War development of the United States - science, education, agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, and natural resources. Each float will be a stage on which there will be a historical presentation. Actors will be from the community. Bands, choruses, and military units will be in the parade.

On July 3, one thousand men in Blue and Gray, bearing battle standards of regiments, will dramatize the climax of the Union's stand at Bloody Angle against the force of Pickett's Charge. This will culminate in an impressive salute of flags to the Stars and Stripes.

President Kennedy has been invited to address the nation from the Eternal Light Peace Memorial on July 4. President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the memorial and spoke to the last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1938. President Woodrow Wilson delivered the address at the 50th anniversary in 1913.

The National Park Service will receive two tracts of battlefield land from the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and one from the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation association on July 1. GBPA's tract is 7-1/2 acres. GBPA also is buying the 118-acre Meals farm on the installment plan.

First day issue of the Battle of Gettysburg stamp will be on July 1. GBPA (Box 1863, Gettysburg, Pa.) is preparing a colored pictorial (cached) envelope, a Pickett's charge print, as the first day cover. Each envelope will bear one commemorative stamp, cancelled Gettysburg and will be sold for 25¢ each; Plate blocks, 40¢ each; plate # blocks, 65¢ each. GBPA is accepting orders and representing the post office. Profits will be used in land acquisition. Donations, too, will be appreciated.

CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated July issue will be devoted to the Battle of Gettysburg. The centennial of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be commemorated on November 19.

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THE FIFTH ASSEMBLY of Civil War Round Tables, June 28-30, is being sponsored by Harrisburg CWRT (P.O. Box 1091, Harrisburg, Pa.) with the cooperation of Civil War Times Illustrated. Headquarters is Holiday Motel West, on U.S. Route 15, west of Harrisburg, at the Gettysburg Pike interchange of the Pennsylvania turnpike. Bell I. Wiley is speaker. There will be a reception, banquet, study groups on the battle of Gettysburg, retracing of Gen. Jeb Stuart's ride from Union Mills to Hanover, and a simulation of the battle of Hanover. The Assembly ends, just as the Gettysburg centennial commemoration begins 35 miles away.

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THE BRIDGE-BURNING that turned the Southern army westward toward Gettysburg to face Meade's troops will be commemorated at Columbia, Pa., with a week-long observance beginning June 23. The bridge

BULLETIN BOARD

AN AUTOGRAPHING PARTY will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop at 3 p.m., Thursday, April 11, honoring our Founder-Honorary Award Member, Dr. Otto Eisenschiml. His new book, HISTORIAN WITHOUT AN ARMCHAIR, will be issued on that day. Otto's article on the Battle of Shiloh will be featured in the April issue of CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated.

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HONORARY AWARD MEMBER: David C. Mearns, Washington, D. C.

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NEW MEMBERS: Herbert I. Caine, 304 N. Sheridan, Waukegan, Ill.; Miner T. Coburn, 915 Linden Ave., Wilmette, Ill.; Melvin L. Kurtz, 805 S. Mitchell, Arlington Heights, Ill.; Grady McWhiney, Dept. of History, Northwestern U., Evanston, Ill.; Robert A. Miller, 532 Twin Drive, Spartanburg, S. C.; J. Robert Rowley, c/o Harshe-Rotman & Druch, 108 N. State St., Chicago 2, Ill.

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DECEASED: Chester F. Gannon, Sacramento, Cal., January 17; William E. Tierney, Oak Park, January 17.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Gold filled lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢.

THE ULYSSES S. GRANT Association has agreed to accept members. They will have no voting rights, but will receive a certificate and card. It is expected that members will be invited to any annual meetings, will receive advance discounts on Grant Association publications, and will be informed of association activities. Dues are \$10 annually, and may be sent to Dr. John Y. Simon, Executive Director, U.S. Grant Ass'n., Ohio State Museum, Columbus 10, Ohio.

GEORGIA Civil War Centennial Commission, State Capitol, Atlanta 3, Ga., is selling the official commemorative medal of the Andrews Raid, featuring an exclusive portrait of Capt. William A. Fuller who led the successful pursuit. The medal is \$3 in bronze and \$12 in silver.

THE CALIFORNIA Civil War Centennial commission, of which our friend Justin G. Turner is chairman, is seeking to stress these subjects: (a) The restoration of constitutional government in Mexico after the overthrow of Maximilian, due in part to influence of the United States from 1861 to 1867, and (b) The vital role performed by the United States Naval Squadron of the Pacific, 1861-67 (operating out of San Francisco), which patrolled from Alaska to Chile.

spanned the Susquehanna river between Columbia and Wrightsville, a town midway between Lancaster and York, and was burned on June 28, 1863, by Col. J. G. Frick, 27th Pennsylvania Volunteers, on orders from Maj. Gen. D. N. Couch.

THE NEW BOOKS



HISTORIAN WITHOUT AN ARMCHAIR, by Otto Eisen-schimi (Bobbs, Merrill, 224pp, \$4).

LEE AFTER THE WAR, by Marshall Fishwick (Dodd, Mead, 242pp, \$4).

LINCOLN'S BOYHOOD, by Francis Marion Van Natter (Public Affairs Press, Washington D. C. 224pp, \$4.50).

INDEX OF THE MILWAUKEE SENTINEL, Covering the Period of the Civil War, by Paul G. Sotirin (Milwaukee Public Library, \$2.50 plus 20¢ postage).

A PICTURE STORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, Text and Drawings by Lloyd Ostendorf (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 160pp, 7x10, \$3.50).

BOXIE RANDALL AND THE BLUE RAIDERS, by Carl Hodges (Bobbs-Merrill).

BATTLE OF VAN BUREN (Ark.), Dec. 27, 1962, issue of The Press Argus, Van Buren, Ark., (10 cents each).

NEGRO SLAVERY IN LOUISIANA, by Joe Gray Taylor (Louisiana State, 272pp, \$6).

THE FIELDS OF ANTIETAM, by Jerry Hess and James V. Murfin (booklet of photographs, \$1, Historical Associates, Hagerstown, Md.).

THE BATTLE OF FRONT ROYAL, Warren County Historical-Civil War Centennial Commission (50¢, Virginia Hale, 218 Lee St., Hagerstown, Md.).

Georgia U. Press: **CONFEDERATE LETTERS OF JOHN W. HAGAN**, edited by Bell I. Wiley (\$1.50); **EBB TIDE**, Diary of Josephine Clay Habersham, 1863, Savannah, edited by Spencer B. King (\$3); **CONFEDERATE CONGRESS**, by W. B. Yearns (\$5); **CONFEDERATE FINANCE**, by Richard Todd (\$5).

MISSISSIPPI Commission on the War Between the States has issued a handsome four color booklet on Civil War and Ante-Bellum History in the state. There is brief text and then pages with sectional maps of the state with numerous pictures relating to each section. Then, a full state map has numbers keyed to a listing of historic Civil War sites and markers. More than half of the booklet is devoted to the Vicksburg National Military park and to museums of the state. A copy of the booklet may be obtained by writing the commission in Jackson, Miss.

\$50,000 has been presented to the National Park Service by Mrs. Corina Higginson Rogers of Washington, D. C. to be used for the restoration of the building called "Paymaster's House" at Harpers Ferry, W. Va. The building stands on the grounds of the former Storer College and is to be a memorial to Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson who was commanding officer of the first Negro regiment in the Union army during the Civil War.

MARGIE BEARSS, in the CWRT of Mississippi newsletter, writes that Gen. Earl Van Dorn, besides being a brilliant cavalry leader, a mediocre commander of infantry, and a colorful character, was a musician and an artist. Van Dorn painted at least four oil paintings and at least one water color. Mrs. Edgar Crisler, Sr., of Port Gibson, Miss., Van Dorn's birthplace, owns one of the oil paintings and the water color. Edwin Bearss, accustomed to the warmth of Vicksburg, spoke on Pea Ridge at Dayton on a night when it was the coldest place in the United States - 25 below zero.

FUTURE MEETINGS



Thursday, April 11 - "Sin and the Civil War, or the Kinsey Report of the War," Robert W. Waitt, Jr., executive secretary, Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee.

April 24-28 - 13th Annual Battlefield Tour of Chicago CWRT to Richmond, Va., "Seven Days Battles" and Grant's 1864 Campaign.

Friday, May 17 - "Antietam", James V. Murfin, business manager, Civil War Times Illustrated.

SPECIAL EVENTS

March - United States Marine Corps Civil War exhibit in Centennial Center, Richmond, Va.

March 22-24 - New York, Statler-Hilton hotel, International Stamp Exhibition, with Civil War theme.

March 24 - Freedom Hall, Oak Park, Emancipation Proclamation observance.

April 6-7 - 101st Anniversary of Battle, Shiloh, Tenn.

April 7 - Mansfield, La., Commemoration of the battle; honors to living sons and daughters of Confederate and Union Veterans.

April 18 - Fayetteville, Ark., Centennial of battle.

April 27 - Columbus, Ohio, U. S. Grant birthday dinner, Ohio Historical Society and U. S. Grant association.

May 1 - Port Gibson, Miss., Centennial of the battle.

May 1 - Opening of Crater Road, Petersburg Va.

May 16-19 - New York CWRT, 6th annual field trip, to Gettysburg.

May 22-24 - Boston, Mass., Parker House, 6th National Assembly of Civil War Centennial commissions.



FRANK PALUMBO'S Civil War collection is now on exhibit in the library of the new Carthage college at Kenosha, Wis.

The American Civil War Research Group of Australia would be pleased to receive from Americans any extra maps, pamphlets, or books that can be spared. Send to P. W. Jones, 72 Theira Road, West Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia.

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE has decided to reconstruct the entrance to the tunnel which was dug under the Confederate lines around Petersburg in July, 1864, preceding the explosion and Battle of the Crater.

D. D. NOONAN, secretary of the CWRT of Toronto, will be pleased to hear from other CWRT's on suggestions for programs. His address is in care of Watts Shipping Agencies, 37 Front St. E., Toronto, Ont., Canada.

Dr. Robert V. Bruce, author of Lincoln and the Tools of War has been teaching at the University of Wisconsin. He is professor of history at Boston University.