

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## Jay Luvaas on "Civil War Tactics", February 11

Jay Luvaas, professor of history at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, brings a new topic to the meeting of the Civil War Round Table, Friday, February 11, 1972. He announces his subject as "Civil War Tactics: The Dream and the Reality" and he will discuss theories of the art and science of war as understood and taught at West Point and in Europe before the Civil War and how little of it proved applicable to actual experience in battle. As he explains it, "I am interested in examining the training and mental outlook of the American officers on the eve of war and then showing by illustrations why the war they expected to fight was conducted along entirely different lines."



Jay Luvaas

He was born June 15, 1927, and was christened Morten Jay, but long ago dropped the first name by the wayside. He served in the United States Navy from June, 1945, to August, 1946, then went to Allegheny College where he received his A.B. in 1949. He received an M.A. from Duke University in 1951 and a Ph.D. in 1956, meanwhile serving as director of Duke's George Washington Flowers Collection of Southern Americana from 1952 to 1957. He then returned to Allegheny as assistant professor of history; became associate professor in 1961; and professor of history in 1966.

His books include: editor, G. F. R. Henderson, "The Civil War: A Soldier's View," Chicago, 1958; "The Military Legacy of the Civil War: The European Inheritance," Chicago, 1959; "The Education of an Army: British Military Thought, 1815-1940," Chicago, 1964; "European Military Thought and Doctrine, 1870-1914," in Michael Howard, editor, "The Theory and Practice of War," London, 1965; and editor and translator, "Frederick the Great on the Art of War," New York, 1966.

He has had articles in Military Affairs, The North Carolina Historical Review, Army Information Digest, Civil War Times Illustrated, American History Illustrated, and Report of the Canadian Historical Association, 1952. Book reviews have appeared in The South Atlantic Quarterly, The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Journal of Southern History, William and Mary Quarterly, Louisiana History, Michigan History, Civil War History, Mississippi Valley Historical Review, and Journal of Modern History.

He is now working on a translation of the military writings of Napoleon to be published by the Macmillan Free Press as companion to his Frederick the Great volume; a book on Frederick the Great in the Military Commanders Series of B.



308th REGULAR MEETING

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Jay Luvaas  
of Allegheny College

on

Civil War Tactics: The Dream and the Reality

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Friday, February 11, 1972

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Chicago Bar Association  
29 South LaSalle Street

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Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



T. Botsford, London; the volume on the Civil War in the Macmillan Series on American Wars, Louis Morton, editor; an edition of the letters and diaries of Lt. Gen. R. L. Eichelberger, commander U.S. Eighth Army in World War II, and "The Age of Schlieffen" in the Sandhurst Series of Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London.

With all this he finds time for fishing, collecting and painting military miniatures, and tramping Civil War battlefields.

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WHO TOOK A PICTURE?

Al Meyer, our Official Engrasser, writes: "Some of our members took group photos during the Valley tour. Because I made 8 x 10's of the group on a previous tour, I've been asked for prints of this one—but I did not take any pictures. If some one will send me a good group negative or slide I'll be able to copy it and make prints available." Al's address is 7061 N. Kedzie, Chicago, Ill. 60645, or phone him 338-0620.

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



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*from the  
Editor's pen*



James I. (Bud) Robertson apologized for addressing us for a second time, January 14, on "The Stonewall Brigade" but charged that Marshall Krolick would not let him talk about anything else. In this our president, who seldom can boast overwhelming support, had unanimous consent. After all it was near 12 years since Bud was with us, March 11, 1960. Since then he has written his book on the subject and obviously has added much depth to his knowledge of the Stonewall Brigade.

It was formed from 49 militia companies becoming the First Virginia Brigade of five regiments, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 27th, and 33rd Virginia Infantry and the Rockbridge Artillery. It came under the command of Thomas Jonathan Jackson, eccentric, fanatical in his religion, stern and exacting. His diet was cornbread, milk, and butter; he was eternally sucking lemons—where he got them is a continuing mystery, and with such other ideas about food as that pepper made his leg hurt. Jackson drilled his men 17 hours a day and he marched them 17 hours a day. In falling back to Winchester in the Valley Campaign the brigade marched 57 miles in 51 hours and thereafter was known as Jackson's foot cavalry. It was called the Stonewall Brigade after First Manassas ("first Bull Run to some foreigners") and was given the name officially after Chancellorsville, the only Confederate Brigade to have an official name. After the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania only

180 men answered roll call, and the brigade ceased to exist as a military unit. However, its remnant led in the last march of surrender at Appomattox. Of 6,000 men on its rolls through the war, only 210 were left, with none of higher rank than captain.

Bud discussed the several commanders who succeeded Jackson. Of them it was said none survived long enough to attain promotion to higher rank. He told a story of the curious devotion of the enlisted men to Jackson. Jackson always boasted that his men were good church goers. On Sunday mornings volunteer sentries watched Jackson's tent, and if the general was seen headed toward the brigade's services, these Paul Reveres would rouse the soldiers and Jackson always found the chapel full.

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## TAPS

Dr. Karl A. Meyer, one of Chicago's most distinguished surgeons who headed Cook County Hospital for more than 50 years, died Thursday, January 6, 1972, at the age of 85. He is reported to have performed 100,000 operations, commonly 10 to 15 a day, considered a record that no one has matched. Despite his schedule of tremendous activity, he was an interested and faithful member of The Civil War Round Table, attending many meetings to close a busy day. He was often accompanied by Dr. August Daro, his son-in-law, and Dr. Nicholas Capos, his associate, both members of The Round Table. Karl Meyer was born in Gilman, Iroquois County, Illinois, and was buried in the family mausoleum there. He was graduated from the University of Illinois Medical School at age 21 and began operating at age 23. Two years later he won civil service competition against 80 entrants to become medical superintendent of Cook County Hospital. He was appointed professor of surgery at the University of Illinois when he was 29. During his 53 years at County Hospital that institution set up the first blood bank in 1925, developed one of the finest burn units in the country, pioneered in the use of X rays for diagnosis, and established the first trauma unit for accident victims. Dr. Meyer 40 years ago was a surgical pioneer in a complete resection of the stomach. He resigned his post at Cook County in December, 1967, but continued private practice until he became ill in December, 1971. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. August F. Daro of Highland Park and Mrs. Donald Eldert of Gilman, a son Robert E. Meyer of Onarga, and a sister Mrs. Elizabeth Grant.

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Dr. A. D. Kirwan, professor of history, distinguished historian, and former president of the University of Kentucky died about November 30, 1971, in Lexington, Ky. He was author of "John J. Crittenden," "The Confederacy," and other books.

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## SHEPHERDSTOWN PICTURE

Brooks Davis sends along a pamphlet on "Historic Shepherdstown" that seems to identify the photograph used in the January CWRT Bulletin as the Confederate Monument at Shepherdstown, West Virginia (not Sheppardstown as the original caption had it). The pamphlet tells us that the Confederate Memorial inside the entrance to Elmwood Cemetery bears the names of 577 Confederate soldiers from Shepherdstown and vicinity. As for mention of Antietam, Md. in the original caption, the pamphlet points out that Shepherdstown, on the West Virginia side of the Potomac, "in effect, was a part of the battleground" and that the town and the ford were pivotal points. Pack Horse Ford, called Blackford's Ford on the Maryland side, was crossed by Stonewall Jackson, and after the battle by Lee's entire army. From the present bridge it is four miles to Sharpsburg, the Confederate name for the Battle of Antietam. As in many other cases among these old pictures, we find the identifications not entirely right, and not entirely wrong.

## TO THE CAMP FOLLOWERS (LADIES)

Time: Friday, February 11, 1972, 5:30 p.m.

Place: The Book and Bottle, 17 East Chestnut Street, directly across the street from the Abraham Lincoln Bookshop.

Program: Gordon Whitney, secretary of the Civil War Round Table and a member of the 104th Reactivated Illinois Volunteer Infantry promises to show and tell "The G. I. in the Civil War." This is a program to which we have been looking forward for a long time, and delayed because of unavoidable foulups.

Reservations: Phone Joyce Warshaw, 866-6667, or write her (Mrs. Jerry) 1319 Crain Street, Evanston, Illinois 60202.

Last Meeting: "My Personal Recollections of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln," by Eugenia Jones Hunt, was read, in part, to the Camp Followers by Elanor Smith. She had been given this remarkable little book by a friend, Helen Moser, a librarian in Peoria who published it in 1966.

To quote Miss Moser's preface: "Last year," *My Personal Recollections* was brought me from the Esther Washburn Library in Tremont, Illinois. It was one of the most interesting I have read, and the style is direct and charming.

"The manuscript, written by Mrs. Hunt in her 97th year, had been bound and placed in the library, but had never been published in its entirety. Mrs. Hunt sent one more copy to the Illinois State Historical Society Library, and they published it in part in the Abraham Lincoln Quarterly, March 1945.

"It seemed that such an informative volume should be shared by everyone, so I was given permission to publish it by Mrs. Hunt's granddaughter and the Tremont Library. It gave me great joy to do this, and profits from the sale of the book will go to the library in a town already rich in Lincoln lore."

Helen Moser's venture has been most successful.

Eugenia Jones Hunt was born in 1845 in Tremont. Her father, John Albert Jones, an attorney and clerk

of the Circuit Court of Tazewell County for 20 years, was a lifelong friend of Lincoln's.

As he rode the 8th Judicial Circuit, Lincoln often stayed at the Jones home, romping with tiny Eugenia and her brothers.

She loved him all her life, as well as Mary Todd Lincoln, who she felt was one of the most generous and humane of women.

Her parents attended the Lincoln wedding in Ninian Edward's home in Springfield, her father stayed with him in Washington during the war, and was one of his pallbearers.

Eugenia and her mother visited Mrs. Lincoln during her last illness, and were received in a large sunny bedroom in the Ninian Edward's home. Eugenia always remembered these cheerful surroundings, which were far from the shuttered dark room misrepresented by historians.

While the little book may not be historically correct in regard to the names and dates of some politicians and happenings, her recollections of the Lincolns themselves rings true, and tells many intimate and delightful details of their lives.

It was Eugenia, still going strong in 1941, who wrote Harry Hopkins and tartly reminded him that the WPA had not rebuilt the third floor of her grandfather Major's Hall in Bloomington, Ill, where Lincoln had made his famous "lost speech" in 1856.

The Hall is recorded under the American Historic Building survey—and she doesn't tell us what Mr. Hopkins replied—or if the work was done.

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TO ALL CWRT MEMBERS: Your womenfolk always qualify as Camp Followers and are cordially invited to attend the meetings. Perhaps some of the newer members don't know this. We meet when they do, drink, eat and have a program—then break camp simultaneously with the gentlemen.

### BULL RUN PICTURE

John Ventura, editor of "Crossfire," London, England, writes: "With regard to the photo in the November Newsletter, as the caption reads in part, 'Scene of the last charge of the Pennsylvania Reserves on the hill near the Henry House,' this places the picture as being of the Second Battle of Bull Run, or Manassas. The Pennsylvania Reserves were the bulk of Brig. Gen. J. F. Reynolds's Division attached to the Second Army Corps, Maj. Gen. Irvin McDowell. No Pennsylvania Reserves were engaged at First Bull Run.

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A December communication reports the serious illness of William Plank, founder and owner of Mats, Inc., Marlboro, N.Y. and of The Marlborough Museum, loyal member of The Civil War Round Table and companion on many battlefield tours. Elizabeth Plank reports that he suffered what doctors call a "cerebral accident," known to most laymen as a stroke in September and is slowly but steadily improving in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Castle Point, N.Y. 12511. He would welcome cards or notes addressed there, but please no "get well" cards, Mrs. Plank requests. His business is being carried on and the museum, with his large collections of Civil War material, newspapers, birds' eggs, Alaskan and American Indian artifacts, and historical library is open by appointment.

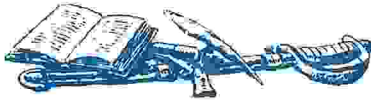


NATIONAL CEMETERY, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. The only mystery concerning this photograph seems to be: When? Our guess is that it was taken about 1890. However, there may be more of interest in the picture than we know about, so we throw it in hope someone will come up with something.

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## THE NEW BOOKS

(compiled by Dick Clark)



Anderson, LaVere. *Abe Lincoln and the River Robbers*. Illus. by Cary. Champaign, Ill.: Garrard [1971]. Juvenile. \$2.59

Davis, Jefferson. *The Papers of Jefferson Davis*. Volume 1, 1808-1840. Edited by Haskell M. Monroe, Jr., and James T. McIntosh. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1971. \$15.00

Day, Samuel Phillips. *Down South, or, An Englishman's Experience at the Seat of the American War*. N.Y.: Burt Franklin [1971]. 2 vols. \$35.00

Gatell, Frank Otto. *Democracy and Union: The United States 1815-1877*. by Frank Gatell and Paul Goodman. N.Y.: Holt [1972]. Paper, \$2.95

Harmon, George Dewey. *Political Aspects of Slavery and the Civil War*. Westport, Conn.: Negro Universities Press [1971]. Reprint 1952 ed. \$10.00

Horner, Harlan Hoyt. *Lincoln and Greeley*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press [1971, c. 1951]. \$17.50

Kellogg, Robert H. *Life and Death in Rebel Prisons*. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries, 1971. Reprint 1865 edition. \$16.75

Locke, Raymond Friday, compiler. *The Civil War*. Los Angeles: Mankind Pub. [1971]. "Selected readings from *Mankind Magazine*." Paper, \$1.75

Moore, Frank, editor. *Songs and Ballads of the Southern People, 1861-1865*. N.Y.: Burt Franklin [1971]. Reprint 1866 edition. \$18.50

Rhodes, James Ford. *Lectures on the American Civil War*, delivered before the University of Oxford in East and Trinity Terms 1912. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries [1971]. Reprint 1913 ed. \$11.50

Simon, Paul. *Lincoln's Preparation for Greatness: the Illinois Legislative Years*. Urbana, University of Illinois Press [1971, c. 1965]. \$6.95. Paper \$2.95

Springer, Charles H. *Soldiering in Sioux Country: 1865*. Edited by Benjamin Franklin Cooling, III. Illus. by John W. Hampton. San Diego, Frontier Heritage Press, 1971. \$7.50

U.S. Congress. Joint Committee on Reconstruction. *Report of the Joint Committee on Reconstruction*, by W. P. Fessenden, James W. Grimes, Others. U.S. 39th Congress, 1st Session; Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries, 1971. Reprint 1866 edition. \$29.50

Wiley, Bell Irvin. *The Life of Billy Yank; the Common Soldier of the Union*. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1971 [c.1952]. \$8.95

Wiley, Bell Irvin. *The Life of Johnny Reb; the Common Soldier of the Confederacy*. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1971 [c.1943]. \$8.95 These last two volumes also sold together in a slipcase at \$17.95

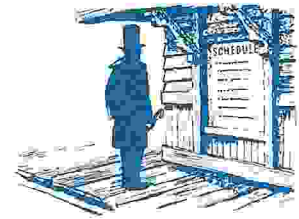
Willson, Robina Beckes. *John Slidell and the Confederates in Paris, 1862-65*. New York: AMS Press, 1970. Reprint 1932 edition. \$10.00

Zilversmit, Arthur, editor. *Lincoln on Black and White: A Documentary History*. Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth [1971]. Paper \$3.95



Professor Bell I. Wiley of Emory University, Atlanta, and a veteran CWRT member delivered a series of four 'Lectures in Honor of Dr. Andrew D. Holt' at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, on "Women of the Confederacy." The lectures will be basis for a book on the subject to be published by University of Tennessee Press in about a year.

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### FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Chicago Bar Association, 29 South LaSalle Street, 11th floor, second Friday in each month except as noted.

February 11: Jay Luvaas on "Civil War Tactics: The Dream and the Reality."

March 10: Alan Nolan

April 21: U.S. Grant sesquicentennial at G.A.R. Room, Chicago Public Library, T. Harry Williams, speaker on Grant as President.

May 4-7: Battlefield Tour, Vicksburg Campaign.

May 12: Damon Wells, Jr.

June 14: Robert Fowler

Every Monday: Informal noon luncheon meetings at Jason's Restaurant (formerly Chodash), 312 West Randolph Street; all members invited.



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Colt Industries, after 100 years, has resumed production of the Navy model Colt blackpowder revolver. Its price in 1960 was \$18; after 100 years of inflation it now goes at \$150.