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CIVIL WAR
ROUNDTABLE

DECEMBER 28, 1991

THANKS: To our three December Speakers, Carl Rehberg, Don Mohr and Richard Bennett. It is always a pleasure to see such knowledge and enthusiasm among our members. If you are interested in speaking at another short topic meeting in the future please contact Pat Brady.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY
JANUARY 9, 1992: 6 pm social hour, 7 pm dinner at Enlisted Mess, Sand Point Naval Station. Write your menu choice, name and the names of any guests on the enclosed card and mail it. We need an accurate count in advance in order to avoid delay in serving dinner. MENU: Beef Stroganoff on Buttered Noodles or Comish Game Hen served with Vegetable Medley & Baked Potato.

JANUARY 9, 1992 PROGRAM:
Long time member and current Treasurer "Jiggs" Hoyt will talk about Civil War Railroads, a subject which he has held a longtime interest in.

VIDEO WATCH: This month the film we recommend is FRIENDLY PERSUASION [1956]. Gary Cooper, Anthony Perkins and Dorothy McGuire star as a Quaker family in Indiana whose tranquil existence is shattered when one of the sons decides that he wants to enlist in the Union Army. His decision raises difficult questions about courage, faith and the evil of violence and armed conflict. 138 minutes color, available on VHS or laser disk $59.95. As a side note, the Indiana Historical Society has just published a new work INDIANA QUAKERS CONFRONT THE CIVIL WAR by J. S. Nelson which details the contributions of over 1200 Indiana Quakers who served in the Union army.

FORTHCOMING BOOKS: Two new diaries by Union soldiers who served in the Army of the Poets make are due to be published in January 1992. Longstreet House, P.O. Box 730, Hightstown, NJ 08520 is issuing THE CIVIL WAR DIARIES OF COLONEL THEODORE B. GATES, 20TH NEW YORK STATE MILITIA. Pp. 197 pages, 35 illus, and 11 maps. $25.00 plus $3.00 shipping. From Butternut and Blue, 3411 Northwind Road, Baltimore, MD 21234 comes the CIVIL WAR DIARY OF WYMAN S. WHITE, First Sergeant of Company F, 2nd United States Sharpshooters. Pp. 400, maps/illus. $30.00 & $3.00 shipping.

MEMBERSHIP: We are always looking for new members. Please speak to friends who may be interested.

DISPLAY TABLE AND RAFFLE: Bring in your Civil War artifacts for all to see. Please bring books or other items for the raffle and buy raffle tickets.

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION: Far from the battlefields of Virginia, an important Civil War site is in trouble. According to a recent article in the SEATTLE Times the tomb of Ulysses S. Grant in New York is a victim of the federal government's tightening purse strings and vandalism. Says author Larry McShane "Graffiti from "lov Boogie" and "Jazzy" is far more visible than the Grant quotation on a plaque above the entrance, "Let Us Have Peace." Ugly stains where paint has almost been removed are clearly visible on all four sides as visitors approach. Three of the half-dozen enormous granite columns in the front are scarred, one with a 3 foot black mark. On the left side of the monument, a stark obscene message is spray painted . . . The tomb is closed Mondays and Tuesdays; its upper level, with a breathtaking view of the Hudson River is off limits due to understaffing. A visitor looking up can see the peeling paint on the ceiling upstairs." U.S. Rep Charles Rangel plans to propose increased funding to clean up the nation's largest mausoleum. If you are interested in supporting such an effort, write or call the officials listed below.

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Sen Brock Adams [U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510] local phone 553-5545.

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THIS MONTH IN THE CIVIL WAR. On January 9, 1861 the Mississippi Secession Convention voted to leave the Union by a vote of 84 to 15, becoming the second state to secede. A year later, Gen. U. S. Grant was preparing a reconnaissance in force into Kentucky. On January 9, 1863 The federal Army of the Cumberland was reorganized into 3 corps. In 1864 on January 9th, Jefferson Davis warned his commanders in the West that Union Adm. Farragut was preparing to attack Mobile. Finally on January 9, 1865 a Constitutional Convention in Tennessee adopted an amendment abolishing slavery in the state.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Our schedule of meetings and topics for the rest of year tentatively looks like this: For February 13, 1992 Professor Archie McDonald of Stephen F. Austin University will discuss Civil War Music. Don Murray will talk about Mary Todd Lincoln at our March 12, 1992 meeting. For our April 9, 1992 meeting the noted Civil War writer Jeffrey Wert (whose latest book is Mosby's Rangers) will speak on events in the Shenandoah in 1864. And for our final meeting on May 14, 1992 Dr. James Morgan will talk on the Confederate Surgeon General.

CIVIL WAR SITES IN WASHINGTON: Fort Canby, in Pacific County near the mouth of the Columbia River was originally known as Fort Cape Disappointment. The post was established in April 1854, and named for Maj. Gen. Edward Richard Canby who later commanded the Department of New Mexico and checked a Confederate Invasion of California.

CIVIL WAR BOOKNOTES: The month's topic is a guide to books on Civil War Music.

NOTICES: If you are interested in Civil War Tokens & money, you may wish to attend one of two upcoming coin shows. The Greater Tacoma Coin Show will be held at the Sherwood Inn[S 84th and I-5] Jan 4-5 or the Boeing Employees Coin and Stamp show Jan 11-12 at the Seattle Center Flag Pavilion.

ANOTHER YANKEE DOODLE.

Yankee Doodle had a mind To whip the Southern Traitors Because they didn't choose to live On Codfish and potatoes.
Yankee Doodle, doodle-doo
Yankee Doodle dandy,
And so to keep his courage up,
He took a drink of brandy.

Yankee Doodle said he found By all the census figures, That he could starve the rebels out If he could steal their niggers.

Yankee Doodle, doodle-doo
Yankee Doodle dandy,
And then he took another drink of gunpowder and brandy

Yankee Doodle made a speech: "Twas very full of feeling; "I fear," says he, "I cannot fight, But I am good at stealing."
Yankee Doodle, doodle-doo
Yankee Doodle dandy.
"Hurrah for Lincoln—he's the boy To take a drop of brandy."

Yankee Doodle drew his sword, And practised all the passes; "Come boys, we'll take another drink, When we get to Mananas."
Yankee Doodle, doodle-doo
Yankee Doodle dandy— They never reached Mananas' plain And never got the brandy.

Yankee Doodle soon found out That Bull Run was no trifle; For if the North knew how to steal The South knew how to rifle
Yankee Doodle, doodle-doo
Yankee Doodle dandy;— "Tis very clear I took too much Of that infernal brandy."

Yankee Doodle wheeled about And scampered off at full run; And such a race was never seen As that he made at Bull Run
Yankee Doodle doodle-doo
Yankee Doodle dandy;— I haven't time to stop just now To take a drop of Brandy.

Yankee Doodle oh! for shame; You're always meddling Let guns alone, they're dangerous things You'd better stick to peddling
Yankee Doodle, doodle-doo
Yankee Doodle Dandy;- "When next I go to Bully Run I'll throw away the brandy."

A southern version of Yankee Doodle as published in the Richmond Whig and recorded in Moore's REBELLION RECORD

Bernard's work "tells the story of Lincoln's association with the music of the Civil War- the music that he heard...the musicians and bands that he came to know... and the selections he liked and enjoyed."


A good sampler of civil war songs in their original format for a modest price.


A good introduction to military bands of the Civil War era, with numerous photos of instruments and regimental bands. Contains a flexible record with band music.


The story of a single regimental band which belonged to the 26th North Carolina. This scarce book was reprinted in 1980 by De Capo Press.


An excellent history of Confederate music. Harwell covers it all including a comprehensive survey of sheet music publishers in the Confederacy; a topical review of popular musical themes, as well as a detailed listing of musical titles published with Confederate imprints.


Facsimiles of 38 Confederate songs with
brief introductions by Harwell.


The authors examine Civil War music lyrics within the context of nine topics from camp life to the homefront.


As the title suggests, Lair's book presents words and music of "Lincoln's favorite ballads, love songs, minstrels, hymns, war songs and others." Few of the songs are war related.


A comprehensive history of military bands, both North and South. Olson details not only the musical activities of band members, but their other duties as well such as hospital service.


An example of one of the numerous "songsters" issued during and after the war. This one contains words and music to over 430 songs.


A rare account by the bandmaster of the 114th Pa's regimental band. Rauscher based his book on the diary he kept during the war.


An illustrated history of regimental bands, the role their members played and the instruments they used.


The excellent historical quarterly early in its history published this special issue on Civil War Music. One of the hardest issues to find, articles covered topics such as Negro spirituals, a Civil War Opera, music in Texas, and articles on specific songs such as "John Brown's Body" and "The Battle Cry of Freedom."


Another modern compilation of over 120 civil war songs with brief introductions.