THANKS: To our speaker John Simon. Dr Simon's address on Ulysses S. Grant's activities during the first year of the war was highly interesting, especially his comments on how Grant's Vicksburg strategy was used during Desert Storm by Allied forces. I am sure that all our members would welcome a return visit by Dr. Simon in the future.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 8, 1992. 6 pm social hour, 7 pm dinner at Consolidated Club, 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 to avoid delay in serving dinner.

MENU: Petite Filet or Poached Halibut in Wine Sauce, served with Honey glazed carrots or green beans. All meals served with Rolls and Butter, Coffee or Tea and Ice Cream.

OCTOBER 1992 PROGRAM: Our guest speaker will be Arthur Mokin. Mr Mokin is a producer, writer and director of documentary films and lives in western Oregon. He spent three years researching and writing his first book IRONCLAD: The Monitor & the Merrimack that was published last fall by Presidio Press. [Beck's Books will again be at this meeting and will be selling copies of Mr Mokin's book for those members who wish to own an autographed copy.]

VIDEO WATCH: Our feature film this month is BAD COMPANY [1972] Directed by Robert Benton and starring Jeff Bridges, Barry Brown & Jim Davis the movie portrays two young draft dodgers slowly making their way west during the time of the American Civil War. To survive they commit a series of robberies. 94 minutes, color, available in VHS for $14.95.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: 1992-1993 membership dues are now payable. $15.00 per individual and $20.00 for couples. For new members there is a $5.00 initiation fee that covers the cost of a name tag. If you will not be at the first meeting please mail your check [payable to Puget Sound CWRT] to Harold Hoyt, 7458 S. 127th, Seattle, WA 98178. Members who are current in their dues will see a P by their name on the enclosed roster.

DISPLAY TABLE AND RAFFLE: Bring in your Civil War artifacts for all to see. Please bring books or other items that you would like to donate to the raffle and BUY raffle tickets.

NEW BOOKS: Butternut and Blue [3411 Northwind Road, Baltimore, MD 21234 (410) 256-9220] have announced publication of The Personal Memoirs of Jonathan Thomas Scharf of the First Maryland Artillery which will be available in October. Tentative cost is $20, plus shipping. Scharf was a noted writer on Maryland and Baltimore history, but is best known for his History of the Confederate States Navy. He served with the Army of Northern Virginia until he was wounded at Chancellorsville. A SPECIAL NEW BOOK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY ONE OF OUR OWN MEMBERS Alvin and Majorie Kantor have authored a beautiful new book on Sanitary Fairs: A Philatelic and Historical Study of Civil War Benevolences. This high quality publication is available from SF Publishing, 3125 Commercial Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062 for $75.00. Phone orders are available by calling 708/480-0870. This will be a valuable reference tool for years to come.
THIS MONTH IN THE CIVIL WAR: On October 8, 1861 General William T. Sherman was appointed to head the Union Department of the Cumberland with headquarters in Louisville, KY. Near Perryville, Ky on October 8, 1862 was fought the major battle of Perryville between Union forces under the command of General Carlos Buell and Confederates under Braxton Bragg. Total casualties for both sides amounted to about 7600 of the 52,000 troops on both sides, and the battle marked the end of Bragg's invasion of Kentucky. October 8, 1863 was a relatively quiet day during the war with only minor skirmishing in Virginia. In England on October 8, 1864 the last major Confederate Cruiser, the Shenandoah, slipped away from London to begin her voyage of commerce raiding.

CIVIL WAR BOOKNOTES: This month's booknotes is a guide to books on the Monitor and Merrimack and their fight at Hampton Roads.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Our schedule of meetings and topics for the rest of the year is given below.: Jim Hansen in November will speak on Civil War Prisons. Our December speaker Fred Wilmuth will talk about the Mexican War Experiences of Confederate Generals. Our January 1993 speaker will be Professor Tracy McKenzie from the University of Washington. Col. Richard Sinsel will talk about the Capture of Fort Union in Texas in February 1993. March 1993 our featured speaker will be Professor Carol Reardon from Penn State. Our own Dr. William Trier will talk on Civil War Music in April 1993 and for our final program in May 1993, members Jim Diamond, Marc Duvall and Maynard Sanders will present short topics.

WEST COAST CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE: The 8th annual West Coast Civil War Conference will be held November 13-15, at the Red Lion Inn, San Jose, California. This year's topic will be on the War on the Mississippi. The guest speaker will be noted historian William C. Davis. The cost is $125. For more information contact Theodore P. Savas (408) 879-9039 or David Woodbury (415) 445-6097.

NEW LINCOLN PUBLICATION: Dan W. Bannister of Springfield Illinois is now editing a new Lincoln publication COMMENTARIES: LINCOLN AND THE COMMON LAW. Commentaries is a new quarterly newsletter devoted to telling the stories, anecdotes and events that influenced the development of Illinois common law as related in the cases of Abraham Lincoln. A yearly subscription is available for $14.50 and can be ordered by writing to Human Services Press, P.O. Box 2423, Springfield II 62705 or by calling (217) 528-1756.

CIVIL WAR SITES IN THE WEST: Fort Dalles was located on what is now the southwest corner of 15th and Garrison Street in Dalles, Oregon. Phil Sheridan served here in 1856 while the post, at the end of the Oregon Trail was known as Fort Lee. The post was garrisoned during the war, but abandoned in 1867. There is a museum operated by the Oregon Historical Society in the former surgeon's quarters.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA
1. When did the Civil War officially end?
2. Who invented the paper cartridge used by both sides in small arms?
3. Who was George F. Root?

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA
1. Lieutenant Colonel John R. Baylor proclaimed himself governor of the Confederate Territory of Arizona in August 1861.
2. Salt horse was U.S. Army issued beef so salted that it would not decay for two years.
3. Goobers grabbed were troops from Georgia.
A historian once calculated that there were over 3000 skirmishes and battles on land during the American Civil War. But despite this huge number, no Civil War land engagement ever impacted military technology as the few hours battle between two ships at Hampton Roads, Virginia, March 9, 1862. The indecisive fighting between the ironclads U.S.S. Monitor and C.S.S. Virginia forever changed naval warfare by demonstrating that wooden warships were obsolete. For members who wish to read more on this engagement, this months Booknotes recommends the following.


Virginia. This annotated bibliography lists 254 books, pamphlets and articles on the battle.


William Keeler went from being a 40 year old merchant in LaSalle, Illinois in 1861 to Acting Assistant Paymaster and Clerk in the U.S. Navy. His first posting was the USS Monitor. These informative letters cover the entire career of the famous vessel from its launching to its loss at sea in December 1862.


Trexler presents the "life" story of the Confederate ironclad and discusses the important role it played in revolutionizing naval construction.


Important first person accounts of the Hampton Roads battle by officers from both ships. Also included is a first person account of the loss of Monitor.


For anyone interested in building authentic scale models of ships, these two little pamphlets provide the complete physical details to
construct models of the two famous ironclads.


For years McCordock's book was considered the best work on the Monitor. The author used extensive unpublished sources to write about the conflict at Hampton Roads.


Baxter's book places the development of the Monitor and Virginia within the decades old attempt by European powers to counter rifled naval ordnance. The author did extensive research in archives in America and Europe.


Three general histories on the Monitor - Virginia battle. The Davis book is the best of the three.


An excellent, well illustrated, history of the Monitor. Miller was a cadet at the Naval Academy in the early 1970's and participated in the early attempts to find the final resting place of the Monitor. The last portion of the book describes this successful search. Miller's work contains a very useful bibliography.


Papers read before a conference in North Carolina held to decide how best to preserve the remains of the Monitor. Topics cover the history of the ship, as well as the latest scientific technology on the preservation of marine artifacts.


Although the U.S. Monitor's career lasted little more than a year, 6 different officers commanded the vessel. Still, a prominent authority on Civil War ironclads, has prepared first-rate studies of each officer.