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Francis F. Wilshin on 'First Bull Run,' Friday, November 8

Francis F. Wilshin, superintendent of Manassas National Battlefield Park, will present a veritable Civil War detective story at our meeting on Friday, November 8. He will speak on The Recapture of a Battlefield-First Bull Run in Light of Newly Discovered Evidence.



Francis F. Wilshin

His fascinating story will concern "the dramatic discovery of the two long lost official maps of the battle that accompanied Beauregard's report that hold the key to the battle."

According to Wilshin, "This represents an interpretive breakthrough of the first magnitude. The value of

this discovery has been tremendously enhanced by the generous cooperative assistance of the 30th Battalion Engineers, Army Map Service, station at Ft. Belvoir, Va., in resurveying the field on the basis of maps.

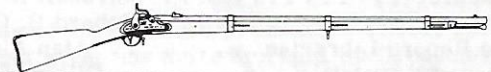
"Through the medium of the maps and the survey, the battle comes boldly back into focus with divisions, brigades, regiments and batteries taking their respective positions on the field. It seems fantastic that after more than 100 years one can accurately pinpoint on the field the movements of separate regiments and batteries of three armies to a time span of about 15 minutes."

In his November 8 talk, Wilshin will also review highlights in the development of Manassas National Battlefield Park during the past 13 years, including land acquisition, the Interstate Highway 66 issue, and the threatened "grab" of park lands for expansion of Arlington National Cemetery.

In a recent letter to President Jerry Warshaw, Wilshin captured the spirit of his presentation: "I wish you could have been with me during the past year to walk over the fields with survey engineers with maps in hand establishing one position after the other. It was a fascinating experience enriched by 25 years of intimate knowledge of the field and the sources - the reports of officers and countless letters, diaries, maps, photographs and sketches gleaned from correspondence with 28 university libraries, 30 Civil War Round Tables, and 9 specialized historical organizations, coupled with personal examination of major manuscript collections.

"There is no substitute for knowledge of time, place, movement and action in presenting a true picture of the tactical unfolding of a battle. Couple this with personalities and authentic battle episodes and suddenly you are there right in the thick of the fray. With exploding shells you can be sure there are exploding myths and these I will develop."

Francis Folliard Wilshin, historian and writer as well as a park executive, is a native Virginian whose paternal grandfather was an English blockade runner for the Con-



275th REGULAR MEETING

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Francis F. Wilshin

on

The Recapture of a Battlefield
First Bull Run in Light of Newly
Discovered Evidence

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Friday, November 8, 1968

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Furniture Club in Furniture Mart

Executive Committee at 4:45 p.m.

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



federacy and whose maternal grandfather fought with Jeb Stuart's 5th Virginia cavalry. He holds a B.A. in history from William and Mary and a master's degree in history from Columbia University.

Formerly an instructor in history at Staunton Military Academy, Wilshin entered the National Park Service in 1934 as historian of Vicksburg National Military Park, Mississippi, and Chalmette National Historical Park, Louisiana, where he performed basic research on the Battle of New Orleans to guide park development. After service at other national parks, he was named superintendent of Manassas National Battlefield Park in 1955.

Author of several important historical handbooks and a frequent contributor to American Heritage and other publications, Wilshin was honored by our Chicago Civil War Round Table in 1960 for "meritorious services in perpetuating the traditions of our common country."

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PRESIDENT WARSHAW asks all members to volunteer to work on appropriate committees of the CWRT. Chairmen appointed by the president for 1968-69 are:

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FUTURE PROGRAMS for 1968-69 announced by President Warshaw are:

November 8 - Francis Wilshin - "Bull Run - In Light of Newly Discovered Maps"

December 13 - Dr. Francis A. Lord - "The Influence of Weapon Development on Civil War Tactics."

January 10 - Bruce Catton - No subject announced (tentative)

February 14 - Ladies' Night - Eugene Kupjack - Historic Miniature Room - 1st Brigade Band (tentative)

March, April, May and June - Dates to be assigned among Don Russell, "Custer in the Civil War", Brooks Davis, "Battle of Perryville," and William Alderfer, "Illinois in the Civil War."

*from the
Editor's pen*



Pat Jones, in a charming and amusing way, reviewed Union naval errors at the beginning of the Civil War that contributed to changing the early tide of the conflict. Listed by Jones were the failure of the Union to use its naval might; failure to assume a firm stand; failure of President Lincoln to take his cabinet into his confidence, and the gravest mistake of all: allowing the Confederates to capture the Gosport Navy Yard at Norfolk almost intact. Minor Coburn, Pete Long, Dan Lapinski and Don Pfeuffer, among others, participated in a spirited question period.

Shouts of "Break of the Yankees" were heard as the Krolick Civil War Kwiz was won by Minor Coburn's table, basically the same bunch who won in September.

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Brooks Davis announced that on October 20 there would be a rededication of St. Gaudens' Lincoln statue in Lincoln Park.

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At the October executive committee meeting Carl Haverlin and former U.S. Sen. Paul H. Douglas were elected honorary life members of the Chicago Civil War Round Table.

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Gil Twiss, regular editor of this newsletter, is out of the hospital and recuperating at home; he can have visitors.

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Applications for CWRT fellowships are now available from Arnold Alexander, chairman of the CWRT fellowship committee, 18 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. Chairman Alexander reminds all CWRT members and friends that they may make tax-deductible contributions to the CWRT Fellowship Fund for Civil War research and education. Contributions may be sent to Alexander at the address above.

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All CWRT members and their guests are welcome to attend meetings of the Unofficial CWRT Board of Directors and Chowder and Marching Society held each Monday at noon in our special (?) CWRT meeting room in Chodash Restaurant, 312 W. Randolph St.

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CWRT Member Elmer Gertz is the author of the newly published "Moment of Madness: The People Versus Jack Ruby." Gertz, who served as Ruby's attorney, says the book contains a number of references to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the subsequent events involving John Wilkes Booth. Follett Publishing Co. issued the Gertz volume which is priced at \$6.95.

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The book which adds the greatest distinction to the publication list of the Louisiana State University press will receive an award of \$1,000, made possible annually by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Jules F. Landry of Baton Rouge. Judges of the award are Willie Morris, editor of Harper's magazine, Robert Penn Warren, and C. Vann Woodward, authors and university professors. The first award, for a book published in 1967, will be announced in September.

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May issue of Civil War Times Illustrated was devoted entirely to the Battle of Chancellorsville, with text by Joseph P. Cullen, maps by Col. Wilbur S. Nye, and captions by Ralph Happel. The abundant illustrations were selected by Frederic Ray, art editor of CWTI.

Greetings,

Once more I must express my appreciation to you for the award of the Civil War Round Table Fellowship for 1967-1968. My dissertation, "Squall Across the Atlantic: American Civil War Prize Cases and Diplomacy," completed at the University of California, Santa Barbara, in June, has just been accepted for publication by the University of California Press. Publication date has been set tentatively for August or September, 1969. The Civil War Round Table Fellowship supported the largest part of the research which brought me from Santa Barbara to Washington, New York, and London.

I hope the publication (and favorable acceptance) of my study will, in a small way, repay my debt to the Civil War Round Table and contribute to our knowledge of the diplomatic and legal aspects of the American Civil War.

Sincerely,

Stuart L. Bernath
Department of History
California State College
Long Beach, Cal.

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Our member Elmer Brinkman dedicated a wreath to Union soldiers who died at the Battle of Perryville as part of the Louisville CWRT's Pilgrimage Trek on October 5. Thousands of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participated in reconstructing the marches the two armies made on the field. Our member Frank G. Rankin, a resident of Louisville, directed the Trek activities. Brinkman spoke on "The Military Career of Gen. John A. Logan" on October 22 before the Kansas City CWRT.

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Don Russell, who is on our Chicago CWRT program this year, will speak to the Milwaukee CWRT on "Custer and the Civil War" on Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Milwaukee Club.

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The new Civil War Round Table Digest, to be published monthly by the Civil War Round Table Associates of Little Rock, Ark., makes an effort to provide communication among Civil War buffs throughout the world. Those who wish to get the publication may join the associates at a cost of \$7.50 per year by writing CWRT Associates, P.O. Box 7388, Little Rock, Ark., 72207.

ROBERT E. LEE'S boyhood home at 607 Oronoco St., Alexandria, Va., was threatened with demolition to make way for an apartment project, when the Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Inc. came to the rescue and went into debt \$100,000 to acquire the property, on Lee's birthday, Jan. 19, 1967. The memorial group is now soliciting donations to pay off the debt and restore the property as a shrine. Gifts are tax deductible and may be sent to Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Inc., 532 Park St., Charlottesville, Va. 22901. The memorial group, of which Jay W. Johns is the guiding genius, has preserved the Jackson home at Lexington, Va., his headquarters at Winchester, established battlefield museums at Cross Keys, Port Republic, and McDowell, and given a terrain model map of Jackson's Valley campaign to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Because of the pressure of business duties, Freeman Cleaves has given up the editorship of Crossed Flags, literary and news publication of the Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey. Cleaves, author of "Thomas, Rock of Chickamauga," and "Meade of Gettysburg," gave Crossed Flags a professional quality unequalled in the field of CWRT publications. His successor is Alvin R. Calman. Crossed Flags was founded by Dean Ritzman who also was a founder of the Northern New Jersey CWRT.

Gentlemen:

First let me say that, as one who has written several books and a number of articles and book reviews in the Civil War Field, and as one who has had the pleasure of addressing numerous Civil War Round Tables around the country (including those of Washington, D.C., and New York, but not Chicago), your Chicago Civil War Round Table we consider to be one of the very strongest and most worthwhile ones in our nation. You are to be most heartily congratulated on your generous fellowship awards to worthy persons doing research and writing in the field of the American Civil War.

Warren W. Hassler, Jr., Ph.D.
Professor of American History
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pa.

THE NEW BOOKS



TWENTY-FOUR YEARS WITH LINCOLN, by Leonard J. Furbee (Vantage \$2.95)

CELTIS, CATHOLICS & COPPERHEADS: Ireland Views the American Civil War, by Joseph M. Hernon, Jr. (Ohio State U. \$6.25)

LINCOLN'S PLAN OF RECONSTRUCTION, by William B. Hesseltine. Introduction by Richard N. Current. Paperback (Quadrangle \$1.95)

THE ARMY OF TENNESSEE, by Stanley F. Horn. Offset reprint. (Univ. Oklahoma \$7.95)

THE SEATED LINCOLN, by John G. W. Mahanna. Wrappers (BB & W. Publ. Co. \$1.00. On the Lincoln Memorial)

THE HALLS OF LINCOLN'S GREATNESS, by Edward Miller (Meredith \$3.95. A Juvenile)

GUNBOATS DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI, by John D. Milligan. 1965 (U.S. Naval Institute \$7.50)

ONE YEAR AT WAR: The Diary of Private John A. Shultz, Aug. 1, 1863-Aug. 1, 1864. (Vantage \$2.95)

TEN TEXANS IN GRAY, ed. by W. C. Nunn. (Hill Junior College Press, \$6.00)

JAY COOKE, FINANCIER OF THE CIVIL WAR, by Ellis Paxson Oberholtzer, 2 vols. Reprint. (Kelley \$30.00)

ULYSSES S. GRANT: GENERAL AND PRESIDENT, by Joseph Olgin (Houghton, Mifflin \$2.20. A juvenile)

MR. LINCOLN, by James G. Randall. Edited by Richard N. Current. Paperback (Apollo \$2.25)

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ISHERWOOD, NAVAL ENGINEER: The Years as Engineer in Chief, 1861-1869, by Edward W. Sloan, III. 1965. (U.S. Naval Institute \$7.50)

JOHN ROACH, MARITIME ENTREPRENEUR, by Leonard A. Swann, Jr. 1966 (U.S. Naval Institute \$7.50)

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A new folk song album, "Songs of Old Town," has been recorded by CWRT Member Win Stracke and released by Flair Records. Among songs on the new record are "El-A-Noy," "The Forty-Third Ward" and "Tennessee Stud." Stracke indicated that "Centennial Park" might be recorded on a future disc titled "Songs of the Near North Side."

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TO THE LADIES—

Margaret April will discuss "Interesting People I Have Known" at the November 8 meeting of the Camp Followers. The group will meet at 18 East Chestnut St. at 5:30 and the social hour will be extended for the benefit of late arrivals. Reservations for this long awaited meeting can be made with Mrs. Wilson A. (Eleanor) Smith, 428 Clinton Avenue, Oak Park, 60302. Telephone EUclid 3-1400. Dinner will be catered and reservations should be made by Nov. 6.

An enthusiastic group at the October meeting enjoyed the spacious facilities and food and drink as guests of Mrs. Arthur (Juanita) Bernstein. They were an appreciative audience for Dan Lapinski's excellent presentation of "Island 10" which was illustrated with slides.

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BATTLEFIELD TOUR Chairman Dan Lapinski reported to President Warshaw that present plans call for visiting Shiloh on May 1, Corinth and Iuka on May 2, Brice's Crossroads on May 3 and Holly Springs and Memphis on May 4.

Cooperation with this battlefield tour has been promised by Civil War scholars in the area as well as the park superintendent at Shiloh, local colleges and the West Tennessee Historical Society.

Chairman Lapinski, true to his cautious nature, will make a "dry run" through the battlefield tour area at Christmastime to assure that everything is in order for the tour in May. Arrangements are pending for a chartered airplane to take members to the Corinth area.



Our member Dr. Gerhard Clausius will speak on "Lincoln at Gettysburg" at a meeting of the Kansas City CWRT on November 26.

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It is said that a gentleman called on President Lincoln in May, 1863, asking for a pass to Richmond. "Well," said the President, "I would be very happy to oblige you if my passes were respected; but the fact is, sir, that I have, within the past two years given passes to 250,000 men to get to Richmond, and not one has got there yet."

COME ONE AND ALL

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LADIES NIGHT
FRIDAY
★ ★ February 14 ★ 1969 ★ ★ ★ ★

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