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Paul I. Klinger on "The Confederate Invasion of New Mexico"

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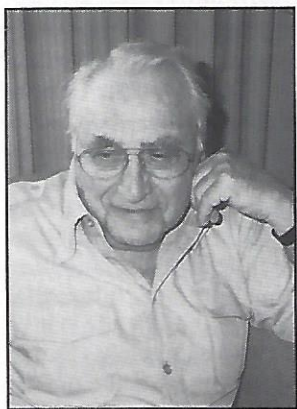
AT THE outbreak of the American Civil War, the New Mexico Territory—consisting primarily of the present states of Arizona and New Mexico—was a sparsely-populated area. The land formed a natural buffer between Confederate Texas and Union settlements in the state of California and the Colorado Territory. This region comprised the Union Department of New Mexico.

Early in the summer of 1861, Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley persuaded Confederate President Jefferson Davis that, with a small but well-equipped force, he could move up the Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico from Texas and seize the New Mexico Territory for the Confederacy. The Confederate Army of New Mexico, also known as the "Texas Brigade," moved northward from Texas, fighting Union forces and winning the Battle of Valverde on February 21, 1862.

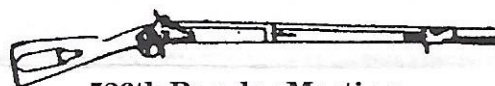
Sibley's troops continued north along the Rio Grande River, occupying the towns of Albuquerque and Santa Fe during early March. The Texans then headed east through Glorieta Pass, with the intention of adding nearby Fort Union to their string of victories. The capture of this key post would almost certainly lead to the fall of Denver, placing the lucrative Colorado gold fields under Confederate control. The Confederacy could then seek to expand its influence toward California and the Pacific Ocean.

On March 26-28, 1862, Union and Confederate troops fought the key battle of the Civil War in the Far West—the Battle of Glorieta. "The Confederate Invasion of New Mexico" will be the topic on December 10, when Paul I. Klinger addresses The Civil War Round Table.

Honorary Life member and past president (1985-86), Paul Klinger has been a member of The Round Table since 1973. He was chairman of the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee, whose work culminated in the gala Fiftieth Anniversary celebration and symposium on October 12-14, 1990. More than four hundred people from twenty-eight states attended the festivities at the Sheraton North Shore Inn in Northbrook.



Paul I. Klinger



526th Regular Meeting

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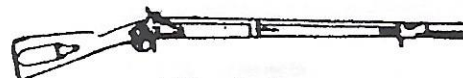
Friday, December 10

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Holiday Inn Mart Plaza
350 North Orleans Street
Buttons—15th floor

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
\$20.00 per person

Entree: Roast Baron of Beef Bordelaise,
Orange Roughy, or Fruit Plate



A Reminder

Please make your reservation by Wednesday, December 8. Mail the enclosed postcard or call the book shop at (312) 944-3085.

If you are driving and coming from the south, turn left into the Mart Plaza lot just after crossing the river on Orleans. From the north, turn right from Orleans on Hubbard, left on Kingsbury, right on Kinzie, and left into the Mart Plaza lot. Parking is free.

A native of Yonkers, New York, Paul has been interested in the Civil War since the age of twelve when he discovered *Miller's Photographic History of the Civil War* in the reading room of the Yonkers Library. Paul holds B.A. (in sociology, with Honors) and M.S.W. degrees from the University of Illinois Urbana, and is a veteran of World War II.

He was an executive with the Illinois Department of Mental Health for many years prior to his retirement, and is now very involved in his avocations which include Civil War history and photography. Paul is currently chair of The Round Table Honors Committee.

The New Books

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Hennessy, John. *Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas*. Simon & Schuster. 1992. \$28.00.

Hicken, Victor. *Illinois in the Civil War*. U. of Illinois Press. 1991. \$37.50; pbk. \$14.95. Original of 1966.

Hoebling, A.A. *Last Train From Atlanta*. Stackpole Press. 1992. \$16.95. Original of 1958.

Holt, Michael F. *Political Parties and American Political Development From the Age of Jackson to the Age of Lincoln*. LSU Press. 1992. \$35.00.

Jones, Howard. *Union in Peril: The Crisis Over British Intervention in the Civil War*. U. of North Carolina Press. 1992. \$34.95.

Karamanski, Theodore J. *Rally Round the Flag: Chicago and the Civil War*. Nelson-Hall Publishers. 1993. \$24.95.

Round Table Treasurer Larry Gibbs reminds members that their 1993-94 dues must be paid by December 1. Persons who have not paid by that date will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Honorary Life member Lowell Reidenbaugh addressed the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table on November 8. His topic was "The Idiosyncracies of Stonewall Jackson."

When Lincoln Came To Egypt, by George W. Smith (1940), has been reprinted by Crossfire Press in Herrin, Illinois. The book chronicles Abraham Lincoln's visits to and political encounters in southern Illinois, an area sometimes referred to as "Egypt." For this new edition, John Y. Simon, The Round Table's 1985 Nevins-Freeman Award recipient, has written a new foreword, "Abraham Lincoln In Southern Illinois." Simon calls Smith's book "a triumph of dedicated Lincoln scholarship." To order a copy (\$24.95 cloth, \$12.95 paper), write Crossfire Press, P.O. Box 365, Herrin, Illinois 62948, or call 618-942-3856. (Illinois residents add 6.25% sales tax—\$1.56 for cloth, 81¢ for paper. Also add \$2 per order for postage.)

The history of The Round Table, *The Civil War Round Table: Fifty Years of Scholarship and Fellowship*, by Barbara Hughett, is available for \$30 per copy. You may purchase the book at the monthly meeting or order it from Morningside Bookshop, 260 Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio 45401 (1-800-648-9710). Add \$2.50 for postage and handling.

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In addition to The Round Table history, the following items are available at each monthly meeting:

Lapel pins \$3.00 each, two for \$5.00

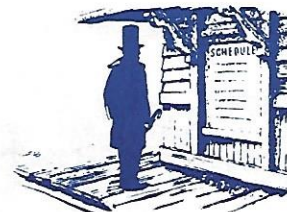
Mugs \$2.00 each, two for \$3.00

Meeting tapes \$7.00 each

Civil War Buff posters \$10.00 each

Proceeds from the sale of these items go to support the programs of The Civil War Round Table.

BULLETIN BOARD



FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 North Orleans Street (Buttons, 15th Floor), the second Friday in each month, except as noted.

December 10: Paul I. Klinger on "The Confederate Invasion of New Mexico"

January 14: Harold Holzer and Mark E. Neely, Jr., on "Civil War Art"

February 11: Robert Remini on "Henry Clay, Slavery, and the Coming of the Civil War"

March 11: General Gordon R. Sullivan on "The Wilderness"

April 8: Major Frank K. McKenzie, USMC, on "Combined Operations Against Charleston"

May 5-8: Annual Battlefield Tour—Shenandoah Valley

May 13: Robert K. Krick on "Lawyers, Politicians, and Clerks: The Regimental Command of Lee's Army"

June 10: Stacey Allen on "New Discoveries at Shiloh"

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