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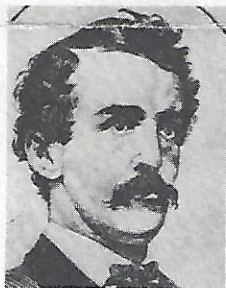
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May, 1966

16th Battlefield Tour-Booth Trail, Washington, D.C.-May 26 to 30

BY GILBERT TWISS

The 16th Annual Battlefield Tour, May 26 to 30, will offer a thorough look at Washington, D.C. — Civil War aspects and modern—and outlying battlefields and an inspection of the John Wilkes Booth escape route after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.



J. W. Booth

For the trip to Washington, the White Sox DC-7 plane has been leased. Going east it will be the "Gen. Abner Doubleday Special," and returning, "Gen. John A. Logan Special." Departure is early May 26, from a convenient location, the Butler Aviation building, the first location on reaching O'Hare airport. Check-in is an hour before departure. Washington arrival is at National Airport, the Page Airways dock about 12:30 p.m. Since there will be no meal aboard the plane, baggage will be sent to the Marriott Twin Bridges Motor Hotel, and campaigners will board buses for the historic Laurel Brigade Inn for lunch.

For the four days of touring, there will be a guide and narrator from the District of Columbia Civil War Round Table aboard each bus. The first afternoon's visits will be to Leesburg, Va., and the battlefields of Ball's Bluff and Chantilly. The buses will reach Marriott's, the headquarters hotel for the entire tour, about 5 p.m. Each evening except Sunday there will be the traditional Command Post.

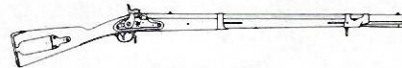
Dinner will be at the hotel. Paul J. Sedgwick will speak on "The Trial of the Lincoln Conspirators," with detail about the events that occurred in the weeks immediately following the assassination, and much of what Washington was like at that time. Sedgwick is a nephew of Gen. John Sedgwick. He is a past president of the D.C. Round Table, its gold metal award winner in 1965, and was chairman of the District of Columbia Civil War Centennial commission. The Command Post will reopen after the talk.

Friday, May 27, will begin with a tour of central Washington, and to the White House for a V.I.P. conducted tour. It was discovered that the monument of Gen. John A. Rawlins, Gen. Grant's chief-of-staff from Galena, Ill., had never been dedicated, so our Round Table is assuming the belated duty.

Further touring of central Washington will lead to Capitol Hill and lunch in the Senate dining room. There always are surprises on a Round Table tour, and there may be some at the White House and the Senate dining room.

The afternoon will be a full one, beginning with inspection of special areas of the Library of Congress. Then to the Naval Display Center at Washington Navy Yard as

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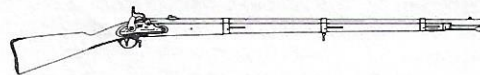


COST OF TOUR

\$215, Two to a room (*), \$235 Single.
(*)Indicate person with whom you wish to share room.

INCLUDES: Round trip air fare and ground bus transportation; lodging at Marriott Twin Bridges motor hotel; all meals except breakfasts on three days and dinner Sunday night, May 29; Command Post costs; admission fees where required, group service tips, tour literature, and \$10 registration fee to cover promotional and overhead expenses.

FOR PORTIONS OF TOUR: Join at Washington, individual meetings or meals, and other variations, write or phone Registrar Margaret April, 18 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611; Phone (area 312) Whitehall 4-3085.



Capital and Escape Route

BY J. GAY SEABOURNE

Campaigners' introduction to the Washington area will be at lunch at the historic Laurel Brigade Inn. It is named for a gallant group of horsemen, many recruited in the Leesburg, Va., neighborhood. They served under command of Turner Ashby and as "Stonewall" Jackson's cavalry in his Valley campaign. In the reorganization of the army after Chancellorsville, the brigade became a component of Jeb Stuart's cavalry corps.

Ball's Bluff is only a few miles from Leesburg and the route follows the course of Jackson's march toward the Potomac crossing at White's Ford, and the opening of the Maryland campaign.

At Ball's Bluff, a full description of the battle will be given. From the bluffs, at the foot of which the worst of the Federal debacle happened, the Potomac can be glimpsed with Harrison's island lying in its course.

The return to Washington passes the site of the battle of Chantilly or Ox Hill.

On two days touring in and around Washington, historical features will be visited, with emphasis on those relating to the Civil War period, and also of the ante-bellum and post-bellum city.

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Civil War monuments to be seen will include those of Generals Scott, Sheridan, Hancock, Thomas, Sherman, Logan and Pike, as well as the Grant Memorial. In passing certain of the city's cemeteries, notably Oak Hill and Rock Creek, mention will be made of the Civil War general officers and other notables there interred. Several churches attended by U.S. Presidents will be pointed out. A short talk will be given on the hisotric significance of Lafayette Square.

At Washington Cathedral, the Civil War alcove with its beautiful stained glass and the alcove containing the tomb of President Woodrow Wilson will be seen. The cathedral, on the highest point in the nation's capital, is building an Abraham Lincoln bay to counterbalance the George Washington bay on the opposite side.

Visited also will be Catholic University campus and its impressive Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the St. Gaudens' memorial statue to Henry Adams and wife, the Anderson cottage on the Solders' Home grounds, and the site of Fort Stevens where a narrator will review the battle waged there to save the city from Jubal Early's raid.

At the start of the tour along the Booth escape route, the buses will pass the Surratt house and the restored Ford's theater, where John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln and broke a small bone in his leg as he jumped to the stage. We cross the Anacostia river, as did Booth and David Herold. They stopped at a Surrattsville tavern to pick up a package left there by Mrs. Mary Surratt.

About 4 a.m. on April 15, Booth appeared at the home of Dr. Samuel Mudd, near Bryantown. Dr. Mudd treated Booth's leg and put him to bed in the guest room. He paid Dr. Mudd \$25 for two revolvers and a carbine, and got directions from him on how to avoid the main road to the Potomac river by taking a trail through Zekiah swamp. Booth and Herold emerged from the swamp at Brice

from the
Editor's pen



BATTLEFIELD TOUR COMMITTEE: Co-Chairmen: Wilson Smith and Ver Lynn Sprague; Assistant: Charles V. Falkenberg, Jr.; Washington Co-Chairmen: Edward Waterbury and Claire Graham; Assisted by Col. J. Gay Seabourne and Elden E. (Josh) Billings. Liaison Member: Ralph G. Newman. Senior Marshal: Allen Meyer; Assistants Lester Joseph, Richard Cohen, Pete Johnson. Tour Bulletin: Gilbert Twiss. Book List: E. B. (Pete) Long.

A battlefield tour takes a lot of planning and doing, and this year's work has been headed up by Co-chairmen Wilson A. Smith and Ver Lynn Sprague in Chicago and Edward S. Waterbury and Claire Graham in Washington. Ralph Newman was liaison man for arranging the White House tour and lunch in the Senate dining room. Through friendship with Arthur Allyn, owner of the Chicago White Sox, Smith was able to lease the White Sox plane for the tour.

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In Washington, Waterbury has had the help of numerous members of the District of Columbia Civil War Round Table and its president, Meredith M. Daubin. The group is supplying speakers, guides, and narrators for the tour. Of Col. J. Gay Seabourne, a speaker, and Elden E. (Josh) Billings, Waterbury says, "They are terrific."

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Charles V. Falkenburg, Jr., has been assistant to the Chicago co-chairmen. Al Meyer again heads the bus marshals, with Lester Joseph, Richard Cohen, and Pete Johnson assisting. Again we have our peerless registrar, Margaret April.

chapel and obtained supper at the Samuel Cox farmstead on Rich hill. We will visit the thicket where the pair hid for six days.

Searchers were fanning out in the neighborhood. Thomas Jones obtained a rowboat for the pair. Herold rowed through the night, but in the morning found that the tide had swept the boat back, still on the Maryland side. The night of April 21 they got across to Virginia. We cross by bridge. We pass close by the Quesenberry and Dr. Richard Stewart homesteads where Booth and Herold were harbored briefly; thence on to the point of their Rappahannock river crossing at Port Conway-Port Royal.

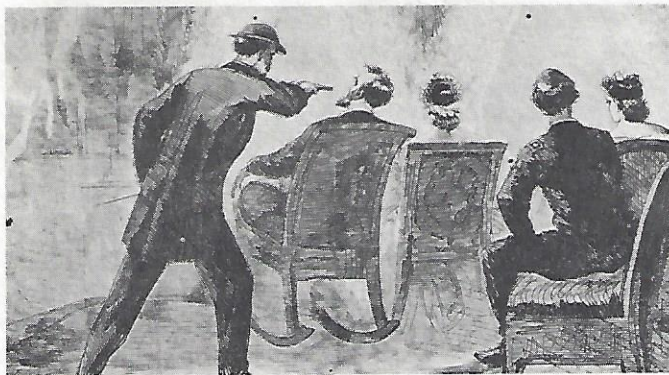
Reaching the home of Richard Garrett, Booth was introduced as John W. Boyd, a paroled Confederate soldier. The next day, federal troops crossed the river at Port Royal. Booth and Herold fled to the woods and heard the soldiers ride past. That night they left the Garrett house to sleep in a tobacco drying shed, then used for storing furniture.

Through William Jett, who had aided Booth, and William Garrett, son of the farm owner, detectives learned of the hiding place of Booth.

Soldiers surrounded the shed and called for Booth to come out. He attempted to parley. Soldiers let Herold leave the shed. The barn was set afire. A shot was heard and when soldiers got to Booth he had a wound below the right ear. Sgt. Boston Corbett said he fired the shot. About two hours later Booth died and his body was taken to Washington aboard the steamer John S. Ide.

Our return to Washington will be via Fredericksburg, passing en route close by Moss's Neck where Stonewall Jackson wintered after the battle of Fredericksburg and preceding Chancellorsville.

The Assassination



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guests of Adm. E. M. Eller, director of Naval History and a most active member of D.C. CWRT. Next will be a tour of Fort McNair, the site of the trial and execution of the Lincoln conspirators.

That evening will be a joint meeting with the D.C. Round Table. Col. J. Gay Seabourne, a past president of D.C. CWRT, will speak on "The Booth Trail." It will be an illustrated lecture and set the stage for the next day's tour.

On Saturday May 28, first stop is at the newly restored Ford's theater, then the Surratt house, the East Branch bridge over the Anacostia into southern Maryland, Surrattsville, the Dr. Mudd house, Bryantown, Brice Chapel, Rich Hill, and Huckleberry. One of the famous Maryland shore lunches will be served at Pope's Creek. The tour continues across the Potomac (by bridge) to Virginia, Port Royal, across the Rappahannock, and to the Garrett farm where Booth was cornered. The return to Washington is on the Virginia side.

Dinner is at the hotel and it's Fun Night with impromptu speeches, gifts, and merriment. The chief entertainer will be Mark Russell, a stand-up comedian who appears regularly at the Shoreham hotel.

Sunday will have a tour of the outer edges of Washington: Old Georgetown, Oak Hill cemetery (Stanton, Reno, Lorenzo Thomas, etc.), Washington Cathedral (Episcopal with Civil War windows, Lincoln and Washington wings, Woodrow Wilson tomb), along Embassy Row, the Naval Observatory, Civil War monuments and the Albert Pike grave. Lunch will be at Holiday Inn Motor Hotel near Catholic University. The tour continues in the afternoon to Soldiers' Home and cemetery (Montgomery Blair, Hugh McCullough, Henry Adams, etc.), and to Fort Stevens which Jubal Early threatened in 1864 with Lincoln present.

On Sunday evening there will be no Command Post or dinner at the hotel. The evening is left open for dinner at one of Washington's fine restaurants and visiting friends or entertainment in the city.

Monday is Memorial day and the tour will have that character. A buffet style breakfast will be served and campaigners are advised to "load up" because there will be no further eating opportunity until the airport is reached. Bags are to be packed and on the buses at 9 a.m. departure.

The tour is to Arlington National cemetery and the Custis-Lee house. Narrators will point out graves of Sheridan, Crook, Wright, Clem, Ord, Gibbon, and others as they are passed. A walking tour will visit the grave of Robert Todd Lincoln and of our own Gen. Manus McCloskey. The party will then attend the National Memorial Day ceremonies in the amphitheater.

From there the buses go to National Airport and Page Airways dock. Check-in will be easy since the group will be together. The flight leaves at 3 p.m. and reaches Chicago, O'Hare, at 4:30 p.m., discharging at the Butler Aviation facilities.

TOUR SCHEDULE

(All Times Local)

(Any Changes Will Be Announced On Tour)

THURSDAY, May 26, 1966

- 8:00 a.m. - Check in at Butler Aviation building, O'Hare Airport, Chicago.
- 9:00 a.m. - Depart on "Gen. Abner Doubleday Special" (White Sox DC-7).
- 12:30 p.m. - Arrive National Airport, Washington, D.C., at Page Airways dock.
 - Baggage will be forwarded to motel; tour members will board buses.

Lunch - Laurel Brigade Inn, Leesburg, Va.

Afternoon - Tour Leesburg, Ball's Bluff, and Chantilly.

- 5:00 p.m. - Check in at Marriott Twin Bridges Motor Hotel, headquarters for tour.
- 6:00 p.m. - Command Post, Potomac ballroom in hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner at hotel. Paul J. Sedgwick, "Trial of Lincoln Conspirators."
- 9:00 p.m. - Command Post.

FRIDAY, May 27

- Breakfast on your own.
- 8:30 a.m. - Tour of central Washington.
- 9:00 a.m. - V.I.P. tour of the White House.
- 10:00 a.m. - Dedication of Gen. John A. Rawlins monument.
- 10:30 a.m. - Tour of historic sites in downtown area.
- Lunch - In United States Senate dining room.
- 1:30 p.m. - Special tour of Library of Congress.
- 3:00 p.m. - Tour Naval Display Center, Washington Navy Yard, as guests of Adm. E. M. Eller, director of Naval History.
- 4:15 p.m. - Tour Fort McNair, site of trial and execution of Lincoln conspirators.

5:00 p.m. - Return to hotel.

6:00 p.m. - Command Post. Joint meeting with District of Columbia Civil War Round Table.

7:00 p.m. - Dinner at hotel. Col. J. Gay Seabourne (ret.), "The Booth Trail".

SATURDAY, May 28

- Breakfast on your own.
- 8:30 a.m. - Tour Booth Escape Route.
- Noon - Shore lunch at Pope's Creek.
- 1:30 p.m. - Continue tour in Maryland and Virginia.
- 5:30 p.m. - Return to hotel.
- 6:00 p.m. - Command Post.
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner at hotel. Fun Night. Entertainer, Mark Russell.
- 9:30 p.m. - Command Post.

SUNDAY, May 29

- Breakfast on your own and church.
- 10:00 a.m. - Tour historic sites in outlying areas of Washington.
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch at Holiday Inn Motor Hotel.
- 1:30 p.m. - Continue tour, ending at Fort Stevens.
- 5:00 p.m. - Return to hotel.
 - Dinner on your own. A free night to visit one of the fine restaurants in Washington and visit friends or entertainments.

MONDAY, May 30

- 8:00 a.m. - Buffet breakfast at hotel. "Load Up," last food until airport.
- 9:00 a.m. - Bags packed and loaded on buses. Tour of Arlington cemetery and Lee house.
- 11:00 a.m. - Memorial Day services at Arlington amphitheater.
- 1:30 p.m. - Board buses to National Airport. Lunch on your own.
- 3:00 p.m. - Depart Page Airways dock on "Gen. John A. Logan Special" (White Sox DC-7).
- 4:30 p.m. - Arrive Chicago, O'Hare Airport, Butler Aviation facilities.



ARMCHAIR GENERALSHIP

BY PETE LONG

Know your way around Washington! While we have no recommendations about how to achieve your cherished wishes among the politicians in the region along the Potomac, we do have the following suggestions to aid in a tour of Civil War Washington:

BALL'S BLUFF, CHANTILLY, LEESBURG

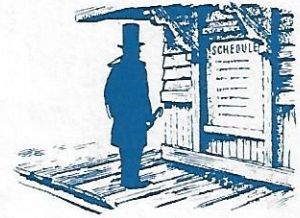
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WASHINGTON: THEN AND NOW

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- Stone, Charles P., Washington on the Eve of the War, Battles and Leaders, Vol. I.
- Vandiver, Frank, Jubal's Raid; General Early's Famous Attack on Washington in 1864.

BULLETIN BOARD



CHECK-IN TIME: 8:00 a.m. (CDT) at Butler Aviation building, O'Hare airport, at special desk with Registrar Margaret April. Luggage tags and tour packet will be provided.

DEPART: 9:00 a.m. on "Gen. Abner Doubleday Special" (White Sox DC-7) arriving at National Airport, Page Airways dock, Washington, D.C., at 12:30 p.m. No meal on plane, lunch after arrival.

ON THE TOUR: Please be prompt at all stated times. Bus marshals will be on hand for guidance. Notify them if leaving on a side excursion.

WASHINGTON CHECK-IN TIME: 2:00 p.m. at Page Airways dock, National Airport, special desk with Registrar Margaret April. "Gen. John A. Logan Special" (White Sox DC-7) leaves at 3:00 p.m. and arrives in Chicago, O'Hare airport, 4:30 p.m. at Butler Airways dock.



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MARRIOTT TWIN BRIDGES MOTOR HOTEL, our headquarters for four nights in Washington, is nearby National Airport and the Pentagon. It is only ten minutes away from all the principal places of the capital. It has the Sirlain and Saddle and the Fairfield Inn restaurants as well as banquet accommodations. Since our tour coincides with the heaviest period of high school sightseeing visitation of Washington, it is important that our reservations are made early to assure enough rooms.

A deposit of \$25 is required with reservations. This is so that early and fairly accurate arrangements can be made for lodging, meals, buses, and wherever the size of a group needs to be known. However, the registrar will appreciate the payment of the full amount with reservations, since it will save that much bookkeeping.

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Our tour plane has a limit of 52—less than the usual seating of a DC-7—because it was specially fitted for the White Sox baseball team and has more room to move about inside than its commercial counterparts. Reservations will be taken on a "first come" basis until the plane is filled. That is not a worry, tho, because a part of our touring group will reach Washington by car, train, or commercial plane. The tour fee is a bit higher this year because of the greater cost of hotel rooms and meals in the Washington area.