It was a cold and blustery day when Lincoln stopped in Hudson, OH as part of his two-week train journey across the north from Springfield, Illinois to Washington, D.C. for his inaugural. He had already been to Cincinnati, and had addressed the Ohio Legislature at the newly-completed Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. On February 15, 1861, his train had come in from Pittsburgh, stopping at Alliance for lunch, then on to Ravenna for another brief stop, then into Hudson where 6,000 people had turned out to see the President-Elect at the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad depot. Although the train stopped for only a few moments, Lincoln came out on the back platform to address the crowd, and excused himself because he was quite hoarse and unable to speak for long. A great cheer went up from the happy spectators and the train whistle sounded as it pulled slowly from the station and headed into Cleveland.

As short as Lincoln’s visit was, it still was a big event for Summit County, Ohio in 1861. Special trains had come in from Akron earlier that day, and the Akron newspaper, the Summit Beacon, gave the story full coverage. For decades to come, people in Hudson and surrounding areas would recall to their friends and family that they had been among the crowd on the day that Lincoln came to Hudson. As late as 1931, seventy years after the visit, both the Akron paper and the local Hudson weekly had articles about the “last person” alive who remembered that day at the Hudson depot. A few responded who had been children in 1861 that they indeed were there. The memory of Lincoln’s visit was later all but lost except for the old news stories, when an effort was launched in 2003 to get a marker in Hudson that would celebrate Lincoln’s visit. With funding from a local foundation, we were able to have a marker designed and the city agreed to give us a place in what is now open land close to the center of town. The marker, dedicated in 2004, now stands near the Hudson Police station and very close to the place where the 1861 depot was located. There are only three other towns in Ohio that have historic markers noting the visit of Lincoln on his inaugural journey: in Columbus at the Ohio Statehouse, in Steubenville at the Jefferson County Court House, and in Ravenna in front of a restaurant on Main Street. Only the marker in Hudson is almost on the exact spot where Lincoln’s train came to a stop and where Ohio citizens had a chance to see the greatest man of the era, and perhaps the colossus of American history itself.

Submitted by Tom Vince, Archivist and Historian, Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Ohio, member of the Ohio MOLLUS Commandery.
Commander-in-Chief’s Message

Commander-in-Chief  
Message

I am pleased to report that unlike last year the weather held off for us to hold our annual Washington, DC celebration programs commemorating Abraham Lincoln’s birthday. The DC Commandery is commended for doing an exceptional job organizing the event. The annual MOLLUS Midwinter meeting was very productive, the excursion to Ford’s Theater most informative, the Lincoln Birthday banquet excellent, the Lincoln Memorial program exceptional, and the luncheon following outstanding.

Some of the highlights of this year’s celebration activities included the attendance of the Secretary and Under Secretary of Education (Luis Maldonado Venegas and José Ramón Cárdeno Shaadi, (Continued on page 10)
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WELCOME NEW COMPANIONS

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since the Winter 2010 issue of the Journal. Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

Captain James A. Simmons, Chancellor-in-Chief

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Hereditary Membership Program

Our Hereditary Membership Program is in effect each fiscal year, October 1 through September 30. Here are the rules that apply to this program. Recruit a minimum of three (3) new Hereditary Companions and you will be rewarded with a Lincoln MOLLUS Certificate of Appreciation for meritorious service and a Lincoln Membership Medal of Honor presented by our current Commander-in-Chief. These two prestigious awards will be presented to you at our annual National Congress, the Lincoln Memorial Ceremony in Washington D.C. or at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois. If you are unable to attend one of these three major functions, arrangements may be made to mail the certificate and medal to your home. This program is the lifeblood of our historic Military Order and will ensure our noble existence for countless generations to come.

MOLLUS WEBSITE
Loyal Legion Historical Journal is now online!
http://www.suvcw.org/mollus/mollus.htm

Remembering “MOLLUS” In Your Will

After you provide for your family and other matters, would you consider including a memorial gift in you will to our hallowed Order? Your gift to the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund, which is tax deductible, would be used to support the preservation of battlefields, monuments and programs that serve to memorialize the Civil War. In this way you would be perpetuating the memory of your Civil War ancestors and fellow companions.
MA Commandery News

Companions --
As we move into the 2011 - 2015 events surrounding the CW Sesquicentennial, I plan to publicize them in hopes of increasing our participation and increasing our membership. On February 5th, 2011 we once again co-sponsored a ceremony that celebrates both General Benjamin Lincoln of the Revolutionary War and President Abraham Lincoln. Held at the Old Ship Church in Hingham, MA, the patriotic service included a speech by Captain Andrew McCawley USN (Ret), former Commanding Officer of the USS Abraham Lincoln CVN72.

Following the ceremony, we joined the parade down Main Street to the location of memorials, where salutes were fired by participating re-enactors and we laid a wreath in honor of Abraham Lincoln.

The celebration ended with refreshments at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main Street. The event was free and open to the public.

Fred Stevens
Commander

The Massachusetts Commandery is very interested in hearing from other Commanderies that have gone thru preservation projects with funding. Their old banner circa 1880 is sadly deteriorated. They have obtained a professional estimate to put it back to presentable condition which was $15,000. They are also looking into the cost of creating a reproduction of it using new materials. Additionally, estimates for a portrait and plaque honoring Patrick Guiney of “Boston’s Irish Ninth” have also been very expensive, amounting to $17,000 to create and install a bronze plaque of the type installed in the late 1800’s and $5,000 for a portrait. Lower cost alternatives are being sought.

Please Contact Fred Stevens, MA Commander if your Commandery has experienced any such projects. Mr. Stevens may be contacted by his email: LTCFAS@aol.com

Virginia Commandery News

VA MOLLUS members Dick Bishop and Dan Hopping participated in the NCSSAR Color Guard in the Christmas Parade at Roanoke Rapids, NC. Dan can be found in photo wearing the brown Rev. War era hunting shirt, and Dick is in the center position in the Continental Uniform. Photo by Glenn Sappie, NCSSAR Secretary

Brothers in Motion and Moving Up the Ladder: MAJ (Ret.) Richard D. Bishop was elected Commander of the MOLLUS Virginia Commandery at their November 3 meeting in Richmond VA. He is presently Counselor-in-Chief of the national organization. L to R in picture: Mark Day of Lynchburg, Dick Bishop, Jack Kane of Yorktown, Jeffry Burden of Richmond, Clifton Potter of Lynchburg, Robert Krasche of Williamsburg, and David Penhallow of Richmond.
Ohio Commandery News

Once again Ohio Companion Robert Rock attended the annual McKinley wreath laying ceremony on behalf of the OH Commandery and PCC Karl Schaeffer. This was held on a sunny winter January 29th at the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum in Canton, OH. Members of the 29th O.V.I. assisted with the laying of the wreath on behalf of MOLLUS.

On February 24th, 2011 several members of the Ohio Commandery attended a program at Oberlin College in Oberlin, OH. The program was titled “Behind Bayonets: The Civil War in Northern Ohio.” The Oberlin Heritage Center and AmeriCorps Ohio History Service Program co-hosted a presentation by Cleveland historian John Vacha and a meet-and-greet for leaders of local historical organizations, museums, schools, and libraries to encourage local programming commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Heritage Center members and the general public were invited.

Guests were also able to enjoy the lifestyles and architecture of historic Oberlin in a guided tour of three beautifully preserved buildings that tell the unique, nationally significant story of the community and college in Oberlin from their beginning in 1833 until the 1930s.

Civil War Sesquicentennial Opening Ceremony

Please circle Saturday, April 16, 2011 on your calendar as that will be the opening ceremony for the State of Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration. The event will take place at the State of Michigan Library and Historical Center located at 702 West Kalamazoo Ave., Lansing, MI 48915.

There will be activities both inside and outside of the museum. All events are open to the public.

Outside, in the green space to the west of the museum, reenactors and living historians will have both Union and Confederate camps set up. (Camp set up will begin on Friday (April 15, 2011) after 3:00 in the afternoon.) Possible demonstrations include a recruiting scenario, infantry drill, firing exhibitions by infantry and artillery units, and surgical care of the wounded. Other exhibitions could include a fashion presentation, cooking, music, and political debate or discussion.

Inside, groups and organizations will be able to set up one (1) table for display purposes and literature distribution. Spectator hours are from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Saturday April 16, 2011. For more information contact Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison or Companion Bruce Butgereit at civil-war@comcast.
17 September 2010 at Missouri State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, Missouri was the location for the first Civil War Veteran to interned in a Missouri State Veterans Cemetery. Also this was the first nationwide internment by Missing in America Project.

Private John W. Kling and his wife Elizabeth (Lizzie) was located and identified through efforts of the Missing in America Project (MIAP) and Newcomers Funeral Homes of Kansas City, Missouri. Pvt. John W. Kling was born Oct. 16, 1837 in PA and on Nov. 4, 1861 at 23, joined the Union Army. He served in Co. E, 2nd (old) Regiment artillery Volunteer Missouri. Pvt. Kling was honorably mustered out 24 Aug. 1863. After the war, John met and married his life long companion Elizabeth Weaver in 1870. John died Mar. 28, 1918 followed a few years later by Elizabeth on Feb. 21, 1923. They were both cremated and their remains are in one copper box.

They were discovered in storage of Newcomers Funeral Homes by MIAP. Originally Cpl. Vernon Stottlemyre Co. C, 34th SVR, was informed there were also two Confederate remains. But upon further investigating MIAP determined they were too young to be Civil War Veterans.

At 1:00 pm 1st Lt. Chares Ed Funck III, Cmdr. Co. C, 34th SVR, Commander Missouri Commandery, Pvt. Rod Price, SVCW, Missouri Department Commander, Companion Pvt. Gary L. Sheel, and Robert D. Hammond SUVCW Missouri Eagle Scout Coordinator escorted the remains of Pvt. John W. Kling and Elizabeth Kling to the cemetery’s chapel for the full Military funeral with honors ceremony.

Proceeding through an avenue of over 30 flag barriers to the Alter of the chapel, our men in slow memorial military order began the service. Participants included the cemetery director Larry Carmer, Missouri Veterans’ Commission Executive Director Larry Kay of Jefferson City, MO. Was key note speaker, Missing in America Project organizers Joe and Linda Smith, American Legion Green Hills Post #57 Commander Leighton Reid speaker, Patriot Guard Riders Flag line included local Boy Scouts, Tri-County Christian School, American Legion Bucklin post, Soldiers for flag folding ceremony, Army bugler, Post #57 Honor Guard rifle squad. The service ended with 1st Lt. Funck presenting the funeral folded flag to Dr. Michael “Doc” Yoshida Ride Captain of the Patriotic Guard riders who was designated the adopter of Pvt. John W. and Elizabeth Klings, The Missing in America Project has started an “Adopt a Veteran” program and Pvt. John Kling was adopted by Michael Yoshida, himself a Veteran. The final resting place for the Klings will be near the entrance of the cemetery with a military grave stone.

For more information on the Missing in America Project: www.miap.us or Adopt a Veteran Project contact National Coordinator Linda Smith: sailormom@miap.us

Submitted by Charles E Funck III, Commander MO Commandery
Members of the Ohio Commandery of MOLLUS Cordially Invite You to Attend: A Mini-Symposium in Hudson, OH

9:00 Door opens & Ohio MOLLUS welcomes you
9:30 Posting of the Colors by the 29th OVI & short history of MOLLUS
9:45 Author of “Beyond Bayonets,” Mr. Vacha will speak on the Civil War In Northern Ohio
10:30 Tim Daley, Director of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Public Square in Cleveland, Oh, will discuss this outstanding monument to the Soldiers and Sailors who served Cuyahoga County during the War of the Rebellion along with it’s recent restoration.
11:00 Break
11:10 Tom Mackie from LMU will give a short presentation on Lincoln and his interest about inland transportation.
12:00 Luncheon at the Reserve Inn with a stop at the location where Lincoln stopped in Hudson
1:15 Meeting at Western Reserve Academy Library, MOLLUS members only
2:30 Memorial at Western Reserve Academy Chapel followed by a walking tour of Western Reserve Academy including the oldest observatory in the Western Reserve, concluding at the cemetery where John Brown family members are buried.

On this day...
MOLLUS members will honor a Companion, First Lieutenant George Coates Ashmun, Hudson’s town Doctor and Mayor at the beginning of the war.

For More Information or to RSVP
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55TH ANNUAL
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND
MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES
LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 55th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 146th Anniversary of President Lincoln’s death. It will be held at the Lincoln tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2011.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is $89.99 for single/quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay’s Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention “Sons of Union Veterans.” Reserve your room by March 18, 2011. After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released. Shuttle service will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 16th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12 noon. The luncheon program will feature Mr. Robert Miller. He will speak on “Lincoln and God, Religion and the 16th President”. Luncheon cost is $27 per person. Send registration form below to:

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC
6519 Cherokee Lane
Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527
Make check payable to “National Organization, SUVCW”. Cancellation of lunch reservations must be made by no later than April 1st.

The Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service, hosted by the Dept. of Illinois, will take place at his grave in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, IL, at 3 PM. The cemetery is located on IL Hwy. 123 on the east side of town. Traveling to Petersburg from Springfield, use Hwys. 29 and 123 or 97.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvcw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.
OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION
(please print clearly)

Organization name in full:
____________________________________________________________________________________

Name & title of wreath bearer:
____________________________________________________________________________________

e-mail address:____________________________________ __________________________________
if no e-mail, home address:
____________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, & Zip code: ________________________________________________________________

To insure listing in program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown above.
I would like to reserve ____ seats on the shuttle bus from headquarters hotel to Tomb Ceremony and return to hotel. **Note: ONLY 60 SEATS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BUS. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON
Please accept ____ luncheon reservation (s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door.
Name: _____________________________________________ __________________________________
E-mail: ___________________________________________ ___________________________________
Address:___________________________________________ ___________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________ ___________________________________
City, State & Zip Code:____________________________ ______________________________________

Herb-roasted Pork __________________________  Lemon-Herb Chicken _________________________

Include remittance of $27.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to National Organization SUVCW.

Reservations must be made by April 1st and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance.

MILITARY PARADE INFORMATION

Name of unit:__________________________________________________ _______________________
No. of people attending:___________________ Phone:_______________________________
Contact person name:__________________________________________________ ________________
E-mail:__________________________________________________ _____________________________

This will insure each unit receives a streamer for their flag and all participants receive ribbons.

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respectively) and their delegation from the Mexican State of Puebla at the Lincoln Birthday Banquet, the Lincoln Memorial program, and the Lincoln Commemorative Luncheon. During the banquet, the Secretary was presented with a MOLLUS medal and copy of Union Blue in recognition of his first official visit to participate in the Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebrations, and to mark his role in helping to further the relationship established by our founding members and ancestors in our joint effort to mark the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War and the important Mexican victory at the Battle of the 5 de Mayo (for those who do not know, that battle proved to be key to the Union cause by helping to deny the French under Napoleon III the opportunity to resupply the Confederacy for another year). Also during that banquet, DC Commandery Commander, Eric Rojo, Companion Peter Dixon, and I were presented with medals from the Education Secretary Maldonado acknowledging our roles in the annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Commemorations and the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

During the Lincoln Memorial Program, Miss Kelly DeStefano, was presented with the annual Frederick Talley Drum Hunt Severn School History award. During the luncheon that followed, we were treated with three surprises. The first was the presentation to Miss DeStefano with an additional $1,000 award by Education Secretary Maldonado. The second was the announcement by Education Secretary Maldonado of the establishment of a joint MOLLUS - Mexican (State of Puebla) Lincoln-Juarez college level essay contest that would be awarded each year during the Midwinter program (Details are currently in the process of being worked out by the DC Commandery to have this new recognition program

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become a reality). The third surprise was the presentation of a letter to me by Education Secretary Maldonado (on behalf of Mexican State of Puebla Governor Rafael Moreno Valle) inviting the MOLLUS to attend and to coordinate the attendance of a Civil War uniformed contingent to march in the May 2012 celebration and parade commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of 5 de Mayo in Puebla, Mexico. As a result, I already have issued formal invitations to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and select Civil War reenactment organizations to participate with us next year in Mexico (more information on this celebration will be forthcoming later this year). All in all, this year was a spectacular and unprecedented celebration.

Last year, I instituted my new program of visiting our Commanderies. Please provide Recorder-in-Chief Jack Kane with a schedule of your Commandery meetings for 2011 in order that I and/or another Commandery-in-Chief officer may schedule our attendance.

The next national MOLLUS event scheduled will be the upcoming April 16, 2011 joint SUVCW - MOLLUS Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois, where I will be presenting a wreath on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief. I encourage all Commanderies to attend and present a wreath at this program. Information regarding this program may be found further in this Journal and on our national website (www.suvcw.org/mollus/mollus.htm)

Keith G. Harrison
Commander-in-Chief

Editor’s Notes:

Companions & Dames

As we begin the 150th Civil War sesquicentennial I hope that every Commandery will participate and send me news worthy information about what your state and/or Commandery is doing. I would like to anticipate being flooded with activities to include in every Journal.

Apologies for the last issue taking longer than expected to be in your mailbox. There was a Post Office computer software problem that has now been corrected.

Please be sure to email all pictures in jpg format. I do not subscribe to every online photo gallery and many times I have received photos that cannot be downloaded because the owner of the photo has not given permission to do so.

I look forward to visiting with many of you over the year as the 150th anniversary events begin.

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Robert E. Rock

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FORT MOULTREIE
EVACUATED!
FORT SUMTER
REINFORCED!

Major Anderson and his small garrison evacuated Fort Moultrie on the night of the 26th December, 1860, and the morning of the 27th broke, revealing to the astonished gaze of the people of Charleston, the national flag floating defiantly over Sumter. They turned their eyes to Moultrie only to see dense volumes of smoke rising from the burning carriages of the guns on its walls.

Public sentiment in the north demanded some action on the part of the government toward the relief of Major Anderson and his little band locked up in Ft. Sumter; and, in conformity with this demand, the steamer Star Of The West, loaded with supplies, but unarmed, was dispatched from New York and reached Charleston Bay Jan. 9th 1861. While proceeding up the harbor, and when opposite Morris Island, she was fired into from the batteries on the island, and was compelled to return to New York. When Major Anderson witnessed the firing on the Star Of The West, and saw her depart without being allowed to communicate with him, he wrote to Gov. Pickens [Gov. of South Carolina], asking him if the firing upon an unarmed vessel carrying the flag of the government was authorized by him. Gov. Pickens replied: “the act is perfectly justified by me.” Major Anderson then asked for, and received, permission to send a messenger to Washington with dispatches and for instruction. Lieutenant T. Talbot was selected for this mission. Before an answer could be received, Gov. Pickens, on the 11th of Jan., made a formal demand for the surrender of the fort, which was refused.

On April 6th over 3 months after Major Anderson occupied Fort Sumter the government decided on its line of policy in respect to Fort Sumter and the other menaced fortresses of the United States, and sent to Charleston two messengers, who reached that city on the 8th. One of these, Lieutenant Theodore Talbot, USA, brought dispatches to Major Anderson; and the other, Mr. R.A. Chew of the Department of State was directed to inform the authorities at Charleston that the government had determined to send supplies to Major Anderson, peaceably if possible, but that no attempt would be made to reinforce that officer, unless the vessel carrying provisions should be assailed. The authorities at Charleston would not allow Lieutenant Talbot to proceed to Fort Sumter and Major Anderson was consequently left in ignorance of the determination and plans of his government. Mr. Chew, however, conveyed to Gov. Pickens and General Beauregard the message with which he was entrusted, declining at the same time to receive a reply: the object of his mission being to so advise the local authorities that they might not interpret a peaceful and humane act into a menace, or hostile demonstration against themselves. General Beauregard immediately communicated by telegraph with the provisional government of the Confederate States at Montgomery.

On April 12th, 1861, 3:20 am Major Anderson
received the following communication: “Major. Anderson, sir; by authority of Brigadier-General Beauregard, commanding the provisional forces of the Confederate States, we have the honor to notify you that he will open the fire of his batteries on Fort Sumter in an hour from this time. We have the honor to be very respectfully, your obedient servants,
James Chestnut, Jr., aide de camp,
Steven D. Lee, Captain, CSA.”

At 4:20 am of the 12th of April fire was opened on Fort Sumter. Major Anderson resolved not to return the fire until broad daylight, not wishing to waste any of his ammunition. To the astonishment of Major Anderson, a masked battery of heavy columbiads, of the existence of which he had not the slightest intimation, opened fire from that part of Sullivan’s Island near the floating battery [anchored off the southern extremity of Sullivan’s Island]. It was covered with brush and other material which completely concealed it. It was skillfully constructed and well secured. 17 mortars, firing 10” shell, and 33 heavy guns, mostly columbiads, were engaged in the assault. The effect of the shot against the walls was terrific, and many of the shells took effect inside the fort.

Breakfast was had at half past 6:00 leisurely and calmly after which the command was formed into 3 reliefs equally dividing the officers and men. The first relief was under the command of Captain Doubleday, of the artillery, and Lieutenant Snyder, of the engineer corps, this detachment went to the guns, and opened fire upon the Cumming’s Point Battery, Ft. Moultrie and Sullivan’s Island. The iron battery was of immense strength, and most of the shots struck and glanced off again; the fire was so terrific on the parapet of Fort Sumter that Major Anderson refused to allow the guns to be manned. Had it been permitted, every one would have been sacrificed. Fort Moultrie was considerably damaged by the cannonading from Fort Sumter, many of the shot having taken effect on the embrasures. Several shots struck the floating battery, but very little damage was done. The reliefs were changed every 4 hours. The little garrison succeeded in dismounting 2 guns on Cumming’s Point Battery. A new “English rifled gun,” which was employed by the insurgents, was fired with great accuracy, several of the shot entering the embrasures of Fort Sumter, one of them slightly wounding four men.

The full effect of the firing could not be known to those in the Fort; it was impossible to see, and they had no reports from the other side. The men owed their safety to the extraordinary care exercised by the officers in command. A man was kept constantly on the lookout, who would cry “shot” or “shell” at every shot the enemy made, thus affording the men ample time to seek shelter. Peter Hart had been a most valuable assistant to Major Anderson and his little garrison, acting in the capacity of confidential mail agent and market man before the actual siege began; and it was now found that Mrs. Anderson, in her estimate of this man’s ability to aid and comfort her husband, had not been mistaken; for, since the day she gained for him admission in the Fort, he, while keeping faithfully the promise exacted from Major Anderson by Gov. Pickens “that he should not be enrolled as a soldier,” had done such other service as no enlisted man or officer could have performed. During the bombardment he had successfully fought the fires constantly breaking out inside the Fort from the hot shot of the besiegers’ guns, until on the second day the barracks caught fire from a 10” shell, and the danger to
be encountered in the attempt to extinguish it was so great that Major Anderson ordered him not to attempt it.

The effect of the fire was more disastrous than could have been supposed. The subsequent shots of the insurgence were more effective in consequence; the walls were weakened, and the men were more exposed. The main gates were destroyed by fire, thus leaving the garrison exposed from outside to assault. Five hundred men could have formed on the gorge, and marched into the Fort without meeting much opposition. The fire spread around the fort on all sides. Fearful that the walls of the magazine might crack, and the shells pierce and prostrate them, the powder was taken out before the fire had fully enveloped it: 96 barrels of powder were taken out and thrown into the sea, leaving 200 barrels still in the fort. Owing to a lack of cartridges, 5 men were kept inside the magazine, sewing them up as they were wanted; thus consuming sheets, blankets, shirts of the men, and all available material in the fort. When the magazine had finally to be closed, and the material for cartridges was exhausted, the garrison was left destitute of any means to continue the contest; the last biscuit had been eaten 36 hours before. The dense smoke from the burning buildings was stifling; the men lay prostrate on the ground, with wet handkerchiefs over their mouths and eyes, gasping for breath. It was a moment of imminent peril. If an eddy of wind had not ensued, all the men, probably, would have been suffocated. The crashing of the shot, the bursting of the shells, the falling of the walls, and the roar of the flames, made a pandemonium of the fort.

The aim of the insurgents had been principally directed at the flagstaff, from which waved proudly the Stars and Stripes. After 2 days possessive incessant firing, the flagstaff was finally shot away. This was noticed only by the besiegers, and mistaken as a sign of surrender. No one in the fort had looked for, and missed, the Stars and Stripes, and, heading not the fire or the shots of the enemy, Peter Hart gathered up the banner, and nailing it to a temporary staff, nailed this staff to the highest part of the remaining ruins; and when the besiegers, soon after, sought an interview with Major Anderson, they found “the flag was still there.”

Early in the afternoon of the 13th, ex-Senator Wigfall, of Texas, made his appearance at one of the embrasures, with a white handkerchief on the end of a sword, and begged for admittance. He asked to see Major Anderson. While Wigfall was in the act of crawling thru the embrasures, Lieutenant Snyder called out to him, “Major Anderson is at the main gate.” He passed thru the casemate, paying no attention to what the Lieutenant had said. Here he was met by Cpt. Foster, Lieutenants Meade and Davis. He said: “I wish to see Major Anderson; I am General Wigfall, and come from General Beauregard.” He then added, in an excited manner: “Let us stop this fighting; you are on fire, and your flag is down. Let us quit this.”

“No, sir,” Lt. Davis replied, “Our flag is not down. Step out here, and you will see it waving over the ramparts.”

“Let us quit this,” said Wigfall. “Here’s a white flag; will anybody wave it out of the embrasure?”

“That is for you to do if you choose,” one of the officers replied.

“If there is no one else to do it,” Wigfall responded, “I will.” And, jumping into the embrasure, he waved the flag.
flag toward Fort Moultrie and the batteries on Sullivan’s Island.

In answer to his repeated request, one of the officers said that one of his men might hold the flag and Corporal Binghurst jumped into the embrasure. The shot continuing to strike all around him, he leaped down again, having waved the flag a few moments, and said: “They don’t respect the flag; they are firing at it.”

“If you will show a white flag from your ramparts, they will cease firing,” Wigfall then said.

“If you request that a flag shall be shown there, while you hold a conference with Major Anderson, and for that purpose, it may be done,” Lieutenant Davis replied.

At this point Major Anderson came up. Wigfall said: “I am General Wigfall, and come from General Beauregard, who wishes to stop this.”

Major Anderson, then rising to his full height, “Well, sir!”

“Major Anderson,” exclaimed Wigfall, “You have defended your flag nobly. You have done all that it is possible for men to do, and General Beauregard wishes to stop the fight. On what terms will you evacuate this fort?”

Major Anderson said: “General Beauregard is already acquainted with my only terms.”

“Do I understand that you will evacuate upon the terms proposed the other day?”

“Yes, sir; and on those conditions only.”

“Then sir,” said Wigfall, “I understand, Major Anderson, that the fort is to be ours?”

“On those conditions only, I repeat.”

“Very well,” said Wigfall, and he retired.

A short time afterward, a deputation consisting of Senator Chestnut, Roger A. Prior, Cpt. Lee, and W. Porcher Miles, came from General Beauregard, and had an interview with Major Anderson, when it came out that Wigfall had no authority to speak for General Beauregard, but acted on his own responsibility.

“Then,” said Lieutenant Davis, “we have been deceived.” And Major Anderson, perceiving the state of the case, ordered the National Flag to be raised to its place.

The deputation, however, requested him to keep the flag down until they could communicate with General Beauregard, as matters were liable to become complicated. They left, and between 2 and 3 hours afterward—the garrison meanwhile exerting themselves to extinguish the fire in the barracks—another deputation came from General Beauregard, agreeing to the terms of evacuation previously proposed. This was on Saturday evening. That night the garrison took what rest they could. Next day, the Isabel came down and anchored near the fort. The steamer Clinch was used as a transport to take the garrison to the Isabel, but the transfer was too late to allow the Isabel to go out with that tide.

The terms of the evacuation were, that the garrison should take their individual and company property, and that they should march out with their side and other arms, with the honors of war, in their own way and at their own time, and that they should salute their flag, and take it with them.

The insurgents agreed to furnish transports, as Major Anderson might select, to any part of the country, either by land or water. When the baggage of the garrison was all on transport, a portion of the soldiers remaining inside, under arms, were told off as gunners to serve in saluting the American flag.

When the last gun was fired, the flag was lowered amid the cheering of the men. At the 50th discharge there was a premature explosion, which killed 1 man instantly, seriously wounding another, and 2 more not so badly. The men were then formed, and marched out, the band playing “Yankee Doodle” and “Hail to the Chief.”

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