MONTHLY CHRONOLOGY FOR 1861 .............. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AS WAR DEVELOPS

April 2 – President Lincoln is reported ill — "so much so as to debar him from all intercourse with visitors."
April 5 – The press notes U.S. warships are loading with troops and ammunition in New York harbor.
April 6 – The New York Times reports that Confederate General Beauregard has notified Major Robert Anderson, commanding at Fort Sumter, that he has two alternatives: to evacuate within 48 hours, or suffer a bombardment.
April 6 – Several warships steam out of New York harbor, with their departure noted by the press.
April 11 – Beauregard makes formal demand for evacuation at noon, and it is refused by Anderson.
April 12 – "Civil War has at last begun," reports the New York Herald. "A terrible fight is at this moment going on between Fort Sumter and the fortifications by which it is surrounded."
April 13 – Fort Sumter, set afire by bombardment, is surrendered by Anderson.

April 15 – President Lincoln calls for 75,000 volunteers from the militia of the several states of the Union, and summons Congress to meet in extraordinary session July 4.
April 17 – President Jefferson Davis invites the public to apply for letters of marque to operate privateers on the high seas in support of the Confederacy.
April 19 – Massachusetts troops are attacked by a mob while passing through Baltimore.
April 19 – President Lincoln proclaims a blockade of the ports of the seceded states.
April 21 – Washington is temporarily cut off from direct communication with New York and Baltimore.
April 21 – The Norfolk Navy Yard, after being partially destroyed, is abandoned to the Southerners, leaving them several major ships and a large stock of ammunition.
April 28 – Washington is reported garrisoned by 18,000 Federal troops and safe from attack.

ORIGINAL PLANS FOR THE FOURTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, scheduled to be held at Charleston, S. C., April 11-12, have been revised.

Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Centennial Commission chairman, announced that, in compliance with the policies of President Kennedy, the luncheon, dinner, and all business sessions of the assembly will be held at the United States Naval Station near Charleston.

Lodging at the base will be provided only for the night of April 11, and men and women will be quartered in separate buildings. Those who desire to be included in these accommodations are requested to notify the National Centennial Headquarters, 700 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington 25, D. C., by telegraph. They also are urged to make reservations for the lunch and dinner if they plan to attend.

"Every effort will be exerted," General Grant said, "to provide lodging for members of the National Commission, State Commissions, and representatives of attending organizations up to the full limit of the facilities provided at the Naval Station. This will be the first assembly we have held since the Centennial formally began on January 8 of this year. I know all true Americans want to see it a success and a fitting tribute to the memory of their forefathers who took part in the great national struggle a century ago."

Meanwhile, Karl S. Betts, executive director of the Commission, said all details of the program with the exception of the meeting place will remain unchanged.

Registration will open at the Naval Station at 9 a.m., April 11. Present indications point to a record attendance. People representing civic, patriotic and historical groups, and in most instances their State Centennial Commissions, are expected from all parts of the nation.

The District of Columbia Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society has announced that it will operate a special excursion from Washington to Charleston April 11-14. Pullman cars will be used for lodging while at the Assembly. Space is still available. For information or reservations write to Civil War Committee, N. R. H. S., 3113 Holly Street, Alexandria, Va., or phone Overlook 3-0063.
FORT SUMTER STAMP

The Post Office Department recently announced it will participate in the Centennial with the issue of five special stamps symbolizing battles and leaders. The first, to go on sale April 12, will commemorate Fort Sumter. Others are Shiloh, April 6, 1862; Gettysburg, July 1, 1863; Wilderness, May 5, 1864, and Appomattox, April 9, 1865.

Postmaster General J. Edward Day will be on hand at the Fourth National Assembly at Charleston to introduce in person the Fort Sumter issue.

Shown here, looking at the first copies to be published, are, left to right, Karl S. Betts, National Centennial Commission executive director; Henry Holtzclaw, director of the Bureau of Engraving; Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Commission chairman; Senator Olin Johnston of South Carolina, and Miltime Brush, chairman of the Commission’s Stamp Advisory Committee.

VACANCIES OCCURRING IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW CONGRESS have brought about several changes in the personnel of the National Commission.

Retirement of Congressman Wint Smith, Republican of Kansas, chairman of the Executive Committee, has led to the appointment in his place of Congressman William M. Tuck, Democrat of Virginia and Vice-Chairman of the Commission. The membership of the committee has been increased by one through the addition of Conrad L. Wirth, director of the National Park Service, who has served as a member of the agency since it was first created.

Senator Ralph Yarborough, Democrat of Austin, Texas, has been named to succeed to the vacancy on the Executive Committee created when Senator Joseph C. O’Mahoney, Democrat of Wyoming, failed to run for reelection.

Other new members are Congressmen Richard Bolling, Democrat of Missouri, who replaced Congressman Frank Coffin, Democrat of Maine, and George A. Goodling, Republican of Pennsylvania, successor to Congressman Smith.

The vacancy created by the automatic retirement, due to the change of Administration, of the Hon. Dewey Short of the Defense Department has not yet been filled.

MASSACHUSETTS, on April 16, will commemorate the historic occasion on that date 100 years ago when troops of the 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th Regiments of the state’s volunteer militia assembled on Boston Common, listened to a talk by Governor John A. Andrew, and then moved south to be attacked by a mob while marching through Baltimore on the 19th. Civil War Lecturer Richard F. Lufkin, impersonating the Governor, will deliver the principal address. A parade will precede the ceremony.

THE ILLINOIS GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, hearing of the limited funds available for work of the National Commission, recently sent a contribution of $50. "We hope that the Centennial activities," Paul E. Pitts, secretary, wrote in a letter accompanying the check, "will make the American people more aware of the labors and sacrifices of their grandparents, and how their hard work created the basis of our present comforts and privileges and rights."

MISSISSIPPI, in a program that will extend through July 8, will accord a week of ceremonial tribute to each of the 15 Northern states that had military units engaged in the battle of Vicksburg. The schedule follows: New Hampshire, March 26–April 1; Massachusetts, April 2–8; Rhode Island, April 9–15; New York, April 16–22; Pennsylvania, April 23–29; Iowa, April 30–May 6; Wisconsin, May 7–13; Ohio, May 14–20; Minnesota, May 21–27; Kansas, May 28–June 3; Michigan, June 4–10; Missouri, June 11–17; Indiana, June 18–24; Illinois, June 25–July 1, and West Virginia, July 2–8.

The program will include an outdoor ceremony at the foot of the monument of the particular state saluted each week and the presentation of a pageant. The Governor of each respective state has been invited to participate.
GEORGIA, paying tribute to its late distinguished author, Margaret Mitchell and to Film Producer David O. Selznick, recently observed a week proclaimed by Governor S. Ernest Vandiver as "Gone With the Wind" Week.

GETTYSBURG may be the scene of other than Centennial ceremonies in 1963. Paul L. Reed of 20384 Randolph Parkway, Cleveland 22, Ohio, was there with his Civil War veteran grandfather for the 50th anniversary. He now has in mind arranging for others who were there on that occasion to attend the 100th anniversary in a group.

AN ESSAY CONTEST on the Civil War Centennial is being conducted in junior and senior high schools of Illinois by the Daughters of Union Veterans. This society also will present medals with a special Centennial bar to R.O.T.C. cadets at the University of Illinois and naval cadets at Northwestern University.

GARDEN STATE PARK, the New Jersey race track that revived the Civil War-born Jersey Derby in a special Centennial pageant last Memorial Day, has been awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation for its efforts.

VIRGINIA'S CIVIL WAR COMMISSION has issued 50,000 copies of a pocket-sized card describing briefly what visitors to that state can look forward to in the way of Centennial observances. First on the list is the opening of an information center in a Richmond department store April 17. Among highlights are ceremonies on April 22 marking the anniversary of Robert E. Lee's acceptance of command of Virginia's armed forces and the reenactment on July 22-23 of the first battle of Manassas (Bull Run).

YMCA WORKERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED in a great many strange things during the past 100 years. So says the heading of a folder just distributed that tells "in capsule form" the story behind a century of the Y's volunteer service to members of the armed forces. It starts at the outbreak of the Civil War, when a handful of members formed the United States Christian Commission and comes up to a recent statement by former President Eisenhower that "this volunteer services represents a major contribution to our national security."

SENATOR RALPH YARBOROUGH, one of the National Commission's newest members, will deliver the principal address at ceremonies marking the opening of a Civil War exhibit arranged by B'nai Brith at 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., on April 23. They will begin at 3 p.m. and will be open to the public. The display will remain there until September 4.

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY of the Civil War period will be outlined to visitors in circle tours scheduled to begin early this summer. They will proceed south on U.S. Highway 11 from Williamsport on the Potomac River to Lexington, Va., and then return to Harper's Ferry via State Route 340 on the east side of Massanutten Mountain. Trail blazers, outdoor maps and explanatory signs will be provided in connection with them.

CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI, an area rich with Civil War history and the site of four forts built there by General Grant, will have a special week of Centennial ceremonies from May 28-June 3 of this year. A permanent museum on the second floor of the historic Common Pleas Court House will be dedicated on the opening day, after which the program will include a reception, parade, and tour of sites of interest.

REENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF PHILIPPI, W. VA., an engagement that gave the Union its first victory and saved for it the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, is now definitely scheduled. A week of special activities will mark the occasion, beginning with church commemorative services on Sunday, May 28, and ending with the restaging of the battle on Saturday, June 3. Members of the West Virginia Muzzle Loaders Association, dressed in authentic uniforms and using authentic rifles, will form the nucleus of the reenactment, planned to last about two hours.

THE NEW ENGLAND SPRING CONFERENCE of Civil War Centennial Commissions will be held at the University of New Hampshire at Durham April 20. Allan Nevins will be the principal speaker.

TWO WAR MAPS OF RICHMOND, VA., have been published for public sale by that city's Civil War Centennial Committee, 311 North Ninth Street. Plans also are under way there for ceremonies on May 30 to mark the dedication of restored Confederate fortifications at Byrd Field, the municipal airport that lies within the boundaries of at least three battle sites.
THE CIVIL WAR BOOK SHELF
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