MONTHLY CHRONOLOGY FOR 1863

Nov. 3 - Mosby's guerrillas strike Union outpost near Warrenton, Va., capturing dozens of horses and prisoners.

Nov. 3 - Union naval forces convoy and support troops commanded by Gen. N. P. Banks at Brazos Santiago, Texas. The landing continues without opposition.

Nov. 3 - Rear Admiral John A. Dahlgren closely examines Fort Sumter from his flagship and plainly observes "the further effects" of the firing on that stronghold. "Still," he reports, "this mass of ruin is capable of harboring a number of the enemy, who may retain their bold until expelled by bayonet."

Nov. 4 - Meat supplies at the City Market at Richmond, Va., are exhausted at an early hour. Observes a local newspaper: "So long as beef is impressed for the benefit of 12,000 Yankee prisoners this condition of the city markets may be expected to continue."

Nov. 4 - Brownsville, Texas, is evacuated by the Confederates, opening the way for a Union foothold on the Mexican border.

Nov. 4 - It is announced that the original draft of the Emancipation Proclamation, donated to the Northwestern Fair at Chicago for the benefit of the Sanitary Commission, has been offered for sale and already has drawn a bid of $1,100.

Nov. 5 - Ships of the South Atlantic Blockade Squadron continue to cannonade Fort Sumter in concert with army batteries on Morris Island. Dahlgren describes the results: "The only original feature left is the northeast face, the rest is a pile of rubbish."

Nov. 6 - To open a channel so that Charleston, S.C., can be captured from the sea, the Union experiments with an anti-obstruction torpedo designed by John Ericsson, the builder of the U.S.S. Monitor, but the explosive is found to be unmaneuverable.

Nov. 6 - Raphael Semmes, sailing the seas in his much-feared C.S.S. Alabama, captures and destroys the bark Amanda, loaded with hemp and sugar, in the East Indies.

Nov. 7 - Guerrillas and bushwhackers are reported to swarm so thickly within the lines of the Army of the Potomac along the Rappahannock that it is unsafe for Federal soldiers to leave camp in small groups.

Nov. 7 - Lee's army withdraws behind the Rapidan River and begins to strengthen its fortifications.

Nov. 9 - The blockade runner Robert E. Lee, which had successfully run the blockade 21 times under command of the very capable John Wilkinson, is captured off North Carolina on her first attempt under a new captain.

Nov. 9 - Union Gen. George G. Meade issues message of congratulations to his army upon its success in forcing the Confederates back across the Rapidan.

Nov. 10 - Intensive two-week Union bombardment of Fort Sumter, during which 9,306 shots are fired, draws to a close.

Nov. 13 - John Yates Beall, a Virginian leading a band of guerrillas operating in Chesapeake Bay, is captured along with most of his men.

Nov. 15 - In the face of the Union's refusal to exchange prisoners under the cartel, the New York Times, reporting on a Confederate plan to release prisoners confined on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, charges that Southern officers accustomed to warm climates were sent to the island and housed in quarters unfit for cattle. "It was, in fact," the paper continues, "an attempt to commit murder without publicly incurring the odium of slaughter."

Nov. 16 - Richmond newspapers deny that Union prisoners confined there are ill-used, but admit that they are suffering, yet no more than are the townspeople.

Nov. 16 - U.S.S. Monongahela escorts army transports and covers landing of more than a thousand troops on Mustang Island, Aransas Pass, Texas, bringing about its surrender.

Nov. 23-25 - Union and Confederate armies engage in fierce action at Orchard Knob, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, in engagements that result in the loss of Chattanooga, a severe blow to the South that opens the way for Sherman's march to the sea in 1864.

Nov. 26 - In the last major operations of the year between the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac, Meade launches the Mine Run Campaign and tries unsuccessfully to maneuver Lee out of his position on the Rapidan.

Nov. 27 - Confederate Gen. John Hunt Morgan, a prisoner since his capture on a raid through Ohio in July, escapes and rejoins the Confederates.

REQUESTS FOR THE STUDENT HANDBOOK (published October 15 by the National Commission) have been literally overwhelming. The New York Times first picked up a national press release on the free booklet; other newspapers soon followed suit. As a result, over 14,000 copies of the handbook went into the mails in the first week after publication. Three Commission staff members are laboring full time in an effort to combat an ever-growing mountain of mail requests from
students and teachers across the nation. Several state commissions have phoned or mailed in orders for bulk shipments for re-distribution in their areas.

Written by the Commission's executive director, James I. Robertson, Jr., the 64-page handbook contains summaries of eleven major aspects of the Civil War, suggested readings for each section, 78 illustrations, a chart of army organization, and a two-page map.

"We are quite humbled by the reception accorded the booklet to date," Robertson stated recently. "We can but hope that this publication will in part fulfill the desires of those thousands of students who annually request information on the Civil War from centennial commissions and other historical groups."

"Speaking on behalf of the Commission staff," Robertson added, "We are pleasantly exhausted."

CLIMACTIC CEREMONIES AT CHICKAMAUGA

The staging of "Tennessee Day" and "Georgia Day" at Chickamauga on September 19 and 20, respectively, marked the climax of ceremonies which began at the famous battlefield in early summer. The photographs at right show part of the services attendant to "Tennessee Day." Over 600 persons heard Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives William L. Barry deliver the main address. Seated behind Mr. Barry are Stanley F. Horn, chairman of the Tennessee CWCC, and Col. Campbell H. Brown, executive director of that commission. At the conclusion of the program, representatives of each Tennessee County that took part in the battle placed wreaths at the Tennessee Artillery Monument.

"A GUIDE TO VIRGINIA MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS" will be the next publication of the Virginia Commission. The guide will list all units from the Old Dominion that saw service in the Civil War. Short introductions will provide thumbnail sketches of each company, battalion, or regiment. Lee Wallace, Jr., an historian with the National Park Service, will do the compilation from records in the National Archives, Virginia State Library, and Confederate Museum. Publication is slated for Spring, 1964. The Virginia Commission also announced with justifiable pride that its Centennial Center in Richmond recently received its 300,000th visitor. The Center officially opened October 1, 1961.

KARGÉ AND NEW JERSEY UNIT HONORED

On September 21, at the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark, the American Polish Civil War Centennial Committee presented to the Society the first contemporary portrait of General Joseph Karge. The impressive ceremony contained tributes to both Karge and his famous 2nd New Jersey Cavalry. Shown in the photograph at left are some of the notables who participated in the services. These include Miss Mignon B. Zulinska of Queens (fourth from left), who painted the portrait; Robert M. Lunny (on immediate right of painting), who accepted the portrait on behalf of the Society; Everett J. Landers (fourth from right), executive director of the New Jersey CWCC; and Henry Archaki (second from right), national chairman of the American Polish Centennial Committee.
SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK will officially open a November 17-19 commemorative program at Gettysburg on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. On Sunday afternoon, November 17, the Secretary will discuss the international impact of Lincoln's 267 words. Several foreign dignitaries are expected to be in attendance. That evening Dr. David Donald will deliver a speech entitled "Abraham Lincoln and American Nationalism." On Monday evening, November 18, a panel composed of Allistar Cooke, Dr. Donald, Archibald MacLeish, Congressman Fred Schwengel and possibly others will analyze various aspects of the Address. All of the above events will be held on the campus of Gettysburg College.

The climax of the three-day commemoration will come on Tuesday, November 19. Dr. James Robertson, executive director of the U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission, will address the Lincoln Group and others at a noon luncheon to be held at the Hotel Gettysburg. A 3 p.m. ceremony will follow at the National Cemetery. Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower will re-dedicate this final resting place, Governor of Pennsylvania William Scranton will deliver a short address, and noted contralto Marian Anderson will be featured soloist. The U. S. Marine Band will furnish background music.

SEVERAL LOCAL OBSERVANCES highlight the Centennial in Tennessee. Last month the Loudon County Centennial Committee held special services for a cavalry engagement near Philadelphia a century ago. The Battle of Missionary Ridge will be remembered by the Hamilton County Committee in a November 26 program at Chattanooga. Lee S. Anderson of the Chattanooga News-Free Press is chairman of the affair. On November 27 the Giles County CWCC, under the leadership of the Hon. J. M. Abernathy of Pulaski, will conduct memorial services for Pvt. Sam Davis, the Confederate youth hanged as a spy on that date in 1863. The siege of Knoxville will be commemorated with an appropriate ceremony slated for November 28 in Knoxville. Reece K. Acuff is chairman of the committee in charge, the Knox County CWCC. Persons desiring further information on any of these events should contact Col. Campbell H. Brown, Executive Director, Tennessee Civil War Centennial Commission, State Library & Archives Building, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

"A NATION SINGS"

As one of its contributions to the Centennial, the U.S. Army Band and Chorus recently journeyed from Washington to the Army Pictorial Center on Long Island to produce a Civil War show for the Army's popular television program, "The Big Picture." Lt. Col. Hugh Curry directed the band, and Maj. Samuel Loboda was conductor on this occasion. The chorus, with Gloria Lambert and Bill Hayes as soloists, sang many of the well-known songs of the 1860's. The completed film will be a composite orchestration of prose, music and graphic visuals depicting the songs originating from the Civil War.

ELABORATE PLANS ARE UNDERWAY in Buffalo, N. Y., to commemorate Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. On November 9 the Buffalo Evening News will publish a special edition treating of both the Address and western New York's role in the Civil War. The Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society is working in cooperation with the Evening News on this special edition. Then, on November 17 and 19, and also under the auspices of the Evening News, the Buffalo Philharmonic will present "This Sacred Ground," a musical interpretation of the Address written for orchestra, chorus and soloists. The composer is widely acclaimed David Diamond.

A PAINTING OF GENERAL JAMES LONGSTREET now hangs in the Georgia Room of Richmond's Confederate Museum. Herman Leonard of Greensboro, N. C., long an admirer of the Confederate commander, worked with several of Longstreet's descendants in arranging the gift.
LEOPOLD KARPELES, the first Civil War soldier of Jewish faith to win the Congressional Medal of Honor, is the subject of a recently published article by Robert Shosteck, 10002 Gardiner Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. Persons desiring copies of the article may contact Mr. Shosteck, who is president of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington.

SOLDIERS AND INDIANS DEFINITELY AT PEACE

Late in the summer, at the invitation of North Carolina's Governor Terry Sanford, three Tuscarora Indian chiefs on the reservation near Niagara Falls, N.Y., visited the land of their ancestors in the North Carolina Smokies. Members of the reactivated Company D, 100th New York Volunteers, acted as official escorts for the Indians. Shown examining some of the corn of the type raised by the redman before the coming of Columbus are (left to right): Clinton Rickard, president of the Indian Defense League of North America; John J. Jones; Chief Elton Greene of the Tuscarora Nation; Col. Frank C. Bellinger, commander of the reactivated 100th New York; Princess Beverly Rickard; and Lawrence Meola.

A NOVEL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE took place last month in Richmond, Va., when the Richmond Centennial Committee and the Hebrew Cemetery Company, Inc., conducted a memorial ceremony in the Confederate Plot of Hebrew Cemetery. The Confederate section of this cemetery is reputedly the only Jewish military burial area in the United States. As a part of the October 20 program, the Richmond Committee unveiled a plaque to a previously unidentified Confederate soldier, Henry Gintzberger of the Salem Flying Artillery. Miss Kate Bendheim, a descendant of both Confederate Chaplain M. J. Michelbacher and Myer Angle (who gave six sons to the Southern armies), performed the actual unveiling.

AS OF OCTOBER 27, largely under the leadership of Dr. A. B. Moore, executive director of the Alabama CWCC, $3,446.50 had been collected for the publication of the papers of Jefferson Davis. Several Southern state commissions, U. D. C. chapters, and other historical groups have expressed intentions to make sizable contributions.

TEN SCHOLARS HAVE ACCEPTED the National Commission's invitation to act as compilers for the annotated bibliography of the Civil War. Five other historians have been asked to serve as section editors. A complete outline of the bibliography, including section headings and compilers, will be announced as soon as the list of the editors has been filled. The bibliography itself is expected to contain in the neighborhood of 20,000 titles, each annotated and cross-referenced.

THE OHIO CENTENNIAL COMMISSION will sponsor commemorative ceremonies late next month at Missionary Ridge. The hills overlooking Chattanooga were the scene of several November, 1863, engagements in which Buckeye units played a conspicuous part.