MONTHLY CHRONOLOGY FOR 1863

Sept. 1 - Federals reoccupy Fort Smith, Ark., important post on the edge of Indian Territory and terminus of the overland stage to California.

Sept. 2 - Northern newspapers report: "Lee's Rebel army, according to the best obtainable information, is very much scattered. It is said to occupy the country from the line of the Blue Ridge on the west to Port Royal, on the Rappahannock River below Fredericksburg, on the east. Ewell is believed to command the left, A. P. Hill the center, and Longstreet the right."

Sept. 6 - Confederates begin evacuation of Forts Wagner and Gregg on Morris Island in Charleston Harbor, ending a defense that had been carried on continuously since July.

Sept. 7 - Admiral Dahlgren demands surrender of Fort Sumter. General Beauregard replies that he may have it "when he can take and hold it."

Sept. 8 - Confederates beat off night attack on Fort Sumter after undergoing severe bombardment throughout the day.

Sept. 8 - Federal attack on fort guarding Sabine Pass, Texas, manned by 40-odd Irishmen, fails with loss of two gunboats, the Clifton and Sachem.

Sept. 8 - Union troops under Gen. T. L. Critten-den occupy Chattanooga and begin laying out defenses of the city.

Sept. 9 - Cumberland Gap, last Confederate stronghold in East Tennessee, falls to Federals under Burnside, depriving the Confederacy of its rail line between Chattanooga and the East.

Sept. 10 - Little Rock, Ark., taken over by Confederates in early '61, is reoccupied by Union troops under Gen. Frederick Steele.

Sept. 13 - Union cavalry, trailing Lee's army in its fallback beyond the Rapidan River, occupies Culpeper, Va. Reports grow that the Confederate chief has no plans for a fall campaign.

Sept. 15 - President Lincoln proclaims wartime suspension of writ of habeas corpus.

Sept. 19 - James Y. Beall, University of Virginia graduate, Charles Town, W. Va., gentleman farmer, and a busy Confederate sea guerrilla, captures schooner Alliance in Chesapeake Bay, starting a raid that two days later nets him three more schooners.

Sept. 20 - H. L. Hunley asks permission to command the submarine named for him and awaiting action after it has been raised following the drowning of its crew in Charleston Harbor.

Sept. 21 - The press indicates growing alarm over the increasing number of desertions from Lee's army.

Sept. 29 - Reflecting the desperate straits of the Confederacy, newspapers announce that President Jefferson Davis has ordered the release of all criminals in state prisons who will agree to join the army. If all agree, the press notes, this will add to the South's ranks "8,000 of the very worst description of cutthroats and outcasts."

Sept. 30 - The Confederate guerrilla Mosby, with a small band, captures Col. D. H. Dunlap, aide of Francis H. Pierpont, Governor of the "pretended state government" formed in counties of Western Virginia, from a home in Alexandria, Va. He is led on the exploit by a member of his battalion, French Dunlap, son of the colonel and destined to be killed fighting with Mosby a year later.
COMMENSURATE WITH THE SEVENTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, the 1964 annual conclave of Civil War Round Tables will meet in Atlanta. The host organization will be the Atlanta Round Table; tentative dates of the conclave are June 11-13. 1964 will mark the first time that the National Assembly and CWRT convention have met together. The National Commission is happy and honored to welcome the nation's Round Tablers to its annual assembly.

THE JEFFERSON DAVIS ASSOCIATION has received a non-profit corporation charter from the State of Texas. This charter enables tax-deductible contributions to be made to the Association, whose purpose is the publication of the selected letters and papers of the Confederate president. To date, the Louisiana, Richmond, and Alabama centennial commissions have each contributed $500 to the undertaking. Other states are expected to follow suit in the near future. Officers of the Association are: Frank E. Vandiver, President; Palmer Bradley, First Vice-President; Philip Detweiler, Second Vice-President; and Cooper K. Ragan, Secretary-Treasurer. The editorial board for the project includes A. B. Moore, Allan Nevins, Rembert W. Patrick, James Robertson, Hudson Strode, and T. Harry Williams.

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES AT CHICKAMAUGA continue to dominate late summer centennial activities. On July 3 the Florida Commission dedicated a new monument on the battlefield. Florida Chairman Adam G. Adams is shown in the photograph standing beside the new marker. Congressman Sam M. Gibbons was principal speaker at "Florida Day." On August 4 "Louisiana Day" was held at Chickamauga and featured selections by a large glee club from the Pelican State. Elaine V. Johnson of the Louisiana CWCC was in charge of the program. "Alabama Day" followed on September 8. Two ceremonies this month will mark the final commemoration of Chickamauga. On September 19, as a part of "Tennessee Day," representatives from every county in the Volunteer State will lay floral tributes at the Tennessee Artillery Monument. Col. Creed F. Bates of Chattanooga is general chairman for that day's activities. "Georgia Day" will follow on September 20.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING of the Confederate States Centennial Conference will be held in San Antonio, Tex., October 25-27, 1963. In addition to business sessions, this meeting will feature a bus trip to Mexico and a speech by John Ben Shepperd, President of the Texas Civil War Centennial.

TREASURES FROM THE DEEP

Fort Fisher, N.C., remains a focal point for Navy divers in their efforts to recover historical artifacts from the remains of ships sunk during the Civil War. Divers recently discovered the ruins of the "U.S.S. Peterhoff," a Federal gunboat that sank March 5, 1864, after an accidental ramming by another Union blockader.

The "Peterhoff" lies in 35 feet of water, some two and a half miles from the Carolina coast. Diving operations began July 3 and lasted four days. In the photograph at left, an Air Force bulldozer is pulling an air-filled flotation bag to shore. Secured to the bag is one of two 6400-pound Columbiads recovered from the sunken vessel. The photograph at right shows the cannon with its hundred year's accumulation of coral and barnacles. The barrel is now being reconditioned by the N.C. Archives and History Preservation Laboratory at Fort Fisher.

All diving operations around Fort Fisher are under the sponsorship of the N.C. Centennial Commission and that state's archives department.
One of the most popular Centennial attractions in the Shenandoah Valley is a fourteen-foot relief map of Jackson's Valley Campaign on display in the Municipal Building at Harrisonburg, Va. Local business firms contributed the electric-audio map, which incorporates 346 lights and a 25-minute narration. The late John W. Wayland wrote the narrative for this summary of Jackson's memorable 1862 campaign. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 until 5 p.m. Admission is free.

OVER 240 PERSONS crowded into the ballroom of the Eldridge Hotel in Lawrence, Kan., last month to commemorate the centennial of Quantrill's raid on that city. James L. Robertson, Jr., Executive Director of the National Commission, gave the principal address, "The Sack of Lawrence: What Price Glory?" The Kansas Commission plans to publish the speech in pamphlet form.

IRVING L. KATZ, President of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, is the author of a recent publication, The Jewish Soldier from Michigan in the Civil War. This 62-page booklet is the only study thus far in the Jewish field for a particular state. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to Mr. Katz at Congregation Beth El, Woodward at Gladstone, Detroit 2, Michigan.

SEVERAL STATE HISTORIES of the Civil War period have been published during the Centennial. The most recent of such works are volumes on Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi. In most instances, state centennial commissions have underwritten publication costs. Well-researched and ably written, these volumes belong on the shelf of every person keenly interested in the Civil War. The intricacies of the conflict are no better evident than on the regional or local level.

LYON G. TYLER, JR., who for six years has served as Assistant Executive Director of the Virginia Commission, will resign his post September 15 to undertake advanced study in history at Duke University. While at Duke, Mr. Tyler will continue to maintain his Richmond law firm.

"THE CIVIL WAR PRISONER" is the title of a new exhibit just opened to the public at Virginia Commission's Centennial Center. On display are such items as one of the original doors of Libby Prison, numerous trinkets manufactured by Federal and Confederate prisoners, the implements with which John Hunt Morgan dug his way out of the Ohio State Penitentiary, and many works of art on the subject of Civil War prisons. The exhibit will last through November.

THE RHODE ISLAND Centennial Commission has received the funds to produce a second issue of "Rhode Island Civil War Chronicles." Executive Secretary Leonard J. Panaggio and his colleagues are working on the booklet now, with publication slated in the near future.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS HONORED

Congressman Fred Schwengel, National Commission Vice Chairman (right), recently presented to Librarian of Congress L. Quincy Mumford (left) the National Commission's Award of Distinction in recognition of the Library's "distinguished and extraordinary contribution to the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the Civil War."
LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS will be the subject of a special commemorative program to be held in Washington under National Commission sponsorship. Open to the public, the program is planned for 7:30 p.m., January 13, 1964, in the Department of the Interior Auditorium. Four internationally known speakers will discuss the political, diplomatic, literary, and religious qualities of the speech.

THE FRIENDS OF CLARA BARTON, INC., is the name of a new non-profit corporation formed for the express purpose of purchasing the Glen Echo, Md., home of the famous Civil War nurse. The Glen Echo Chautauqua Assn. gave the land to Miss Barton shortly after the Civil War. The home, constructed in 1892, became Miss Barton's base of operations when she headed the American Red Cross. The new corporation is seeking to raise $35,000 in order to purchase the property and preserve it as an historical shrine. Several Maryland congressmen have given full endorsement to the project. A benefit tour of the home will be held Sunday, October 12, from 1 until 7 p.m.

LINCOLN GOES OVERSEAS

Arnold Gates, well-known Lincoln scholar and officer of the New York Civil War Round Table, spent part of the summer lecturing abroad on Lincoln. Under the auspices of the U.S. Cultural Center, Mr. Gates spoke in Jerusalem, Beirut, and elsewhere on the subject: "Abraham Lincoln: Image of America." In this photograph, Gates (left) and U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Armin H. Meyer examine one of the countless volumes written on Lincoln.

A MILITARY HISTORY OF GEORGIA in the Civil War is scheduled for publication next year. Col. Allen P. Julian of the Atlanta Historical Society is writing the work, which the Georgia Commission will sponsor.

THE STUDENT HANDBOOK on the Civil War is now at the printer's and will be ready for mass, national distribution shortly. State and local centennial commissions wishing to submit bulk orders for the booklet should do so now in order that shipments may be made direct from the printer.

CLEON E. HEALD has replaced Robert Ross as executive director of the New Hampshire Centennial Commission. Mr. Heald's office address is 21 High Street, Keene, N. H.

FRED W. BRINKERHOFF is the new chairman of the Kansas Centennial Commission. Mr. Brinkerhoff heads the Pittsburg Publishing Company in Pittsburg and is one of Kansas' most respected newspaper editors.