

6 Wounds, Then Death For Billy C.

SOME of the saddest tragedies of the Civil War took place during the closing moments of the Battle of Nashville, as the Federal attack broke the left wing of Hood's army. One of these was the death of Billy Carr as described by his friend, Pvt. Sam Watkins, of the Maury Grays, CSA.

"Our regiment," Watkins wrote, "was ordered to double quick to the extreme left wing of the army, and we had to pass up a steep hill, and the dead grass was wet and slick as glass, and it was with the greatest difficulty we could get up the steep hillside. . .

In the Bushes

"I heard: 'Surrender, surrender,' and on looking around us I saw that we were right in the midst of a Yankee line of battle. They were lying down in the bushes, and we were not looking for them so close to us.

"We immediately threw down our guns and surrendered. J. E. Jones was killed at the first discharge of their guns, when another Yankee raised up and took deliberate aim at Billy Carr, and fired, the ball striking him below the eye and passing through his head. . .

"Billy Carr was one of the bravest and best men I ever knew. . . He had been badly wounded at Perryville, Mur-



—Staff Drawing by Jim Young
Lt. Thomas Shaw of Nashville is pinned to the earth by a Federal bayonet.

freesboro, Chickamauga, the octagon house, Dead Angle and the 2nd of July at Atlanta. "In every battle he was wounded, and finally, in the very last battle of the war, surrendered up his life for his country's cause. . . His bones rest yonder on the Overton Hills."

Pinned Down

Another sad incident occurred when the Federal charge broke Hood's left. "Of those in the breach," E. L. Drake reported, "few escaped. At this point fell one of the bravest officers in the army, Lt. Thomas Shaw of Co. C, Second Tennessee. "He only yielded when

pinned to the earth with a bayonet through his body, from the effects of which he died in a hospital in Nashville."

Drake went on to say that Shaw would have been taken to his father's house in Nashville, but he refused to take the oath of allegiance and was taken to the Federal hospital instead.

In the Battle of Franklin it was said that Robert Bring-

hurst of Clarksville, 29-year-old son of William Bringhurst, went into battle on crutches, not having recovered from wounds received before Atlanta.

Bringhurst, adjutant of the 49th Tennessee infantry regiment, caught up with Hood's army just before it reached Franklin, and insisted on joining in the charge. That night, bleeding from seven bullet wounds, he died in a hospital near the battlefield.

'Gamest Little Human'

Selene Wouldn't Go in the House!

THE OFFICIAL heroine of the Battle of Nashville was the courageous Mary Bradford, who tried to rally Confederates near Granny White Pike. But another young lady also won the attention of contending armies.

Her name was Selene Harding and she lived at Belle Meade, the beautiful estate on Harding road which is now operated by the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities. She was the daughter of William Harding, owner of the Belle Meade plantation.

On the first day of battle, when Confederate Gen. James

Chalmers found his cavalrymen hard pressed by bluecoats, he sent Lt. James Dinkins with a company to Belle Meade to bring off a wagon train which was parked on the race track there.

Dinkins and his company found the yard full of Yankees, and they immediately charged. But Dinkins quickly encountered another body of Federals who in turn charged, and sent the Confederates scurrying.

"Bullets were clipping the shrubbery and striking the house," Dinkins wrote, "and nine of the enemy were killed or wounded and some 15 captured. As we rode back we saw Miss Selene Harding standing



Selene Harding Waved to the boys

on the stone arm of the front steps waving her handkerchief. The bullets were falling thick and fast about her, but she had no fear in her heart. She looked like a goddess. She was the gamest little human being in all the crowd.

"I passed and caught her handkerchief and urged her to go back in the house, but she would not until the boys had disappeared behind the barn. They fell back across the pike and awaited the coming of General Chalmers, who soon appeared."

After the war Selene became the wife of Gen. W. H. Jackson, who at the time of the battle was commanding a division of Forrest's cavalry, engaged in the Third Battle of Murfreesboro.



A Typical Soldier Of the Confederacy

Davis Pepped Up Sam Watkins

THE MORALE of Pvt. Sam Watkins, CSA, was mighty low after the loss of Atlanta. But after Hood's Army of Tennessee retreated to Palmetto, Ga. and had time to rest, Watkins began to feel better.

The Army of Tennessee had two distinguished visitors at Palmetto, President Jefferson Davis and Confederate Secretary of State Robert Toombs.

"I can remember now," Watkins wrote years later, "Gen. Robert Toombs and Hon. Jeff Davis' speeches. I remember how funny Toombs' speech was.

"He kept us all laughing, by telling us how quick we were going to whip the Yankees, and how they would skedaddle back across the Ohio river like a dog with a tin oyster can tied to his tail. Capt. Joe P. Lee and I laughed until our sides hurt us. . . Never before or since did I feel so grand. . . I felt bully, I tell you.

"Hon. Jeff Davis spoke substantially as follows, as near as I can remember:

"SOLDIERS OF THE FIRST TENNESSEE REGIMENT: I should have said captains, for every man among you is fit to be a captain. I have heard of your acts of bravery on every battlefield during the whole war, and

'captains,' so far as my wishes are concerned, I today make every man of you a captain, and I say honestly today, were I a private soldier, I would have no higher ambition on earth than to belong to the First Tennessee Regiment.

"You have been loyal and brave; your ranks have never yet, in the whole history of the war, been broken, even though the army was routed; yet, my brave soldiers, Tennesseeans all, you have ever remained in your places in the ranks of the regiment, ever subject to the command of your gallant Colonel Field in every battle, march, skirmish, in an advance or a retreat.

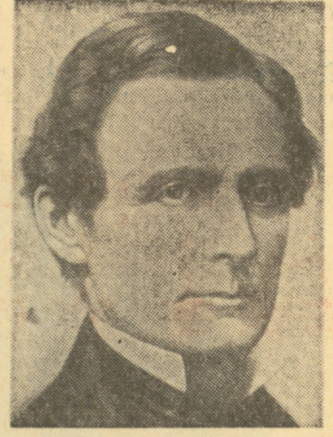
"There are on the books of the war department at Richmond, the names of a quarter of a million deserters, yet you, my brave soldiers, captains all, have remained true and steadfast.

"I have heard that some have been dissatisfied with the removal of Gen. Joe E. Johnston and the appointment of General Hood; but, my brave and gallant heroes, I say, I have done what I thought was best for your good.

"Soon we commence our march to Kentucky and Tennessee. Be of good cheer, for within a short while your faces will be turned homeward, and your feet will press Tennessee

soil, and you will tread your native heath, amid the blue-grass regions and pastures green of your native homes.

"We will flank General Sherman out of Atlanta, tear up the railroad and cut off his supplies, and make Atlanta a perfect Moscow of defeat to the Federal army. Situated as he is in the enemy's country, with his communications all cut off, and our army in the rear, he will be powerless, and being fully posted and cognizant of our position, and of the Federal army, this movement will be the ULTIMA THULE, the grand crowning stroke for our independence, and the conclusion of the war."



Jefferson Davis

1884—1964

KEEPING PACE WITH THE PROGRESS OF NASHVILLE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA, FOR EIGHTY YEARS.



THE FRIENDLY STORES WITH THE MOST OF THE BEST IN MEN'S WEAR.

6th Ave., Nashville and Madison Shopping Center

COLUMN SOUTH

Suzanne C. Wilson

The true story of some of the most significant and dramatic cavalry operations of the American Civil War as told by two Union cavalrymen, uncles of the author. From 1862 to 1865, the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Army Of The Cumberland, U.S.A., scouted and fought south through the battles of Nashville, Stone's River, Tullahoma, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Franklin, Antietam, and beyond. An important autobiographical-biography of men, guts, and guns unique in the ranks of the literature of The War Between the States.

12 Maps—49 Photographs—14 Drawings

\$12.50

J. F. COLTON & CO.
P. O. Box 699
Flagstaff, Ariz.

FLOOR CLEANING MATERIALS

for those who know and care for beautiful floors

MERCURY SUPPLY CO.

Nashville, Tenn.

"dressing-up" is our business,

dressing up your home with . . .

FLEXALUM ALUMINUM Patio Covers • Awnings
• Carports • Twinight Venetian Blinds • Draw Drapes • Siding

LAWN FURNITURE—Cast Iron or Aluminum

FIBREGLASS Patio Covers • Carports

ORNAMENTAL IRON Railings • Columns

SPECIALTIES — Australian Shades • Ornamental Shades • Magee Carpets • Folding Doors • Room Dividers • Aluminum Storm Doors • Aluminum Screens • Custom Made Draperies • Commercial Aluminum Doors

REPAIR DEPARTMENT — Venetian blinds cleaned, re-taped, re-recorded and painted.

the practical, economical way to restyle your home, protect its value!

out-of-town inquiries invited

J.F. DAY & CO.

"Free Estimates—No Obligation" Call "Day" Today
1508 Easy Terms Arranged
Demonbreun AL 4-1701

War is one method of preserving a way of life. Insurance is another.

When a man takes out life insurance he is, in fact, doing the same thing our soldiers were doing in 1864 — striving to preserve a way of life.

A man who has adequate life insurance never has to worry about how his family will get along without him. Because he took the time to buy life insurance, his family will be able to maintain their same standard of living.

Call your nearby L & C agent today. When you do, the battle's over. And you've won it.

Life and Casualty
Insurance Company of Tennessee

HOME OFFICE NASHVILLE