

# David's Dispatch

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Alvin "Rex" McGee



The National Reunion was held during the third week of July in Tennessee. Past Commander Reynolds attended and represented the Camp. At our meeting immediately prior to his leaving to attend the Camp the membership listened to the issues that would be discussed and voted on during the Reunion. The Camp gave the Past Commander authority to vote on behalf of the Camp and gave him some direction and insight into our desires on the issues.

At the last meeting we were treated with a program about the Flags of the Confederacy that was enjoyed by everyone attending. Our new method of providing the meals on meeting night went over well and we agreed to continue with the new process but cut down considerably on the amounts of food brought. We could have fed the whole Brigade with the food brought to the meeting.

We had in depth discussions on future programs and looked at a proposed strategy of delivering a program at every meeting. We feel that we have a winning plan that will provide a lot of entertainment as well as education about the Confederacy. In addition, our Lt. Commanders, our Treasurer and Adjutant will be contributing articles of interest for the newsletter on a quarterly basis. Their position are instrumental in the leadership direction of the Camp and they will be providing some insights into their positions as well as Committees they chair and other interests to help the Camp understand what makes a Camp grow and mature. I, personally,

am looking forward to their articles and I know the Camp members will enjoy having more of the leaders participating in the meetings and contributing to the newsletter.

The Guardian Program continues to mature as we have more and more Guardians move up the rank to Full Guardian status. We currently have nine Full Guardians and will have several more attaining that status very shortly. Just this week we found out that the Masonic Cemetery, which has 34 Confederate graves, the most in any one Cemetery in Titus County, is in the process of being adopted by one of our members. We are in hopes that as we move into a cooler part of the year several more members will decide to get involved in the Guardian Program.

Past Commander Reynolds and several other members are developing a Memorial Service Unit that will certainly benefit the Sons of Confederate Veterans as a whole.

Our Camp is growing, and our members are engaging in activities that propel the Camp to toward meeting our current goals and we are thinking about adding some new goals.

Until next time, be safe and enjoy the rest of the summer. The Holiday Season will be here before we know so let's start thinking about our Christmas program and luncheon for this year.

**Have you paid your Dues?**

**If not please contact Joe Reynolds in order to make arrangements.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.  
Old Union Community Center  
Hwy 67E, Mount Pleasant, Texas

### Northeast Texas 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Meeting

Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.  
Pizza Inn, 1000 N Greer Blvd  
Pittsburg, TX 75686

All members of 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade are Welcome!



## DAVIDRREYNOLDS.ORG

This month the following changes have been made to our web site: <http://www.davidrreynolds.org>

- I've updated our Events page to include all known events by the Camp and its members. Please let me know when you do anything for the SCV, this includes attending other camp meeting, public speaking, or even putting flags on graves.
- I've updated our Calendar of Events.

I'm still looking for biographies of your Confederate Ancestor. Please try to come up with a short bio that we can put on-line.

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or comments you can send me an email to: [Joe.Reynolds@davidrreynolds.org](mailto:Joe.Reynolds@davidrreynolds.org) and I promise to give it my full consideration.



### “Words from the Adjutant”

*by Rodney Glen Love*

As a first year Adjutant, I have been thinking about what I would write in an article. To begin with, let me give you a little history about myself. I am a

retired science teacher of thirty–eight years and not an English teacher. I always said if I had majored in English, I would have written letters to the editor in nearly every paper. One of the reasons I do not have my PhD is that I would not write a thesis. I have plenty of hours, but the thesis is the stopper. Thus said, I will attempt to expound upon the office of Adjutant.

An adjutant was formerly simply an “assistant,” but the more specific military sense of an officer who acts as an aide to a more senior officer has now virtually ousted this original meaning. The word comes from a Latin verb for “help,” and is in fact related to English aid. Latin *adjuvāre* “help” developed a new form, *adjūtāre*, denoting repeated action, and the present participial stem of this, *adjutant-* “helping,” came into English.

According to SCV guidelines, the Adjutant shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Camp to the International Headquarters, Divisions, and Brigades. He shall notify all members of special meetings. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Camp and have custody of the books and papers of the Camp (serve as Camp secretary). He shall be responsible for the ordering of all items necessary for operations of the Camp. He shall also maintain adequate stock of SCV membership pins, decals, and applications.

Since our Camp has chosen to have a Treasurer, this has helped with the Adjutants duties. He will take care of the designated monetary duties previously assigned to the Adjutant.

The Adjutant must emphasize the importance of members seeking out individuals that might be interested in joining our camp. These could be family, friends, or anyone they come in contact with that might be interested in our organization.

The Adjutant must inform members that they need to renew their membership. Camp dues become due July 31 of each year. All dues and fees are to be paid on or before August 1; a 30-day grace period extends

to August 31 of the current year, after that date, all National dues are subject to a \$5.00 late fee and Division fees are subject to a \$1.00 late fee. Camp dues are fifteen dollars, Division dues are fifteen dollars and National dues are thirty dollars for a total of sixty dollars. This may not be your total amount if either of the following two situations describes your amount for total Dues. (1) You became a member and were charged a prorated amount for this year and next year, or (2) you have purchased a life membership from the Division or National organizations. If either of these two situations describes you or you think they might, call Past Commander Joe Reynolds to determine if your dues are different than the total of sixty dollars listed on the form. Dues should be sent or paid to the Treasurer (Past Commander Joe Reynolds) by sending or paying the Treasurer.

### Our Charge...

**"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations!**

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1906*

"Everyone should do all in his power to collect and disseminate the truth, in the hope that it may find a place in history and descend to posterity. History is not the relation of campaigns and battles and generals or other individuals, but that which shows the principles for which the South contended, and which justified her struggle for those principles. "

*Robert E. Lee*

## LAST CAMP MEETING

Our July Meeting was one of catching up on events that we missed the last few months. Adjutant Rodney Love was presented with the Silver Cross for Meritorious Service and his Full Guardian Medal and Certificate.

We also discussed the Amendment to the SVC Constitution that was recommended by Past Commander Joe Reynolds, and the camp voted to have our delegates at the Convention to vote in favor of the amendment.

We also discussed the Memorial Service Unit and the Camp voted to reimburse Past Commander Reynolds \$1000.00 for his expenses in purchasing the equipment needed.

Commander Rex McGee discussed the 50/50 Program and the camp was in agreement with it. Compatriot Hal Fletcher won the first pot and then donated his winnings to the new Memorial Service Unit.

Past Commander Joe Reynolds gave the Annual Report for the camp, we had a growth rate of 175%. He also gave a program on the "Flags of the Confederacy".



*Adjutant Rodney receives Silver Cross for Meritorious Service from Commander Rex McGee*



Adjutant Rodney Love receives Full Guardian Medal and Certificate from Commander Rex McGee



*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28*

Since accepting this office at the formation of the 1st Lt. David R. Reynolds Camp, your chaplain has taken it upon himself to research the role of clergymen in the Confederate Army. As a minister of the Gospel and an enthusiast of Southern military history, discovering the contributions of Confederate military chaplains has become a passion. Several chaplains kept wartime diaries and some of these have been published. These are the best windows we have to the past to allow us to learn not only the facts and experiences, but also to get a glimpse into the hearts and minds of the history makers.

I would like to share part of one wartime chaplain's diary which I have found particularly moving. The chaplain's name was Alexander D. Betts of the 30th North Carolina Infantry. A Methodist minister, Betts was appointed chaplain of the 30th NC, Anderson's

Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. He served faithfully in this capacity, preaching in camp, ministering to the sick and wounded in hospitals, helping soldiers to read and write, and in various other capacities. The men of the 30th and its sister regiments respected Chaplain Betts and appreciated his ministry. His diary was published with the title, *Experience of a Confederate Chaplain, 1861-1864*. Chaplain Betts shared a day-by-day account of the campaigns of Lee's army, his relationships with the soldiers and fellow chaplains, his heartfelt sadness at the deaths and sufferings of his compatriots, and the pain of long separations from his wife and children.

In April, 1863, just prior to the Battle of Chancellorsville, Betts applied for leave to visit his home, which was denied by General Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson. Though disappointed, Betts understood that every man was needed and expressed his trust that God and the generals knew best. As we move forward several months, we find that God indeed knows best and that He had a reason for keeping Chaplain Betts with the men. Following is an entry from October 15, 1863 which I find one of the most touching things I have ever read:

*“October 15 - Ten years ago God converted my soul.*

*C.H. Ruffin, of Nash Co., wounded yesterday. Dies in my arms - in perfect peace. Charlie enlisted at 17, and perhaps, was the wildest boy in his Regiment.*

*He was very respectful to me but showed no signs of any care for his soul till April last. About the time I was disappointed in my hopes to go home, he began to seek my company and give good attention to preaching. He became deeply convicted and was happily converted...If I had gone home at the time I first proposed, he might not have been converted. Just before he breathed his last I asked him about his case. He sweetly smiled and said: “Bro. Betts, as soon as I die, I shall go straight to my blessed Jesus!”*

Ten years to the day after his own conversion, Chaplain Betts held a young man as he departed this life after receiving a mortal wound in service to his country and remembered that God had kept him from

going home so that he could be present for the precious young soldier at a critical time in his life. Each of us should remember that God has a purpose for all of us, and if we trust His judgment and timing, even during disappointing circumstances, His purpose will be fulfilled. All of us can be used to accomplish great things that glorify God. We are not all preachers or evangelists, but every one of us can be used to make an eternal difference in someone's life if we are faithful to our calling. Remember, God is good all the time.

Yours Truly,  
Michael Mars, Chaplain



## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** – Mary Ann Brock  
**August 8<sup>th</sup>** – Tara Ashley Simpson  
**August 12<sup>th</sup>** – Rodney & Billie Love  
**August 15<sup>th</sup>** – Ellis & Penny Knox  
**August 15<sup>th</sup>** – Gary & Penny Oliver  
**August 16<sup>th</sup>** – Tommy & Misty Reynolds  
**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – Dennis & June Gunn  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>** – Ellis Lee Knox  
**August 28<sup>th</sup>** – Hal Eugene Fletcher  
**August 31<sup>st</sup>** – Jerry Dean Lester



## UNIT SPOTLIGHT

### ECTOR'S TEXAS BRIGADE AT THE BATTLE OF ALLATOONA

BY R. TODHUNTER, A. A. GENERAL, LEXINGTON, MO.

The battle of Allatoona, Ga., was fought on the 5th of October 1864, by S. G. French's Division, composed of C. W. Sears's Mississippi Brigade, F.

M. Cockrell's Missouri Brigade, and Ector's Texas Brigade, all of the Army of Tennessee. This was the most terrible and sanguinary battle ever fought by any division of the Army of Tennessee up to that time.

The Confederates numbered less than twenty-eight hundred effectives. The fort of Allatoona was defended by General Corse (Federal) with about an equal number of men behind the most formidable breastworks protected by every modern impediment known to scientific engineering. This battle was of about three hours' duration and consisted of repeated charges on the Federal works. The Federals were stationed in contiguous forts—namely: Fort R, on the left, commanded by General Rouett, with Illinois and Iowa troops; Fort C, or Star Fort, in the center, commanded by General Corse in person; and Fort T, on the right, commanded by Colonel Tourtelotte, with Iowa, Michigan, and Illinois troops. To charge those gallant Federals behind such splendid fortifications of almost impassable abatis of felled trees and up a rugged mountain was a frightful undertaking.

The Confederates succeeded in capturing Fort R and all its redoubts with a fearful loss to both sides, fighting hand to hand with bayonets and guns clubbed. It was simply horrible. The trenches in this captured fort were filled with dead and wounded Federals. Just as the fort was captured, having expended what ammunition we had, and before we could get supplies from our ordnance train, some distance in the rear, we were ordered to withdraw, as Sherman, with a large army, was near at hand, advancing with troops to the rescue of Corse, which would have cut French's Division off from Hood's army stationed near New Hope Church. The brigade officers at the time censured General French for not awaiting the arrival of the ammunition in order that they might take Fort C, or Star Fort, as the Federals were crying, "Cease firing!" "Surrender!" etc. Sherman's proximity proved General French's withdrawal correct. The losses to the Texas Brigade up to this time were: Gen. W. H. Young, who was promoted to the command of this brigade after

General Ector, on the 27th day of July at Atlanta had his leg shattered by a shell, which necessitated amputation between the hip and the knee: Col. J. L. Camp, of the 14<sup>th</sup> Texas, one of the best colonels in the army; also, two majors, Purdy and McReynolds, seven captains, eleven lieutenants, and two hundred and ninety men from nine hundred of the best soldiers on earth. The loss of General Cockrell's Missouri Brigade was equally as heavy. He lost some of his best officers and men. General Sears's Mississippi troops shared also a heavy loss. Out of twenty-eight hundred soldiers, French lost eight hundred and ninety-nine killed and wounded. It is seldom that a well-fortified fort is ever taken. During our four years' fighting I cannot now recall a single fort being taken, if properly manned, either by Federals or Confederates. For instance, Atlanta, Vicksburg, Kennesaw Mountain, Franklin, and others. Allatoona was far better fortified than any of those mentioned. It is estimated that one man behind the works is equivalent to five in front charging. And yet to show the desperation of this battle the forces on both sides were nearly equal. Having lost all my official papers at Spanish Fort, opposite Mobile, in April, 1865, I write the account of this battle of over fifty-three years of age from memory alone and hope any discrepancies may be overlooked.

I served with Ector's Texas Brigade from the battle of Richmond, Ky., in 1862, to the end of the war and was in every battle and skirmish with it in the Armies of Tennessee and Mississippi. For fighting qualities this Texas Brigade was excelled by no brigade in either army, if equaled by any. This statement can be verified by members of any brigade which served side by side with us during the war. The regiments composing this brigade entered the army with eight thousand three hundred soldiers and surrendered at Meridian, Miss., on the 10th day of May, 1865, with only five hundred and forty soldiers in the aggregate and not a dozen unwounded men in the brigade. I bear four slight wounds myself but know of many others of the brigade much worse. The Western and Atlantic Railroad (Chattanooga to Atlanta) has a splendid picture of this battle showing the hand-to-

hand lighting over the works. In "The Birth of a Nation" a facsimile of this battle charge is thoroughly pictured out. Sherman, who was near at hand with his large army, advancing to the rescue of Corse, sent him repeated signals, such as "Hold the fort; I am coming;" "Near you;" "Sherman working hard for you;" "Sherman moving in force;" "Sherman says, 'Hold the fort; we are coming.'" P. P. Bliss, the great evangelist, the first Sunday after the battle had this song, "Hold the Fort," sung in his tabernacle at Chicago. It was caught by a thousand voices, and from that day to this it has been a standard gospel lyric:

"Ho! my comrades, see the signal  
Waving in the sky;  
Reinforcements now appearing.  
Victory is nigh.  
Hold the fort, for I am coming,  
Jesus signals still;  
Wave the answer back to heaven,  
By thy grace we will."

The Federals reported a heavy loss of officers and men, nearly equal to ours, in this battle. The Federal officers recklessly exposed themselves in order to encourage their men to fire over the works at us, as many were crying, "Surrender!" "Cease firing!" General Corse, their commander in chief, stationed in the center fort, was badly wounded; also, his other fort commanders. General Rouett and Colonel Tourtelotte, were severely wounded. Encouraged, as they were, by General Sherman's repeated signals to hold out, they fought with desperation. This battle should not have been fought. It was a useless expenditure of life of the best soldiers on earth. Confederates were misinformed as to the strength of the Federals, as General Corse's command from Rome, Ga., arrived in the night preceding the battle.

[Captain Todhunter says it is quite likely he is the only Confederate general commissioned by the President living to-day. Statistics show that seven-elevenths of the brigade A. A. generals were killed or wounded during the war.]

## GUARDIAN NEWS

By Commander Rex McGee



The First Battle of Bull Run also known as the First Battle of Manassas was fought on July 21, 1861 about 25 miles west-southwest of Washington, D.C. It was the first major battle of the American Civil War. The Union's forces were slow in positioning themselves, allowing Confederate reinforcements time to arrive by rail. Each side had poorly trained and poorly led troops in their first battle. It was a Confederate victory, followed by a disorganized retreat of the Union forces.

Brig. Gen. Irvin McDowell led his unseasoned Union Army across Bull Run against the equally inexperienced Confederate Army of Brig. Gen. Beauregard camped near Manassas Junction. McDowell's ambitious plan for a surprise flank attack on the Confederate left was poorly executed by his officers and men; nevertheless, the Confederates, who had been planning to attack the Union left flank, found themselves at an initial disadvantage.

Confederate reinforcements under Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston arrived from the Shenandoah Valley by railroad, and the course of the battle quickly changed. A brigade of Virginians under the relatively unknown brigadier general from the Virginia Military Institute, Thomas J. Jackson, stood its

ground, which resulted in Jackson receiving his famous nickname, "Stonewall". The Confederates launched a strong counterattack, and as the Union troops began withdrawing under fire, many panicked and the retreat turned into a rout. McDowell's men frantically ran without order in the direction of Washington, D.C.

Both armies were sobered by the fierce fighting and many casualties, and quickly realized that the war was going to be much longer and bloodier than either had anticipated. Bull Run was the largest and bloodiest battle in United States history up to that point. Union casualties were 460 killed, 1,124 wounded, and 1,312 missing or captured; Confederate casualties were 387 killed, 1,582 wounded, and 13 missing. Bull Run was just the beginning of filling many Cemeteries with Confederate Soldier's bodies. This battle and the many that followed make it only more important that our Guardian Program insures that our Confederate Heroes are never forgotten.

### ILT David R. Reynolds Guardian Program

Name	County	Cemeteries	Graves
<b>Adams, O.M.*</b>	Titus	1	<b>14</b>
<b>Davey, David*</b>	Titus	1	<b>6</b>
Gunn, Dennis	Bowie	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Guy, (Bill)*</b>	Titus	1	<b>3</b>
Jones, Robert	Titus	1	<b>11</b>
Love, Rodney*	Cass	6	<b>18</b>
<b>Mars, John M.*</b>	Titus	4	<b>12</b>
<b>McGee, Rex*</b>	Titus	4	<b>50</b>
Reynolds, J.R.	Titus	3	<b>13</b>
Reynolds, Jerry	Titus	1	<b>7</b>
<b>Reynolds, Larry J*</b>	Titus & Morris	6	<b>35</b>
<b>Reynolds, Tommy*</b>	Titus	1	<b>15</b>
Talks With White Buffalo	Titus	1	<b>23</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>			
<b>Guardians (13)</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(208)</b>

- Full Guardians

The Camp's Guardian Program is thriving as we have half our members being involved in the Guardian Program and over half that number being classified as Full Guardians.

The Masonic Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant, Texas has more recognized Confederate graves than any Cemetery in Titus County. We currently have a Compatriot, Talks with White Buffalo, completing paper work to adopt the entire Cemetery. The last count for this Cemetery was 34 graves. This Compatriot and his granddaughter walked the entire Cemetery which is over five acres locating graves and taking pictures of Markers for adopting the Cemetery. The Cemetery which is located in the Northwest part of the city of Mt. Pleasant has provided the burial needs for the city and county since 1888. It was started then by Thompson Morris and wife giving 5 acres to the Masonic Lodge to be used for cemetery purposes. The original deed states "The citizens of Mt. Pleasant concluded in a mass meeting that the Old Mt. Pleasant Cemetery is in such condition that the dead buried there is in such irregular manner that it is impossible to put the Cemetery in such condition as becomes Christian people--have selected a tract of land for a New Cemetery ..... to be known as the Masonic Cemetery."

Records show that those interred in the old Christian Cemetery were reinterred in the Masonic Cemetery and the Christian Cemetery closed. No trace of the Christian cemetery now exists. All the lots in the Masonic Cemetery have been sold and currently there are no plans for expansion.

As usual, I'll leave you with the question that Phil Davis, Upshur Patriots CDR and Chairman of both the National and Texas Division Guardian Program always asks,

**"Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?"**



### **LARDER**

(A larder is a cool area for storing food prior to use. Larders were commonplace in houses before the widespread use of the refrigerator.)

**Traditional Sallie Lunn**



Originally a recipe from England (also named after the woman who first made it), this sweet bread was popular during the Civil War thanks in large part to its simplicity. Using only seven ingredients and needing just a minimal amount of sugar, this was a simple yet nutritious treat to make for anyone trying to ration their provisions. This bread goes wonderfully with butter and could have been a complete meal for those working in the fields.

#### **Ingredients:**

1 cup milk  
2 tablespoons shortening  
½ oz dry active yeast  
3 cups flour  
½ tsp. salt  
1 egg  
1 tablespoon sugar

Heat the milk and shortening to the scalding point and then allow to cool. Pour into a bowl with the remaining ingredients and mix until smooth. Cover and leave in a warm place to rise for about 1 to 2 hours. Punch down the down and then put into a greased pan and allow to rise for another hour. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes.



### **SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** – Sympathy Card sent to Denice Sweeney, upon the death of her husband, Past Commander in Chief Denne Sweeney of Ferris, Texas.



**July 30<sup>th</sup>** – Sympathy Card sent to Mrs. Phyllis K. Tausch upon the death of her husband, Compatriot Egon R. Tausch of the Alamo City Guards #132.



## **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

*(Taken from the May 1918 Edition of the Confederate Veteran)*

### **TRUTH MAKES US FREE.**

"A Student" makes this response to the protest from the Northern teacher: "I read with interest in the July Veteran a letter of protest from a Northerner in regard to 'needless reopening of old wounds' with respect to the sectional conflict. "If old wounds are reopened, that is unfortunate; but if it is a 'needless reopening,' it is even more unfortunate. On the other hand, discussion has been called 'the greatest of all reformers'; and if discussion of sectional issues and past differences helps us to get at the truth, so much the better, for the truth alone will set us free from bias, prejudice, and misunderstanding.

"As one of both Northern and Southern descent, and as one who has lived in both sections, I would say that the North is vastly more in ignorance of the ideals and ideas of the South than the South is of the North. There are, of course, some people in the South who still hate the Yankee without discrimination and, as they say, 'not without cause.' Their indiscriminate denunciation of the Northern people is unfortunate and reacts upon them and also upon the South. In itself it was a worthy thought and act for the young Northerner in question to subscribe to the Confederate Veteran in the effort to understand the spirit of the Old South. His appeal to 'forget all sectional differences' is wholly unnecessary in so far as the spirit of the South is concerned in the prosecution of the present world war. "The young Northerner may be interested in knowing that one reason why patriotic Southerners and good Americans are turning to memories of the sectional strife is because of the innumerable references made

in Northern magazines and newspapers to comparisons between the Old South and Germany. The partisan Southerner naturally turns to the weakest point in the Northern armor in rebuttal. More thoughtful Southerners review the entire situation and make a definite protest against misunderstanding.

"The young Northerner's grandfather certainly may not be compared to Attila, but there was a baser element in the Northern army whose deeds closely paralleled those of the modern Hun. This truth may as well be faced, and the Hun of the War of Secession be differentiated from those in the North who waged war in a noble spirit, of whom I hope my Northern relatives were exemplars, for there were seventy-three of them in the Union armies. I even understand that two or three of them resigned their commands rather than carry out the Hunnish commands of Sherman and Hunter. I have a great deal of sympathy with the young Northerner's protest. It would, perhaps, be to equally good purpose if he would protest against practically every one of the school histories which he finds in use in the North; for practically every one of these histories misrepresents the South in most respects, except that, perhaps, of bravery in war. Probably he scarcely realizes this misrepresentation.

"This liberal-minded and liberal-intentioned young Northerner, who is also a teacher, suggests by way of recrimination 'Andersonville and Fort Pillow.' He probably has not any idea that this furnishes little basis for recrimination at all, wherever else there may be such opportunities. I do not think that he will consider either one of these subjects as such if he would but read in the April and May issues of the Veteran two articles on the treatment of prisoners during the War of Secession, entitled simply 'The Treatment of Prisoners in the Confederacy.' A number of Northerners have thanked me for calling their attention to these articles."



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