



# The COURIER OF THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

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## 71st Meeting

DATE:	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1965
SPEAKER:	DR. STEPHEN AMBROSE
SUBJECT:	WEST POINT AND THE CIVIL WAR
PLACE:	HERMIT CLUB - DODGE COURT
PRELIMINARIES:	6:00 p.m.      DINNER: 7:00 p.m.

## FUTURE MEETINGS & SPEAKERS

### 72nd Meeting

NOVEMBER 9, 1965

George Farr  
"Edwin M. Stanton"

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### 73rd Meeting

DECEMBER 14, 1965

Jim Hulse  
"LINCOLN, the Paradox"

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## DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please use the enclosed, stamped envelope to forward your dinner reservations for the October 12 meeting (\$3.75 per person) for you and your guests. This will help greatly to reduce the usual confusion caused by at-the-table collection.

If your decision to attend can be made only at a time too late for mailing your check, please do not hesitate to come on this account. You can pay JOHN STEVNING on arrival.

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## 1965 FIELD TRIP

Ten members and four guests entered Chattanooga Thursday, September 30, on the double quick to begin the ninth annual field trip. Members reporting for duty were Smith, DiCarlo, Downer, Swift, Bayless, Schlesinger, Ramsey, Stevning, Drew, and Gunther. Many had stopped at Beaumont Inn in Harrodsburg the night before for Kentucky vittles. Whiskey instead of nembutal was favored as a soporific.

Friday morning the tour began under the expert guidance of Dr. Gilbert Govan of Chattanooga University. The intrepid band skirted the base of Lookout Mountain, went thru Trenton and then crossed Lookout on a rugged mountain road to McLemore's Cove. Here at the Davis crossroads and Dug Gap there was earnest discussion of several Confederate failures to destroy Negley's

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FOUNDED FEBRUARY 20, 1957

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## 1965 FIELD TRIP (Continued)

dangerously advanced troops. Next points of interest were Lafayette, Crawfish Springs, and Lee and Gordons' Mill.

The afternoon was spent in a thorough exploration of Chickamauga, the bloody field of the west. Stops were made at Read's bridge, Alexander's bridge, Jay's Mill, and the barricaded Federal defense line. At the Brotherton House the scene of Longstreet's breakthrough was explored. The Widow Glenn farm site, the Snodgrass house, and Horse-shoe Ridge completed the battle tour. Return to Chattanooga was via Dry Valley Road and McFarland's Gap, the Federal line of retreat.

Overwhelmed by the fast dinner service at the Read Hotel, the group then listened to Professor Livingood describe Chattanooga's quick change from a village of 2,500 to a mighty Federal encampment of over 100,000 people.

Saturday, after visits to sites of in-town Federal forts, Orchard Knob was thoroughly explored. Scooting across town, the caravan drove up Lookout to little-known Sunset Rock for an incredibly magnificent view of Lookout Valley. Next stop was familiar Point Park with a panoramic view from the Ochs (rhymes with sox) Memorial.

Halfway down the mountain a visit was made to the Craven House, scene of the so-called "Battle" Above the Clouds. The afternoon was spent touring Missionary Ridge with stops at the Bragg Reservation, Delong Reservation, Tunnell Hill, and the Sherman Reservation.

Wiser in spirit but weaker in the flesh, everyone headed for Cleveland. Thus concluded another splendid field trip thanks this year to indefatigable Lester Swift with several valuable assists from Doc Schlesinger.

Neville Bayless

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Frank Gillen has run across an Ordnance Circular that might be of interest to those members that have weapons handed down by an ancestor in the Civil War. It tells how much it cost your antecedent to obtain that family treasure. That is, if he obtained it through the proper channels. It follows below complete.

"Circular No. 13 - Series of 1865  
Ordnance Office  
War Department  
Washington, June 5, 1865

The Secretary of War having directed that Volunteers, going out of service, might, if they so desired, retain their arms, upon the value thereof being charged to them on the muster rolls, they can now do so at the following rates:

Muskets, all kinds, with or without accoutrements	\$ 6.00
Spencer Carbines, with or without accoutrements	\$10.00
All other Carbines and Revolvers, with or without accoutrements	\$ 8.00
Sabres and Swords, with or without belts	\$ 3.00

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