



THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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58th Meeting

DATE: JANUARY 14, 1964, TUESDAY
SPEAKER: MR. ROBERT DYKSTRA
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
PLACE: HERMIT CLUB - DODGE COURT
PRELIMINARIES: 6:00 P.M. Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

FUTURE MEETINGS & SPEAKERS

59th Meeting

February 11, 1964

Dr. Joseph Nunley

General Nathan Bedford Forrest

60th Meeting

March 10, 1964

Mr. John Simon

"From Galena to Appomattox - Washburn
& Grant"

1964 ANNUAL DUES

It is again time for annual dues. The cost is \$10.00 per year for regular members and \$5.00 per year for those classified as out-of-town members.

If you wish to renew your subscription or make a new subscription to the CIVIL WAR HISTORY QUARTERLY, please add \$4 to your check and be sure to include the address to which your subscription should be sent.

Please make all checks payable to the Civil War Roundtable of Cleveland. Send to Dr. Thomas W. Knickerbocker, Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood, Ohio 44107.

DINNER RESERVATIONS:
New System a Success

Please use the enclosed, stamped envelope to forward your dinner reservations for the Jan. 14 meeting (\$4.25 per person) for you and your guests. The response to this new system of paying for meal and meeting place was most gratifying, and helped 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. However it will be appreciated if all who can will make reservations and payment by mail.

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OHIO TROOPS IN THE FIELD Edward T. Downer

Chronology of Ohio Troops

January, 1864
 In East Tennessee

On New Year's Day in 1864 the temperature in East Tennessee fell below zero. Encamped, but more accurately bivouacked, in the mountainous country around Knoxville were a number of Ohio regiments and batteries. Few troops in the entire war suffered more than did these Ohio soldiers during that cold December and January.

Six inches of snow covered the ground. Some of the men lacked even pup tents. Only giant fires, stoked day and night, kept them from freezing to death. Around these they huddled during the day and tried to sleep at night. Only a half-dozen men in the 103rd Ohio regiment had overcoats; many walked stockingless over the frozen ground. Regular rations were reduced practically to zero. The men lived on parched corn and watery soup made from meatless beef bones which the boys called "jerk".

Nearly starved, destitute of clothing, with their legs shaking and teeth chattering, these Ohio soldiers stood loyally by their cause. One Ohioan has compared them to Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge, adding, however, that the Continental troops at least had shelter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our progress for 1963-64 season is going extremely well. The programs thus far have met with exceptional reception. We have had a two-thirds attendance of the membership as a minimum per meeting.

The pleasure expressed by many of the members as to the meeting place and the quality of the speakers has been most gratifying to the officers. Especially your Vice President-Program Chairman. We hope that for the balance of the season that this high standard can be maintained to your satisfaction.

By our next meeting on the 14th of this month there will be a report of the fieldtrip committee (Schlesinger, Clarke, Ryan & ex-officio Bayless). They should have a tentative plan to work on as a result of their meeting at Keifer's on the 6th.

As you will have noticed the dues statement for 1964 has been included in with this newsletter. They are payable by February 1. Please forward your checks to Treasurer Tom Knickerbocker before that date as to simplify his job tremendously. Your membership card will be sent to you by return mail.

My added recommendation for renewals and new subscriptions to the Civil War History. A fantastic bargain at \$4 for the year. Our own Les Swift and Ned Downer have had articles in the publication in the past. I understand that Les may have another coming up soon. Our Roundtable has consistently been among the top few which have a great percentage of their members as subscribers. Let us continue this high standard.

There are plans in the works that might bring us a few physical decorations as adornments for our meeting place. By this is meant a permanent lectern with the name of the Roundtable and symbol of drum with crossed sword and rifle emblazoned thereon. Also three flags--Union--Confederate and a flag especially designed for our Roundtable. Right now these items are in the limbo stage of development. If any member has decided thoughts pro or con please feel free to make your position known to me or the other officers.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO US ALL * GLAD TIDINGS