

Camp Fry and Civil War Foggy Bottom

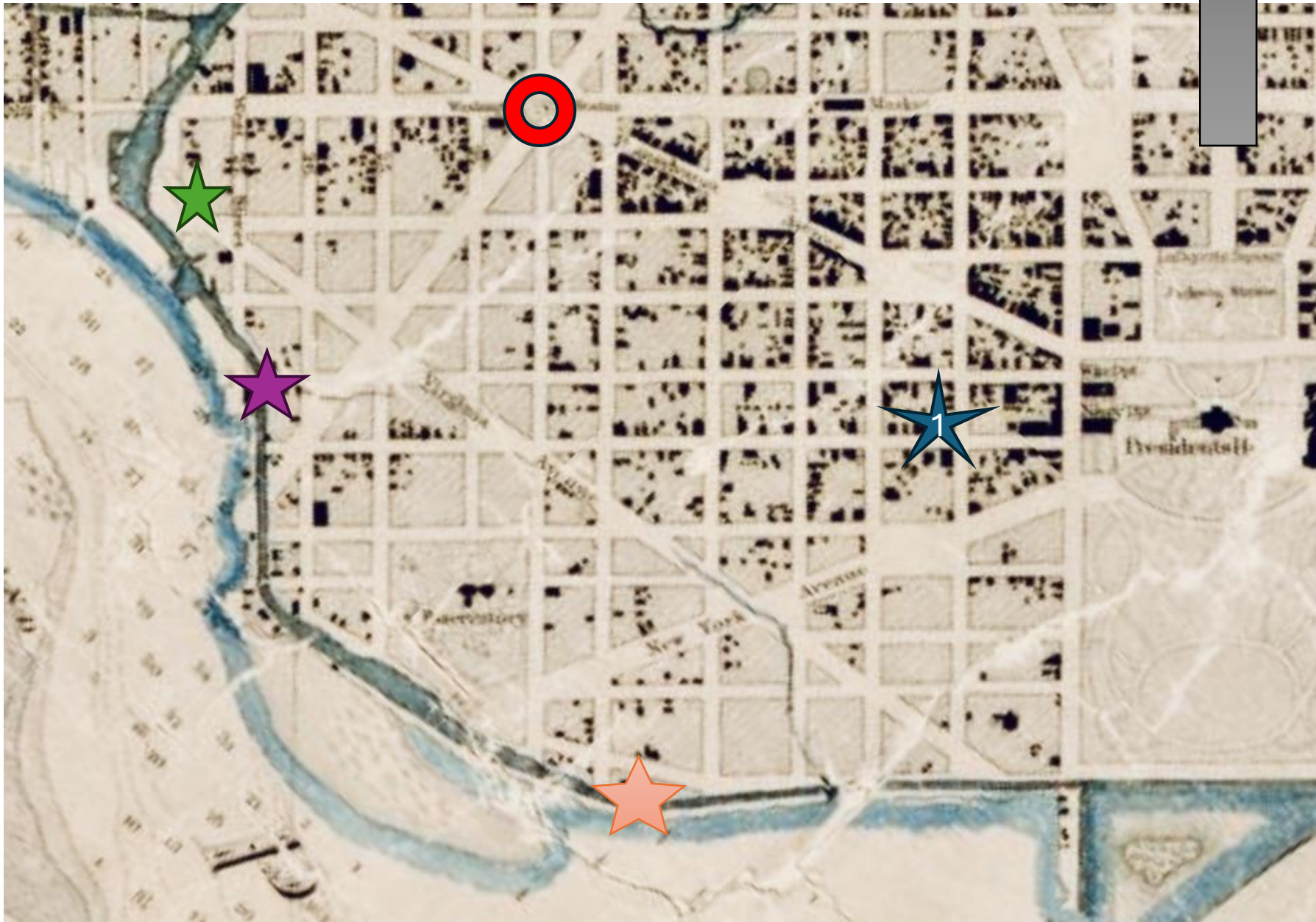
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CAMP FRY, WASHINGTON, D.C.

9th AND 10th REGIMENTS VETERAN RESERVE CORPS.



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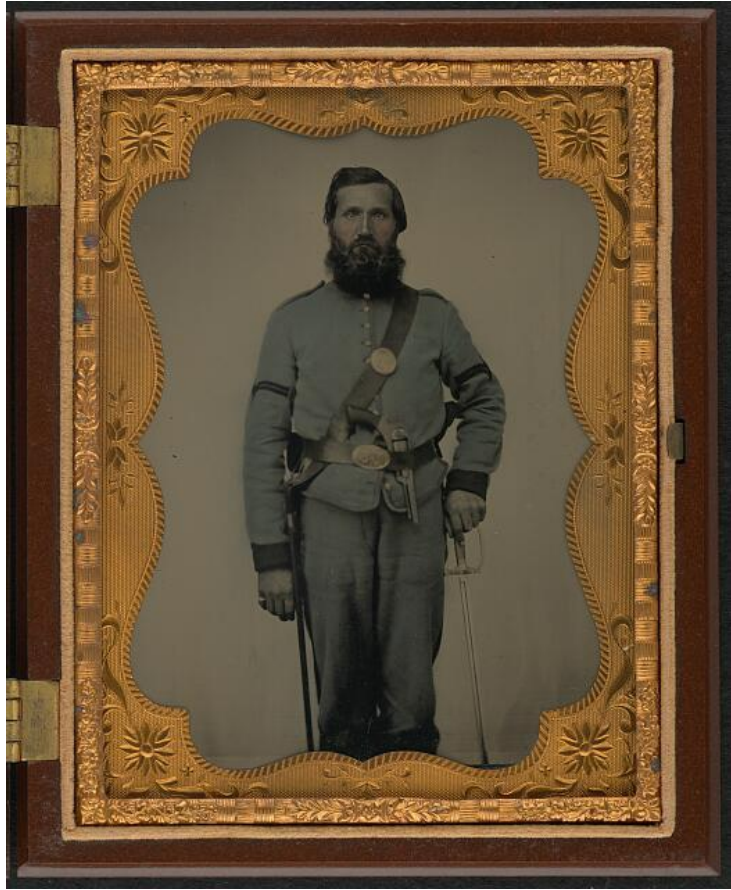
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Private Mathew Canning of Co. K,
149th Pa. Infantry Regiment and VRC

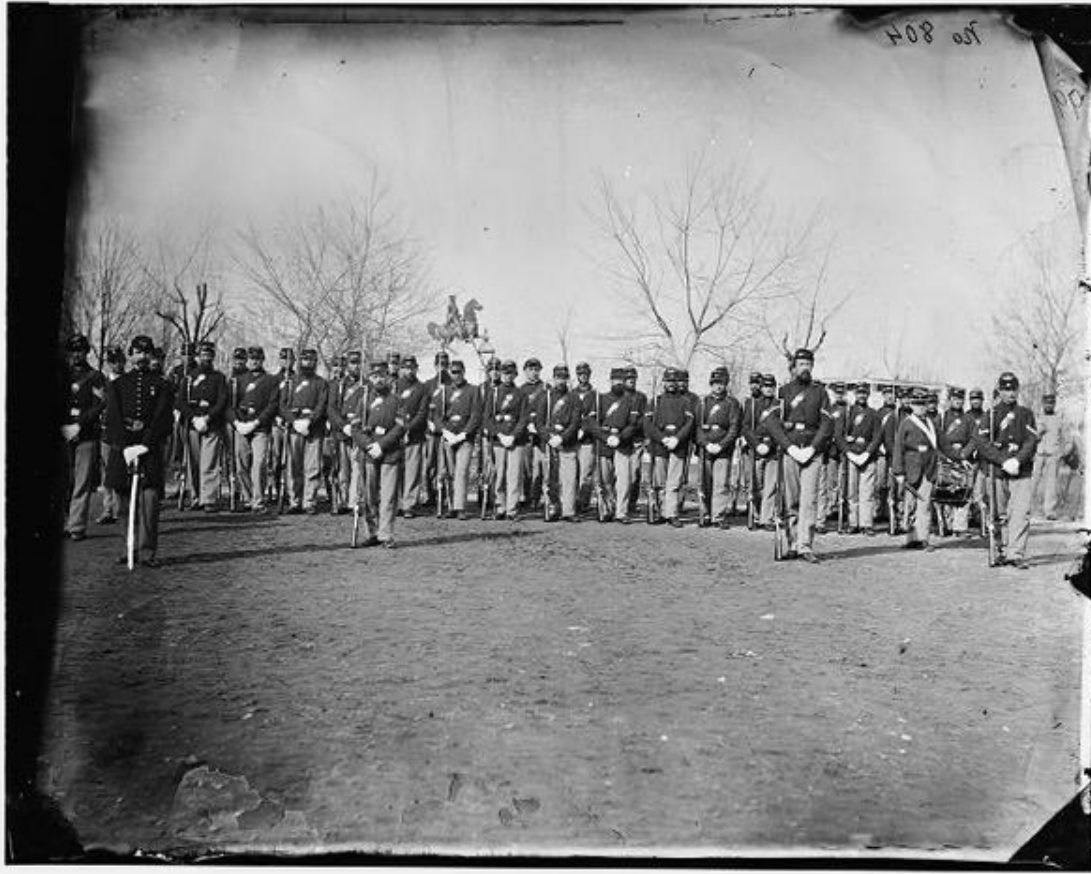


Private William Liming Co B 21st
VRC regiment and friend



Private William H. Ripley of Cos. K
and A, 76th NY Infantry Regiment
and VRC 6th Infantry

VRC 9th Regiment and NCOs at Camp Fry



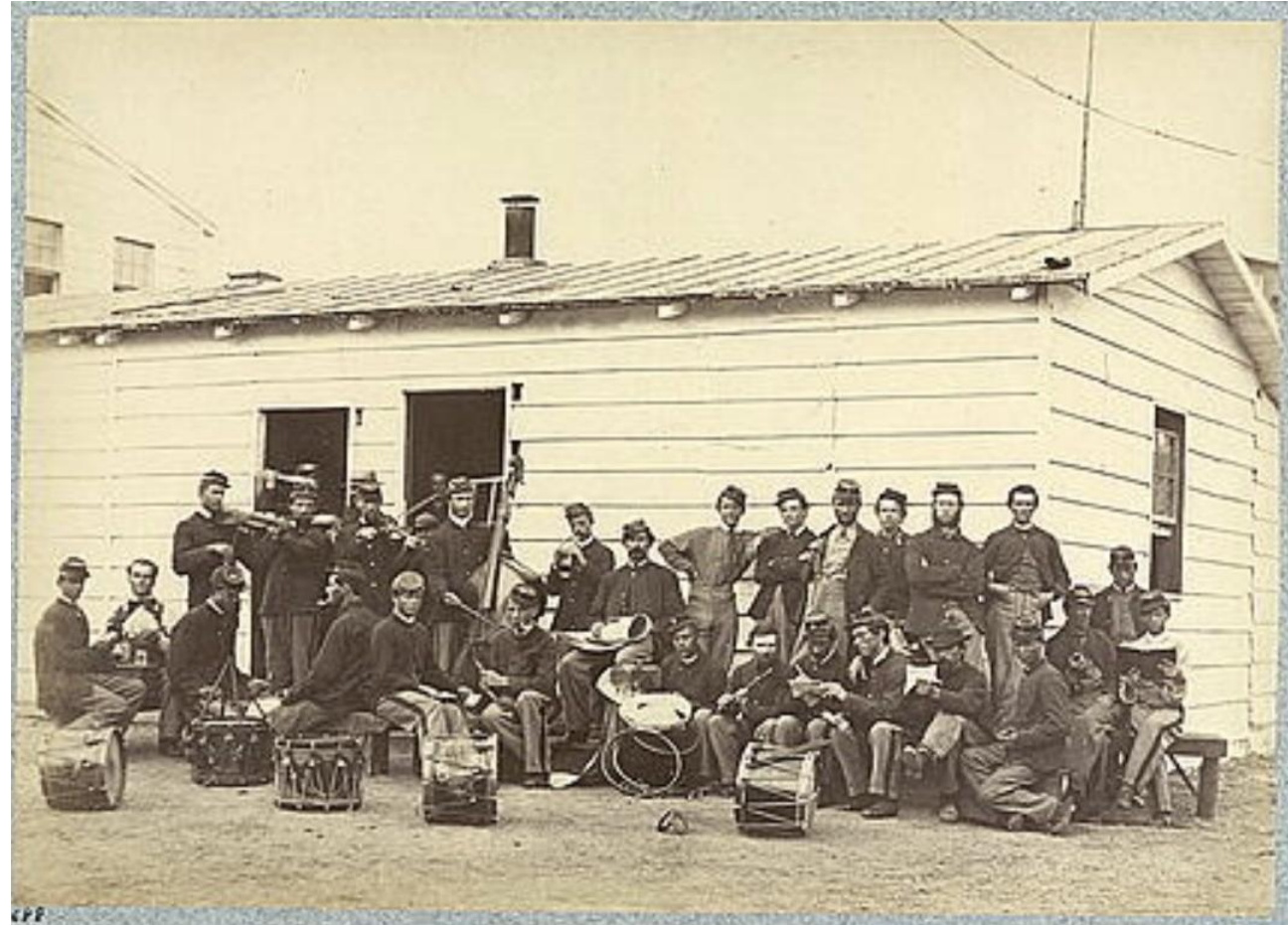
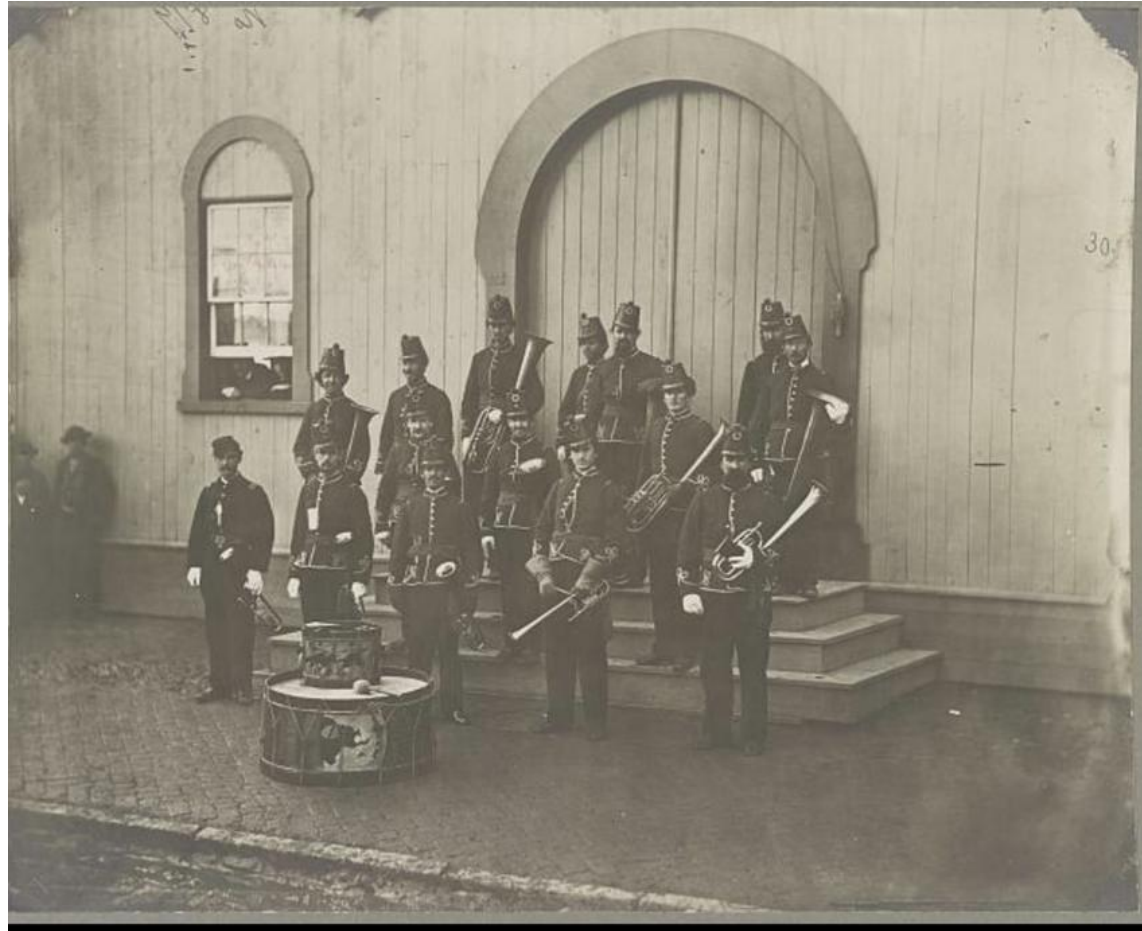
9th and 10th VRC at Camp Fry Barracks



Camp Fry Regimental Bands – 9th Regiment



10th Regiment VRC bands



Corporal John Wiederight of Co. F, 104th NY
Infantry Regiment and Co. D, 10th Regiment, VRC



several
 nights
 July 18th 1862
 Dear friend it is with much pleasure
 that I send you a Line to show
 you that I have not forgotten you.
 I am still remaining on the sunny
 hills of old Virginia still living
 and in good health hoping that you
 may be the same it is a long
 time since I heard from you but
 time has worn on so not change it
 I heard again some for we have had
 I heard times since I received
 your last letter the Dutch boys
 are all well and are in good spirits
 we see no Ladges that are white
 the Indians about here are all
 black as a coal but they are
 very lovely
 D. L. L.

Direct your Son
to gentleness but see that
Consent Thou to it

I mean to say, I feared that since
you sent in John Greubers letter I was
glad to hear from you you were you
had a good time the frogs would
like to see there. myself to take
a share of this good thing.
I might well but Susan as things
look to me at the present
time I think I shall see
some hard battles before I can
see you again We are going
to move to Richmond in a day
or two but that has not troubled
me I am willing to go in the battle
field with good courage ~~to defend~~
believing that the cause is right
I am engaged in just and righteous
Susan I tell me as down as you go the
do no more this time do good by
good by. By. By good. By. and so on

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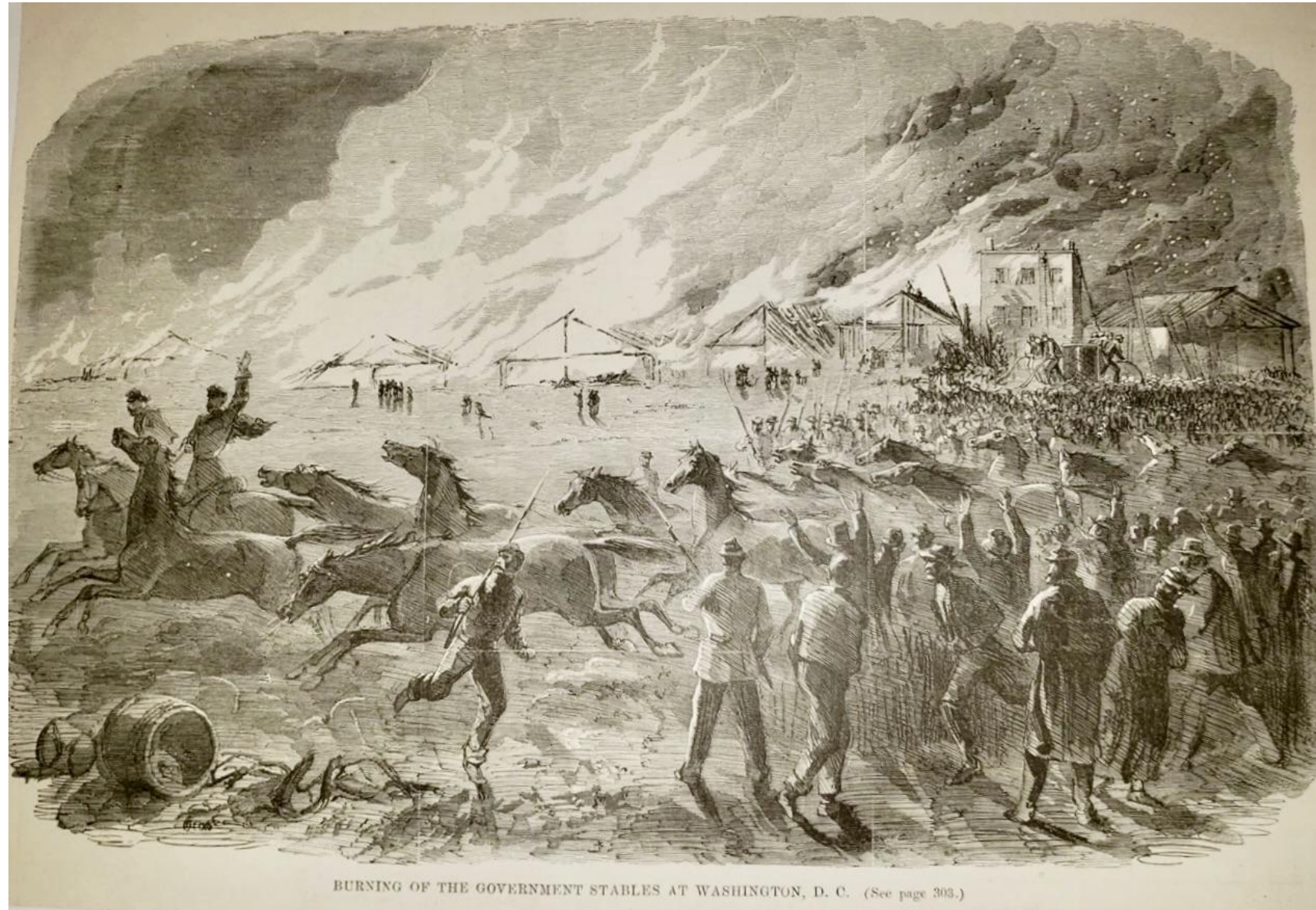
Western Wharves



THE WESTERN WHARVES AT WASHINGTON, WHERE ARMY SUPPLIES ARE RECEIVED.

*Library of
Congress,
Harpers 1861*

Tragedy at Camp Fuller



Geisboro Point Stables

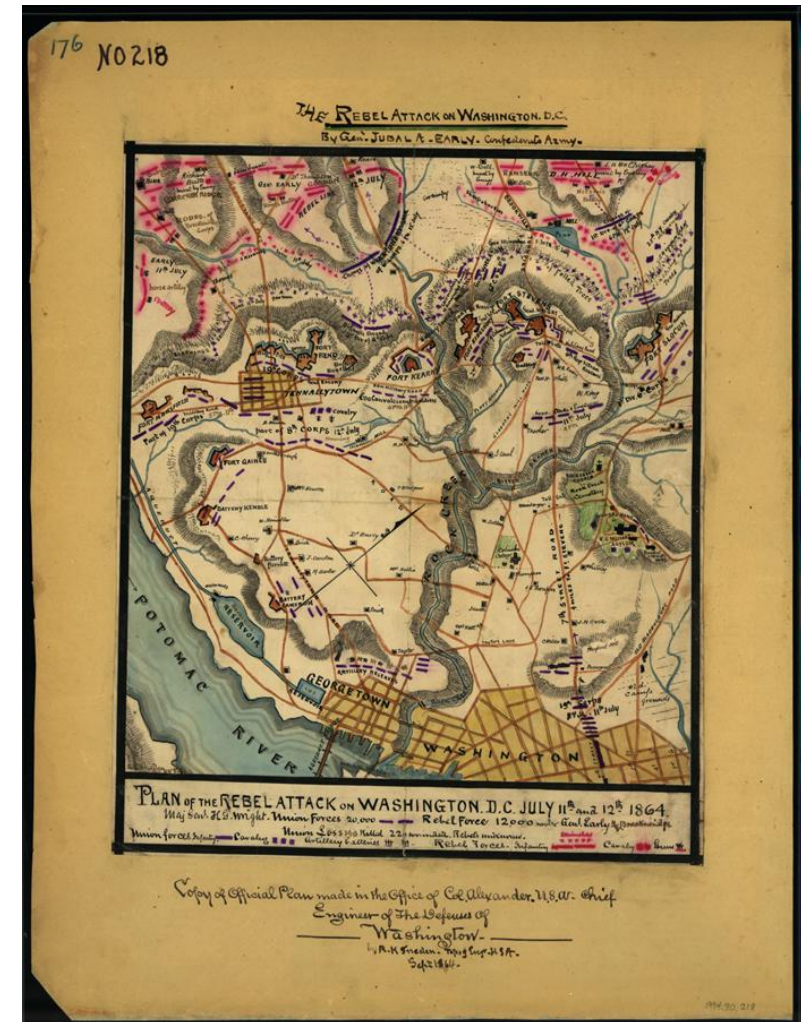


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Battle of Fort Stevens – Early advances – July 1864



General Early and the Army of the Valley Movements Map
Map Courtesy of: Thomas' Legion: The 69th Carolina Regiment at
<http://www.thomaslegion.net/battleoffortstevensandwashingtondc.html>



Fort Stevens – Six Miles from the Capitol

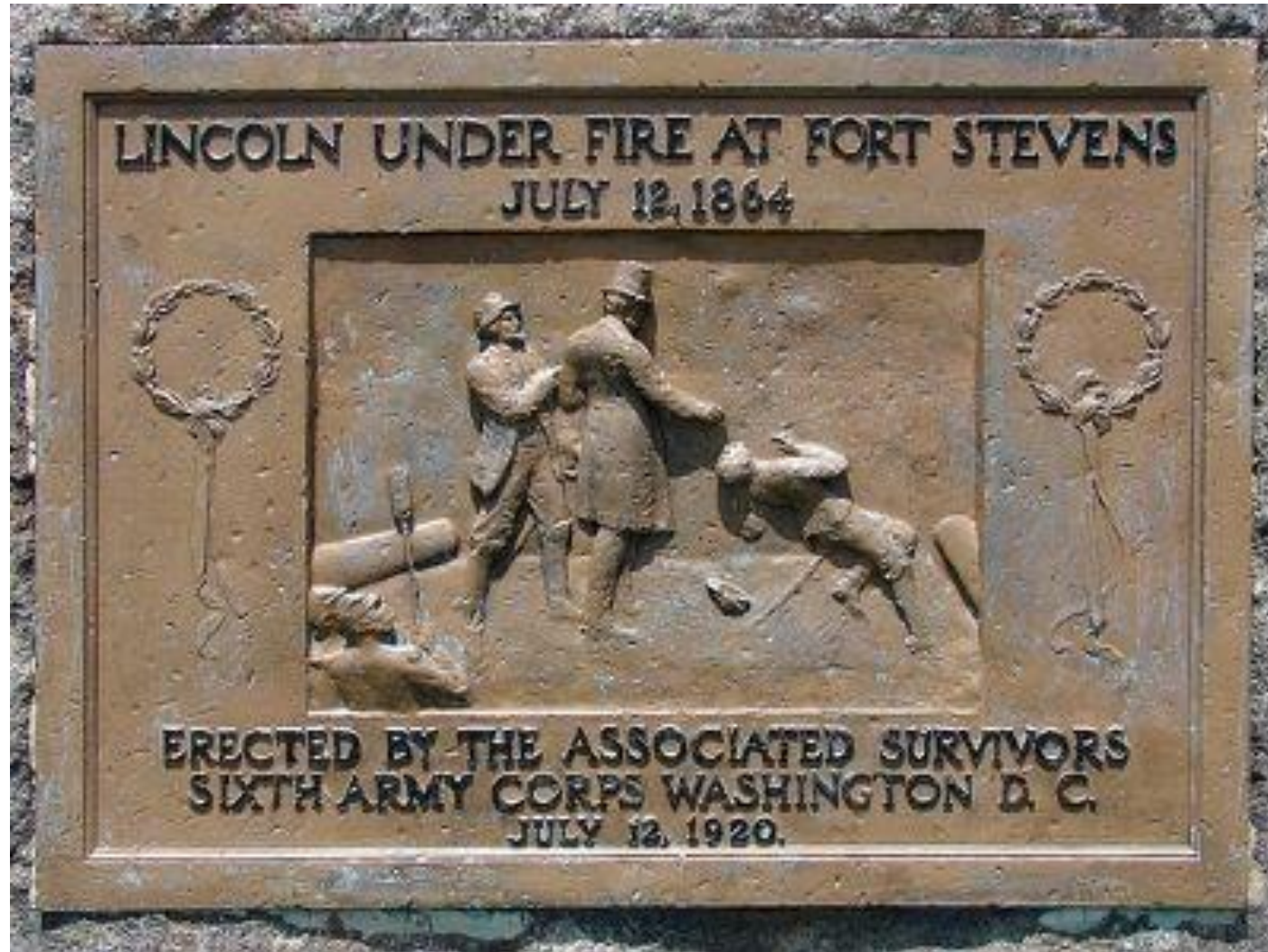


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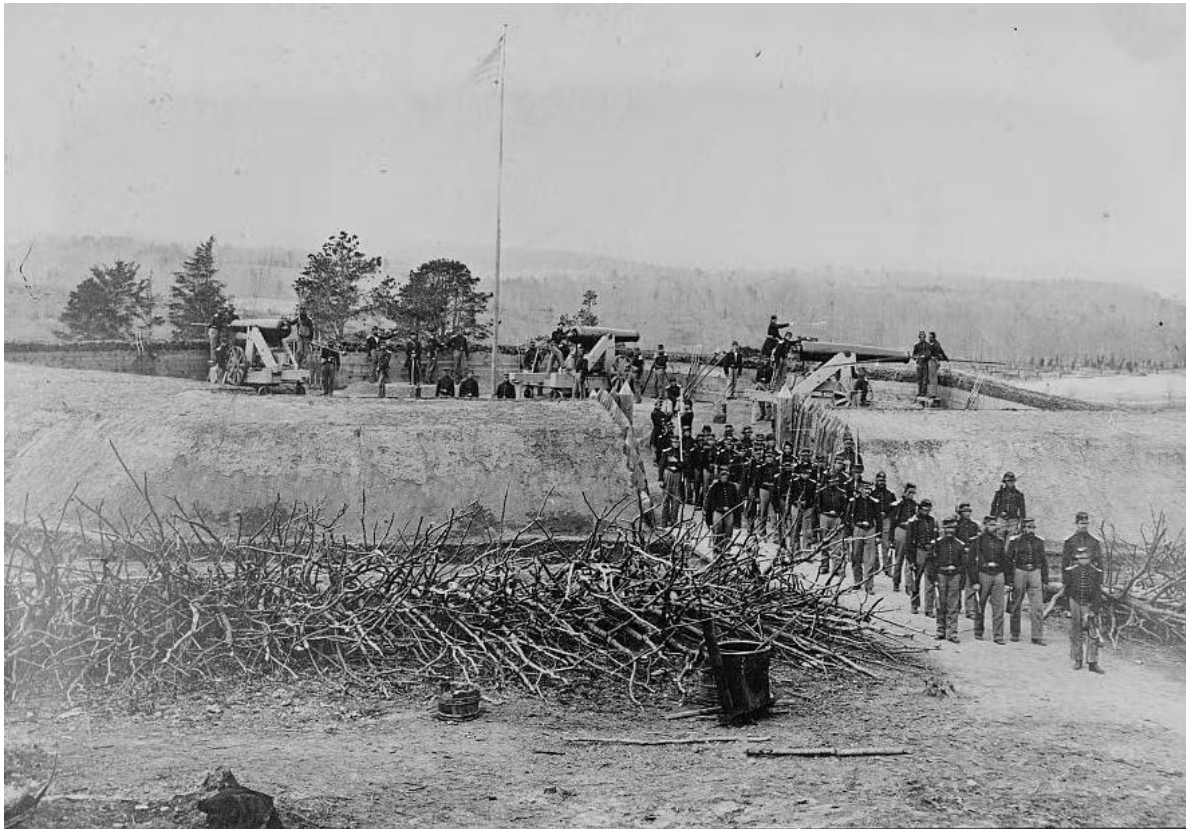


F. Leone, Aug. 2025

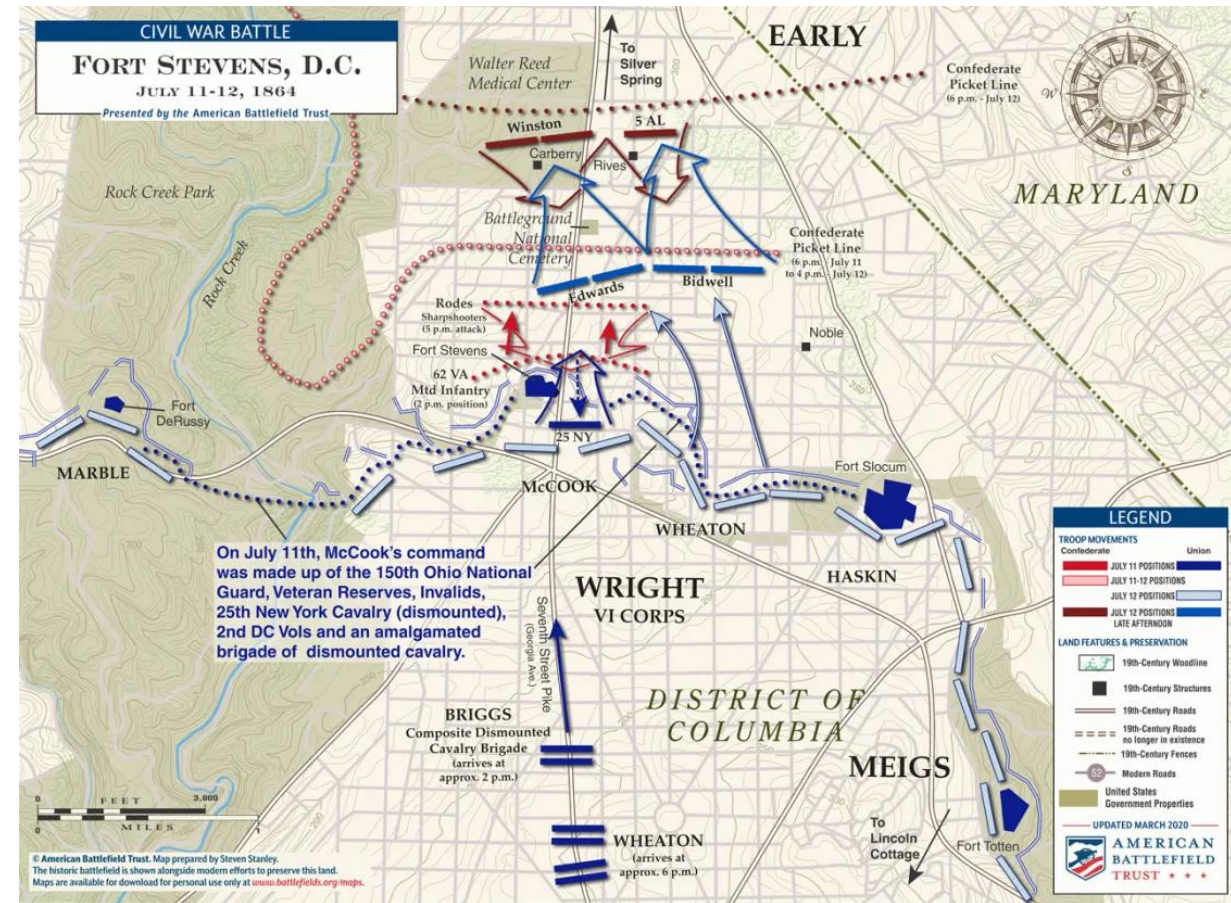
President Lincoln at Fort Stevens



Battle of Fort Stevens



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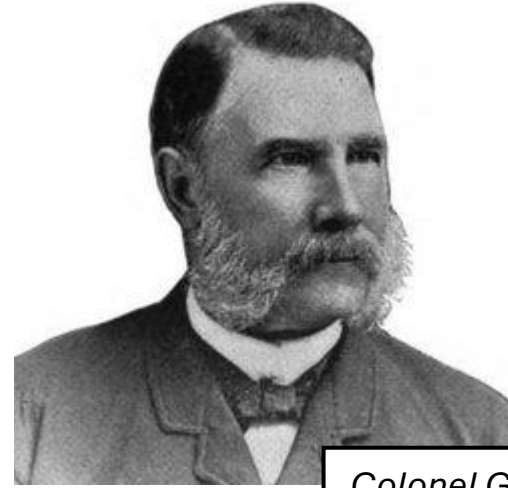


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VRC Action at Fort Stevens

Major-General McCook, commander of the defenses of Washington, complimented the Veteran Reserves in his official report:

“To Colonel Gile and the officers and men of the First Brigade, Veteran Reserve Corps, I am largely indebted for the success of my efforts in keeping the enemy from our line until the arrival of the Sixth Corps.”



Colonel Gile (photo Bill McKern)



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