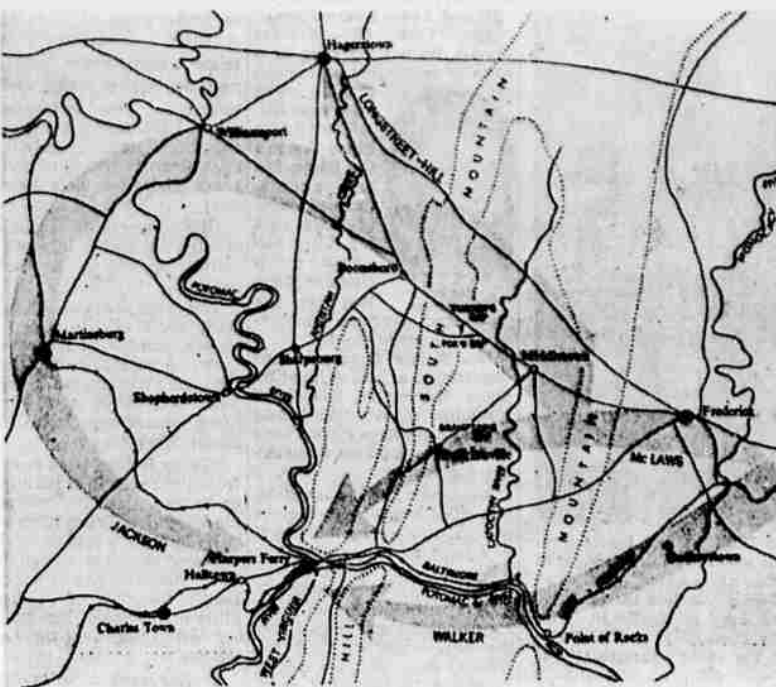


THIS WAS THE CIVIL WAR



FAMOUS LOST ORDER — On Sept. 13, 1862, the 27th Indiana Volunteers camped at Frederick, Md., on a spot just vacated by the Confederates. On the camp grounds, a private soldier made a discovery — an envelope containing three cigars and a piece of paper. The cigars were put to good use immediately, but it wasn't until later that the paper was read. This is the

way the famous "lost order" of Gen. R. E. Lee came into Union hands. The order detailed the positions of the Confederate forces and showed that Lee was about to divide his forces again and strike the Federals in a "pincer." This map, courtesy of the U. S. Dept. of Interior, illustrates the "lost order," and shows what Lee planned.

Mystery of Lee's Lost Order

By MERTON T. AKERS
United Press International
Pvt. B. W. Mitchell, Co. F,
27th Indiana Volunteers, was
tired when his outfit reached
Frederick, Md., on the morn-
ing of September 13, 1862.

With his comrades he stuck
ed arms and lay down to rest.
The Confederates invading
Maryland had camped on the
same spot the day before. The
ground was littered.

Mitchell saw an envelope
on the grass. He picked it up.
Three cigars and a paper fell
out. Cigars were welcome
finds any time. While looking
for a match, Mitchell and his
first sergeant, John Bloss, fell
to reading the paper which
had been around the cigars.

What they saw sent them
running to Silas Colegrove,
colonel of the 27th.

What the colonel saw sent
him running to Gen. A. S. Wil-
liams, division commander.
The first man Colegrove saw
at headquarters was Col. S. E.
Pittman, Williams' adjutant.

Post-haste
What Pittman saw sent him
post-haste to the headquarters
of Maj. Gen. George B. Mc-
Clellan.

That is the way the famous
"lost order" of Gen. Robert
E. Lee — Special Orders No.
191 — came into the hands of
the commander of the Army
of the Potomac.

The "lost order" detailed the
disposition of the Confederate
army and revealed that Lee,
as he had done two weeks be-
fore at the battle of Bull Run
(Manassas), again was splitting
his army in the face of
superior forces.

How did the "lost order"
get lost?

Actually no one to this day
— 100 years later — knows.
No one can say for sure how it
happened nor who was respon-
sible.

Facts about the "lost or-
ders" are few; surmises plen-
tiful.

With all the evidence in that
is likely to come in, the mys-
tery shapes up like this:

Fact — The "lost order" was
a genuine copy of Lee's or-
ders. Colonel Pittman recog-
nized the handwriting of Col.
R. H. Chilton, Lee's adjutant.

Fact — The order was ad-
dressed to Maj. Gen. Daniel
Harvey Hill, whose division
was under the direct command
of Lee.

Fact — Hill and his adju-
tants denied in later years that
the orders ever reached him.
Hill produced another copy of
the orders in the handwriting
of Maj. Gen. Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson who had
personally copied it for Hill
because Hill's troops had been
under his command a few
days before.

Fact — While couriers were
supposed to get receipts for or-
ders they delivered, none ever
was found for this order. (Af-
ter the war Lee was certain
Hill's headquarters had re-
ceived the original copy with-
out saying how he knew it.)

Surmise — One of Hill's men,
knowing his chief already had
the order from Jackson, wrap-
ped his cigars in it and drop-
ped it by accident. One ver-
sion is that the spot where
the order was found had been
the camping grounds of D. H.
Hill's troops. Another was
that A. P. Hill's forces camped
there — which may be a
case of too many Confederate
generals named Hill.

Surmise — (By Lt. Col. G.
Moxley Sorrel, aide to Gen.
James Longstreet) Hill, whose
temper was short and who had
dyspepsia, threw away the or-
der in a fit of irritation.
(When Bloss read Sorrel's ver-
sion after the war he asked
how it accounted for the cigars.)

Surmise — A courier lost the
order and kept quiet about his
mistake. (Lack of a receipt
bolsters this theory but pres-
ence of the cigars lessens it.)

Small Worlds Around Us

By
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Watkins
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Call of the Mourning Dove Probably Nature's Saddest

In Nature's wide and var-
ied repertoire of voices and
sounds there are many sad
and mournful calls.

The cry of the great north-
ern loon on a lonely, forest-
encircled lake is an eerie
call, a wild, melancholy cry,
almost weird in its abject
loneliness, like a shrieking
laugh from a demented hu-
man.

But the haunting cry of the
loon is known only to the
hunter, camper or woodsman,
for it occurs only in the wil-
dest and most isolated areas. It
has frightened some folks to
death.

Cry of Despair

There is another sad and
lonely call which is heard by
nearly everyone. This is the
call of the mourning dove. In
all the chorus of Nature, it is
probably the saddest and the
most plaintive. It is so uni-
versally sad a sound that the
bird is known everywhere by
the common name of mourn-
ing dove. Its habitat range is
wide, being found in nearly
all of the United States and
parts of Canada and Mexico.

About the only departure
from the use of the name
mourning dove is found in a
few sections where the pleas-
ant name "turtle-dove" is sub-
stituted. Even there the char-
acteristic call is the same.

In some sections of its
range this dove is considered
a game bird and is hunted
during the fall season.

The mourning dove is
about the size of the blue jay,
a grayish-blue or fawn color,
with reddish brown on the
underside. The bird has a
long tail, consisting of 14
feathers.

The nest is a simple struc-
ture composed of short sticks,
placed crossways and per-
fectly flat on the upper sur-
face. About the only thing
that keeps the eggs from roll-
ing off is the unevenness of
the sticks.

The nest is usually built on
the ground and, of course,
falls easy prey to many var-
ieties of foraging predators.
Even when built in a low
tree, which does occur occa-
sionally, it is seldom over four
or five feet above the ground.

Here too, it is raided by rats
and other enemies which like
baby birds or eggs. It is for-
tunate the dove is so prolific,
otherwise the species would
have long since disappeared.

Worthy Purpose

The mourning dove feeds
on the ground, on weed seeds
and insects. It serves a worthy
purpose in helping to control
noxious weeds.

In the fall when the work
of raising two or more fam-
ilies is finished, the birds as-
semble in flocks. Sometimes
these flocks contain all the
resident birds in a wide area;
may even number several
thousand. In areas where the
bird is hunted, the flocks are
scattered and only small
groups are seen.

When startled, the mourn-
ing dove has the peculiar
habit of striking the wings
together over the back, pro-
ducing a loud slapping noise.
This occurs just at take-off
while the bird is accelerating
at full speed.

Literature is rich in refer-
ences to the dove family. Sup-
posedly it was the mourning
dove that Noah sent out from
the Ark to bring him the
word of the flood's recession.

BROADENED PROGRAMS
Washington — (UPI) — A Senate
subcommittee Saturday re-
commended greatly broadened
federal programs to solve the
housing problems of the na-
tion's 17 million older citi-
zens.

force on both flanks, making
the Confederates untenable.
His explanation was too for-
cible to admit of further delib-
eration. General Lee ordered
withdrawal, making Sharps-
burg the point of assembly.

Casualties at South Moun-
tain (Boonsboro) were compar-
atively light. The Union lost
325 killed, 1,403 wounded, 85
missing. Confederate losses
were estimated at 325 killed,
1,560 wounded, 800 missing.

A battle was shaping up at
Sharpsburg, a little Maryland
town on Antietam creek.
Sharpsburg and Antietam
were only names on Sept. 14.
In three days they would be
as well known as Waterloo.

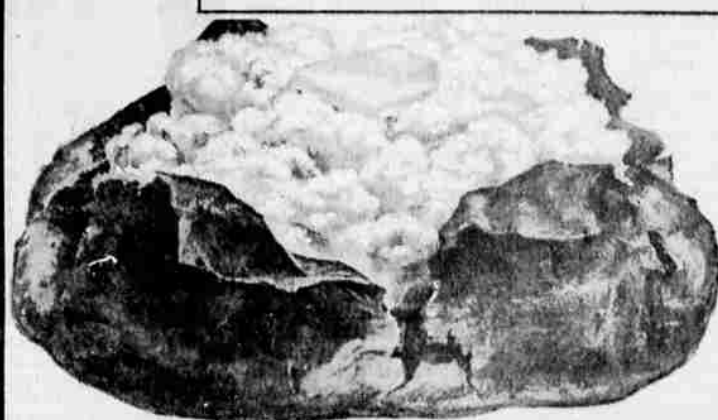
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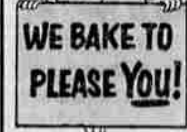
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