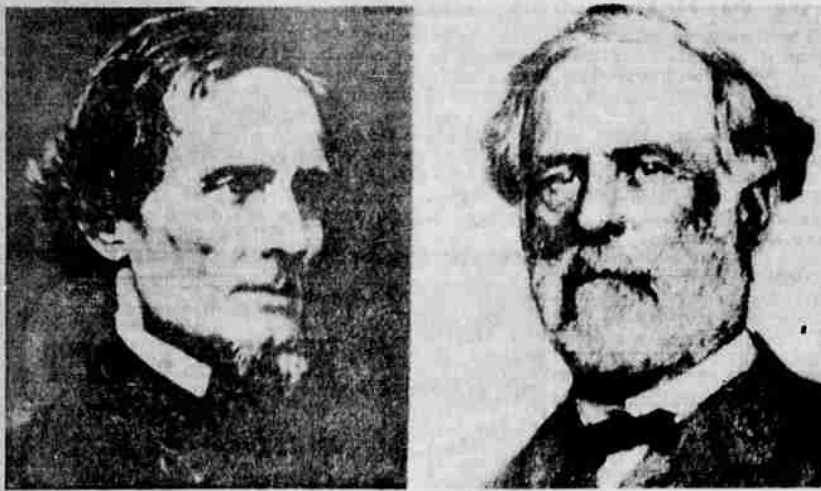


# THIS WAS THE CIVIL WAR



**LULL IN WAR**—As in other wars, there were periods of lull and boredom in the Civil War. In August of 1863 there was such a period. On Aug. 8 Gen. Robert E. Lee, right, wrote to President Jefferson Davis, left, about the criticism on his (Lee's) loss at Gettysburg. In one of his rare periods of discouragement, Lee called on Davis to replace him as commander of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. Davis quickly responded that he could not — that there was no one to replace him. So Lee stayed on. (UPI)

## A Period of Military Reprieve

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The Civil War, like all wars, consisted of occasional battles separated by long periods of boredom.

"Hurry up and wait" was as good a wisecrack in the Civil War as it was in World War II.

The first week in August 1863 was one of those periods of little military action. There was the usual skirmishing along the lines where much powder was burned with few results.

Even skirmishing sometimes palled on the soldiers doing picket duty. From time to time they declared their own little amistices and traded between the lines for the small things that made army life a bit easier. Union soldiers swapped coffee, of which they had plenty, to Rebels, who had none, for tobacco, of which the graycoats had plenty.

These interludes usually lasted an hour or so and the soldiers who had been fraternizing went back to the grim business of killing.

About this time Pvt. Elisha Stockwell Jr., of the 14th Wisconsin Infantry was bored and needed money. He was on garrison duty at Natchez, Miss. He had fought at the siege of Vicksburg and now time hung heavy on his hands. He set out to augment his

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\$13-a-month pay. He was just 17 and already a veteran of two years, wise in the ways of getting along as well as fighting.

**Sold Money**

Years later he wrote about an interlude at Natchez:

"One day I was with a boy about my own age that belonged to another company. He had found where he could sell Confederate money for ten cents on the dollar, and we could buy it for from three to five cents. We made \$40 that day. But we bought some of a 33rd Wisconsin boy that was printed on white paper. It was just imitation of Rebs' money, but wasn't signed. We colored the paper with coffee and got Nate Clapp, of my company, who was a good penman, to sign it. We had a genu'ine bill for a sample, and passed it all right. But the Reb citizen we sold it to found out it was counterfeit, and wouldn't buy any more from the Yanks. So we ruined our business by being dishonest."

Pvt. Robert Patrick, a native of Clinton, La., and a member of the 4th Louisiana Infantry, was having his troubles, too. His regiment had been on the way toward Vicksburg when the city surrendered to the Federals under U. S. Grant. Now he was retreating in Mississippi. He made these entries in his diary:

"Aug. 7—... Our horses do not fare well now. Three green cornstalks per day for each horse. The desertions are more frequent now than ever, and they leave by whole companies, officers and all..."

"Aug. 8—... Jim Blow and I rode about three miles in search of water. We at length found some muddy, stagnant stuff, but we were very glad to get it. We raked off the black scum and pitched into it... These open woods are very hot—the tall pines afford no protection from the sun."

**All Was Quiet**  
On one Eastern theatre, all was quiet along the Rappahannock, too, where Col. Charles S. Wainwright, a Union artillery officer from Rhinebeck, N.Y., was camping with the Army of the Potomac.

He wrote:  
"Aug. 3—Another piping hot day. The house where we are camped belongs to Mr. Bowen, a rebel, but is now

## Stamp Collecting, Trading Continues As Big Business

New York—Those two stamps which grandfather tucked away in a book or a drawer and forgot won't carry as many letters in today's zipcode mail as they did on the slower routes of 50 years ago.

But in the stamp collector's world, they may go a long way farther toward helping fill the pocket book than the mail box.

Postage increases, dollar shrinkage regardless, the hoarding and collection—and trading—of stamps goes serenely on, nationally and internationally, as it has for nearly a century.

### No Business Center

Many items of value as widely collected and traded as postage stamps have regular marketplaces but there is no one center in which the stamp collector and the dealer do business. The literature on collection and evaluation of stamps is widespread and international in scope, and the novice or the serious professional alike often seek a common standard of price if a time comes to "do business."

In other words, some sources explain that an unused 1937 Lindbergh airmail stamp of 10-cent denomination may now be worth \$1.10. Or that

some stamps, even unused, may have grown in value only by fractions despite considerable age; that the cancellation on some old stamps may have increased their value, and lowered that of others.

While there are hundreds of dealers in the stamp world, one old U.S. firm, Scott Stamp Publications, a division now of Esquire, Inc., has achieved a prominent position not by

dealing in stamps but by keeping available to collectors and dealers the price structure in the field. It annually issues a "standard catalogue," listing the price of every major variety of mint and canceled postage stamps issued since 1840. These number about 150,000.

**Reports Assembled**  
Gordon Hymer, editor for Scott's, assembles reports on

prices from hundreds of key stamp dealers around the world; about 80,000 price changes are made each year in the catalogue.

A report issued recently on the firm's activities quoted Joseph Arnstein, senior vice president of Esquire, as saying that Scott performs something of the same sort of function as does the specialist in a securities auction market;

it has assumed the responsibility of maintaining an orderly market.

Only the price changes that result from the constant trading of a stamp, and not the wide price swings due to unusual situations, are entered in the catalogue numbers and are used as identification for stamps, rather than a description of the stamp, around the world.

The emergence of new nations—with new postage—and the continuing steadiness of stamp collecting as an established hobby led to Esquire's acquisition of Scott in 1960 as an enterprise with growth potential. Scott does not deal in stamps any longer and has not for nearly 25 years; it is the largest of five firms engaged in the so-called stamp accessory business.

## McNamara Gets Encouraging Report

Bonn, Germany—UPI—Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara conferred Saturday with his military commanders in Europe and received "generally encouraging reports," his top aide said.

Asst. Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester said McNamara covered strategy, weapons and supply in his three and one-half hour conference with Army, Navy and Air Force chiefs in the old headquarters of German Afrika Korps Gen. Erwin Rommel in Stuttgart.

The conference at what is now 7th U. S. Army headquarters was called primarily to check on the ability of U. S. forces to fight a conventional war in central Europe if a situation arises that would not bring nuclear strikes into action.

## Krebiozen Tests Likely This Month

Washington—UPI—Preliminary reports are likely to be made this month in the governments' study of Krebiozen, the controversial drug held by its sponsor and many patients treated with it to be an effective "anti-cancer" serum.

Distribution of Krebiozen was banned outside Illinois after one of its sponsors, Dr. Stevan Durovic of Chicago, withheld plans for investigational use of the drug required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Durovic, co-sponsor Dr. Andrew C. Ivy and many persons treated with the serum insist that Krebiozen controls at least some types of cancer. Therefore, they say, the ban on interstate shipments amounts to a government-decreed death sentence for cancer victims.

He wrote to President Jefferson Davis:

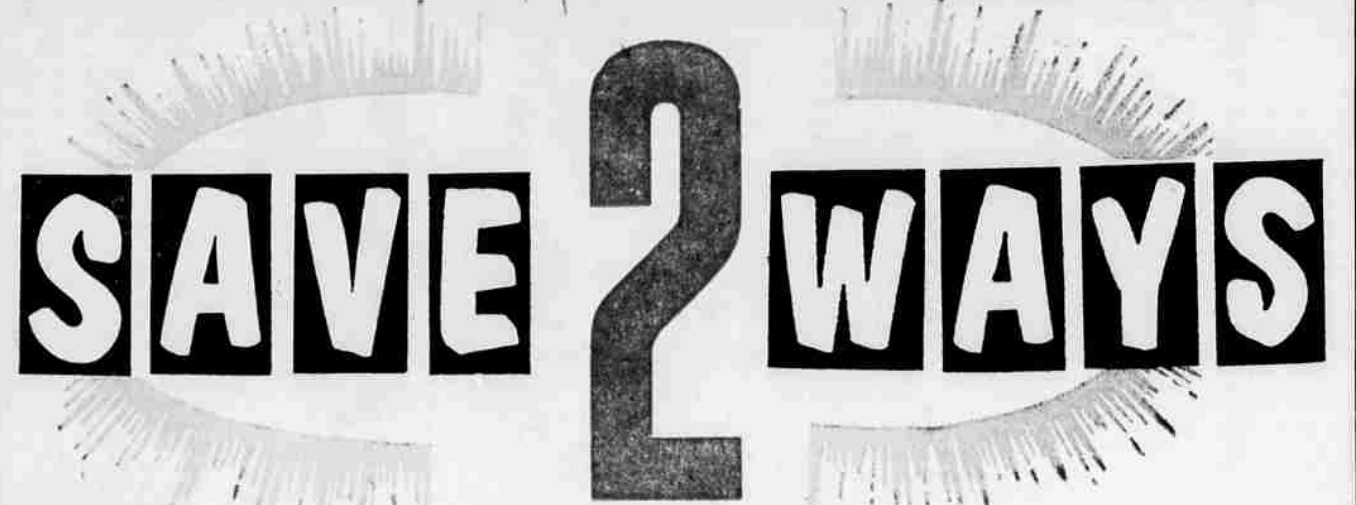
"The general remedy for the want of success in a military commander is his removal. This is natural, and in many instances proper... I have been prompted by these reflections more than once since my return from Pennsylvania to propose to Your Excellency the propriety of selecting another commander for this army (The Army of Northern Virginia)... I therefore in all sincerity, request Your Excellency to take measures to supply my place... no one is more aware than myself of my inability."

**Growing Failure**  
There was much more in the letter. He spoke of "the growing failure of my bodily strength" and said that "I am so dull that in making use of the eyes of others I am frequently misled." He thought "a younger and abler man" might be found. He praised his army as "gallant and brave an army as ever existed."

For the first time in the war Lee was discouraged.

Davis replied at once. "Where am I to find a new commander who is to possess the greater ability which you believe to be required?" Davis wrote. "If Providence should kindly offer such a person for our use, I would not hesitate to avail of his services... Our country could not bear to lose you..."

Lee stayed on to fight another 20 months. The exchange of letters was not made public, presumably because it might depress the already low spirits of the South.



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