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Commander's Letter

Compatriots and friends of the SCV Europe Camp,

Once again I like to invite you to read another issue of our camp's newsletter. Important news is our growing membership by excellent recruiting efforts. December last year we welcomed a new full member and two active supporters, a friend and an associate member, means Jupp, Rudi and Javier.

A few weeks ago we got another full member! My neighbour Tilo Pollmann did extensive research and we found out that he had Confederate ancestry! For many years we have been explaining and presenting the truth about the War for Southern Independence. Now our work is bearing fruits! Not only two SCV full members were recruited on European soil within one year, but vivid interest in History and legacy of the Southern cause, as defended by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, is spreading throughout the continent. A new FOSCV and an associate member prove that.

May I strongly encourage every reader of our newsletter to pass it on to others. To get knowledge to spread it. Strong interest in American history does actually exist in Europe. Unfortunately there is a mainstream PC which makes it very difficult to tell and to explain the truth. I expect and demand from every Camp member to look for discussions and talks exposing the TRUTH. Our success is proving we're right.

As in other issues, you will find much information about our activities and the ones of close-minded Confederate supporters. With some culture and history, too.

In the service of the South

Achim "Archy" Bänsch

Commander



EDITOR' S NOTE

Filling the ranks with new blood! Tilo H. Pollmann, descendant of a Missouri State Guard trooper has been welcomed as a new SCV full member in our Camp. He's introducing himself in these pages. A volunteer has joined the Friends of the Confederate Veterans (FOSCV) program. See the pictures of the swearing-in and certificate presenting. And please pay special attention to the moving introductory letter of new associate member Javier Prieto from Spain, a highly motivated Southerner by the heart.

And among our other members and associates there is a lot of activity: Full member Bertil Haggmann from Sweden continues his precious work on Southern Irregular Warfare. His blog has become an important reference site for both History buffs and academic researchers. Bertil also made a report about H.L. Hunley crewman J.F. Carlsen. Last year we brought an article about his visit to South Carolina and the research in this matter. The British 290 Foundation has published this work online, read it here:

<https://sites.google.com/site/290foundation/ancestors-page/j-f-carlsen>.

Associate member Stefan Slivka from Slovakia reached the final selection process in the contest for the David Thelen Award from the Organization of American Historians, with an article about the USS Sultana disaster and how Yankee irresponsibility doomed the ship with great loss of life. Well done, Stefan! The 290 Foundation has also published this work online:

<https://sites.google.com/site/290foundation/history/sultana>

The activities of the 290 Foundation are definitely an example to follow in America. Read about their latest achievement to honor and remember the CSS Alabama (linking with our 2012 issues reports). Very special thanks to President Ian Dewar for appointing me an honorary member!

Our UDC contact in Rome, Susan Fiorentino, has sent very interesting info on Confederate flags hidden in skirts and of defiance aprons worn by Southern ladies in occupied territory. A must read!

2013/1863 has started with strength in our arm. Let's continue like this! Mayor issues this year will be exposing the Emancipation Proclamation falsehoods and the true meaning of the Gettysburg Address, that great speech given by the wrong man.

And as always, keep sending me your thoughts and opinions, even if you're not a Camp member. God bless the South.



Raphael Waldburg-Zeil, Editor

CAMP MEMBERSHIP STILL GROWING!



We are SCV Europe Camp #1612; from all around the Old World, from almost every country in Europe, from Sweden, Spain and Germany there are full members in our Camp, proud direct and/or collateral descendants of Confederate soldiers. In addition we have American membership residing in Germany. From Belgium and the Netherlands, Wales and Spain we do have reliable associate members in the Europe Camp, all willing to preserve The Charge, out of deeply felt sympathy for the Southern Cause. And the ranks are still continuing to grow.

2012 Josef "Jupp" Griesedieck became full member. This year Tilo H. Pollmann, has been sworn-in as full member. Tilo is descendant of Johann Heinrich Hesse, who belonged to the Missouri State Guard and drew ambulances evacuating the wounded from the battlefield. This makes Missouri and South Carolina the states where most ancestors among our Camp members are from, immediately followed by North Carolina and Georgia.



Camp Commander Bansch (right) presents Compatriot Pollmann (left) his certificate

Tilo's introductory letter:

Dear compatriots,

It's a great pleasure to share the same interests for the glory history of the South within the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Let me introduce myself telling you a little bit of myself.

I am aged 42 years and I am married with my wonderful wife Sandra. We are living with our both children Julian and Lisanne in the very small but beautiful village of Stromberg. Julian is 3 years old and Lisanne, born 9/11 2012 is a sweet little baby girl.

I have been told about SCV by my neighbour Achim "Archy" Bänsch. I have been thinking to join the SCV Europe Camp very well because it is also a kind of special sense of living to keep the ideals of the South alive. While searching in my family's history we figured out my predecessor Johann Heinrich Hesse (John Henry Hesse), who immigrated to America and joined the confederate army as member of the Missouri State Guard October 1863. He was employed as ambulance driver. During his service he joined the battle of Cole Camp where he was wounded and later released.

I very much liked this kind of ancestry research and this together with all the interesting stories and the truth about the war of northern aggression told by Archy.

I decided joining the SCV and also the SCV Mechanized Cavalry which also combined another big hobby of mine; motorcycling.

I am riding meanwhile my second motorbike a BMW R1150 GS, built 2002 since May 2012. Before this bike I was riding a Honda Africa Twin XRV750 also a great bike which I am really missing meanwhile. Best would have been to keep both bikes. But the BMW is even better for long distance trips.

I like riding alone but also with friends like Archy, Jupp and Rudi in the great landscape around here in central Germany. Due to family business the time for riding is unfortunately very much rare meanwhile.

The 16th SCVMC annual held in Mississippi this year is a great chance to "jump across the pond" again after my first trip in 1997 to Atlanta, Georgia and surrounding States. In 1997 I was a student and had the chance to do a road trip to several states of the South by car for a company (GEA) nearby located here in Oelde. During this trip I also passed Louisiana and Mississippi but didn't have the chance to recover it in detail. But it gave me a great impression and the wish to come back once again.

I am sure meeting a lot of interesting compatriots for having a great time in a great country.

For the South and Deo Vindice !!!

Tilo Pollmann

There are many who support the SCV, but do not meet the requirements for full membership. As a way to recognize these guys, the General Executive Council (GEC) approved some years ago the "Friends of the SCV" (FOSCV). Rudi Nagels from Germany recently joined the FOSCV program through our Camp.



New FOSCV Rudi Nagels (center) getting his certificate from Commander Bänsch in presence of full member Josef "Jupp" Griesedieck

Editor's note: Details for the "Friends of the SCV" application may be accessed on the SCV website at this link, Camp Adjutant McLarren will help you to go through the admittance process:

http://www.scv.org/pdf/FOSCV_MembershipApplication.pdf

And now we'll present our newest associate member with his own introductory letter. This man reflects like no other how any SCV full or associate member shall be: a true Southerner by the heart and conscious of what he is and what he does to preserve Southern and Confederate heritage. Read these lines by Javier Prieto, Spain:

Dear brothers and friends of the Europe Camp,

allow me to introduce myself full of honor and pride for being a new associated member of SCV Camp #1612. That's truly important to me, because since I was about 14/15 years old I always felt close to the ideals of the Confederacy. Perhaps an American compatriot cannot fully understand why I man in Spain does identify himself as a Southerner. Let me explain that to you.

I always had an interest in History, especially in Military History and the surroundings (mean the causes of a war and the true intentions behind). Well, so I started studying the true causes for the so-called American Civil War (I prefer to say War of Northern Aggression). By doing research I found out how many lies and falsehoods the Yankees had created against the Confederacy, with the intention to trample into the dust the greatest entity of freedom since the original United States were created. From that moment on I knew that I wanted to be a Southerner, a true Confederate, till the end of my days, because the South stands for all that I do believe in and will love for the rest of my life: tradition, righteous manners, Christianity, truly lived in God the Lord. So I respect and deeply love the South and all the honor, pride and faith it represents.

Over the years my convictions have matured and are deeply rooted now. The Confederacy was the most righteous cause to fight for in the last three centuries. I am an active defender of the Confederacy against every kind of fallacy and lie in Lincolnite tradition and I do that because I am taking it as a personal offence to hear such things.

In a few words, feeling Southern is to have a wish for freedom, preserving the values of righteousness and to defend them like the Confederate soldiers did. We're the good guys, and although not Southern born, that unites us as brothers with no stronger links History has ever seen, whether descendants of Confederate veterans or not. Thus, I feel, I am and will ever be a true Confederate man. I salute the CSA and revere the Constitution of 1861.

The South has a strong military tradition. I am similar in that, too. Aged 18, I volunteered for service in the Spanish Army out of love for my country and for the virtues of the Confederate soldier: God, Honor, Rightfulness and Chivalry, that's what I felt.

I served for 4 years (1986/1990) in the 46th Mountain Artillery Regiment (5th Mountain Division „Navarra“) and became a Corporal, leading the crew of a 105mm Howitzer (105/26). I also qualified in explosive ordnance, Fire Direction Control, heavy automatic weapons (machine guns) and got the marksmanship badge. I left the Army with a meritorious mention.

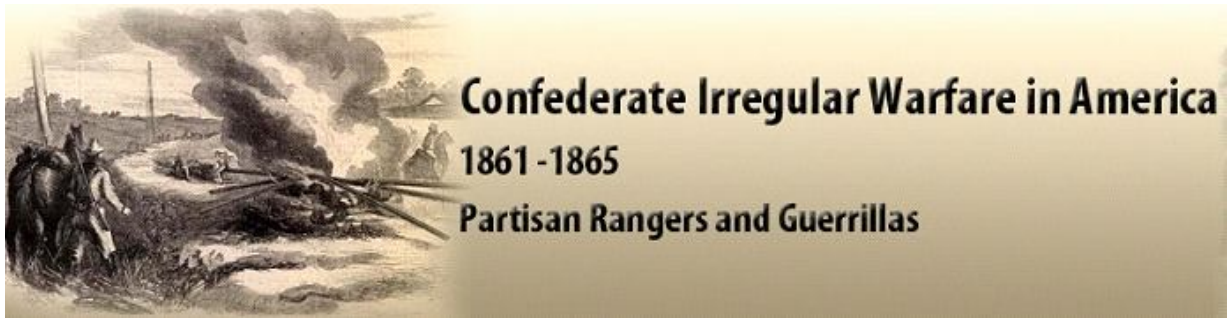
Now I'm 46 and continue in love with the South, more than ever. Becoming an associate to the SCV Europe Camp means a great honor to me, involving much pride and a sense of privilege. Be assured that by entering as an associate one of the world's oldest heritage preservation organizations, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I'll give my best to defend and to preserve faith, culture and traditions of the South and the good name of the soldiers who defended that all fighting in the Confederate Army. God is on our side and so is the truth. I'll fight no longer alone, and that's good.

Deo Vindice !!!



Associated member Javier Prieto, Spain





BERTIL HAGGMAN'S BLOG: A MUST FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN CONFEDERATE IRREGULAR WARFARE!

Bertil Haggman's blog <http://grayguerrillas.wordpress.com/> can't be missed if one is interested in irregular warfare during the WBTS.

**My rifle, pouch, and knife! My steed! And then we part!
(Paul H. Hayne, *The Mountain Partisan*)**

Guerrillas, Bushwhackers, Partisan Rangers in uniform: everything related to Irregular Warfare during the War Between the States, from Mosby's Cavalry to Missouri Guerrilla bands. From the Eastern front to the West, this blog by Bertil Haggman covers every topic of what we would call today not only "Guerrilla" but also "Special Operations forces". Even beautiful Partisan poetry! And "irregular" were also the executions without trial of Confederate soldiers who had fought in uniform, that issue is also covered. This blog is an important for everyone interested in this fascinating theme.

The blog is an interactive place: you can leave your public comments and send your opinions and analysis to the author through this website.

Don't miss the blog! Read the essays, leave your messages, participate!

From June 2011 Bertil Haggman has been publishing his book manuscript on "Confederate Irregular Warfare, 1861 – 1865".online. You can access it ont the same website address: <http://grayguerrillas.wordpress.com/>

The manuscript is organized in chapters for each state of the Confederacy (as well as one for California, one for the Indian Territory and one for Confederate units, which comprised companies from more than one Confederate state). At the end of each chapter there is a bibliographic note. A full bibliography is also included at the end of the manuscript. The total number of pages is about 500.

The irregular units and commands of the Confederacy played a decisive role in the war 1861 – 1865. This war was not only a mighty clash of large armies. Many Confederates in the spring of 1861 would have liked to fight as guerrillas. As during the American Revolution guerrillas could help defend against invading armies. They could distract Union armies from their primary objectives, injure morale of the enemy and force him to detail defensive forces for the protection of railroads and river traffic.

The whole book manuscript will not be published at the same time. Instead sections will be published electronically from beginning to end as blog contributions. I have chosen the Sesquicentennial of the WBTS 1861 to 1865 to introduce this work on Confederate Irregular Warfare electronically.

WORDPRESS REPORT ON THE BLOG 2012

600 people reached the top of Mt. Everest in 2012. This blog got about 3,200 views in 2012 with a total of 4,400 from the start in 2011. If every person who reached the top of Mt. Everest viewed this blog, it would have taken 5 years to get that many views! In 2012, there were 95 new posts, growing the total archive of this blog to 171 posts. The busiest day of the year was January 7th with 129 views. The most popular post that day was SWEDISH OFFICER FOUGHT WITH CONFEDERATE GENERAL STAND WATIE – CAPTAIN THOMAS F. ANDERSON.

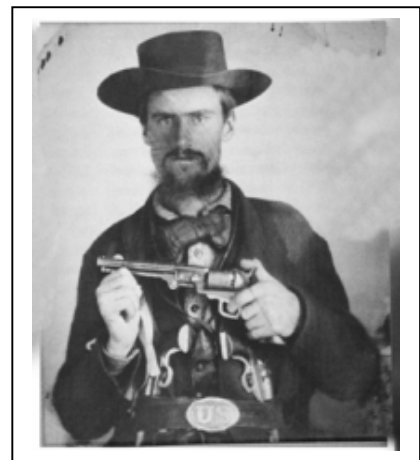
Attractions in 2012

These are the posts that got the most views in 2012. You can see all of the year's most-viewed posts in your Site Stats.

- 1 CONFEDERATE MARTYR HENRY C. MAGRUDER (1843 - 1865) 0 COMMENTS**
March 2011
- 2 RANGER ROBERT VON MASSOW - 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry Battalion, Mosby's Rangers, C.S.A. 0 COMMENTS** March 2011
- 3 LT. COL. WILLIAM T. GUNTER COMMANDING FIRST ALABAMA CONFEDERATE PARTISAN RANGERS (LATER EIGHTEENTH ALABAMA CONFEDERATE PARTISAN RANGERS) 2 COMMENTS** April 2011
- 4 UNION EXECUTIONS WITHOUT TRIAL OF CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS - FOURTH IN A SERIES 0 COMMENTS** March 2011
- 5 CONFEDERATE IRREGULAR WARFARE 1861 - 1865 0 COMMENTS** March 2011

How did visitors find the blog? The top referring sites in 2012 were:

- 1. scveuropecamp.jimdo.com**
- 2. mail.yahoo.com**
- 3. 36ohk6dgmcd1n-c.c.yom.mail.yahoo.net**
- 4. bestnatureinstagram.blogspot.com**
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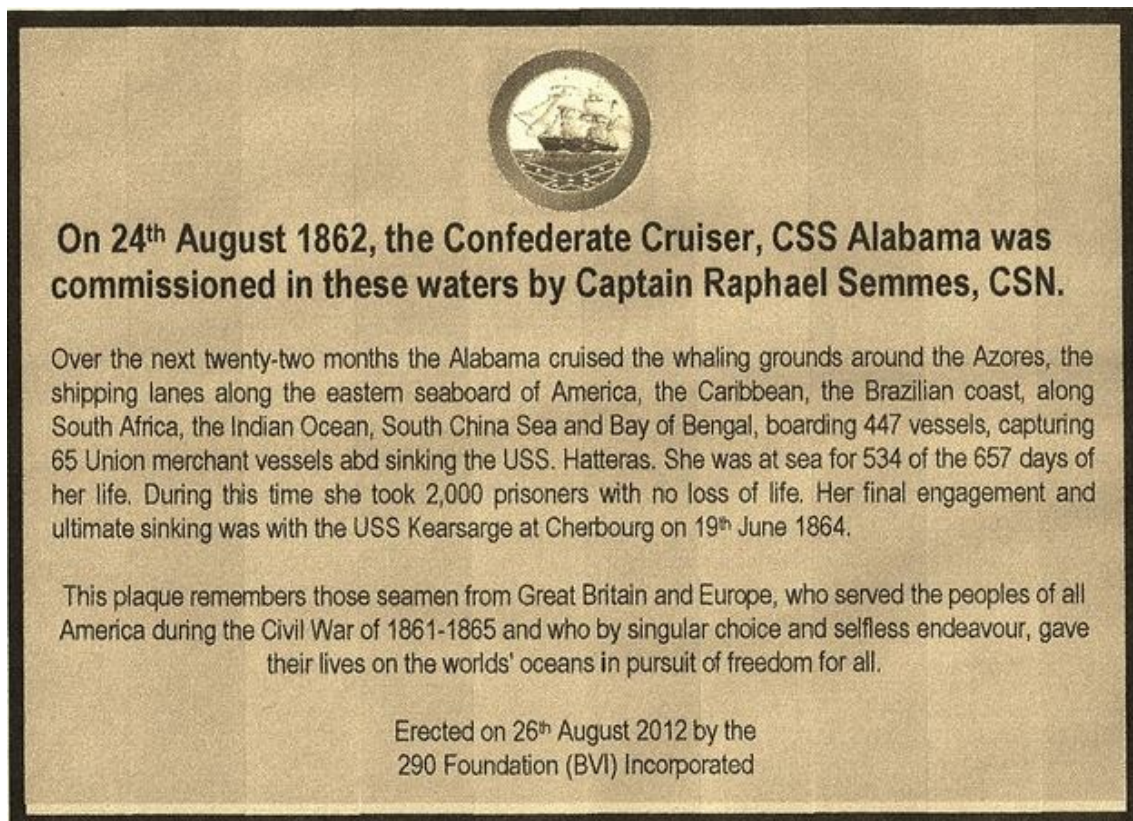
CSS ALABAMA AZORES PLAQUE NEWS

By Ian Dewar, President 290 Foundation

I am delighted to announce, the wording and design of our plaque commemorating the spot where the CSS Alabama was commissioned into the Confederate Navy is now finalised. Members of the 290 Foundation attended a special ceremony in Angra do Heroismo, Terceira, last August, marking the 150th anniversary of the event which took place there, at sea on Sunday, August 24th 1862. An illuminated manuscript was dedicated on that occasion pending the erection of the plaque in a permanent position. The commemorative plaque will be sited appropriately on the harbour wall overlooking the bay and almost directly opposite the town's Misericordia Catholic church where Raphael Semmes, Captain of the CSS Alabama and others most likely worshipped. It has been agreed the dedication ceremony will be attended by both the Catholic and Anglican churches. (See previous announcements in this newsletter and the Foundation's 'Dedication' & 'Donations' page for more information:

<https://sites.google.com/site/290foundation/membership/donations>.

I will be announcing full details on the timing of the dedication later as his occasion will provide the 290 Foundation an opportunity to formally recognise the contribution and sacrifice, sailors from the United Kingdom and Europe made during the American Civil War.



SOUTHERN LADIES AND THE “WEARING” OF THE FLAG

Info by Barbara Brackman. sent by Susan Fiorentino, UDC Oregon/Rome

When the Civil War began in 1861 Sarah Fowler Morgan lived in Louisiana's capitol Baton Rouge. One of eight children from a wealthy family, almost twenty-years old, she lived on Church Street (now 4th Street) . Sarah started her diary in 1862. She began with retrospective entries about her grief in the war's first year, describing the loss of her closest brother to a duel and her father to an asthma attack. Her account of her family's War experiences was published in 1913 as *A Confederate Girl's Diary*. **(Editor's note: this diary will soon be available in our digital Camp Library).**

In April, 1862, New Orleans was under Union control and in May Union ships were on the Mississippi River near Sarah's house preparing to take over the state capitol. Sarah made a Confederate flag, stitched up as the Yankees entered the city in 1862; a combination of piecing and appliqué, based on patchwork, inspired by a 19th-century sampler. She wore it over her shoulder.

May 10, 1862. Baton Rouge

"We, too, have been having our fun. Early in the evening, four more gunboats sailed up here. We saw them from the corner....The American flag was flying from every peak. It was received in profound silence, by the hundreds gathered on the banks. I could hardly refrain from a groan. Much as I once loved that flag, I hate it now! I came back and made myself a Confederate flag about five inches long, slipped the staff in my belt, pinned the flag to my shoulder, and walked downtown, to the consternation of women and children, who expected something awful to follow. An old negro cried, 'My young missus got her flag flyin', anyhow!' Nettie made one and hid it in the folds of her dress. But we were the only two who ventured."

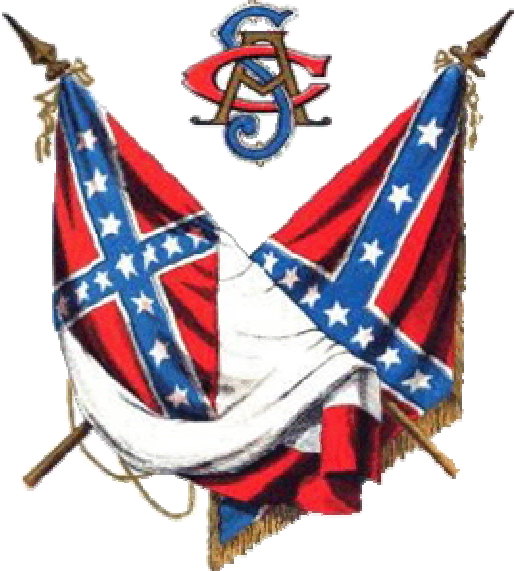


Harper's Weekly depicting of a girl with an apron flaunting the colors of the Confederate First National flag. This image is probably inspired in Sarah Morgan's and Martha Booton's actions of defiance towards the Yankees.

Martha Booton was a fellow rebel girl. Like Sarah, she made the CSA First National Flag a part of her daily wear. Her apron is in the collection of the Museum of the Confederacy. It looks almost identical to the creation depicted in the Harper's Weekly scene. See the below:



Confederate apron of Martha L. Booton (© Museum of the Confederacy)



THE PREACHER'S CORNER



A THOUGHTFUL THINKING: BATTERING YOUR WIFE – BATTERING LIBERTY

"I invite all those pro-Lincoln apologists out there to seriously answer this question: Does an abusive husband who beats and batters his wife have the right to force her (at the point of gun) to remain married to him? If you answer no, how can you continue to justify Abraham Lincoln's actions? In a political and governmental sense, that is exactly what Lincoln did. Forced union, of any kind, is slavery. In the name of emancipating slaves, Lincoln enslaved an entire nation.

It was Abraham Lincoln who, for all intents and purposes, destroyed federalism and limited government in America. In fact, on December 15, 1866, renowned British historian, Lord Acton, wrote a letter to General Robert E. Lee. In the letter, Acton said, "I deemed that you were fighting the battles of our liberty, our progress, and our civilization; and I mourn for the stake which was lost at Richmond more deeply than I rejoice over that which was saved at Waterloo."

By Pastor Chuck Baldwin, February 18, 2009



EDUCATIONAL MOVIES

SERAPHIM FALLS (2006)



Plot synopsis: It's 1867, former Union Captain Gideon (Pierce Brosnan) is a man on the run who is chased by Carver (Liam Neeson), a former Confederate Colonel. Carver is serious about catching Gideon to avenge a terrible war crime Gideon committed against his family and his homestead in the past. The film chase moves from snow-covered mountains to the desert as Gideon is being hunted for many miles before both men finally confront each other and the origin of the seek for revenge is revealed. The end is rather surprising and surrealistic.

Analysis: The plot of this very average western movie is really simple, a man seeks for bloody revenge and the chase leads to numerous adventures and violence in different places. Neeson as Carver and Brosnan as Gideon are certainly not playing Oscar-deserving parts (originally Richard Gere was going to play Gideon, probably leaning to the fact the audience loved him in "Somersby", but he pulled out and Pierce Brosnan took his place). Gideon's ability to survive in the wilderness and by handling the enormous Bowie knife (surprise to come about!) is the proper of a frontiersman, not the Yankee he is supposed to be.

The short appearances of Angelica Huston and Wes Studi as part of the surrealistic ending are anecdotal and not interesting. So far, there is nothing else to say. But interesting to us is always the Southern point of view. How are Confederates and their motives portrayed?

The movie introduces a man-hunting Posse of paid gunmen lead by Carver. The audience does not know at first why Gideon is chased like an animal with so much hate. The whole movie, which never achieves more dramatic and artistic quality than one of a good TV-film, is full of brutal scenes, but we don't know the motives. Interesting is that actor Michael Wincott plays the role of one of Carver's hired gunmen. Wincott is one of modern Hollywood's "bad guys" in his roles, as shown in many movies like "1492", "The Crow", etc. And throughout the movie Carver is shown as a man who has lost his faith in God, even led to ruthlessness by hate and thirst for revenge. But why?

Final confrontation at the end of the movie reveals the causes; Carver and Gideon recall the events. After the War had already ended, Captain Gideon was ordered to take reprisals on former Confederate officers. When he arrives at Seraphim Falls, the farm where Carver lives with his family (wife, a teen-aged son and a baby), Carver is out in the fields with his elder son. His wife lies to the Yankees and says her husband is not at home. To coerce her, Gideon orders their barn to be set on fire. The blaze quickly spreads to the main house, as Carver emerges from the fields. Interrogated about his men, he says he has dissolved his command, the men went home. While the bluecoat soldiers still question him, his wife and son run inside the house to save the baby. Trapped by the flames, no Yankee helps, all three perish while Carver is forced to watch.



Former Confederate Colonel Carver is taken by a Yankee patrol. He is forced to see his farm burned down, his family perishing in the flames.

Gideon is presented as racked with guilt over the tragedy - but in reality that was seldom the case. Southern homes were burnt by orders, in Virginia, Missouri, the Carolinas, Georgia and more places throughout the South and collateral civilian casualties were seen as “too bad, too bad” cases.



Captain Gideon is shown as trying to avoid the horror

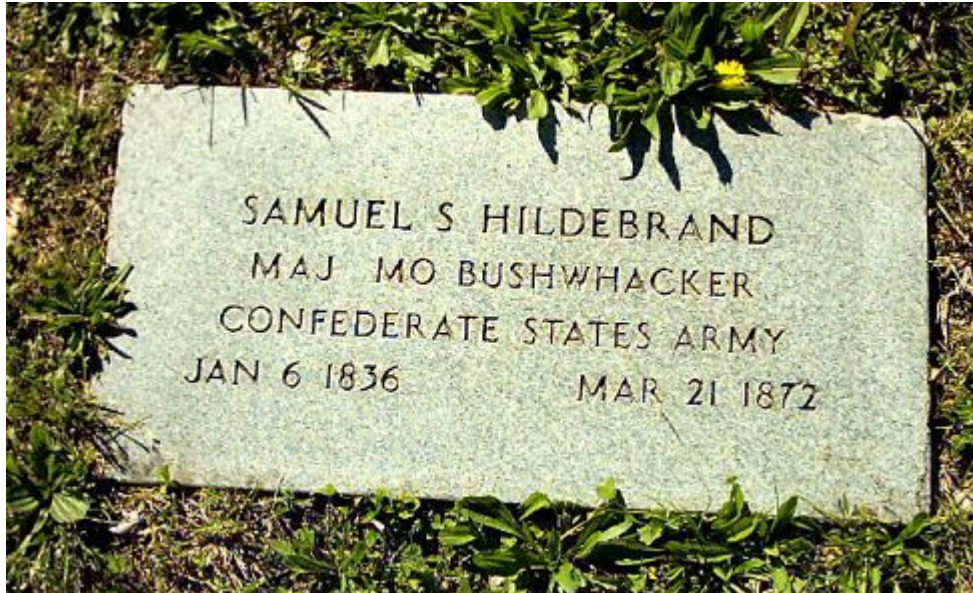
The end of the movie is surrealistic and rather disturbing. The encounter with the mysterious Indian (Wes Studi) trading the horse in benefit of revenge and hate, and the devilish lady (Angelica Houston) trading a bullet and a handgun with the same purpose of seeing the hate executed to an deathly end, leads to the movie’s climax and revealing of the cause, but suddenly the film ends and both men disappear: they vanish from the screen while walking in the desert. No explanation, no logical end. All in one, a strange western movie we cannot recommend, but only remember to you the only thing to keep in mind while watching: the fact that the horrible thing that happened to Colonel Carver’s family happened but too often to many families in the South. But Christian love and forgiveness prevailed in most cases after the War. The horrors were forgotten and America grew strong.



The movie has a rather strange and surrealistic ending, with no apologizing, no revenge. After the depicted scene, both men vanish from the screen.

CAMP LIBRARY

Autobiography of Samuel S. Hildebrand, the renowned Missouri Bushwhacker, State Times Books, Jefferson City, Mo.1870



"Soon after arriving in town we heard of a company of Federals on Lost creek under Capt. Leeper, and taking our informant for a guide we marched at once to give them a fight. Reaching there about sunrise the next morning we charged their camp, running their pickets in at full speed, fought them only a few minutes, when those who had not got into the brush surrendered. In the fight we lost four men killed and six wounded, the latter, however, all recovered. Of the enemy we killed fifteen, wounded eight, and took ten prisoners beside the wounded. Our booty consisted of forty-four guns, sixty pistols, forty horses, four hundred dollars in greenbacks, and other articles of value to us and to our families." (pages 185-186)

The autobiography of Missouri Bushwhacker Sam Hildebrand is a fascinating read. Hildebrand is lesser known than Quantrill, Anderson, Todd and others. But it's hard to understand why, considering his tenacity and successes against Unionists was no less astounding than the other, more famous guerilla chiefs.

Hildebrand was also a remarkable rifleman, his marksmanship deadly accurate and he often operated in an ambush mode behind enemy lines, much like a modern sniper would. He claimed nearly one hundred kills with his rifle, "kill devil."

Hildebrand's 1870 book has been reprinted recently but, as always our Camp Library has found for you the original edition for free. Click here for online reading or pdf. download (19,1 MB):

<http://archive.org/details/hildebrandsamuel00hildrich>



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