

THE BATTLE CRY

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- When Robert E. Lee's youngest son entered the Army, what was his rank and duty?
- Where did Joseph E. Johnston surrender his army to William Tecumseh Sherman, USA?
- Did Grant accept Lee's sword at Appomattox?
- What Railroad station served as the Confederate supply depot for the Battle of Fredericksburg?
- Name the engagement that took place August 28, 1862, and has since been overshadowed by the Battle of Second Manassas?

A TALE FROM 1863



“Girls! We Must Do Something!”

During a lull in the Mississippi Campaign a young Confederate soldier decided to spend a night at the home of a local family with whom he had occasion in the past to spend some pleasant evenings, though whether it was because they laid a heavy table or because they had two charming young daughters cannot be determined. By chance, his habits had become known to the Yankees, for the family home lay within Federal lines, and on this night they decided to capture him. Not long after the lights in the home had gone out, a Union patrol began hammering on the front door, demanding entry. As the master of the house tried to stall the Bluecoats, his nightgowned daughters rushed to the young man's bed to wake him. Alas, though he was up in an instant, there could be no escape, for the patrol was already rumbling through the house, and there was neither a window nor a door which would permit easy flight. Just ahead of the pushy Yankees the mistress of the house came rushing into the young man's room, shouting “Girls! We must do something—the Yankees are already in the passage!” Suddenly, even as the Yankees were opening the door, the two daughters of the South leaped into the bed, to lie one on each side of the young fellow, concealing him between them. Never was there such turmoil as when the Bluecoats entered the bedroom, for the young ladies screamed and carried on for their lost modesty, clutching the bed clothes close about themselves as the Yankees searched every corner of the room, peered into closets; and probed under the bed itself, but not once, not even for an instant, thinking to look in the bed. Finally, the search having proven fruitless, the Yankees left and the young man was safe.

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