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WHEN SHERMAN CAME THIS WAY

Hard by is Spot Called the Battlefield Where an Engagement Took Place



WHEN General Sherman said "War is hell!" he spoke with the authority of a man who knew, for he probably made war of that peculiar variety more extensively than any other man since the days of some of the earlier European devastations, when to make war meant to carry fire and sword into the enemy's country. North Carolina has had all that is justly coming to her of experiences in war. The revolution commenced here before it had reached a sanguinary stage in any of the other colonies, and it continued until shortly before Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown. Several of the severe battles of that war were fought in North Carolina, and along with the battles was the division of sentiment among the people which made local neighborhood strife intense in many sections.

out and with their more effective cannon poured shot and shell into the helpless fortifications. It is a singular instance of war that after Commodore Stringham had ruined and captured the two forts, with about seven hundred of a garrison, his report to the Navy Department at Washington says: "I have no accident to report to a single officer or man of the navy, army or marines."

Later came the encounters of Roanoke Island and Newberne, with the attendant expeditions up the sounds, and in season to help close the long and bitter conflict Fort Fisher, below Wilmington, entered the limelight and witnessed two energetic campaigns. North Carolina saw its share of the Civil War; but it was all more or less according to the rules of the game until Sherman came. I am of the opinion that then were introduced some innovations that helped to bear out Sherman's proverbial claim for war. While Sherman may be regarded as the leading invader of this country, he was not the only one who developed during the Civil War. Bragg and Kirby Smith planned



"SHERMAN WENT UP THE ROAD TOWARD RALEIGH"

When the Civil War came there was much difference of opinion, especially in the mountain counties, and that added some to the discomfort. But the conspicuous feature of the Civil War was Sherman's march from the sea to Raleigh. Land and sea engagements down about the coast had given eastern North Carolina a taste of real war from the early days of the strife. Hatteras inlet was one of the lively spots in 1861, when in August Commodore Stringham with a fleet of war vessels, and Gen. Ben Butler with his lop-sided eye and a land force, sailed up one morning and gave a right enthusiastic example of men shooting at a fort on the land. Actually the battle at Fort Hatteras was one of the stubbornly contested engagements of the Civil War, although it looks at the present day to have been one-sided. For two days the fleet bombarded Forts Hatteras and Clark, and the fire was briskly returned. But the guns of the forts were not of sufficient power to reach the ships, which suffered little damage as they kept farther

a right interesting affair over in East Tennessee in 1862. Bragg was at Chattanooga and Smith at Knoxville. Each set out for a walk through Tennessee and Kentucky, intending if the folks were at home and agreeable to pay a visit at Louisville and Cincinnati with some fifty thousand troops, and the trimmings that go to decorate an army equipped for war.

Smith had a little discussion with General Munson at Richmond, Ky., and took from him several thousand prisoners, after which he arrived at Frankfort, the capital of Kentucky, a town that has become famous through Daniel Boone and Theodore O'Hara. It was Theodore O'Hara who wrote the poem when the Kentucky troops killed in the Mexican War were brought back home for burial. His monument is a conspicuous sight at Frankfort. His verses: "On fame's eternal camping ground their silent tents are spread," are on the tablets of every national cemetery in the United States. Bragg stopped in Kentucky to take several hundred Federal prisoners and fin-