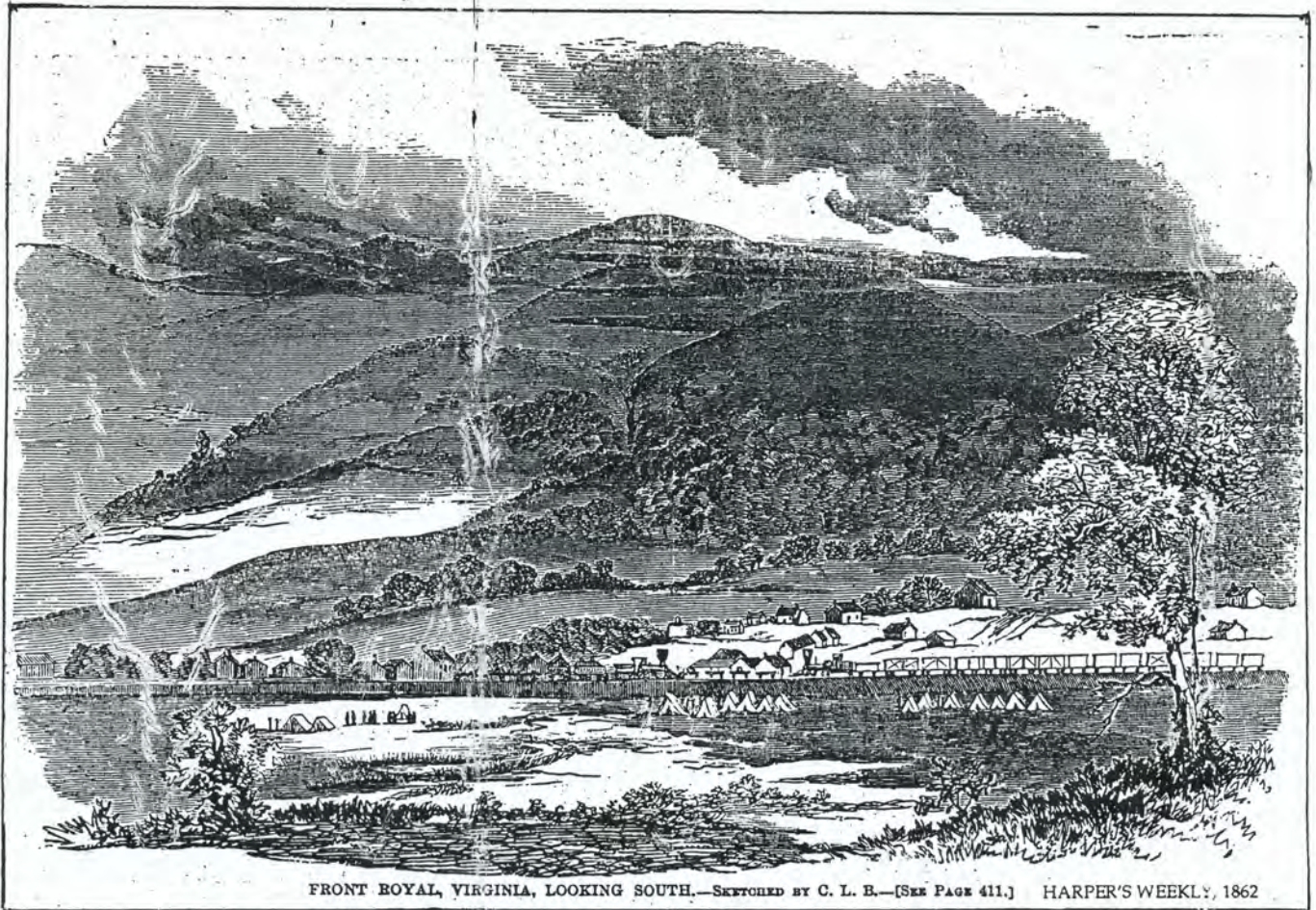


RAPPAHANNOCK'S "BLACK" FLAG



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Order of Battle, Battle of Front Royal, 23 May 1862

<i>Federal Forces</i>			
Unit	Strength	Commanders	Casualties
1st Maryland Infantry Reg.	9 Companies (775 men)	Col. John R. Kenly	14 KIA, 43 WIA, 535 POW/MIA ¹
29th Pennsylvania Inf. Reg.	Companies B and G (about 120 men)	Lt. Col. Charles Parham	1 KIA, 113 POW/MIA ²
Battery E, Knap's Pennsylvania Light Artillery	One Section consisting of two 10-pound Parrott rifled guns and 38 men	1st Lt. Charles A. Atwell	5 WIA, 23 POW/MIA ³
5th New York Cavalry Reg.	Companies B and D (about 100 men)	Major Philip G. Vought	4 KIA, 15 WIA, 20 POW ⁴
Pioneer Corps	40 "bridge-builders" detailed from various regiments	Capt. William H. H. Mapes	28 POW/MIA ⁵
Aggregate	1,063 men		19 KIA, 63 WIA, 719 POW/MIA ⁶
<i>Confederate Forces</i>			
6th Virginia Cavalry Reg.	Less than 250 men in the four companies (A, B, E, & K) which were engaged at Cedarville	Col. Thomas S. Flournoy	Aggregate for regiment: 11 KIA, 15 WIA; individual companies given below ⁷
Co. A		Capt. R. H. Dulany	1 KIA, 1 WIA in Cedarville engagement ⁸
Co. B	36-38 men	Capt. Daniel A. Grimsley	9 KIA, 14 WIA in Cedarville engagement ⁹
Co. E		Capt. C. E. Flournoy	None in Cedarville engagement
Co. K		Capt. George A. Baxter	1 KIA in Cedarville engagement ¹⁰
Co. D		Capt. Daniel T. Richards	None; involved only in pursuit following the engagement at Cedarville
Co. I		Capt. John Saunders Row	None; involved only in pursuit following the engagement at Cedarville
2nd Virginia Cavalry Reg.	One cavalry regiment	Col. Thomas Taylor Munford	
1st Maryland Inf. Reg.	One infantry regiment	Col. Bradley T. Johnson	
1st Special Battalion (Louisiana Tigers)	One battalion	Major Roberdeau Wheat	1 KIA, 6 WIA ¹¹
6th Louisiana Inf. Reg.	One infantry regiment	Col. Isaac G. Seymour	No casualties
7th Louisiana Inf. Reg.	One infantry regiment		1 KIA, 1 WIA
8th Louisiana Inf. Reg.	One infantry regiment	Col. H. B. Kelly	No casualties
9th Louisiana Inf. Reg.	One infantry regiment		No casualties
Aggregate	About 3,000 men engaged ¹²		13 KIA, 22 WIA

¹ OR Ser. 1, Vol. 12, Pt. 1, p. 554; Camper, Charles and Kirkly, J. W., Historical Record of the First Regiment Maryland Infantry, reprint 1990 by Butternut and Blue, Baltimore, p. 38; History and Roster of Maryland Volunteers, War of 1861-1865, Maryland Commission on the Publication of the Histories of the Maryland Volunteers During the Civil War, Guggenheimer, Weil & Co., Baltimore, 1898, p. 11.

² OR Ser. 1, Vol. 12, Pt. 1, p. 553 states in a footnote that two enlisted men were killed and four officers and 127 enlisted men were captured or missing at Ft. Royal. Camper, Charles and Kirkly, J. W., Historical Record of the First Regiment Maryland Infantry, Butternut and Blue, Baltimore, reprint 1990, p. 38, states that one enlisted man was killed and two officers and 111 enlisted men were captured; no wounded were reported. N.B. the strength of the unit (about 120 men), which indicates that latter source may be more accurate.

³ OR Ser. 1, Vol. 12, Pt. 1, pp. 537 and 554; Camper, Charles and Kirkly, J. W., Historical Record of the First Regiment Maryland Infantry, Butternut and Blue, Baltimore, reprint 1990, p. 38.

⁴ OR Ser. 1, Vol. 12, Pt. 1, p. 553; Camper, Charles and Kirkly, J. W., Historical Record of the First Regiment Maryland Infantry, Butternut and Blue, Baltimore, reprint 1990, p. 38.

⁵ OR Ser. 1, Vol. 12, Pt. 1, pp. 554 and 594.

⁶ Some of the wounded are also included in the number of captured/missing per Camper, Charles and Kirkly, J. W., Historical Record of the First Regiment Maryland Infantry, Butternut and Blue, Baltimore, reprint 1990, p. 38.

⁷ OR Ser. 1, Vol. 12, Pt. 1, p. 734.

⁸ OR Ser. 1, Vol. 12, Pt. 1, p. 734; KIA number includes the flagbearer, Pvt. Dallas Brown; also 21 horses killed or wounded.

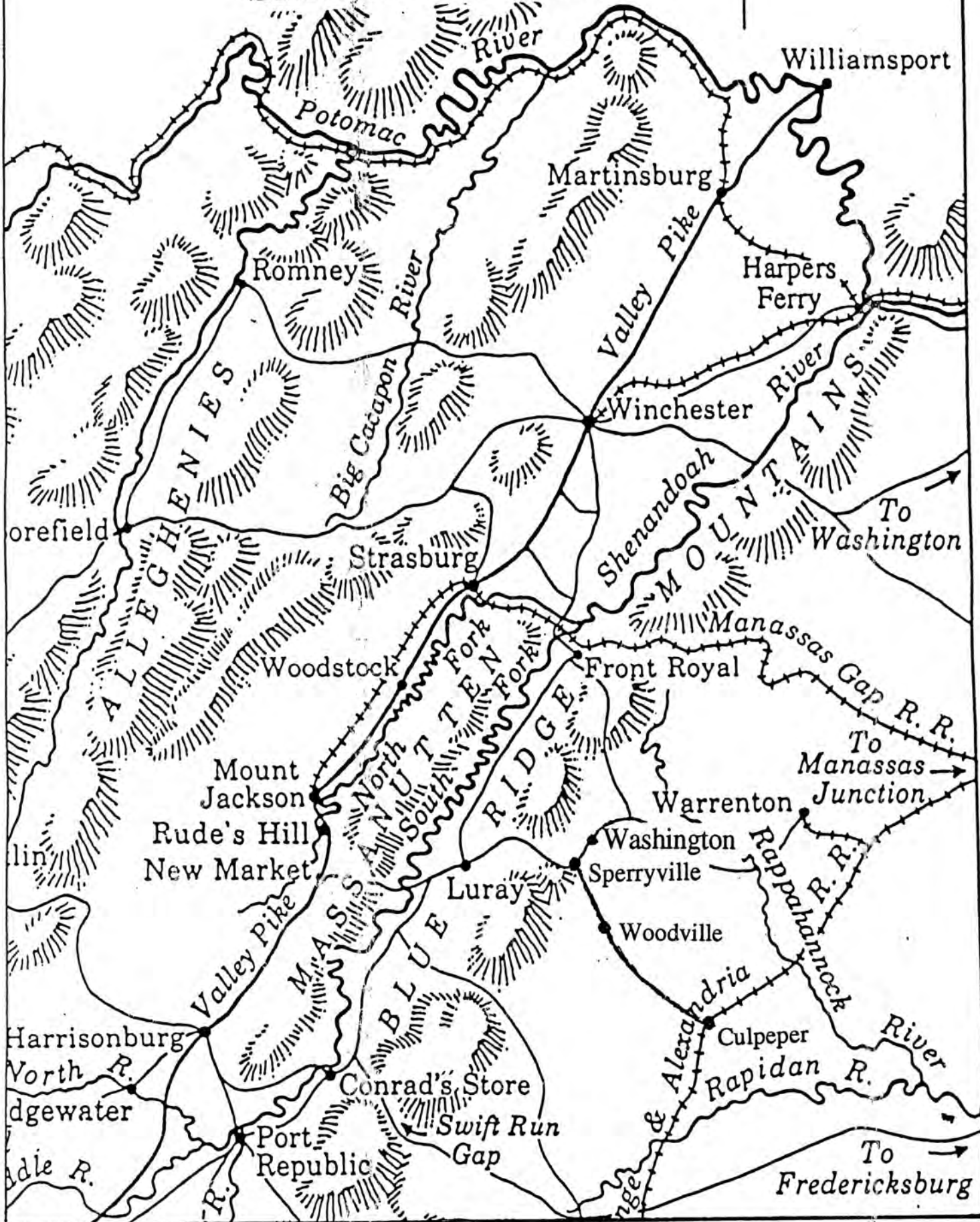
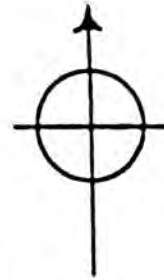
⁹ OR Ser. 1, Vol. 12, Pt. 1, p. 734; Musick, Michael, 6th Virginia Cavalry, H. E. Howard, Inc. Lynchburg, Va. 1990, p. 14 writes that "Of 38 in the company, only three were without a scratch when the firing ceased." He does not cite his source.

¹⁰ Ibid.; Capt. Baxter killed; Fight at Front Royal, John C. Donohoe, Southern Historical Society Papers, vol. xxiv, Brock, R. A., ed., 1896, reprinted 1991, Broadfoot Pub. Co, p. 134.

¹¹ OR Ser. 1, Vol. 12, Pt. 1, pp.780 and 800.

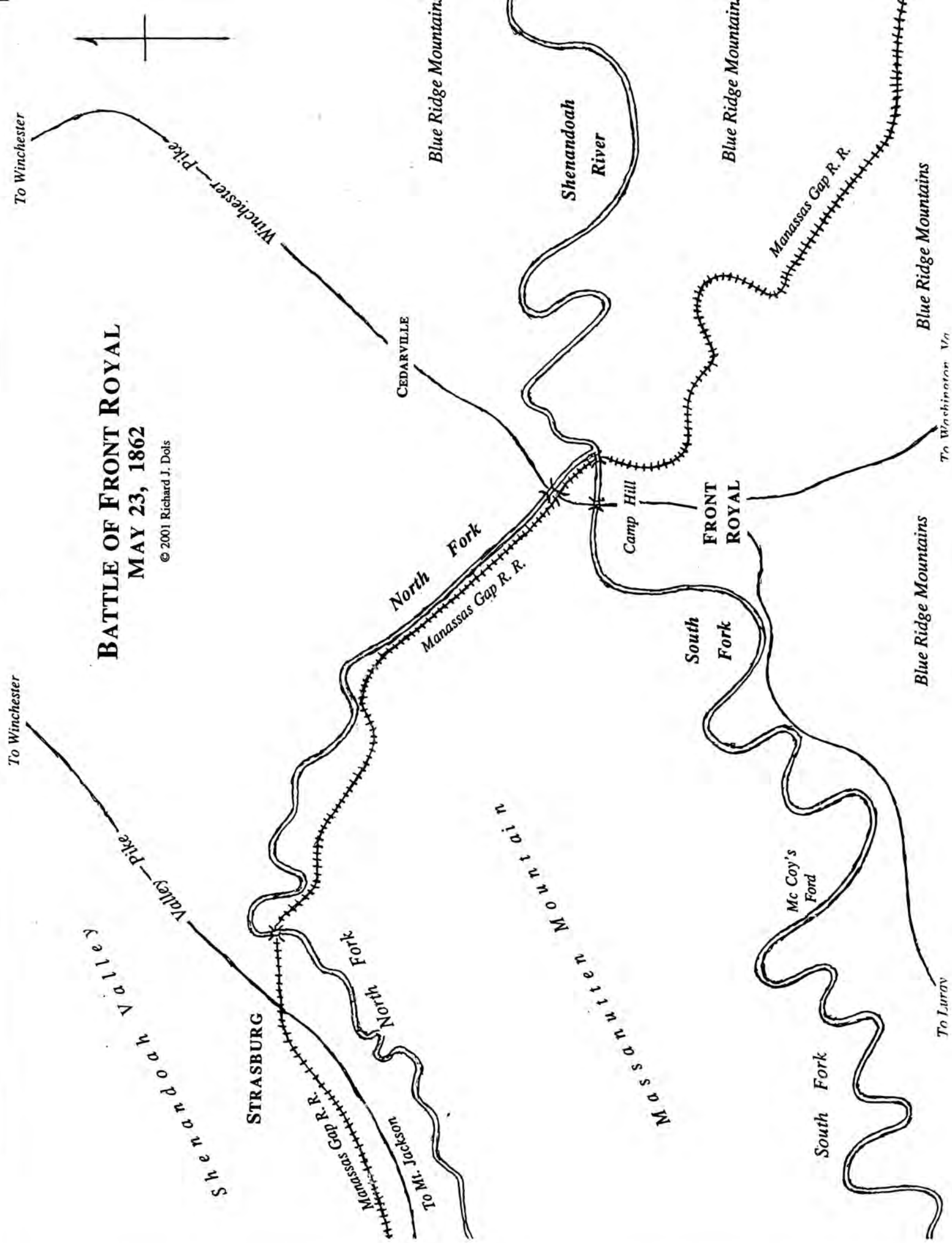
¹² Jackson's full force numbered about 17,000.

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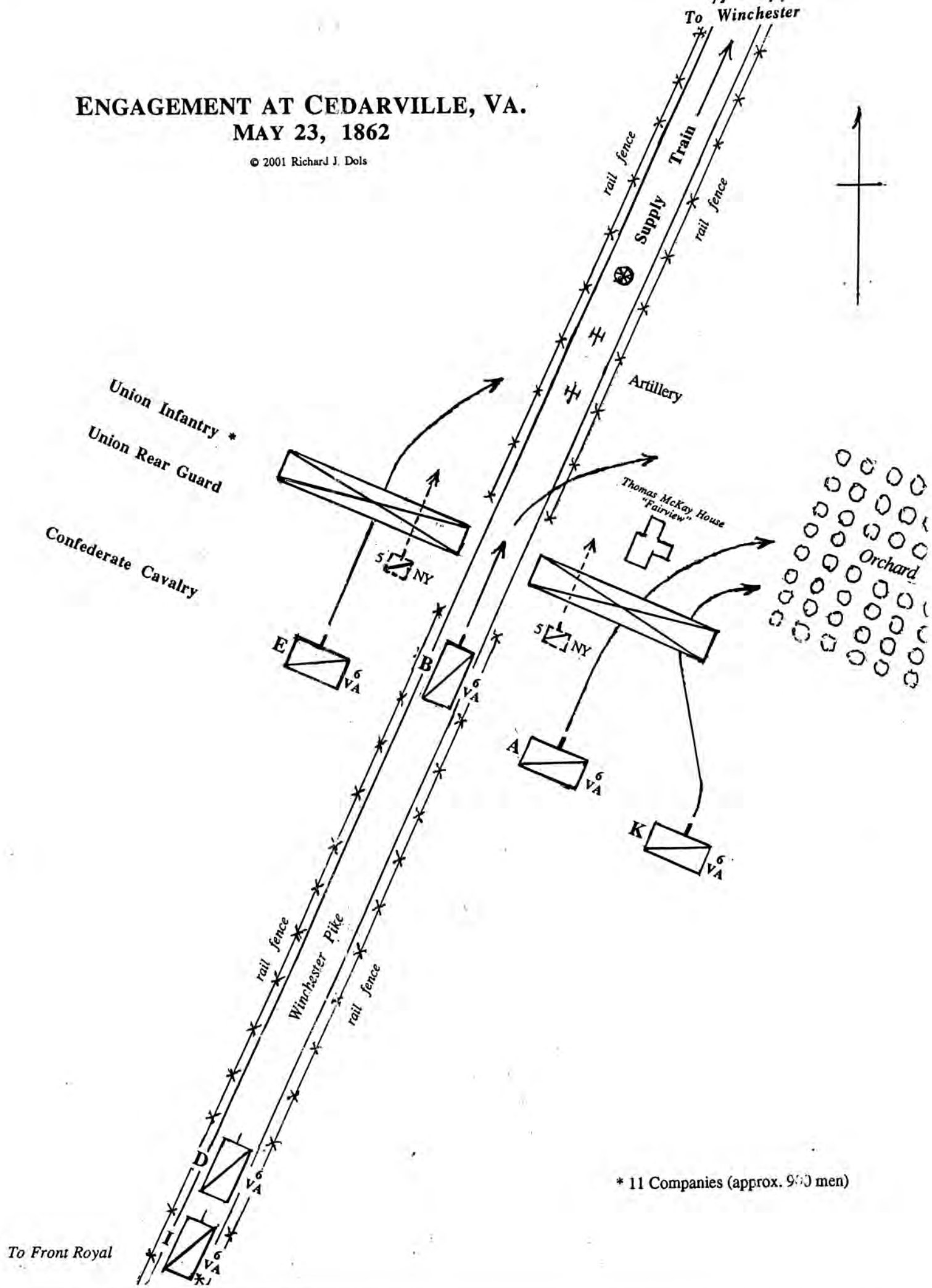
BATTLE OF FRONT ROYAL MAY 23, 1862

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ENGAGEMENT AT CEDARVILLE, VA. MAY 23, 1862

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* 11 Companies (approx. 900 men)

To Front Royal

To Winchester



"Fairview," the Thomas Mc Kay House at Cedarville, Virginia [west view]



"Fairview," the Thomas Mc Kay House at Cedarville, Virginia [south view]



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In the foreground, Union captives taken at Cedarville await movement to Richmond.

RAPPAHANNOCK OLD GUARD'S BLACK FLAG

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THE OLD GUARD TRACES ITS ORIGINS TO THE WAR OF 1812. THEY MUSTERED ON APRIL 22, 1861 AT WASHINGTON, VA AND BECAME COMPANY B OF THE 6TH VA CALVARY REGIMENT. WHILE THE TROOP WAS ENCAMPED AT GORDONSVILLE, VA THE LADIES OF THE COMMUNITY OFFERED THEIR SEWING SKILLS TO THE TROOPS AND SUBSEQUENTLY MADE THE COMPANY'S FLAG. IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMPANY COMMANDER DANIEL A. GRIMSLEY.

THIS FLAG PLAYED A DECISIVE ROLE IN THE ENGAGEMENT AT CEDARVILLE, VA. CO.B JOINED THE VALLEY CAMPAIGN UNDER THE COMMAND OF CONFEDERATE MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS J. ("STONEWALL") JACKSON.

FOUR CALVARY COMPANIES CONSISTING OF NO MORE THAN 250 MEN LEAD AN ATTACK ON THE RETREATING UNION ARMY CONSISTING OF ABOUT 1000 MEN ON MAY 23, 1861. CO.B LEAD THE CALVARY ATTACK DOWN A NARROW ROAD AND ACROSS A NARROW BRIDGE WHICH LIMITED THEM TO 4 ABREAST WITH THE FLAG BEARER, PRIVATE DALLAS BROWN IN THE FRONT RANK. CO.B SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSSES AS THEY RECEIVED THE BRUNT OF THE FIRST UNION VOLLEY, OF 36 MEN 9 WERE KILLED, 14 WOUNDED AND 21 HORSES WERE LOST. AMONG THOSE KILLED WAS PRIVATE DALLAS BROWN WHO SUSTAINED 21 HITS.

IN THE SMOKE, DUST AND STRESS OF THE BATTLE THE FLAG APPEARED TO BE BLACK WHICH MEANS, "NO QUARTER GIVEN" OR IN MODERN TERMS, "WE TAKE NO PRISONERS". THIS SO UNNERVED THE FEDERAL TROOPS THAT THE CONFEDERATES WERE SUCCESSFUL ON THIS DAY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE ASK TO SEE THE ENTIRE FILE ON THE BLACK FLAG.

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