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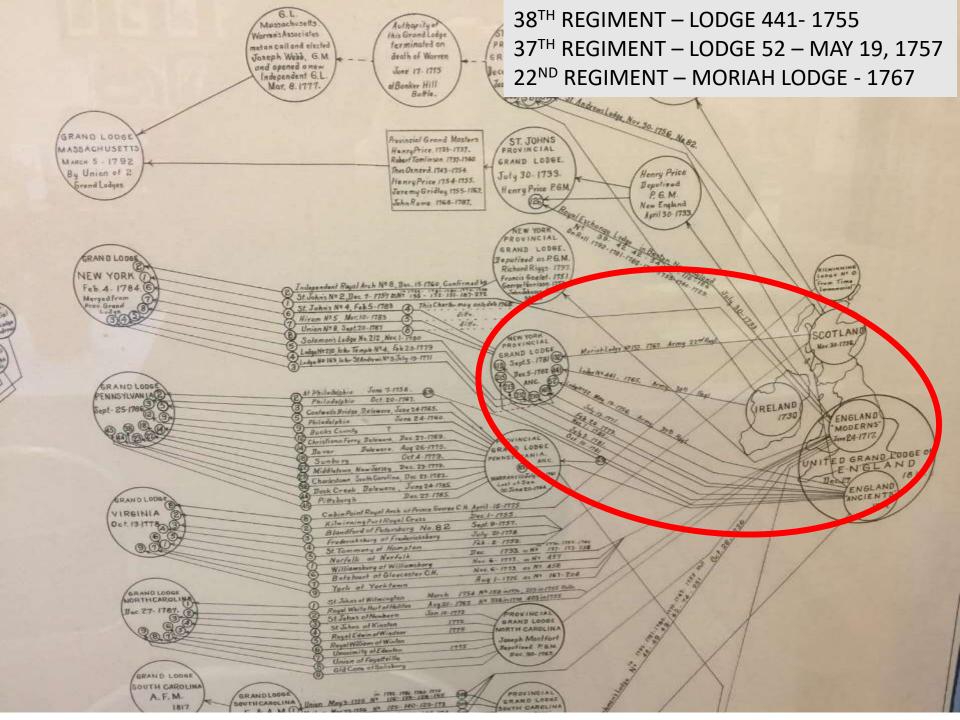


FIRST BATTALION ROYAL – 7 NOVEMBER 1732

By the Right Worthipful, and Right Honourable Lord Vifcount Metturbill, Grand Mafter of all the Lodges of Free-. Maions in the Kingdom of IRELAND, the Right Honoura-ble the Lord Vifcount Kingfland, Deputy Grand Mafter,

poling special Truft and Confidence in Our Trufty and Well-beloved Brothers, the faid Ja Brenan 9.90 James Munay, Patrick Howard, and Patrick Reids - - of whole Abilitics and Knowledge in Mafonry, We are fatisfied; Do, by thefe PRESENTS, of Our certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, Nominate, Create, Authorize, and Con-Ititute the faid Manas Murray Master, Patrick Hoursed, and Onitick Reid Wardens, to be Mafter and Wardens of a Lodge of Free and Accopted Majons, to be held by them and their Succeffors lawfully admitted faid Lodge for ever. AND. We do hereby Give and Grant unto the faid James Churray Patrick Howard, and Antrick Reids, and their Succellors, full Power and lawful Authority from Time to Time to proceed to Election of a new Mafter and Wardens, to make fuch Laws, Rules, and Orders, as they from Time to Time thall think Proper and Convenient for the Well-Being and Ordering of the faid Lodge; referving to Our Selves and Our Succellors, Grand Malters and Grand Wardens of IRELAND, the fole Right of deciding all Differences which thall be brought by Appeal before Us and Our Succellors, Grand Mafters or Grand Wardens of IRELAND. In WITNESS whereof, We have hereunto fet our Hands and Seal of Office this Seventh ... Day of November in the Year of our Lord God, 1712, and in the Year of Malonry 5732.

John Pennell Secr:





- "St. John's Regimental " was granted a warrant by the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York, in July, 1775.
- "American Union" in the Connecticut Line, though of later date, was the first Lodge organized in the Continental Army.
- "Washington Lodge", in the Massachusetts Line—at whose meetings the Commander-in-Chief was a frequent visitor—-was constituted at West Point, in 1779.
- "Army Lodge, No. 27", in the Maryland Line, received a warrant from Pennsylvania, in 1780. The first Master was General Mordecai Gist, and the Wardens, Colonel (afterwards General) Otlio Williams and Major Archibald Anderson.
- No records of the American Field Lodges of the Revolution have been preserved, except a portion of the minutes of "American Union," and some returns of the "Washington Lodge." The latter merely inform us that in 1782, two hundred and fifty names had been borne on the roll of the Lodge.



MILITARY LODGES IN THE CIVIL WAR



The House Undivided states that in an effort to meet the social and fraternal needs of the soldiers of the North and South there were not less than 244/251 "Traveling Military Lodges" operating during the War Between the States. Ninety-eight were Union Lodges and 153 were Confederate. Among the more active Grand Lodges were: Texas (50/33) , Indiana (37/38), Mississippi /29 and Virginia (28/26). These states accounted for over half of the military lodges.

Alabama granted dispensations to 19 lodges. P 106 Arkansas granted dispensations to 16 lodges. New York – 9--National Zouave Lodge, May 1861 Massachusetts – 10 2nd,16th,17th,25th,48th,39th(Putman Army Lodge No 8) Bay State Army Lodge, 3rd Mass McClellan Army Lodge No 6, 43rd Mass, Col Charles L. Holbrook ++ 100 Massachusetts PHA-54th Mass Illinois-39th Illinois Inf, Chicago Area, Petersburg, Appomattox,102nd? North Carolina 1864 J.E. Avery Military Lodge No 1, 6th NC, Hoke's Brigade Z.B. Vance Lodge No 2, 40th NC Hvy Arty Vance Brothers' Lodge No 3, 43rd NC, Daniel's Brigade ... Lodge, 3rd NC Cav No 4 – to ANV Chicamauga Lodge, 21st NC, No 5 J.C. McDowell Lodge, 1st NC Battalion, No 6

Hughes (Hugh's) Military Masonic Lodge, NH Bladensburg, Md and Camp California, Alexandria, VA

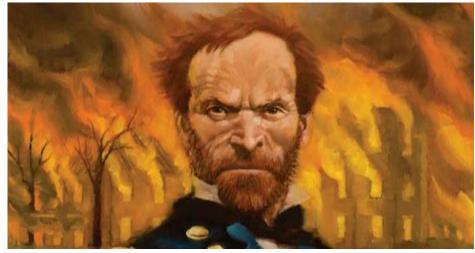
Missouri Rocky Mountain #205, Camp Floyd, Ut



GRANT AND SHERMAN









Halleck Military Lodge reported 145 initiated; 187 passed; 128 raised; nine rejected. In 1864 the lodge paid \$68 in dues and asked to have the dispensation continued, which was granted.

Brother William Vaughn is responsible for a statement that his father told him that General U. S. Grant had been elected to receive the degrees and arrangements had been made to confer all three the same night but shortly before the date set he received an order to go south to Vicksburg and never came back so the degrees were not conferred.



It is reported that General William Tecumseh Sherman was a Mason. The only thing that found positive was that he was initiated in a Lodge in Lancaster, Ohio. There is no mention of being passed to Fellow Craft, nor being raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. It is documented that when he had his Army burning their way through Georgia, a person stand on the porch of his house gave the Sign of distress of a Master Mason. General Sherman observed the sign and ordered hie troops to leave the house alone. General Sherman's father Charles Sherman was raised in St John's Lodge #6 in Norwalk, Connecticut, in 1810. Charles had an active career in Masonry, becoming the GRAND MASTER OF MASONS in Ohio in 1824.



GRANT PLANS TO TAKE WILMINGTON, NC



The Union planned to seize Wilmington after Mobile, Alabama fell in August 1864. By September 1864, a variety of sources such as the Confederate intelligence and some Union newspapers—conjectured an imminent Union attack on either Charleston or Wilmington.

Whiting was removed from command by Lee, and General Braxton Bragg was assigned as commander for the region. In November 1864, Bragg was ordered to join the battle against William T. Sherman in Georgia. For this, Bragg detached 2,000 troops from the already feeble Wilmington defensive lines. When Ulysses S. Grant was informed about this specific maneuver, he began formulating the definitive plan of invasion.



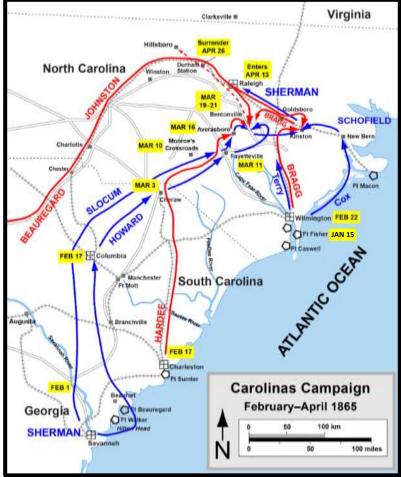
FEB, 1865 - APR, 1865 CAROLINA'S CAMPAIGN



•Sherman's army commenced toward Columbia, South Carolina, in late January 1865.

•His 60,079 men were divided into three wings: the Army of the Tennessee, under Maj. Gen. Oliver O. Howard, the Army of the Ohio under Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield, and two corps, the XIV and XX, under Maj. Gen. Henry W. Slocum, which was later formally designated the Army of Georgia.

•Reinforcements arrived regularly during his march north, and by April 1 he commanded 88,948 men





NC MILITARY LODGES IN THE CIVIL WAR



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	Zeb B. Vance	Military Lodge	No. 2	1864	В		Attached to 40th Regiment, N.C. Heavy Artillery.
							Dispensation surrendered Dec. 5, 1865.
	Vance Brothers	Military Lodge	No. 3	1864	A		Attached to Daniel's Brigade, 43rd N.C. Troops.
							Dispensation surrendered Dec. 5, 1865.
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	3rd N.C. Cavalry	Military Lodge	No. 4	1864	A		Known as "Lodge in 3rd N.C. Cavalry".
							Dispensation surrendered Dec. 5, 1865.
	Chicamauga	Military Lodge	No. 5	1864	Α		Attached to 21st Regiment, N.C. Troops.

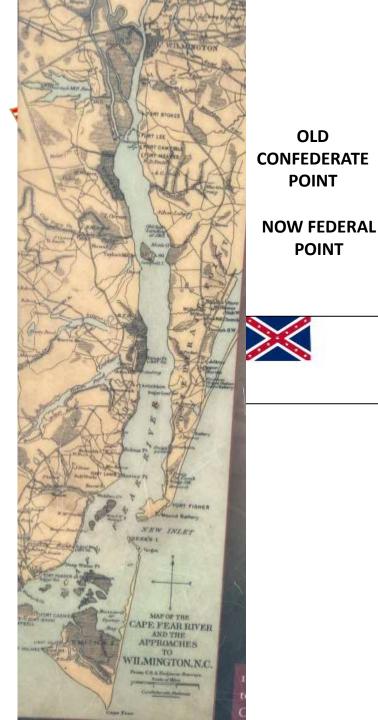
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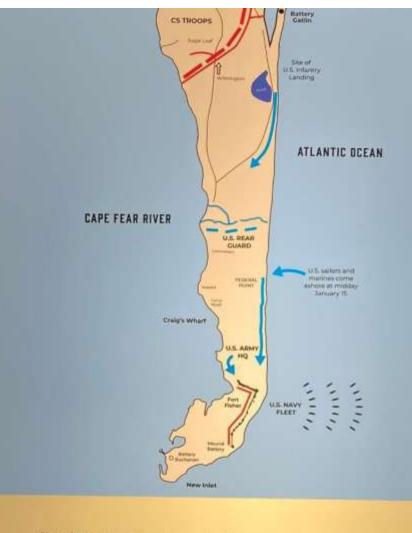
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HISTORICAL TABLE OF LODGES WHICH FOUNDED THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA, EXTINCT LODGES, AND LODGES CREATED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1787.

No.	Name	Location	County	Dispensation	Chartered	Disposition
						Dispensation surrendered Dec. 5, 1865.
	J.C. McDowell	Military Lodge	No. 6	1864 A		Attached to First N.C. Battalion.
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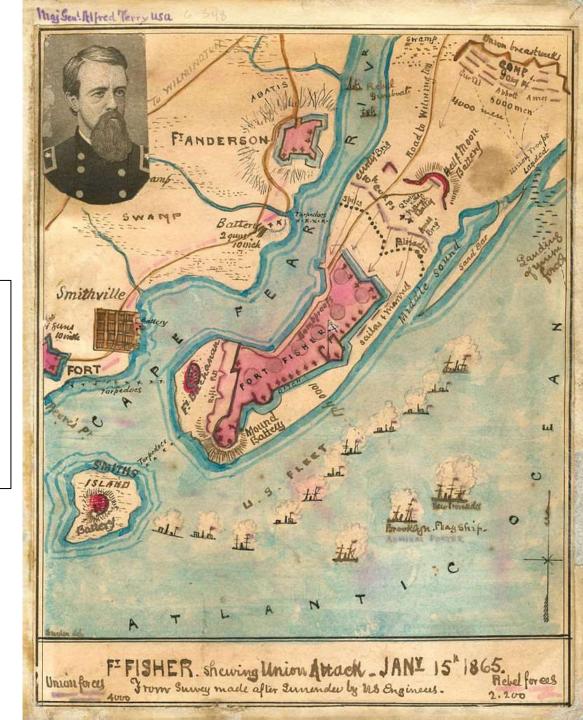
"Let there be no more boys play," Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant stated bluntly. "Ft. Fisher must be taken...." Around 23,000 men and boys participated in the bloody, three-day Second Battle of Fort Fisher from January 13–15, 1865. The Second Battle of Fort Fisher became the largest and most concentrated amphibious assault in the American Civil War.

A massive naval bombardment destroyed 40 percent of Fort Fisher's cannons. One Confederate soldier observed that the incoming exploding shells caused "the sand and water [to rise] in great clouds—so that you could not see 10 feet in any direction."





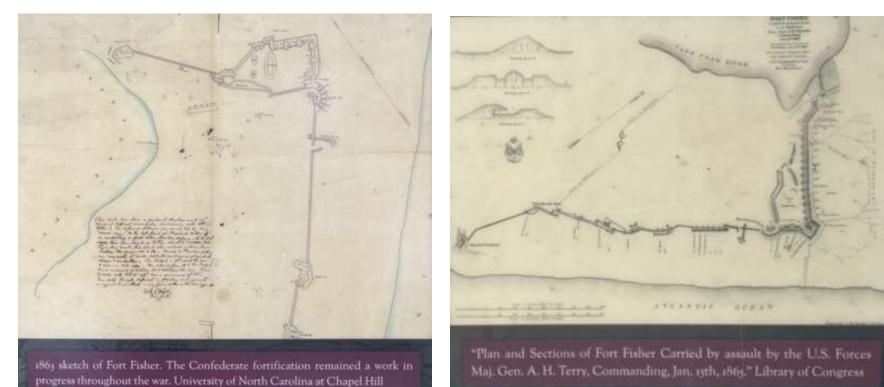
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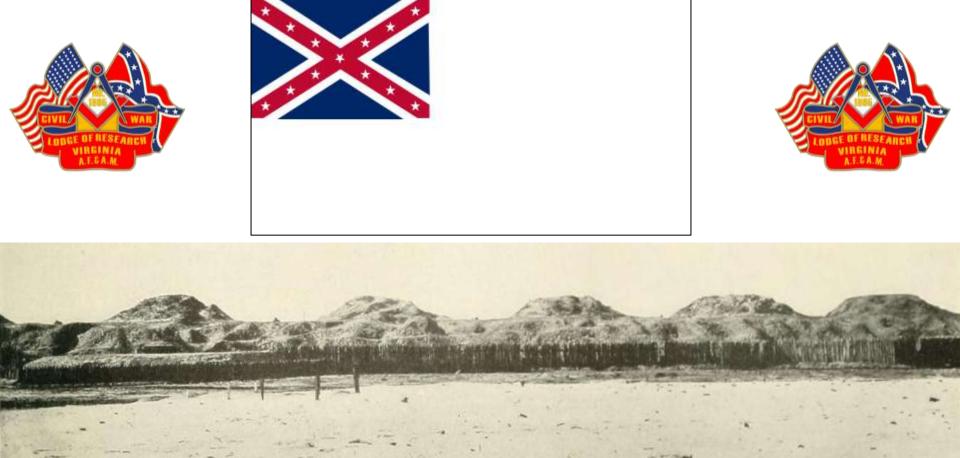




FORT FISHER PLANS







Being built mostly of soil, Fort Fisher's structure was particularly efficient at absorbing salvos of heavy ordnance. This aspect of its design emulated the Tower of Malakoff which had been constructed at Sevastopol, Russia, during the Crimean War.



FORT FISHER – 1ST BATTLE CHRISTMAS EVE, 1964

Ist Battle Of Fort Fisher - December, 1864: A "Fiasco

Wilmington, a combined effort by Union army and naval forces gathered to capture Fort Fisher in December 1864; 64 warships, mounting 619 guns, fired 20,000 shells, making the naval bombardment the largest of the war up to that time. Fort Fisher was only able to mount 44 heavy guns, and Confederate gunners could only answer back with 1,390 rounds. Colonel Lamb counted 150 incoming shells a minute during the height of the bombardment. All that night and next day was the grand and terrific bombandment continued; and then came the reaction and disappointment following the withdrawal of the troops by General Butler, and the knowledge that the word "fiasco" would be written down as the end of this costly expedition. Francis P. B. Sanda, Acting Master of the USS Gettyohng



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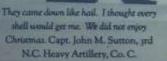
t approximately 1240 am on Christmas Eve morning, the USS Louisiana, a powder boat carrying at tons of black powder, exploded within 600 yards of the northeast part of the fort. The plan was conceived by General Butler, who was convinced that the blast would destroy the fort in that area. The plan proved to be a diamal failure.

> During the height of the bombardment, 5 ships reported their soo-pounder Parrotts bursting, killing and wounding 45 officets and men on the Ticonderuga, Yantic, 'Mackinano, Quaker City, and Juanita.



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, the men had very comfortable quarters in the fort – pretty little whitewashed houses – but the shells soon set fire to chem, making a large fire and dense moke. Duisy Lamb, January 0, 1865



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Christmas Eve this! And what for tomorrow? Which is Sunday and the anniversary of the One who came into the world to save all markind; and on this day, in all probability, we will be doing our best to kill our brothers, as well as risking being launched into eternicy. Acting Ensign Joseph M. Simms of the USS Minnesore

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FORT FISHER – 1ST BATTLE CHRISTMAS EVE, 1964

n December 1864, Union Major General Benjamin Butler, together with the Expeditionary Corps of the Army of the James, was detached from the Virginia theater for an amphibious mission to capture Fort Fisher. He was joined by Rear Admiral David Dixon Porter, who commanded Union naval forces already in the region.

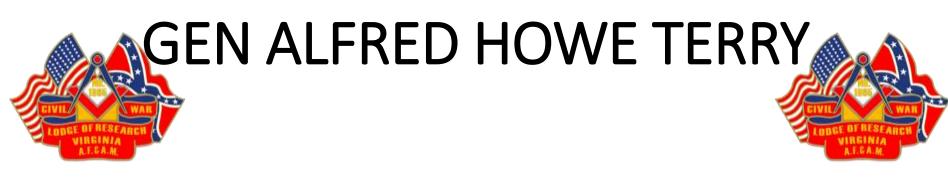
After being informed about the large Union army heading toward Wilmington, General Lee ordered Major General Robert Hoke's Division to Fort Fisher. Also, Hoke took command of all Confederate forces in the Wilmington area.

The Union attack started on December 24, 1864 with a naval bombardment. The firepower of Fort Fisher was temporarily silenced because some of its gun positions exploded. This allowed the Navy to land Union infantry. The landing force was intercepted by the arrival of Hoke's troops. The Union attack was effectively thwarted and, on December 27, Benjamin Butler ordered the withdrawal of his 1,000 soldiers who were still on the beach. This was in disobedience to Grant's orders, which were to besiege the fort if the assault failed. Because Butler disobeyed his orders, he was relieved of command by Grant.

GEN TERRY TAKES COMMAND ADM PORTER - NAVY

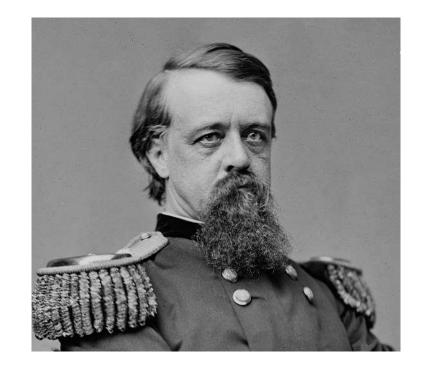
Butler was replaced by Major General Alfred Terry, and the operation was dubbed "Terry's expedition." Admiral Porter was again in charge of the naval attack. They waited until January 12, 1865, for the second attempt.

The new attack started with a heavy, continual bombardment from Porter's 56 ships. This initially targeted both of Fort Fisher's fronts. On January 13, Porter shifted fire to the fort itself, while Terry's infantry force of 8,000 soldiers commanded by Adelbert Ames landed north of the fort. By mid-afternoon, the fort was effectively isolated. Porter's ships fired throughout the night and the following day. On January 15, a second force of 1,600 sailors and 400 Marines commanded by LCdr. Kidder Breese was landed to the northeast of the fort.



On January 13, 1865, Terry sent Adelbert Ames Division against the northern part of the fort. He sent a division of United States Colored Troops to hold off Confederate forces under Braxton Bragg to the north of Fort Fisher. After hand-to-hand fighting, the Union troops took control of the fort. For his part in the Battle of Fort Fisher, Terry was promoted to major general of volunteers and brigadier general in the regular army. Reinforcements arrived in February and John M. Schofield arrived to take overall command of the campaign against Wilmington, North Carolina. After the fall of Wilmington, the Fort Fisher Expeditionary Corps was renamed the X Corps, with Terry remaining in command, and participated in the final stages of the Carolinas Campaign.

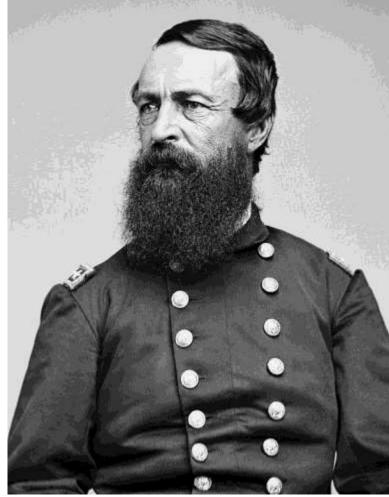
He was part of the Campaign in Montana in which Custer was killed at the Little Big Horn.





Promoted as the second U.S. Navy officer ever to attain the rank of admiral, after his adoptive brother David G. Farragut.

Porter began naval service as a midshipman at the age of 10 years under his father, Commodore David Porter, on the frigate USS John Adams.





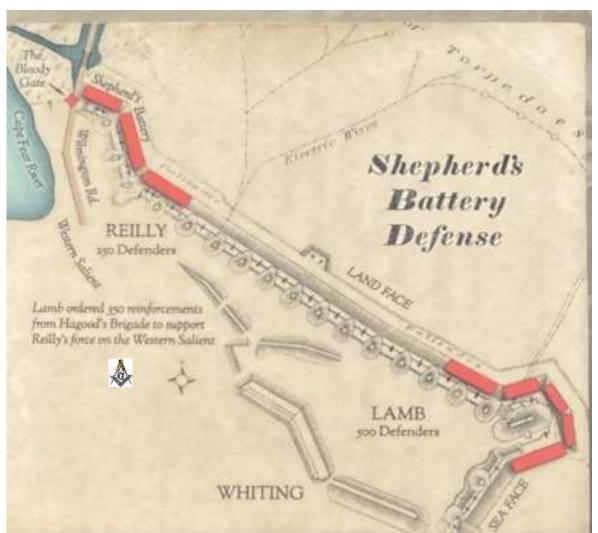
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DEFENSE OF FORT FISHER







ZEB V. VANCE MILITARY LODGE NO 2



40th Regiment Heavy Artillery, North Carolina State Troops was organized at Bald Head, Smith's Island, North Carolina, in November, 1863, from heavy artillery companies formed in 1861 and 1862.

In 1865 the unit was converted to infantry and assigned to Hagood's Brigade, Hoke's Division, Hardee's Corps.



	Clignman's Brigade Col Hector McKethan	 8th North Carolina – Ltc. Rufus A. Barrier 31st North Carolina – Ltc. Charles Knight 51st North Carolina – Cpt. James W. Lippitt 61st North Carolina – Col. William S. Devane 6th Georgia – Col. John T. Lofton (k) 19th Georgia – Col. James H. Neal 23rd Georgia – Col. Marcus R. Ballenger 27th Georgia – Cpt. Elisha D. Graham 28th Georgia – Cpt. John A. Johnson 			
	Colquitt's Brigade BG Alfred H. Colquitt				
Hoke's Division	Hagood's Brigade Col Robert F. Graham	 7th South Carolina Battalion – Ltc. James H. Rion 11th South Carolina – Col. F. Hay Gantt 21st South Carolina – Cpt. D.G. DuBose 25th South Carolina – Cpt. James Carson 27th South Carolina 			
MG Robert F. Hoke	Kirkland's Brigade BG William Kirkland ^[2]	 17th North Carolina – Ltc. Thomas H. Sharp 42nd North Carolina – Col. John E. Brown 66th North Carolina – Col. John H. Nethercutt 			
	Cavalry	2nd South Carolina – Col. Thomas J. Lipscomb			
	Artillery	 3rd Battalion North Carolina Light Artillery, Co. A – Cpt. Andrew J. Ellis Southerland's North Carolina Battery – Cpt. Thomas J. Southerland Paris's (Virginia) Battery, Staunton Hill Artillery – Cpt. Andrew B. Paris 			



UNION PLAN OF ATTACK

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sailors and 400 marines were to attack the sea face of Fort Fisher, while 3,700 troops were to assault the land face. Admiral Porter described his plan as follows: "[T]he sailors will be armed with cutlasses, well sharpened and with revolvers... and board the fort on the run in a seaman-like way. The marines will form in the rear and cover the sailors..."

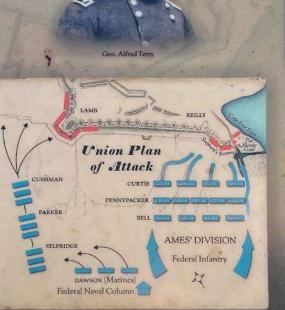


Gen. Newton Martin Curtis expressed his reservations about Porter's plan and tactics: "If you go forward as you are, you will be fearfully punished, and the only good your column will do us , will be to receive the fire which otherwise would come to our lines ... "

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Chart of Army Strength, Official Records of the War of the Rebellion



Lt. Frank H. Lay, 117th New York

The SIGNAL FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE infantry assault was made at 3:25 p.m. Gen. Adelbert Ames described the scene: "My three brigades were in line, one behind the other, ranging from three to five hundred yards from the fort. The left of each line nearly opposite the middle of the land face of the fort, the right near the river. .A column of 2,000 sailors and matines were to make a gallant assault on the sea angle simultaneously with ours, thereby to create a diversion, greatly to our advantage."

laguing the expedition was a dispute between the division commander, Gen. Adelbert Ames, and his first brigade commander, Gen. Newton Martin

Curtis, that compromised the chain of command and threatened the success of the mission. Ames stated the overall commander, Gen. Alfred Terry, had given him, "the unrestricted command of the fighting forces." Curtis, on the other hand, remembered things differently claiming, "General Terry informed me that. . I should receive all orders from him direct." The issue was never resolved.

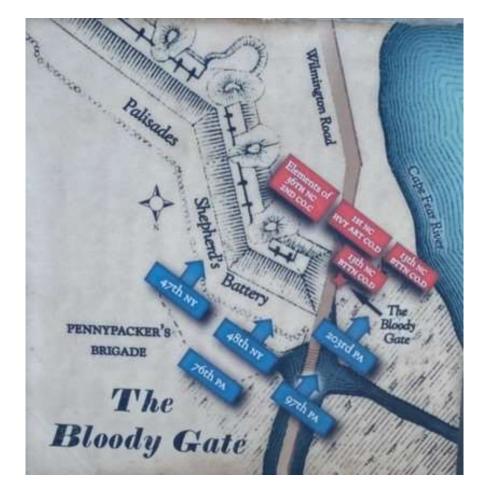
Gen. Adelbert Ames





UNION ATTACK JAN 13, 1865







National colors of the 97th Pennsylvania. Colonel Pennypacker was wounded in an effort to plant the colors of the 97th Pennsylvania on the traverse. Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee





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CONFEDERATE COUNTERATTACK



Confederate Counterattack

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JAN 15, 1865 SURRENDER

"VICTORY CROWNED OUR LABOR S 3



After they successfully defeated the naval attack on the Northeast Bastion, Colonel **William Lamb** and his soldiers turned towards the river and saw U.S. flags on Shepherd's Battery. More than 3,000 U.S. soldiers led by Brigadier General **Adelbert Ames** had broken through the fort's land face.

For hours, soldiers were locked in close-quarters combat on top of Fort Fisher's sandy traverses. Confederate sailors and marines tried to slow the advancing enemy with cannon fire from the fort's sea face. Both sides suffered heavy casualties. "*I don't know how many they killed, but two men on either side of me were shot down,*" Captain **Kinchen Braddy**, 36th North Carolina Regiment, stated.



FORT FISHER NOW



When the United States military captured Fort Fisher in January 1865, Major General **Ulysses S. Grant** sent photographer **Timothy O'Sullivan** to document the earthen fort.

O'Sullivan's photographs of Fort Fisher help us visualize what this massive fortification once looked like. Only about 10 percent remains today.

Look closely! Some photos show damage and wreckage, eerie reminders of the horrific battles fought here.

Timothy O'Sullivan Courtesy of Library of Congress







FEB 22, 1865

