

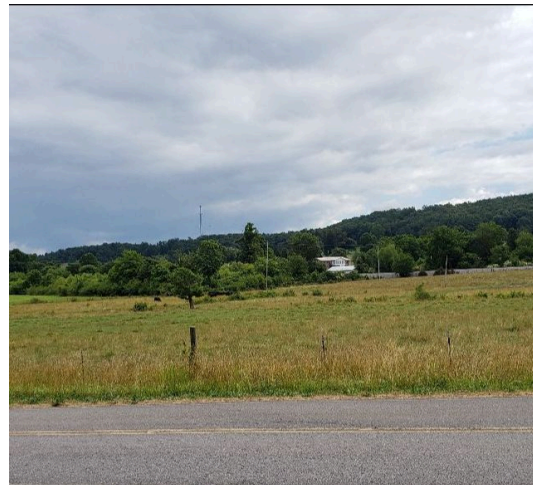


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## ***Staging Ground for the Atlanta Campaign License Plate to the Blue Springs Valley Encampments***



*In the Blue Springs valley south of Cleveland this battlefield preservation supporter views the farmland and ridgelines along Blue Springs Road. Here an estimated 8,000 Union soldiers camped between February and early May 1864 as they prepared for the coming drive on Atlanta.*



*U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center*

*Regiments of Col. William Grose's Brigade, including the 59<sup>th</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> Illinois and the 36<sup>th</sup> Indiana pose for a photograph in April, 1864 while at drill in the Blue Springs Valley.*

“See the hordes of bluecoats!” So remarked a local resident as Federal troops went into camps around Blue Springs in early February 1864. Troops of Major General Oliver O. Howard’s 4<sup>th</sup> Corps of the Army of the Cumberland quickly constructed huts and made themselves comfortable in brigade and regimental camps and took up the routines of drill and guard duty as they secured East Tennessee and prepared for the drive on Georgia. Field fortifications were constructed in some places in case of an attack.

They found many of the residents supportive. The historian of the 115<sup>th</sup> Illinois wrote, “We were in a loyal community, and all were glad to avail themselves of the market our troops made for their produce. We were equally delighted at having our messes occasionally furnished with the country supplies.”

During an early spring snowstorm, he wrote “The snow was ten inches deep, a thing unknown there. The citizens seemed to think the Yankees had brought with them their New England weather.” The snow allowed for the diversion of snowball battles before quickly warming temperatures melted it away from the greening landscape.

In Cleveland, a camp newspaper **The Battle-Flag** was “hoisted” on March 30, 1864 and in the editorial, “defiantly flaunting it in the face of all foes of Fun, Frolic, and Freedom. To assist the soldier in whiling away the tedious hours of camp life, to send to our friends at home a faithful record of all that is transpiring among their loved ones here...”

Note: The camp newspaper was printed on the presses of the **Cleveland Banner** newspaper. The presses were idle because the publisher, a supporter of the Confederacy, was arrested by Federal troops in the fall of 1863. **The Cleveland Banner** returned in September 1865 under the publisher’s leadership.

*Advertisements and Camp Humor from **The Battle-Flag**:*



# THE BATTLE-FLAG.

CLEVELAND, TENN. MARCH 30, 1864

NO. 1.

VOL. I.

**U. S. MILITARY R. R.**  
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 and leave at 7:30 A. M.

**"How are you, Sanitary?"**  
 BY F. R. BATTLE.

Down the picket-guarded lane  
 Rolled the comfort lodge wagon,  
 Cleared by shouts that shook the plain,  
 Soldier-like and merry—  
 Phrases such as camps may teach,  
 Sabre cuts of Saxon speech,  
 Such as "Hully!" "Them's the peach!"  
 "Wade in, Sanitary!"

Right and left the caissons drew,  
 And the wheels rolled through.

Believe me, time alone heals all wounds,  
 And these are men of Honor yet to be found.  
 Now, if you take this view, why are you  
 Keeping so fast to say "Vale" to the world?  
 Oh, I am an old soldier man, unable to make  
 A selfhood a man who cannot, will not longer  
 Permit only child, his daughter, blighting her  
 Youth, and laboring day and night to support  
 Me, I would be an unfeeling father, I  
 Will be harbored, if I lived on this  
 How, sir, have you a daughter, who does  
 It is for you? asked the young man, surprised,  
 And with what assurance, what love, does  
 A sweetie heart for me! she waits for me,  
 And goes hungry for me, and has only the best  
 Of good words of love—sweet smiles for me all

acknowledges that I was the fortunate  
 young for I, at least, was, by the woman—my  
 wife and daughter—to deeply loved."  
 "Will you give me your address, good sir,  
 that I may send you myself the fruits of my  
 that I may send you myself the fruits of my  
 to love. Tomorrow I will arrange my affairs  
 as I have already told you. You will remain  
 in this tent to-night. Give me your word and  
 honor that you will not leave this house until I  
 come back, and that you will not in the mean-  
 time speak to any one of what has taken place  
 between us."  
 "You love my word? Go to my dwelling, to  
 my daughter, and you will find that I have told  
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 Here is my address."

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 And one thousand and one other articles, too  
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**SCOTT, KEEN & CO.'S.**

A prisoner taken at Chickamanga was looking at one of our guns, and remarked that he "didn't think the Yankees would use them big guns much longer." "Why not," inquired one. "Because," said he, "the Confederacy is so narrow that you'll fire clear over it, and hit your men on the other side."

By late April, as more troops massed in the Cleveland area, preparations all bent toward the campaign all knew would soon come. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1864, the troops who had called Blue Springs home that spring marched south to carry the war into Georgia.

**Back on the Road?  
Stay Safe and Healthy**

YES, we are still "on the online road" with our monthly "Save Our Battlefields" License plate stories...but we have noticed a few more folks on the backroads checking out Tennessee's Civil War sites. How 'bout a look around your county.... Is there a Civil War site many might not know about? Or perhaps a little-known area of a better-known battlefield? In any case....please send a photo of your "Save Our Battlefields" license plate at the site

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to [info@tcwpa.org](mailto:info@tcwpa.org) . We will do the rest.  
Thank you!



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