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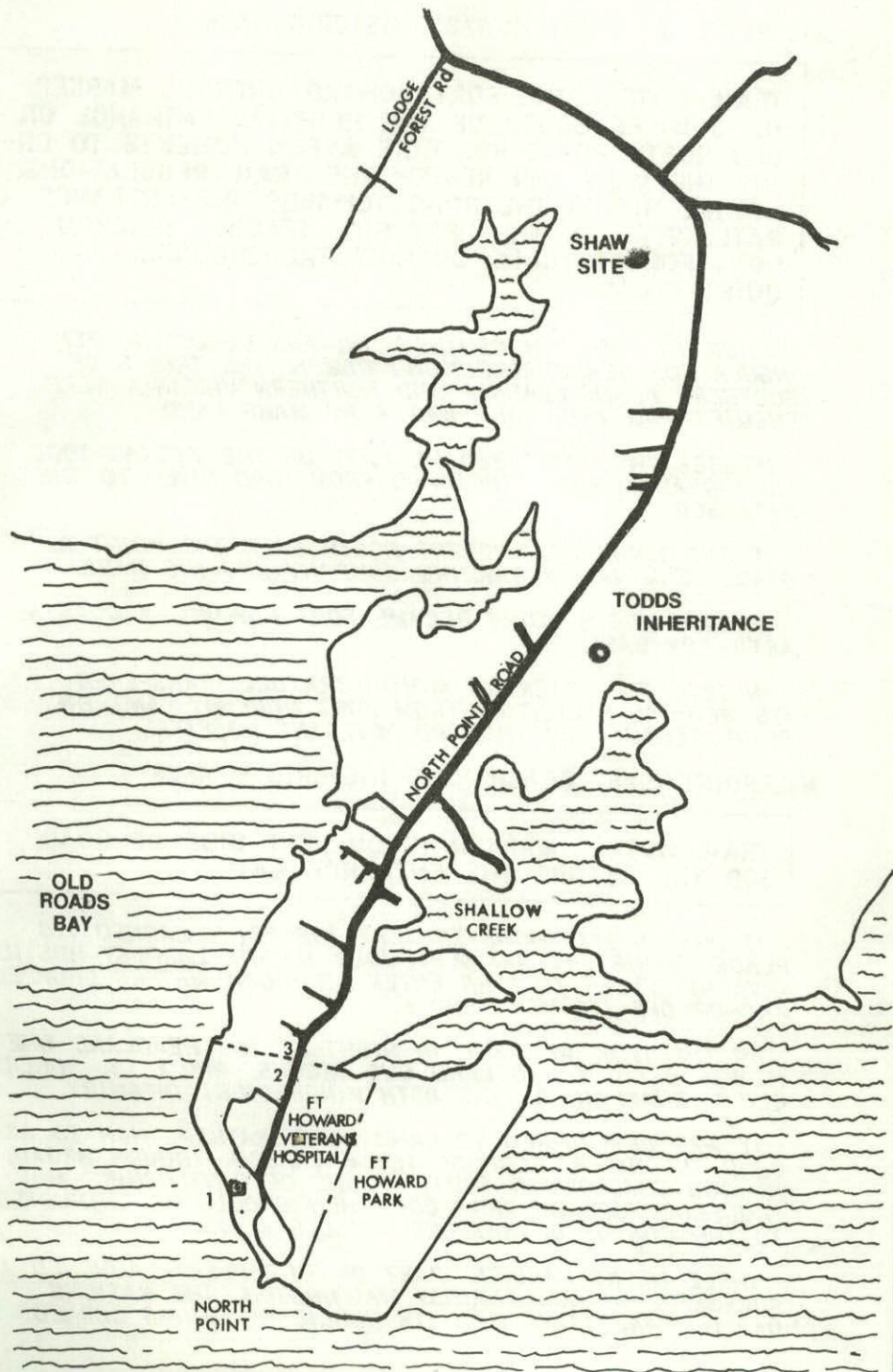
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THE DEFENDERS TRAIL

TRAIL REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION

1. HIKERS SHOULD WALK IN SINGLE FILE AND OBSERVE ALL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.
2. INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND FULL LIABILITY FOR MEMBERS OF THEIR PARTY.
3. PLEASE DO NOT FOLLOW HIKERS WITH CARS. DRIVE AHEAD AND WAIT. PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT MILEPOINTS 2.2. 4.7. 7.0. 7.2. AND 8.0
4. THERE ARE SEVERAL FAST FOOD RESTURANTS AT MILE-POINT 7.2
5. NO LITTERING PLEASE...
6. ORGANIZED YOUTH GROUPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HIKE THE TRAIL IN UNIFORM AND ARE REMINDED TO SECURE ALL NECESSARY PERMISSION SLIPS AND COUNCIL TOUR PERMITS.
7. BE SURE TO NOTIFY FT.HOWARD VETERANS HOSPITAL FOR PERMISSION TO ENTER THEIR GROUNDS.
CONTACT: CHIEF OF PROTECTIVE SECTION
477-1800. EXT. 296
8. TO USE THE FACILITIES AT FORT HOWARD PARK.
CONTACT: BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPT. OF RECREATION
AND PARKS..SOUTHEAST AREA. 494-3814



THE DEFENDERS TRAIL

MILEPOINT 0 : FORT HOWARD HISTORIC MARKER

TRAIL NOTE.....THE FORT HOWARD HISTORIC MARKER IS .3 MILES SOUTH OF THE HOSPITAL ENTRANCE ON OLD NORTH POINT RD. TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO ENJOY THE VIEW AND REVIEW THE TRAIL REGULATIONS. WHILE HIKING THE ROAD TOWARDS THE ENTRANCE GATE, STAY ON THE LEFT SIDE (FACING TRAFFIC) DONT FORGET YOURE ON HOSPITAL GROUNDS. QUIET PLEASE...

PRIOR TO THE 17TH CENTURY, INDIANS USED THIS PENINSULA FOR SEASONAL FISHING CAMPS. THE TRIBES OF SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANNIA AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA WERE ENEMIES AND THIS AREA WAS A NO MANS LAND.

IN 1664 THE POINT BECAME PART OF THE THOMAS TODD LAND GRANT WHICH STRETCHED FROM BIRD RIVER TO THE PATAPSCO.

IN THE 1790S CAPT.ROBERT NORTH GAVE THE POINT A STAGE TERMINAL, A TRADING COMPANY AND HIS NAME.

IN 1896 NORTH POINT BECAME FORT HOWARD, A COASTAL ARTILLERY BASE.

IN 1940 THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TRANSFERED ITS MEDICAL FACILITIES FROM FORT MCHENRY, AND THE POINT BECAME FORT HOWARD VETERANS HOSPITAL.

MILEPOINT 0.25. BEACH HEAD HISTORIC MARKER

TRAIL NOTE.....MARKER IS ON LEFT SIDE OF ROAD. 100 YDS BEFORE THE ENTRANCE GATE.

IT WAS IN 1814 HOWEVER THAT THE POINT EARNED ITS PLACE IN HISTORY. ON SEPTEMBER 11 THE LARGEST HOSTILE INVASION FLEET TO EVER ENTER AMERICAN WATERS DROPPED ANCHOR OFF ITS WEST SHORE.

"ON THE 11TH, WE CAME IN SIGHT OF THE HEADLAND WHERE IT WAS DESIGNED TO LAND OUR TROOPS," WROTE LT. ROBERT GLIEG, CHAPLAIN OF THE 85TH KINGS LIGHT INFANTRY.

"IT WAS DETERMINED TO LAND HERE, RATHER THAN TO ASCEND THE RIVER, BECAUSE THE PATAPSCO, THOUGH BROAD, IS... TOO SHALLOW TO ADMIT A LINE OF BATTLESHIP; AND... PRUDENCE FORBADE THAT 5000 MEN SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED TO THE CONVOY OF SMALLER VESSELS ALONE."

THREE WEEKS EARLIER, PART OF THIS FLEET LAUNCHED A SUCESSFUL ATTACK AGAINST WASHINGTON. THE NATIONS CAPITOL WAS TAKEN AND ITS PUBLIC BUILDINGS BURNED.

NOW, WITH FRESH SUPPLIES AND REINFORCEMENTS, THEY WOULD GO AFTER THAT "SINK OF CORRUPTION, THAT SODOM, MOB TOWN, THAT NEST OF PIRATES" -BALTIMORE

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, BRITISH ADMIRALS COCHRAN AND COCKBURN WOULD THE LIGHTER FRIGATES, BOMB KETCHES AND ROCKET SLOOPS UP THE PATAPSCO TOWARD FORT MC-HENRY A SMALL AMERICAN VESSEL, FLYING A FLAG OF TRUCE WOULD GO WITH THEM ON BOARD WAS AN AMERICAN LAWYER NAMED FRANCIS SCOTT KEY.

ON THE 12TH, ACCORDING TO GLEIGS ACCOUNT, "AT 3 O CLOCK IN THE MORNING EVERY SHIP IN THE FLEET BEGAN TO LOWER HER BOATS, AND THE SOLDIERS WERE AROUSED FROM THEIR SLUMBERS. IT WAS 7 OCLOCK BEFORE THE WHOLE ARMY WAS DISEMBARKED IN ORDER FOR MARCHING.

THE LIGHT BRIGADE, NOW COMMANDED BY MAJOR JONES OF THE 4TH REGIMENT, LED THE ADVANCE, THEN FOLLOWED THE ARTILLERY, AMOUNTING TO 6 FIELD PIECES AND 2 HOW-ITZERS, ALL OF THEM DRAWN BY HORSES; NEXT CAME THE 2ND BRIGADE, THEN THE SAILORS AND LAST OF ALL THE 3RD BRIGADE.

AS THE LAST OF THE TROOPS WERE LANDED, THE HEAD OF THE COLUMN ARRIVED AT TODDS INHERITANCE.

MILEPOINT 0.3 .FORT HOWARD VETERANS HOSPITAL ENTRANCE

TRAIL NOTE. AS YOU LEAVE THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS, CHECK OUT WITH THE GUARD. STAY ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD IN SINGLE FILE. UPON REACHING TODDS , CROSS IN A GROUP, NOT SINGLE FILE.

MILEPOINT 1.2 .TODDS INHERITANCE

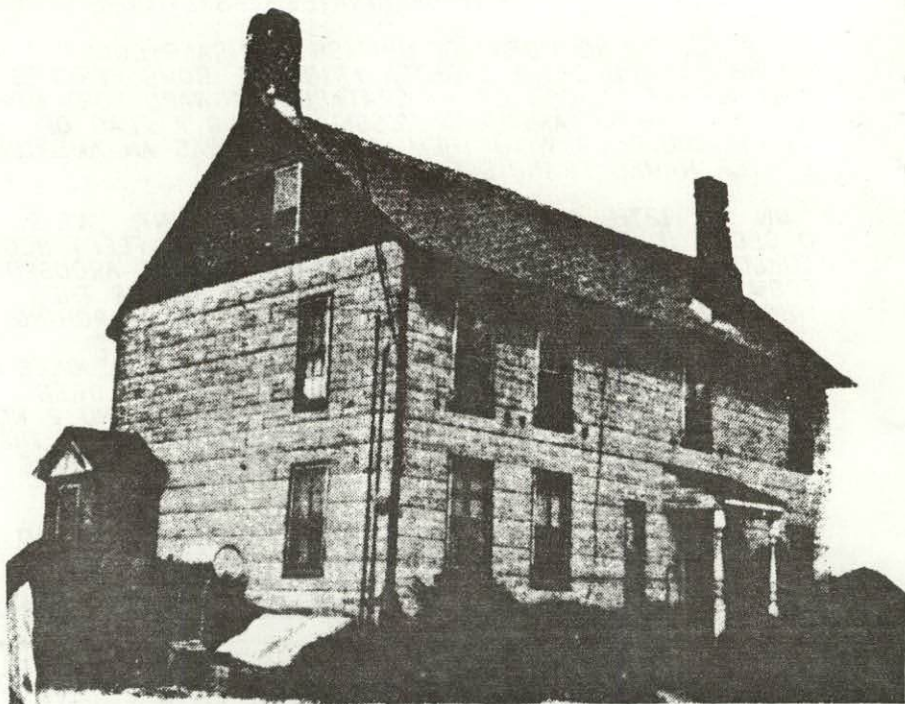
THE TODDS ESTATE IS THE OLDEST DEEDED PROPERTY IN BALTIMORE COUNTY.

THE BRICK PORTION OF THE PRESENT STRUCTURE IS 164 YEARS OLD THE FOUNDATION IS 150 YEARS OLDER; ITS BRICKS HAD TO BE IMPORTED FROM ENGLAND.

THERES AN ESCAPE TUNNNEL FROM THE CELLAR TO ONE OF THE OUTHOUSES. IT WAS BUILT IN CASE OF AN INDIAN ATTACK. THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES IN THE AREA WERE HELD IN THE FARMHOUSE IN 1714.

THIS LAST FACT IS THE BASIS FOR ONE OF THE THEORIES AS TO WHY THE BRITISH BURNED THE FARMHOUSE ON THEIR WAY BACK TO SHIPS.

GOING IN, THE COMMANDER WAS GENERAL ROSS. A PRESBY-TERIAN COMING BACK, COLONEL BROOKE, A METHODIST WAS IN CHARGE.



The Shaw house, as it appeared before it was torn down in 1976.



BARRIER GATE AT SHAW SITE [ARROW]

THE BEST THEORY FOR BURNING THE HOUSE IS ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION. THE HOUSE WAS, AND STILL IS, AN IDEAL OBSERVATION POST. FROM ITS UPPER STORIES, ONE CAN SEE AS FAR AS ANNAPOLIS.

THE FIELDS AND WOODS ABOVE TODDS' LOOK MUCH THE SAME AS THEY DID IN 1814.

TRAIL NOTE. TODDS INHERITANCE IS PRIVATELY OWNED AND IS NOT OPEN FOR REGULAR PUBLIC TOURS. CROSS BACK TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD BEFORE PROCEEDING.

MILEPOINT 2.2 SHAW HOUSE SITE

TRAIL NOTE. STOP AT THE LARGE YELLOW BARRIER GATE BLOCKING A WIDE DIRT ROAD. THE SHAW HOUSE WAS DEMOLISHED IN 1976. THE FOUNDATION AND FAMILY GRAVES ARE VISIBLE IN THE CENTER OF FIELD. ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE DIRT ROAD.

AS THE BRITISH FORCES PUSHED UP NORTH POINT ROAD, THEIR BATTLE CRY WAS "BEAUTY AND BOOTY" .. A MUCH NICER WAY OF SAYING RAPE AND PILLAGE.

AT THE SHAW FARMHOUSE, DAUGHTER ELEANOR WAS DESPERATELY DEFENDING HER HONOR BY CLIMBING OUT THE 2ND STORY WINDOW WHEN GENERAL ROSS AND HIS AIDES ARRIVED ON THE SCENE.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT WAS CONSIDERED POOR FORM TO DO THIS SORT OF THING IN VIEW OF THE GENERAL AND HIS STAFF. THE LADY WAS SAVED AND THE VILLAIN WAS SENT BACK TO THE SHIPS IN CHAINS.

TRAIL NOTE. CONTINUE UP OLD NORTH POINT ROAD SINGLE FILE, ON THE LEFT SIDE. UPON REACHING SPARROWS POINT HIGH, CROSS AS A GROUP TO THE HISTORIC MARKER.

MILEPOINT 3.2 SPARROWS POINT HIGH SCHOOL HISTORIC MARKER

THE BRITISH LANDING WAS UNOPPOSED, BUT IT WAS NOT UNANTICIPATED. HOW WELL ANTICIPATED HAS NEVER BEEN APPRECIATED BY THE HISTORY BOOKS.

HISTORY ALSO SLIGHTS THE BRILLIANCE OF THE AMERICAN STRATEGY. FOR OF ALL THE MILITARY CAMPAIGNS FOUGHT BY THIS COUNTRY, FEW HAVE BEEN BETTER PLANNED OR LEAD.

THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE LANDING. JUST AFTER THE BURNING OF WASHINGTON, BALTIMORE'S LEADERS BEGAN A CRASH PROGRAM TO FORTIFY THE CITY. UNHEARD OF SUMS OF MONEY WERE SPENT, AND THE BEST MAN AVAILABLE, GENERAL SAM SMITH, WAS PUT IN CHARGE.

SMITH BEGAN BY ADOPTING A PLAN THAT WOULD MINIMIZE HIS MAJOR HANDICAP, THE INEXPERIENCE OF HIS VOLUNTEER MILITIA TROOPS. THEY WOULD FIGHT FROM PREDETERMINED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. TROOP MOVEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CONFUSION WOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

HIS CHOICE FOR THE LOCATION OF THESE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WAS INCREDIBLE. FOR HE PREDICTED THE EXACT ROUTE THE BRITISH WOULD USE.

THE MAIN DEFENSE LINE WAS BUILT ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CITY. A LINE OF TRENCHES AND GUN BATTERIES BEGINNING AT HARRIS CREEK (ODONNELL AND BOSTON) RAN NORTH THROUGH WHAT IS NOW PATTERSON PARK TO OLD BEL-AIR ROAD. (GAY AND BROADWAY).

A SKIRMISH LINE WAS STARTED AT HUMPHEYS CREEK BUT WAS SCRAPPED FOR A BETTER POSITION AT BOUDEN FARM (OLD NORTH POINT RD AND NORTH POINT BLVD.) MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR SEVERAL THOUSAND MEN WERE STORED NEARBY THE OLD METHODIST MEETING HOUSE. (OLD NORTH PT. RD. AND GERMAN HILL RD.)

SMITH SELECTED GENERAL JOHN STRICKERS 3RD BRIGADE FOR THE PRELIMINARY BATTLE. SEVERAL OF ITS REGIMENTS HAD SEEN ACTION OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON. WHILE THEY WERE BY NO MEANS VETERANS. THEY HAD AT LEAST BEEN UNDER FIRE.

EVERYTHING WAS BARELY IN PLACE. WHEN THE BRITISH FLEET WAS SIGHTED OFF ANNAPOLIS.

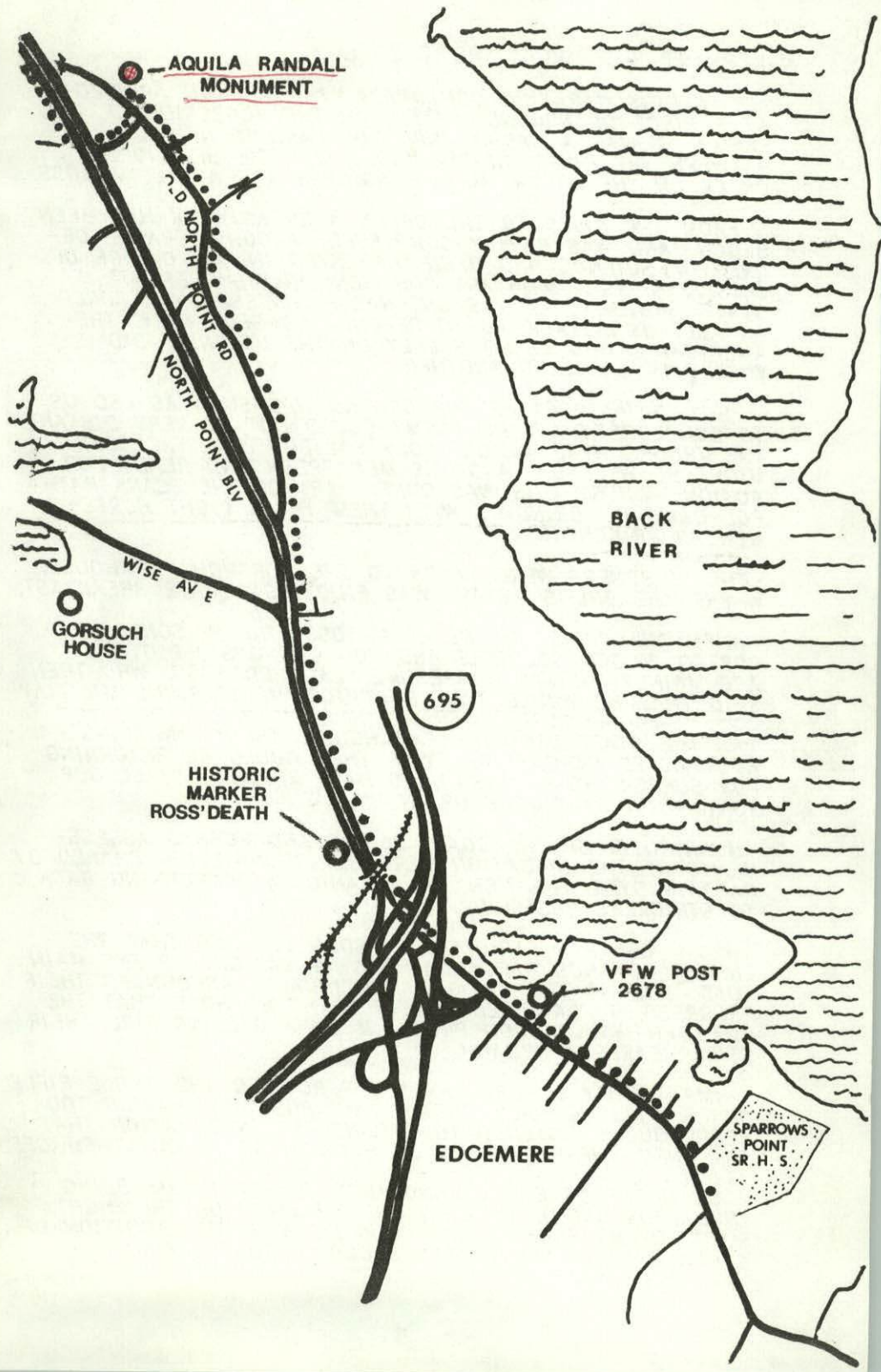
STRICKERS BRIGADE, 3200 STRONG, MARCHED THROUGH THE LINES AND BY EVENING ARRIVED AT BOUDENS FARM. AS THE LAST BRITISH SHIP WAS ANCHORING OFF NORTH POINT, AND BEFORE THE FIRST BRITISH SOLDIER HAD LANDED, STRICKER HAD HIS MAIN FORCE ENCAMPED AT THE FARM.

TWO RIFLE COMPANIES, THE UNION YAGERS AND THE FELS POINT RIFLES UNDER CAPT. BILL DYER, WERE SENT 2 MILES FURTHER ON (NEAR OLD NORTH POINT RD. AND GROVE AVE.) TO ESTABLISH AN OUTPOST.

THE 1ST MARYLAND CAVALRY REGIMENT ENCAMPED AT GORSUCHS FARM (WISE AVE OFF NORTH POINT BLVD.)

THE 1ST MARYLAND CAVALRY WOULD SERVE AS VIDETTES, OR MOUNTED RECONNAISSANCE. THE NEXT MORNING, THEY WOULD KEEP THE BRITISH UNDER CONSTANT OBSERVATION.

REMAIN ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF OLD NORTH POINT ROAD. PROCEED NORTH TOWARDS NORTH POINT BLVD.



LT. GLEIGS NARATION CONTINUES "THE COLUMN ARRIVED AT A PIECE OF GROUND, LATELY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE ENEMY. IT WAS A NARROW NECK OF LAND, CONFINED BETWEEN THE RIVER ON ONE SIDE, AND THE HEAD OF A CREEK ON THE OTHER, MEASURING, PERHAPS A MILE ACROSS.

FROM THE RIVER TO THE CREEK A BREASTWORK HAD BEEN BEGUN, AND WAS PARTLY COMPLETED... A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF SCIENCE HAD BEEN DISPLAYED IN THE CHOICE OF THIS SPOT AS A MILITARY POSITION. IN ITS PRESENT STATE, HOWEVER, IT WAS UNTENABLE, UNLESS BY A FORCE AS ABLE TO ATTACK AS TO DEFEND; CONSEQUENTLY, THE AMERICANS, WHO ACTED SOLELY ON THE DEFENSE, DID WISELY IN CHOOSING ANOTHER.

BUT THE ASPECT OF THE GROUND WAS SUCH AS LED US TO CONCLUDE THAT THE ENEMY COULD NOT BE VERY DISTANT. THE TROOPS WERE ACCORDINGLY HALTED, THAT THE REAR MIGHT BE WELL UP, AND THE MEN FRESH AND READY FOR ACTION. WHILST THIS WAS DONE, PART OF THE FLANK PATROL CAME IN, BRINGING WITH THEM THREE LIGHT HORSEMEN AS PRISONERS.

THE PRISONERS WERE TAKEN TO THE GORSUCH FARMHOUSE, WHERE THE BRITISH STAFF WAS ENJOYING A LATE BREAKFAST.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY GENERAL ROSS, THE PRISONERS REPORTED 20,000 SOLDIERS AND 200 CANNONS. "BUT THEY ARE MAINLY MILITIA, I PRESUME," LAUGHED ROSS, WHO THEN SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE BALTIMORE "IF IT RAINS MILITIA"

AS THE STAFF LEFT THE FARMHOUSE, THEIR UNWILLING HOST ASKED SARCASTICALLY IF THEY WOULD BE RETURNING FOR SUPPER. ROSS IS SAID TO HAVE REPLIED, "I'LL SUP TONIGHT IN BALTIMORE OR IN HELL."

MEANWHILE, UP THE ROAD, GLIEGS' AND ROSS'S ASSESSMENTS OF THE SITUATION WERE BEING UNWILLING SHARED BY CAPTAIN DYER. HIS MEN, IN A PANIC, WERE RUNNING BACK TO STRICKERS POSITION.

WROTE GENERAL STRICKER, "I SOON LEARNED THAT THE ENEMYS ADVANCE PARTY WAS MOVING RAPIDLY UP THE MAIN ROAD, AND AS THE CAVALRY CONTINUALLY ANNOUNCED THEIR PROGRESS, I FLATTERED MYSELF WITH THE HOPE THAT THE RIFLEMEN WOULD SOON PROCLAIM BY A GALLING FIRE THEIR STILL NEARER APPROACH.

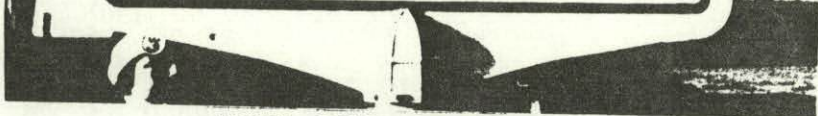
IMAGINE MY CHAGRIN WHEN I PERCEIVED THE WHOLE RIFLE CORPS, FALLING BACK ON MY MAIN POSITION, HAVING TOO CREDULOUSLY LISTENED TO GROUNDLESS INFORMATION THAT THE ENEMY WERE LANDING ON BACK RIVER TO CUT THEM OFF.

MY HOPES OF EARLY ANNOYANCE TO THE ENEMY BEING THUS FRUSTRATED, I THREW THE RIFLEMEN ON THE RIGHT FLANK OF MY FRONT LINE, THEREBY, WITH THE ADDITION OF A FEW CAVALRY, VERY WELL SECURING THAT FLANK.

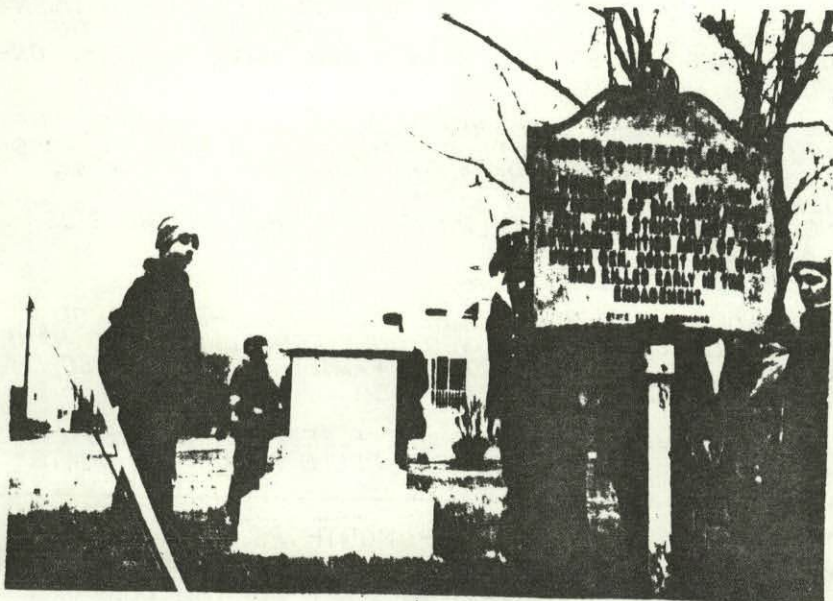


**AT THIS SPOT, ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1814,
GENERAL CHARLES ROSS DIED. HE HAD
BEEN MORTALLY WOUNDED IN CONFLICT
APPROXIMATELY 1-1/2 MILES NORTHWEST
OF HERE, AT THE PRESENT SITE OF
THE AQUILA RANDALL MONUMENT, AND
CARRIED BY STRETCHER TO THIS POINT.
HE WAS LATER INTERRED IN HALIFAX,
NOVA SCOTIA.**

**ERECTED BY DUNBAR PATAPSCO BECK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND
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**ROSS' DEATH SITE MARKER
(VIEW THE SITE FROM THE EAST SIDE
OF NORTH PT. BLVD. DON'T CROSS THE
ROAD!!!!!!)**



AQUILA RANDALL MONUMENT

MY VIDETTES SOON BROUGHT INFORMATION THAT THE ENEMY IN SMALL FORCE WAS ENJOYING HIMSELF AT GORSUCHS FARM. INSULTED BY THE IDEA OF A SMALL MARAUDING PARTY THUS DARINGLY PROVOKING CHASTISEMENT. SEVERAL OF MY OFFICERS VOLUNTEERED THEIR CORPS TO DISLodge IT.

CAPT. LEVERINGS AND HOWARDS COMPANIES FROM THE 5TH. ABOUT 150 IN NUMBER. UNDER MAJOR HEATH OF THAT REGIMENT; CAPT. AISQUITHS AND A FEW OTHER RIFLEMEN. IN ALL ABOUT 70; ONE 4-POUNDER WITH 10 MEN UNDER LT. STILES, AND THE CAVALRY WERE IMMEDIATELY PUSHED FORWARD TO PUNISH THE INSOLENCE OF THE ENEMYS ADVANCE."

TRAIL NOTE. PROCEED UP OLD NORTH POINT ROAD ON THE RIGHT SIDE. PASS UNDER U.S.695 AND TURN NORTH UP THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF NORTH PT. BLVD. 200 YDS. DO NOT CROSS NORTH POINT BLVD.

MILEPOINT 4.7 . ROSS DEATH SITE HISTORIC MARKER

RECOUNTED GLEIG. "HAVING RESTED FOR THE SPACE OF AN HOUR, WE AGAIN MOVED FORWARD. BUT HAD NOT PROCEEDED FOR MORE THAN A MILE WHEN A SHARP FIRE OF MUSKETRY WAS HEARD IN FRONT, AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS A MOUNTED OFFICER CAME GALLOPING TO THE REAR, WHO DESIRED US TO QUICKEN OUR PACE, FOR THE ADVANCE GUARD WAS ENGAGED.

WE WERE ALREADY DRAWING NEAR TO THE SCENE OF ACTION WHEN ANOTHER OFFICER CAME AT FULL SPEED TOWARDS US, WITH HORROR AND DISMAY IN HIS COUNTENANCE, AND CALLING FOR A SURGEON... (HE) HAD SCARCELY PASSED WHEN THE GENERALS HORSE, WITHOUT ITS RIDER, AND WITH THE SADDLE HOUSINGS STAINED WITH BLOOD, CAME PLUNGING ONWARDS.

IN A FEW MOMENTS WE REACHED THE GROUND WHERE THE SKIRMISHING HAD TAKEN PLACE, AND BEHELD GENERAL ROSS LAID BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD... APPARENTLY IN THE AGONIES OF DEATH. HE HAD RIDDEN TO THE FRONT, AND MINGLING WITH THE SKIRMISHERS, WAS SHOT IN THE SIDE BY A RIFLEMAN.

THE WOUND WAS MORTAL. HE FELL INTO THE ARMS OF HIS AIDE-DE-CAMP, AND LIVED ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO NAME HIS WIFE, AND TO COMMEND HIS FAMILY TO THE PROTECTION OF HIS COUNTRY.

HE WAS REMOVED TOWARDS THE FLEET, BUT EXPIRED (AT THIS SITE) BEFORE HIS BEARERS COULD REACH THE BOATS."

TRAIL NOTE. CONTINUE UP NORTH PT. BLVD. PAST WISE AVE. TURN RIGHT, BACK ONTO OLD NORTH PT. RD. (AT THE GULF STATION) STAY ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD TO BATTLE GROVE RD.

MILEPOINT 7.0: AQUILA RANDALL MONUMENT

THE MONUMENT IS ON OLD NORTH POINT RD. 100 YDS. PAST BATTLE GROVE RD. ON THE EAST SIDE.

THIS AREA STILL HAS REMAINS OF THE WOODS WHERE THE SKIRMISH TOOK PLACE. WITH ITS TANGLE OF SCRUB PINE, HONEYSUCKLE, AND BLACKBERRY, IT'S NOT HARD TO SEE WHY. ALTHOUGH THE FIGHTING WAS FIERCE, THERE WERE FEW CASUALTIES: A CLEAR SHOT IS IMPOSSIBLE.

HEATH'S VOLUNTEERS RUSHED FORWARD TO PUNISH THE INSOLENT ENEMY, BUT THE 85TH ROYAL FUSILIERS HAD GAINED THE SOUTH EDGE OF THE WOODS. THE AMERICANS HAD LOST THE ADVANTAGE OF A CLEAR FIELD OF FIRE.

THE 200 VOLUNTEERS SPREAD OUT IN A BLUNT ARROW-HEAD FORMATION, ITS CENTER RESTING ON OLD NORTH POINT RD. THE CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY WERE USELESS.

AS THE 85TH REGIMENT OCCUPIED THE AMERICANS, THE REGIMENTS BEHIND IT MOVED UP AND PUSHED OUT TO THE FLANKS. THE EVER INCREASING BRITISH FORCE BEGAN TO COMPRESS THE SIDES OF THE AMERICAN FORMATION.

MAJOR HEATH HAD HIS HORSE SHOT OUT FROM UNDER HIM. THE POOR VISIBILITY HAMPERED BOTH SIDES. THE FIRING SLACKED AS THEY BEGAN TO HUNT ONE ANOTHER.

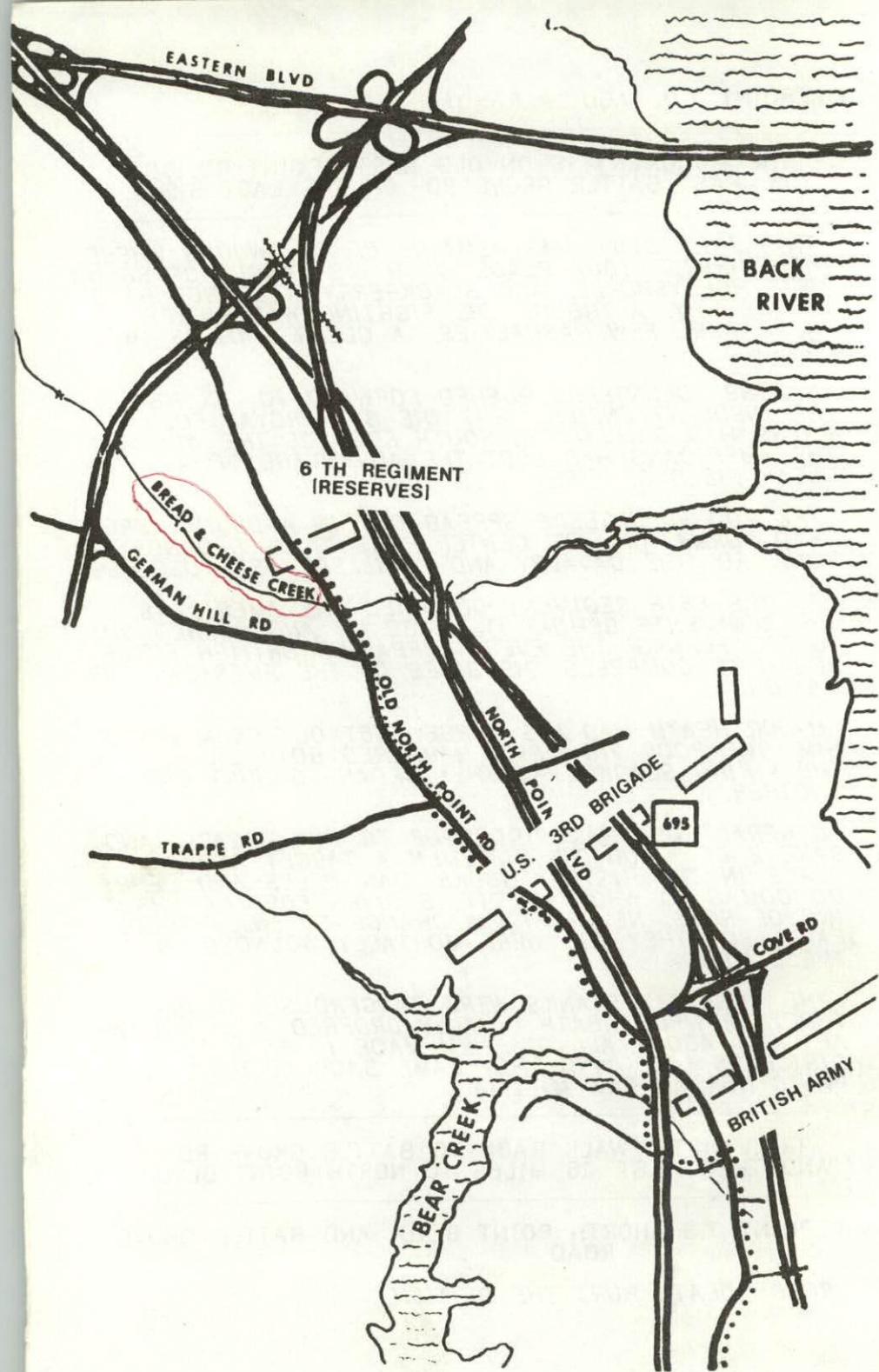
GENERAL ROSS HAD RIDDEN UP TO INVESTIGATE, AND GAVE 2 OF HIS RIFLEMEN A TARGET AND A PLACE IN THE HISTORY BOOKS. DAN WELLS AND HENRY MC COMAS TO WHOM CREDIT IS GIVEN FOR THE SHOOTING OF ROSS, NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO ENJOY THEIR FAME, FOR THEY TOO WERE MORTALLY WOUNDED IN THESE WOODS.

THE AMERICAN FLANKS WERE DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TOGETHER WHEN HEATH FINALLY ORDERED A WITHDRAWAL. JUST ABOUT ALL OF THEM MADE IT BACK TO STRICKERS LINE, AND THEY CAME BACK NEITHER IN A PANIC NOR AS RAW MILITIA.

TRAIL NOTE. WALK BACK TO BATTLE GROVE RD. AND THEN WEST .15 MILES TO NORTH POINT BLVD.

MILEPOINT 7.3: NORTH POINT BLVD. AND BATTLE GROVE ROAD

ROSS' DEATH HURT THE BRITISH.



AS GLIEG SUBTLY PUT IT, "BY THE FALL OF OUR GALLANT LEADER, THE COMMAND NOW DEVOLVED UPON COLONEL BROOK, OF THE 44TH REGIMENT, AN OFFICER OF DECIDED PERSONAL COURAGE BUT, PERHAPS BETTER CALCULATED TO LEAD A BATTALION THAN TO GUIDE AN ARMY."

THE BRITISH UNITS REGROUPED AT THE EDGE OF THE WOODS, BEFORE THEM WAS OPEN, CLEARED LAND, BOUNDENS FARM, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FIELD, THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILE AWAY, WAS STRICKERS LINE.

CONTINUED GLIEG. "WE FOUND OURSELVES OPPOSITE TO A CONSIDERABLE FORCE, DRAWN UP WITH SOME SKILL, AND OCCUPYING A STRONG POSITION.

JUDGING FROM APPEARANCES, I SHOULD SAY THAT THE CORPS NOW OPPOSED TO US AMOUNTED TO SIX OR SEVEN THOUSAND MEN.

THEY COVERED A NECK OF LAND, VERY MUCH RESEMBLING THAT WHICH WE HAD PASSED, HAVING BOTH FLANKS DEFENDED BY LITTLE INLAND LAKES, THE WHOLE OF THEIR POSITION WAS WELL WOODED, AND IN FRONT OF THEIR LINE WAS A RANGE OF HIGH PALINGS."

TRAIL NOTE. CROSS NORTH POINT BLVD. AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT. PROCEED NORTH, SINGLE FILE, ALONG THE SHOULDER OF NORTH POINT BLVD. TO OLD NORTH POINT RD. (AT COVE RD). FOLLOW OLD NORTH POINT RD TO BATTLE ACRE.

MILEPOINT 8.0. BATTLE ACRE

THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE TWO MEN WHO FOUGHT AT NORTH POINT, ALTHOUGH CONTRADICTORY, HAVE A FLAVOR THAT SOMEHOW GETS LOST IN THE HISTORY BOOKS.

ONCE MORE, LT. GLIEG. "AS OUR TROOPS CAME UP, THEY FILED OFF TO THE RIGHT AND LEFT, AND DREW UP JUST WITHIN CANNON SHOT, THE 85TH REGIMENT AND THE LIGHT COMPANIES OF THE OTHER CORPS THREATENED THE WHOLE FRONT OF THE AMERICAN ARMY. THE 21ST REMAINED IN COLUMN UPON THE ROAD THE 4TH MOVED OFF TO THE RIGHT, AND ADVANCED THROUGH A THICKET TO TURN THE ENEMIES LEFT, AND THE 44TH, THE SEAMEN AND THE MARINES, FOR A LINE IN THE REAR OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE.

WHILE THIS FORMATION WAS GOING ON, THE ARTILLERY BEING BROUGHT UP, OPENED UPON THE AMERICAN ARMY, AND A SMART CANNONADE ENSUED FROM BOTH SIDES.

"THAT OUR GUNS WERE WELL SERVED, I MYSELF CAN BEAR WITNESS, FOR I SAW THE SHRAPNEL SHELLS WHICH WERE THROWN FROM THEM STRIKE AMONG THE ENEMY, AND MAKE FEARFUL GAPS IN THE LINE.

OUR ROCKETS LIKEWISE BEGAN TO PLAY, ONE OF WHICH, FALLING SHORT, LIGHTED UPON A HAYSTACK IN THE BARNYARD BELONGING TO THE FARMHOUSE, AND IMMEDIATELY SET IT ON FIRE.

THE HOUSE ITSELF, ITS STABLES, BARN, AND OUTHouses, AS WELL AS OTHER STACKS, ONE AFTER ANOTHER CAUGHT THE FLAMES, AND WERE QUICKLY IN A STATE OF CONFLAGRATION; AND THE SMOKE AND BLAZE THEY EMITTED, TOGETHER WITH THE ROAR OF THE CANNON AND FLASHES OF THE GUNS, PRODUCED TOGETHER A FINE EFFECT.

IN THE MEANWHILE, THE AMERICAN ARTILLERY WAS NOT IDLE, PUSHING FORWARD TWO LIGHT FIELDPIECES UPON THE ROAD, THEY OPEN A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE OF GRAPE UPON THE 21ST REGIMENT, AND SUCH OF THE SAILORS AS OCCUPIED THAT POINT.

THREE OTHER GUNS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST OUR ARTILLERY, BETWEEN WHICH AND SEVERAL OF OUR PIECES A SORT OF DUEL WAS MAINTAINED; AND THE REST PLAYED WITHOUT CEASING UPON THE 85TH AND THE LIGHT COMPANIES, WHO HAD LAIN DOWN WHILE THE OTHER REGIMENTS TOOK UP THEIR GROUND.

NEITHER WAS THEIR INFANTRY ALTOGETHER QUIET. THEY MARCHED SEVERAL STRONG BODIES FROM THE RIGHT SIDE TO THE LEFT, AND WITHDREW OTHERS FROM THE LEFT TO THE RIGHT OF THEIR LINE, THOUGH FOR WHAT END THIS MARCHING AND COUNTER-CONCEIVE."

GENERAL JOHN STRICKER GIVES US AN ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE FROM THE AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE.

"AT HALF PAST 2 O'CLOCK, THE ENEMY COMMENCED THROWING ROCKETS ACROSS MY LEFT FLANK, WHICH SEEMED HARMLESS, AND HAD NO OTHER EFFECT THAN TO PREPARE MY LINE FOR THE SOUND OF ARTILLERY, WHICH SOON COMMENCED BY US ON THE ENEMYS RIGHT COLUMN THEN PUSHING ACROSS TOWARDS MY LEFT, AND RETURNED BY THEIR 6-POUNDERS AND A HOWITZER UPON MY LEFT AND CENTER.

THE CANNONADING WAS BRISK FOR SOME MINUTES, WHEN I ORDERED MY FIRE TO CEASE UNTIL THE ENEMY SHOULD GET WITHIN CLOSE RANGE OF CANISTER.

SEEING THAT MY LEFT FLANK WAS THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE ENEMY, I BROUGHT UP ANOTHER REGIMENT INTO THE LINE AND DETACHED TWO PIECES OF ARTILLERY TO ITS LEFT, STILL MORE SECURELY TO PROTECT MY LEFT FLANK."

THE OTHER REGIMENT WAS ORDERED TO FORM AT RIGHT ANGLES WITH MY LINE. THE ORDER BEING BADLY EXECUTED, CREATED FOR A MOMENT SOME CONFUSION IN THAT QUARTER, BUT WAS SOON RECTIFIED."

LT. GLIEGS ACCOUNT CONTINUES.

" ALL THIS WHILE THE WHOLE OF OUR INFANTRY, EXCEPT THE 4TH REGIMENT, LAY OR STOOD IN ANXIOUS EXPECTATION OF AN ORDER TO ADVANCE...

"THIS HOWEVER, WAS NOT GIVEN TILL THAT CORPS HAD REACHED THE THICKET THROUGH WHICH IT WAS TO MAKE ITS WAY. WHEN COLONEL BROOK, WITH HIS STAFF HAVING GALLOPED ALONG THE LINE TO SEE THAT ALL WAS READY, COMMANDED THE SIGNAL TO BE MADE.

THE CHARGE WAS ACCORDINGLY SOUNDED, AND ECHOED BACK FROM EVERY BUGLE IN THE ARMY. WHEN STARTING FROM THE GROUND WHERE THEY HAD LAIN, THE TROOPS MOVED ON IN A COOL AND ORDERLY MANNER.

A DREADFUL DISCHARGE OF GRAPE AND CANISTER SHOT, OF OLD LOCKS, PIECES OF BROKEN MUSKETS, AND EVERYTHING WHICH THEY COULD CRAM INTO THEIR GUNS WAS NOW SENT FORTH FROM THE WHOLE OF THE ENEMYS ARTILLERY, AND SOME LOSS WAS ON OUR SIDE EXPERIENCED.

REGARDLESS OF THIS, OUR MEN WENT ON WITHOUT EITHER QUICKENING OR RETARDING THEIR PACE, TILL THEY CAME WITHIN A HUNDRED YARDS OF THE AMERICAN LINE.

AS YET NOT A MUSKET HAD BEEN FIRED, NOR A WORD SPOKEN ON EITHER SIDE, BUT THE ENEMY, NOW RAISING A SHOUT, FIRED A VOLLEY FROM RIGHT TO LEFT, AND THEN KEPT UP A RAPID AND CEASELESS DISCHARGE OF MUSKETRY.

NOR WERE OUR PEOPLE BACKWARDS IN REPLYING TO THESE SALUTES. FOR GIVING THEM BACK BOTH THEIR SHOUT AND THEIR VOLLEY, WE PUSHED ON AT DOUBLE QUICK, WITH THE INTENTION OF BRINGING THEM TO THE CHARGE.

THOUGH THEY MAINTAINED THEMSELVES WITH GREAT DETERMINATION, AND STOOD TO RECEIVE OUR FIRE TILL SCARCELY 20 YARDS DIVIDED US, THE AMERICANS WOULD NOT HAZARD A CHARGE.

ON THE LEFT, INDEED, WHERE THE 21ST ADVANCED IN COLUMN, IT WAS NOT WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY AND A SEVERE LOSS THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO CHARGE COULD BE MADE, FOR IN THAT QUARTER IT SEEMED TO BE THE FLOWER OF THE ENEMIES INFANTRY, AS WELL AS THE MAIN BODY OF THEIR ARTILLERY, TOWARDS THE RIGHT. HOWEVER....."

ON THE RIGHT FLANK, THE 4TH FUSILIERS WERE DISCOVERING (AS HAVE LOCAL KIDS FROM EVERY GENERATION) THAT THOSE LITTLE LAKES AND THICKETS THAT LOOKED SO EASY TO CROSS CAN BE DOWNRIGHT EMBARRASSING - 18 INCHES OF WATER AND 3 FEET OF MUD.

STRICKER CONTINUES:

"THE ENEMYS RIGHT COLUMN DEPLOYED AND ADVANCED. THE LAST RESERVE REGIMENT (THE 51ST) UNMINDFUL OF MY OBJECT TO USE ITS FIRE IN PROTECTION OF MY LEFT FLANK IN CASE AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO TURN IT, TOTALLY FORGETFUL OF THE HONOR OF THE BRIGADE, AND REGARDLESS OF ITS OWN REPUTATION, DELIVERED ONE RANDOM FIRE AND RETREATED PRECIPITATELY, AND IN SUCH CONFUSION, AS TO RENDER EVERY EFFORT OF MINE TO RALLY THEM, INEFFECTIVE.

SOME DISORDER WAS OCCASIONED IN THE 2ND BATTALION OF THE OTHER REGIMENT BY THE FLIGHT OF THE 51ST, AND A FEW GAVE WAY. THE FIRE NOW BECAME GENERAL FROM LEFT TO RIGHT. MY ARTILLERY IN THE CENTER Poured FORTH AN INCESSANT VOLLEY OF CANISTER UPON THE ENEMIES LEFT COLUMN, WHO WERE ENDEAVORING TO GAIN THE COVER OF A SMALL, BURNING LOG HOUSE, ABOUT 50 YARDS IN FRONT OF THE RIGHT FLANK.

THE ENEMYS LINE ADVANCED ABOUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE 3 O'CLOCK, WITH A SEVERE FIRE WHICH WAS WELL RETURNED BY THE ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY REGIMENTS, EXCEPT THE THREE COMPANIES THAT WERE TOO MUCH EXHAUSTED BY THE ADVANCED SKIRMISH - AND THE ORDERED RETREAT OF THE BATTALION ON THE LEFT FLANK, WHICH MAINTAINED ITS GROUND DESPITE OF THE DISGRACEFUL EXAMPLE SET BY THE INTENDED SUPPORT ON THE LEFT.

THE FIRE WAS INCESSANT TILL ABOUT 15 MINUTES BEFORE 4 O'CLOCK, WHEN, FINDING THAT MY LINE, NOW 1,400 STRONG, WAS INSUFFICIENT TO WITHSTAND THE SUPERIOR NUMBERS OF THE ENEMY, AND MY LEFT FLANK BEING EXPOSED, I WAS CONSTRAINED TO ORDER A MOVEMENT BACK TO THE RESERVE REGIMENT, WHICH WAS WELL POSTED TO RECEIVE THE RETIRED LINE, WHICH MOSTLY RALLIED WELL."

GLIEG CONTINUES.

"AS SOON AS THEIR LEFT GAVE WAY, THE WHOLE AMERICAN ARMY FELL INTO CONFUSION; NOR DO I RECOLLECT ON ANY OCCASION TO HAVE WITNESSED A MORE COMPLETE ROUT. INFANTRY, CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY WERE HUDDLED TOGETHER, WITHOUT THE SMALLEST REGARD TO ORDER OR REGULARITY.

YET, IN SPITE OF THE SHORT DURATION OF THE ACTION, WHICH LASTED LITTLE MORE THAN 2 HOURS

FROM ITS FIRST COMMENCEMENT. THE ENEMYS LOSS WAS SEVERE."

WHETHER IN A ROUT OR IN AN ORDERLY FASHION, THE 3RD BRIGADE RETIRED TO ITS SECONDARY LINE OF DEFENSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF BREAD AND CHEESE CREEK.

IT HAD BEEN A BLOODY AFTERNOON. THE AMERICAN CASUALTIES AMOUNTED TO 24 KILLED AND 139 WOUNDED. THE BRITISH LOSSES TOTALED 46 KILLED AND 300 WOUNDED.

DUE TO EITHER THE LATENESS OF THE DAY OR BATTLE WEARINESS, THE BRITISH DECIDED NOT TO CONTINUE THE ENGAGEMENT, AND THE AMERICANS ONCE MORE FELL BACK TO PREPARE FOR ANOTHER FIGHT.

TRAIL NOTE. PROCEED NORTH TO TRAPPE RD. CROSS AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT TO THE EAST SIDE OF OLD NORTH POINT RD. CONTINUE TO GERMAN HILL RD. FOLLOW THE DIRT PATH TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAILBOXES TO THE TOP OF THE SMALL HILL AND THE MARKER.

MILEPOINT 8.5 METHODIST MEETING HOUSE MARKER

AS THE AMERICAN FORCES REGROUPED WITH THEIR RESERVE REGIMENT, THE BRITISH UNITS CAREFULLY PUSHED FORWARD TO THIS POINT.

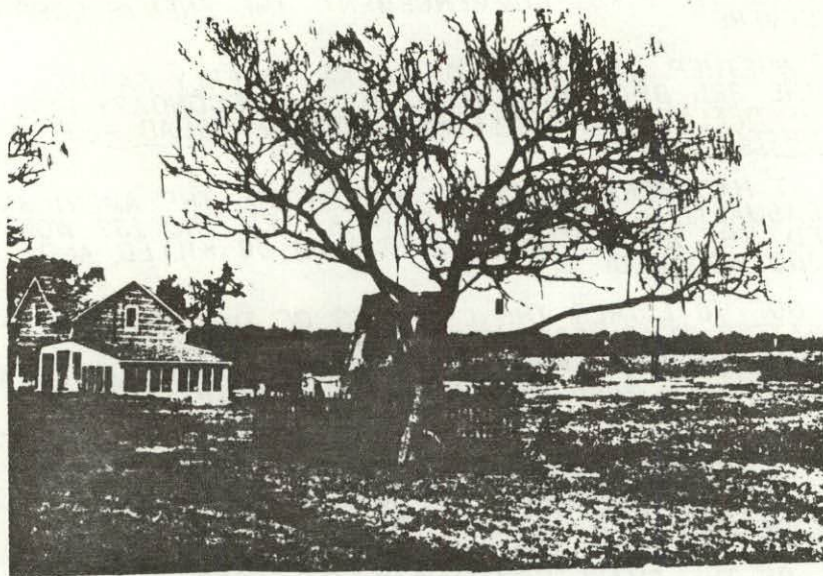
THE AREA BETWEEN THIS POINT AND BATTLE ACRE WAS THICKLY WOODED, SERVING AS A SCREEN FOR FOR THE AMERICAN RETREAT AND A HINDERANCE TO BRITISH PURSUIT.

THE BRITISH HAD WON THE FIELD, BUT PAID THE PRICE WITH DOUBLE THE AMERICAN CASUALTIES. THEIR COLONEL BROOK DECIDED TO BREAK OFF ACTION AND ENCOMP IN THIS AREA.

THE CASUALTIES WERE GATHERED UP AND THE LOCAL CHURCH WAS USED AS A FIELD HOSPITAL. THE ARMY SURGEONS WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT ON BOTH THE AMERICAN AND THE BRITISH WOUNDED.

THE AMERICAN WOUNDED HAD NOT BEEN CALLOUSLY ABANDONED. THERE EXISTED IN THOSE DAYS A SYSTEM OF PRISONER EXCHANGE CALLED PAROLE. PRISONERS OF WAR WERE USUALLY KEPT ONLY UNTIL THE PARTICULAR BATTLE THEY WERE INVOLVED IN WAS OVER.

THEY WOULD THEN BE TURNED LOOSE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WOULD NOT FIGHT AGAIN UNTIL THEY WERE EXCHANGED FOR AN EQUAL NUMBER OF



OLD METHODIST MEETING HOUSE MARKER



ENEMY PRISONERS.

THE WOUNDED AMERICAN PRISONERS HAD LITTLE TO FEAR; ONLY 3 WEEKS BEFORE, THEIR CAPTORS HAD LEFT MANY OF THEIR WOUNDED BEHIND AFTER BURNING WASHINGTON.

AT MIDNIGHT IT BEGAN TO RAIN. THE BRITISH, WHO HAD PREDICTED THAT THEY WOULD EAT BREAKFAST IN BALTIMORE, SPENT THE REST OF THE NIGHT TRYING TO KEEP THEIR WEAPONS DRY. THEY HAD LEFT THEIR TENTS AND COATS AT THE BEACHHEAD.

TRAIL NOTE.. WALK NORTH, ON THE WEST EDGE OF THE LAWN TO THE GRAVEL DRIVEWAY THEN BACK TO OLD NORTH POINT RD. STAY ON THE EAST SIDE OVER BREAD AND CHEESE CREEK AND NORTH TO THE SHOPPING CENTER.

MILEPOINT 9.0. COOKS TAVERN SITE (NORTH POINT SHOPPING CENTER)

STRICKERS 3RD BRIGADE HAD Poured OUT OF THE WOODS, CROSSED BREAD AND CHEESE CREEK AND REFORMED AT THE RESERVE POSITION WITH THE 6TH REGIMENT.

AFTER AN HOURS WAIT, IT BECAME APPARENT TO STRICKER THAT THE BRITISH WERE THROUGH FIGHTING FOR THE DAY. HIS BATTLE REPORT CONTINUES:

"ON FORMING THE 6TH, THE FATIGUED STATE OF THE REGIMENTS AND CORPS WHICH HAD RETIRED, AND THE PROBABILITY THAT MY RIGHT FLANK MIGHT BE TURNED BY A QUICK MOVEMENT OF THE ENEMY IN THAT DIRECTION INDUCED ME, AFTER PROPER DELIBERATION, TO FALL BACK TO WORTHINGTONS MILL; WHICH I WAS THE MORE PERSUADED TO DO BY MY DESIRE TO HAVE THE 6TH REGIMENT (WHOSE OFFICERS AND MEN WERE EAGER TO SHARE THE DANGERS OF THEIR BROTHER SOLDIERS) PERFECT AND IN GOOD ORDER TO RECEIVE THE ENEMY ON HIS NEAR APPROACH TO THE CITY.

ALL RETIRED AS I COULD WISH, AND WERE READY TO ACT AS CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT REQUIRE IT. IN THIS SITUATION YOU FOUND THE BRIGADE ON THE MORNING OF THE 13TH, SOMEWHAT FATIGUED, BUT WITH INCREASED CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES, AND RENEWING OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNOYANCE OF THE ENEMY, ALONE, IF DEEMED PROPER, OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER FORCE.

WORTHINGTONS MILL WAS LOCATED ON HARRIS CREEK NEAR WHAT IS NOW LINWOOD AVE AND FAYETTE ST.

ON THE NEXT DAY, THE BRITISH COLUMN ONCE MORE ADVANCED UP NORTH POINT RD. WHEN THEY REACHED THE PHILADELPHIA ROAD, THEY CRESTED A HILL (GERMAN AVE AND PULASKI HWY) AND GOT THEIR FIRST GLIMPSE OF GENERAL SMITH'S ENTRENCHMENTS.

LT. GLIEG WROTE: "IT NOW APPEARED THAT THE CORPS THAT WE HAD BEATEN YESTERDAY WAS ONLY A DETACHMENT, AND THAT THE ACCOUNT GIVEN BY THE VOLUNTEER TROOPERS WAS CORRECT.

UPON THE RIDGE OF HILLS, STOOD THE GRAND ARMY CONSISTING OF 20,000 MEN (IT WAS CLOSER TO 12,000).

NOT ENTRUSTING TO HIS SUPERIORITY IN NUMBERS THEIR GENERAL HAD THERE ENTRENCHED THEM IN THE MOST FORMIDABLE MANNER (WITH) NO LESS THAN 100 PIECES OF CANNON."

THE BRITISH WOULD SPEND THE DAY PROBING FOR A WAY AROUND THE AMERICAN LINE.

AS THEY MARCHED TOWARD BELAIR RD., THEY GOT ANOTHER SURPRISE. BETWEEN THEM AND THE AMERICAN LINES, MARCHING PARALLEL TO THEM, WAS STRICKERS BEATEN 3RD BRIGADE.

THE BRITISH COLUMN REVERSED ITSELF AND SET UP CAMP ON A RIDGE FACING SMITHS LINE (ROUGHLY ELLWOOD AVE.) AFTER A SERIES OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE FLEET - WHICH WAS HAVING THE SAME SORT OF PROBLEM WITH FORT MCHENRY - IT WAS DECIDED TO DECLARE THE BATTLE FINISHED AND GO HOME.

DURING THE NIGHT, ONCE MORE IN THE RAIN, THE BRITISH COLUMN MARCHED BACK DOWN NORTH POINT ROAD.

THE LAST INCIDENT IN THE CAMPAIGN OCCURED THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THE 1ST MARYLAND CAVALRY BALANCED THEIR BOOKS BY CAPTURING 3 OF THE BRITISH REAR GUARD NEAR THE SCENE OF THE FIRST ACTION IN EDGEMERE.

IN CONCLUSION.

THE BATTLE OF NORTH POINT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT BUT LITTLE NOTED PART IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

BALTIMORE AND THE PORT WERE SAVED, AND AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THIS, AND THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE, AN END TO THE WAR WAS NEGOTIATED 6 MONTHS LATTER AT GHENT.

THE HEROICS OF THE MILITIA WHO STOOD AGAINST WELLINGTONS INVINCIBLES WERE HONORED BY DECLARING A STATE HOLIDAY, DEFENDERS DAY SEPT 12

MODERN TIMES - AND THE NATIONAL ANTHEM - HAVE SHIFTED THE EMPHASIS TO FT. MCHENRY. THE HISTORIC SITES OF NORTH POINT HAVE FADED; BUT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT, AND DIED HERE STILL SHINE. IN THE WORDS OF FRANCIS SCOTT KEY:

OH THUS BE IT EVER
WHEN FREE MEN SHALL STAND
BETWEEN THEIR LOVED HOMES
AND THE WARS DESOLATION...

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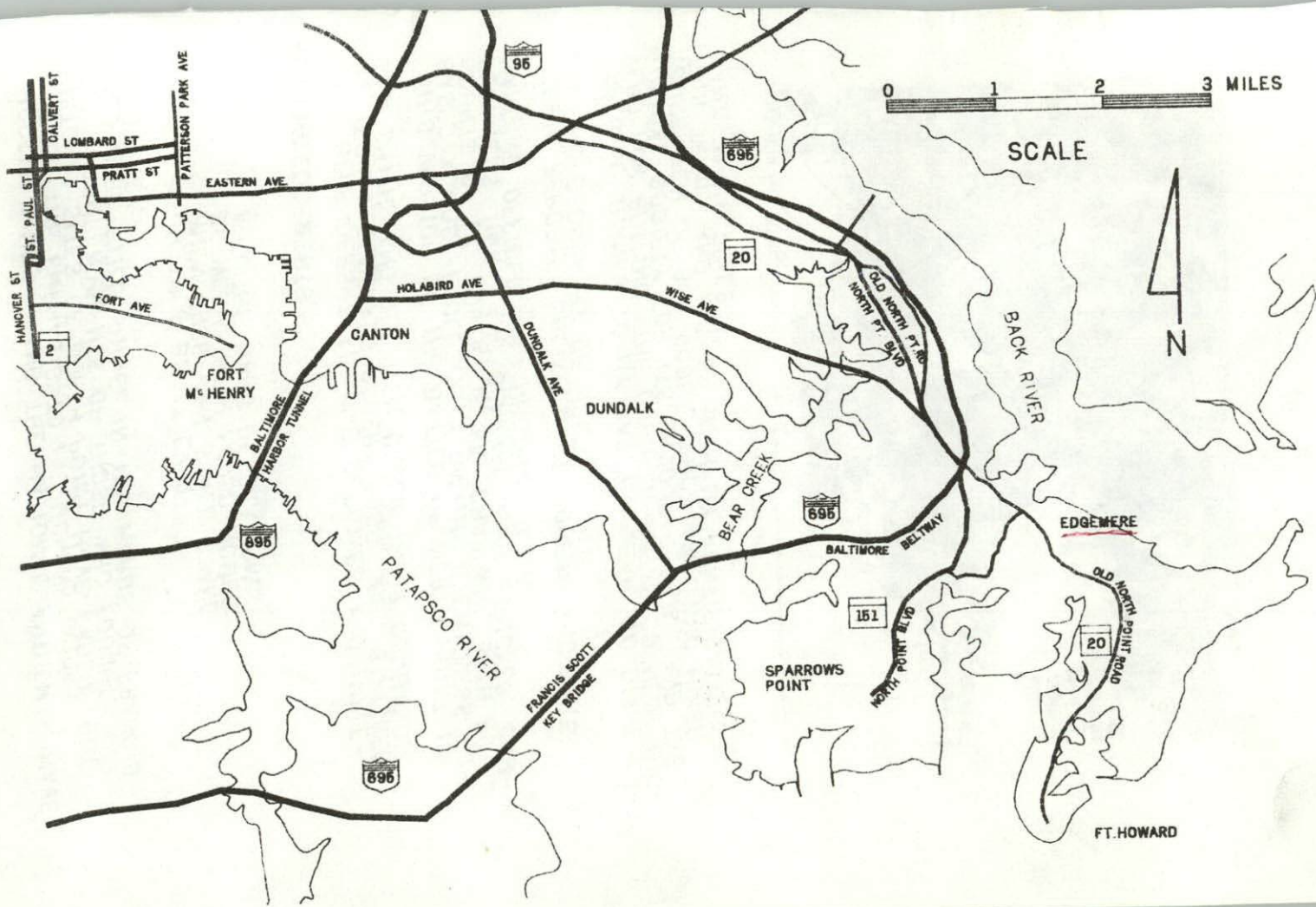
THE DEFENDERS TRAIL WAS DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED BY GENERALS ROBERT ROSS, JOHN STRICKER, SAM SMITH, AND THE MEN UNDER THEIR COMMAND.

THIS VERSION OF THE BATTLE OF NORTH POINT IS BASED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF LT. ROBERT GLIEG, CHAPLAIN, 85TH ROYAL FUSILIERS, HMRI, AND GENERAL JOHN STRICKER, COMMANDING OFFICER, 3RD BRIGADE, U.S.A.

THEIR REPORTS, UNLIKE MOST MODERN ACCOUNTS, FIT THE GEOGRAPHY OF NORTH POINT.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MY PARTNER JEAN, TO DIANE LAVERO FOR EDITING, THE DUNDALK-PATAPSCO NECK HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR ITS ENCOURAGEMENT, AND THE YOUNG MEN OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 438, WHO HIKED THIS TRAIL, AND PUT UP WITH MY PONTIFICATING, MANY, MANY TIMES.





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