

WILLIAM C. DAVIS Editor CHRISTINE C. RITTER Managing Editor FREDERIC RAY Art Director ROBERT D. HOFFSOMMER FREDERIC S. KLEIN Associate Editors ELIZABETH ORMANOSKI JAMES RIETMULDER, JR. **Editorial Assistants** JOHN T. BRADWAY Production Manager MANUEL KEAN Pictorial Archivist ETHEL M. SMITH Advertising Manager LEROY E. SMITH Publisher DAVID L. LEWIS Business Manager WILLIAM Y. NAILL **Book Service Supervisor** JOHN H. SUTTON Circulation Manager

REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS

John Bakeless, Dee Brown, Albert Castel, Thomas L. Connelly, Joseph P. Cullen, Lowell H. Harrison, William W. Hassler, V. C. Jones, Marshall D. Krolick, E. B. Long, Edward G. Longacre, Richard M. McMurry, Maurice Melton, Gerard A. Patterson, James I. Robertson, Jr., David B. Sabine, Byron Stinson, Glenn Tucker, Bell I. Wiley.

> Editorial, Advertising Offices: Box 1831, Harrisburg, Pa. 17105 (717-234-5091). Circulation Offices: 206 Hanover St., Gettysburg, Pa. 17325 (717-334-7646).

Civil War Times

Volume XV, Number 3

June 1976

"For Gallant and Meritorious Service": Major General Absalom Baird By John A. Baird, Jr. 4

"Independence or Fight"

By Larry E. Nelson 10

Showdown at Cherbourg

By Norman C. Delaney 16

Target: Winchester, Virginia

By Edward G. Longacre 22

The Great Snow Battle of 1864

By Steve Davis 32

Forgotten in the "Black Hole": A Diary from Libby Prison By Captain William D. Wilkins 36

Book Reviews 49

THE COVER: Libby Prison (detail) by David G. Blythe (1815-1865). A diary of a prisoner in Libby begins on page 36 of this issue. Painting reproduced through the courtesy of the M. & M. Karolik Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts.

Second class postage paid at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325 and at additional mailing offices. CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated is published each month except September and March by Historical Times, Inc., 206 Hanover St., Gettysburg, Pa. It is printed by Telegraph Press, Harrisburg, Pa. Regular subscription price \$10 per year. Direct editorial mail and advertising inquiries to CWT Illustrated, Box 1831, Harrisburg, Pa. This magazine assumes no responsibility for unsolicited manuscripts which are not accompanied by return postage. All rights reserved, including the right to reproduce this issue or portions thereof in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopy.

ing, recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the publisher. All inquiries should be addressed to Historical Times, Inc., editorial offices, Cameron and Kelker Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—When ordering a change of address, please advise our Subscription Service Center, 3300 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80302, of both your old and new addresses, with zip codes six weeks in advance. If possible, please send the address label from a recent issue. Postmaster: Please send Form 3579 to CIVIL WAR TIMES ILLUSTRATED, 3300 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80302.

Civil War Times

