

1861

FORT WARREN WEEKLY DISPATCH



SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR (1861-1865)



BOSTON HARBOR AND BEYOND

JUNE 12 ~ A LOUD CALL

In a further effort to promote the Confederacy in his state, Governor Claiborne Jackson of Missouri puts out a call for 50,000 volunteers.

JUNE 13 ~ THE STATE TAKES BACK ITS SUPPLIES

The encampment of the MA 14th Regiment on Long Island is discontinued. Brigadier General Bullock will direct the quartermaster to take possession of all state property including ammunition, tents and clothing.

JUNE 14 ~ HARPERS FERRY, VA IS ABANDONED

Harper's Ferry Virginia, is abandoned by rebels hoping to avoid being cut off by McClellan and Paterson who are advancing from the north.

JUNE 15 ~ CHAOS IN HARPERS FERRY

All was chaos around Harpers Ferry, VA. Different Confederate armies were moving into and out of the vicinity, and Union forces were doing likewise. Everyone destroyed as much as they could, to deny access to the enemy.

JUNE 16 ~ A NEW WORLD

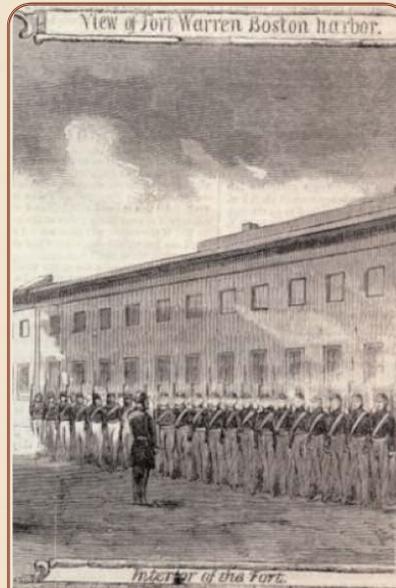
By custom, and in some places by law, Sunday was a day of churchgoing, followed by rest. Business was not normally conducted on this day, but these were not normal times. In camps, in barns, in tents, on prairies, mountains and cities, newly recruited troops today were beginning their transition into army life.

JUNE 17 ~ MOVEMENT ON BOTH SIDES

Union troops establish themselves in Jefferson City while pro-Confederate troops are defeated at Boonville.

JUNE 18 ~ CALM BEFORE THE STORM

The Southern Recorder describes a stillness in the air which "denotes an approaching commotion in the war elements, which is soon to shake the country."



TROOPS DRILLING ON THE RECENTLY
CLEARED PARADE GROUND
AT FORT WARREN.

TROOPS CONTINUE TO TRAIN ON BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS

Fort Warren's parade ground
is generally cleared of
construction debris.

Flank gunrooms in
three bastions are now
outfitted with boiler ovens
to feed the troops.

A NATIONAL PARK AREA
BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS
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