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## Harpers Ferry NHP News Release

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### **Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862**

“We are surrounded by enemy batteries”, wrote a Union officer garrisoned at Harpers Ferry on September 15, 1862. On that day, the 12,500-man Union garrison surrendered to Confederate General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson. This military action at Harpers Ferry was the largest surrender of Union troops during the American Civil War. Following the surrender of federal troops, Stonewall marched his army to join General Robert E. Lee at Sharpsburg, Maryland, leaving General A.P. Hill at Harpers Ferry to parole the surrendered troops.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10, 2008, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will present an artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson’s capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Visitors are invited to witness the power of the Confederate artillery that sealed the fate of the federal soldiers. Members of the Park’s living history staff will portray Union artillery soldiers and conduct the demonstrations. A small artillery equipment and projectile display will be offered each day near the park’s artillery piece.

The Saturday and Sunday schedule includes artillery firings at 12 noon, 2 and 3 p.m. Visitors will be shuttled from the Visitor Center at Cavalier Heights to the Bolivar Heights Battlefield from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

For further information, call Harpers Ferry National Historical Park at 304-535-6029.

