

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



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Date: September 12-15, 1862

The largest Civil War battle in modern West Virginia occurred at Harpers Ferry in mid-September, 1862 during the first Confederate invasion of the North. Confederate Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson captured the surrounding mountains, trapping the Union garrison. After a 3-day siege, the Union forces relinquished Harpers Ferry to the Confederates, resulting in the largest surrender of Union troops during the war.