



# First Confederate Commander

**Fact:** The “Stonewall Brigade” earned their nickname at the **First Battle of Manassas on July 21, 1861**. When Colonel Thomas J. Jackson assumed his first command of the Civil War upon arriving at Harpers Ferry on April 29, 1861 the war was not two weeks old. Jackson drilled Virginia volunteer troops on Bolivar Heights to fight for the Confederate Army. Many of these trainees became part of the famous “Stonewall Brigade.”

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