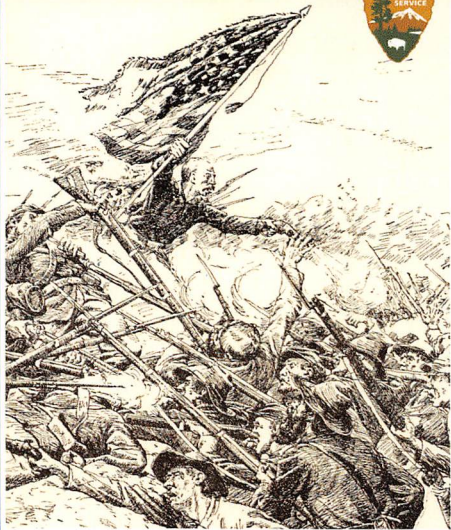


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Spotsylvania Battlefield

Date: May 12-13, 1864

Perhaps the most savage fighting of the Civil War took place at Spotsylvania Court House at a small turn in the Confederate defenses thereafter known as the “Bloody Angle.” For 22 hours, soldiers grappled with one another in a pouring rain, the dead falling in heaps two, three, even four deep. “God forbid that I should ever gaze on such a sight again,” wrote one witness to the carnage.