

OPINION

Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

WATERFALLS August 5, 1864, south of Atlanta

He stank of death and dirt and the Union forces outmarched them by three to one

The Union General William Tecumseh Sherman kept pointing away at them

fighting and retreating fighting and retreating

They marched for hours at a time and then marched some more.

He came out of his trance when he heard his dear friend Ensign Robert H. Lindsey of Scott County

about as he raced by. Last one in a rotten egg, boys!

Nothing but a miracle saved them both from the murderous fire of the enemy.

The retreat had been sounded and the Orphans were scrambling back to their positions with comrades draped all around him.

It was a Native of Nicholas County, could merely stand transfixed and stare at the beautiful and shimmering surface of Utoy creek.

It reminded him of the Licking River.

La. Young, unlike most of his fellow soldiers of Company H, Fourth Battalion, First Kentucky Infantry Brigade, Confederate Army, waited until later that evening before he entered the cool water and scrubbed the mud and blood and mud from his uniform and body.

When he finally allowed himself the opportunity to relax, he sat beneath a small waterfall that was the envy of the entire brigade

and let his mind wander as he contemplated the defensive position.

Heavens in Kentucky by Charles Hatzler

the cool water flowed over his parched body.

The past two months had been a blur of engagements and loss around Atlanta, and as he let the water wash over him he closed his eyes, but still he saw the carnage of this horrible, horrible war.

His mind transported him back to the Battle of Indian Creek, Georgia and that terrible Confederate charge in which their Brigade, known throughout history as the Kentucky Orphan Brigade, had suffered a 51 % loss through casualties.

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La. Young stopped and looked at Sergeant W. E. Knox, who had a broken leg. Nothing but a miracle saved them both from the murderous fire of the enemy.

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Major Millett was killed within ten paces of the Confederate entrenchment, he being the third major the Fourth Battalion had lost due to being killed in the field of battle.

The image soaked into his mind as he contemplated the defensive position.

Later, when he had just begun drying himself, he placed in charge of the front skirmish line of the newly formed Confederate defensive position.

His first singular battle command.

He didn't sleep that night, but marvels at the Union rockets that filled the sky.

The next day the Union boys of units from Ohio, Illinois and even some southern units from East Tennessee, attacked his position in mass.

They charged three times. They were repulsed each time.

At the end of the day, when the cannons and muskets were finally silenced, Lt. Young crawled from his defensive position to witness the carnage from the three valiant, yet fatal, charges.

He checked on the welfare of his men and was delighted to learn that he didn't lose a single one along the skirmish line.

The Yankees were far less fortunate.

Their broken bodies were piled before him.

In an area barely large enough to hold a house with a respectable yard, he counted 100 dead Union soldiers directly in front of the skirmish line he commanded.

He drew his pistol and ordered his men to hold their positions, just in case some of the Yankees were only playing dead as they had done so many times before.

He felt no remorse as he walked among the bloody bodies that were scattered amid the other paraphernalia of battle.

"Hey Bob!" he yelled to Ensign Lindsey. "Looky here what I found," he said as he held aloft a large black sombrero. He continuously reminded his spoonbill confederate.

ate hat and tossed it onto the body that lay at his feet from where he removed the sombrero.

"Guess you won't be needing this anymore," he said with sarcasm as he bent toward the lifeless body of the Union soldier as Tennessee, attacked his position in mass.

He placed the sombrero on his head and with a macabre grin said "a perfect fit. Lets find one for you, I'm sure your ears will love you for it by next week."

And so they stood there for a while with their eyes drifting over the scene, numb to the carnage that lay around them.

Within five minutes the two best friends, nearly identical in many respects and called twins by all who knew them, had found a second sombrero.

Ensign Lindsey placed it on his head with a broad grin.

They walked back to the skirmish line and proudly displayed their new headgear. Soon all the soldiers were gathering extra weapons and ammunition from the fallen Yankee soldiers.

That night the Union Brass Band played a taunting version of "Dixie" and as the music drifted down the skirmish line Lt. Young thought he would never live to see Nicholas County again.

At times he felt as if this apocalyptic war would drag on forever until they were all killed.

They began the war with

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PUBLICATION The Nicholas County Fair Board's Building Oversight Committee will be accepting sealed bids for a post building 72' by 160' by 12'. Specifications for this building can be obtained at the Nicholas County Extension Office, 368 East Main, Carlisle, Kentucky. Office hours are 8 am thru 4:30 p.m. Bids can be submitted at the Nicholas County Extension Office August 11 thru the close of the business day August 22. The building is to be completed within 120 days from contract agreement. The committee reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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Beginnings Christian Academy at the Carlisle Assembly of God Church, Concrete Road, Carlisle, KY. Kathy May Sexton 1955-2008. Walter Thomas Mitchell 1932-2008. Kathy May Sexton, 52, died Thursday, July 31, 2008 after a long illness. She was born in Bourbon County September 10, 1955 to Walter and Anna Hawkins Farrow. She was a member of the Carlisle Assembly of God Church. She was a loving wife and mother. She is survived by her husband, Michael Sexton, two sons, David (Kam) Sexton and Shawn (Heath) Sexton, three grandchildren, London, Terah and Ethan all of Carlisle, her mother, Anna Farrow, Carlisle, and three sisters, Minnie Thomas, Paris, Barbara (Craig) Havens, Sharpburg, and Dinah Farrow, Carlisle. She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Farrow; a brother, Johnny Farrow; and a sister, Judy Blawie. Her funeral services were Monday at Carlisle Assembly of God Church with Rev. Darrell Sexton officiating. Burial was in Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bobby Wiggins, David Foster, Don Hatfield, Scotty True, Don Duggan and Tim Profit. Honorary bearers were her nieces and nephews. Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions suggested to New

OBITUARIES Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Community Graveyard. Pallbearers were Tracy Vice, Jerard McVey, Jeff Frederick, Edhan Lemons, Mark Hunt, Adam Morris, and Darrell McVey. Honorary bearers were Julian Crawford, Nancy Crawford, Dave Crooper and his nephews Clark Farnel in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass. William David Osborn 1924-2008. William David Osborn, 84, of Ewing, died Wed. July 30, 2008. William was born in Mt. Olive June 15, 1924 to the late Bennie Martin Osborn and Bessie Henson Osborn and was a member of the Ewing Christian Church. He is survived by his wife, Jane Frederick Money Osborn; one daughter, Mary Beth Osborn (Mike) Durke of Clayton, NC; four step-sons, Terry (Charlotte) Money of Lexington, Bobby Money of Flemingsburg; Ray Money Jr. (Anne) of Ewing; Billy Grover (Janie) Money of Ewing; five grandchildren, Jennifer Durko (Andy) Hudson, Bobby Ray (Angela) Money, Monahad, Melissa Money (Bill) Irish of Columbia, WI, Amy Money (Tim-

my) Saunders of Flemingsburg, Sam Money of Ewing, seven great-grandchildren, Hayden and Jonathan Hudson, Brady and Cole Saunders, Peyton and Lasee Money and Madeline Irish. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn Barton Osborn, a brother, Glen Martin Osborn, and a nephew, Ronald Martin Osborn. Funeral services were Sat. August 2, 2008 at Price Bros. Funeral Home. Burial followed in Elizaville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donation to the Ewing Christian Church. Bernice Ruble Hatky 1922-2008. Bernice Ruble Hatky, 85, of Smithfield, PA, died Tuesday, July 29, 2008. She was born Oct. 26, 1922 in Lake Lynn, PA, the daughter of the late Leon and Vera Kanapky Ruble. She is survived by six sons and their wives, George A. and Norma Hatky, Andrew T. "Sam" and Amy Hatky all of Smithfield and Paul Hatky and his fiancé Carla of Briar Hill, PA; 14 grandchildren, Letha Sutton, Sam George, Jr., Roger and Andy Hatky, Christine Yanak, Stacey and Bill Hatky, Stacey Guthrie, Cherie, Angie, Paul, Steve and Brian

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