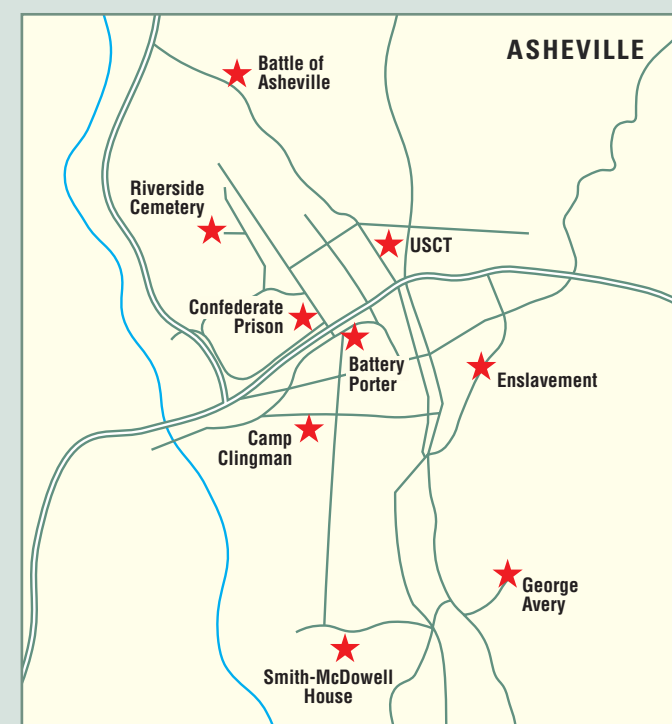




Birds-eye view of the C.S. Military Prison, lithograph by C.A. Kraus in 1886, Salisbury, N.C.



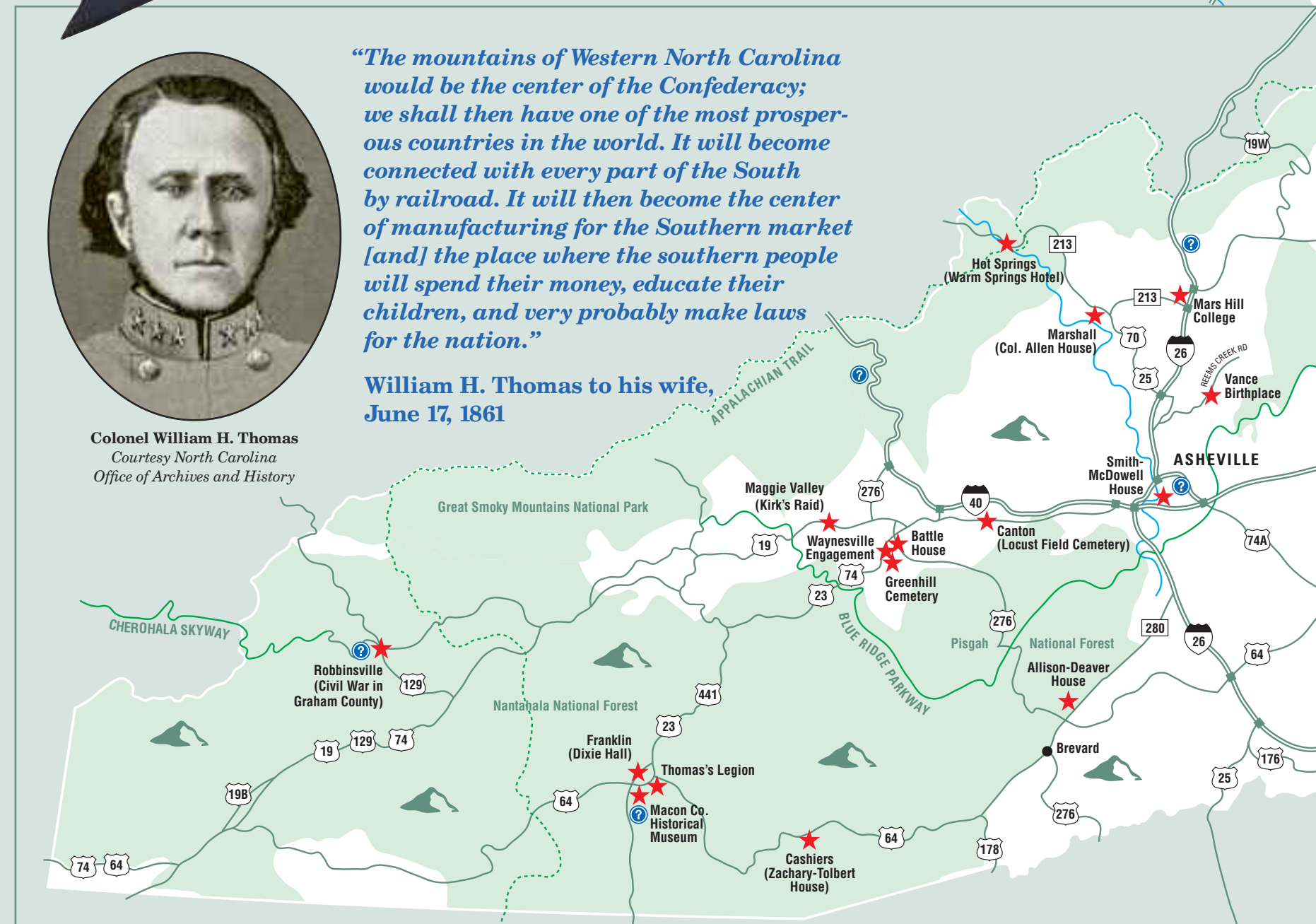
Cherokee Indian Chittahsotee's rifle, Thomas's Legion
Courtesy Macon County Historical Museum



Colonel William H. Thomas
Courtesy North Carolina
Office of Archives and History

"The mountains of Western North Carolina would be the center of the Confederacy; we shall then have one of the most prosperous countries in the world. It will become connected with every part of the South by railroad. It will then become the center of manufacturing for the Southern market [and] the place where the southern people will spend their money, educate their children, and very probably make laws for the nation."

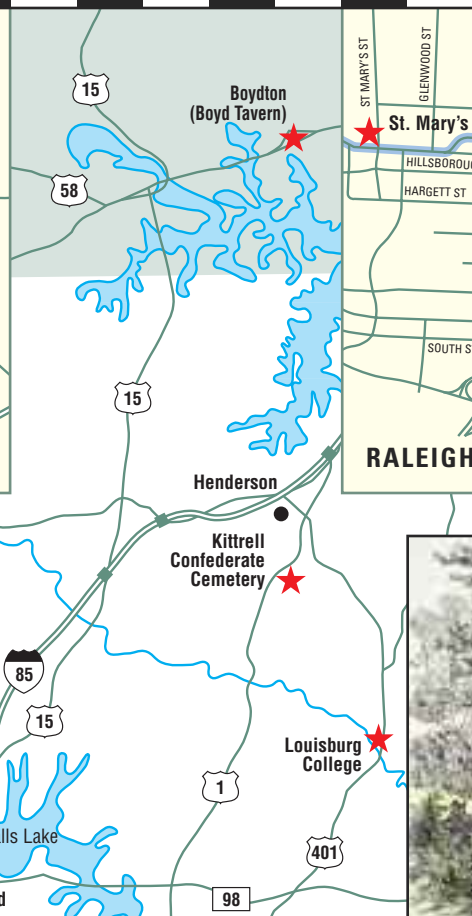
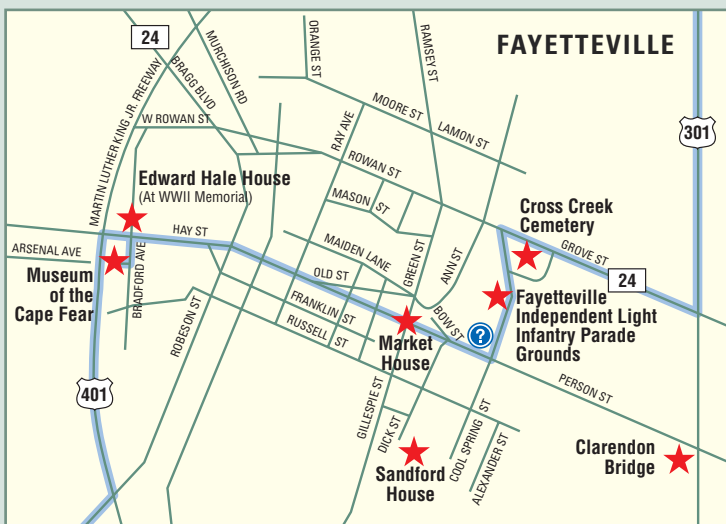
William H. Thomas to his wife,
June 17, 1861



Market House and square in Fayetteville, late 19th century.
Courtesy North Carolina State Archive



Sergeant Powhatan Beatty, 5th U.S.C.T.
Beatty's regiment fought at the Forks Road
engagement on Feb. 20-21, 1865, against
the last Confederate stand before the
Federals captured Wilmington on Feb. 22.



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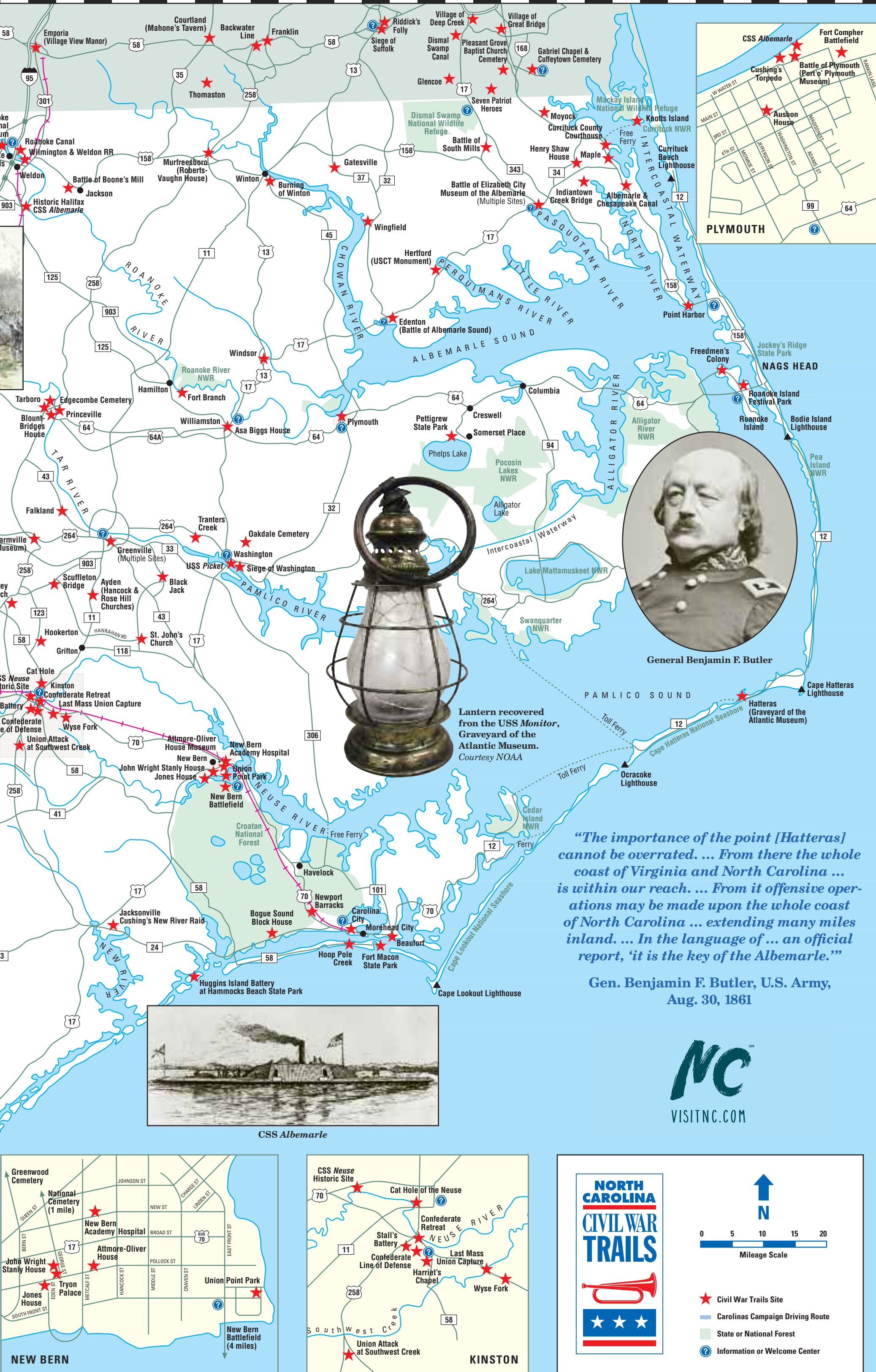
Remains of the Ironclad CSS Neuse,
CSS Neuse Historic Site, Kinston



Confederate States Army sword guard
cast in letters CSA, Confederate States
Army, Kenansville, North Carolina
Courtesy Liberty Hall, Kenansville, N.C.



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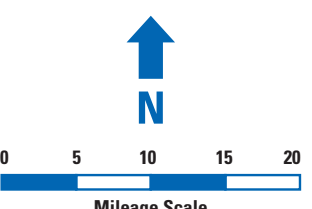
Lantern recovered
from the USS Monitor,
Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum.
Courtesy NOAA



General Benjamin F. Butler

"The importance of the point [Hatteras] cannot be overrated. ... From there the whole coast of Virginia and North Carolina ... is within our reach. ... From it offensive operations may be made upon the whole coast of North Carolina ... extending many miles inland. ... In the language of ... an official report, 'it is the key of the Albemarle.'"

Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, U.S. Army,
Aug. 30, 1861



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