

At the harbor the schooner Washington, with a platoon of artillery aboard, fired the grand federal salute.

Carriages and citizens turned back from time to time, but at Ware Bottom Church the citizens of Chesterfield were waiting with a dinner. There the company encamped for the night.

All along the way it was the same. Manchester and Richmond waited with honors and admiration for the noble band of brothers. The company drilled on Capitol Square. The governor made a speech, and when they left it was with drums beating and colors flying.

At Charlottesville, Mr. Jefferson entertained them. The Ohio legislature did the same.

It was not all pageantry by any means, although somehow the pageantry has been preserved and stressed. Letters began to tell of the dangers and the hardships of a war. Fame came at the battle and siege of Fort Meigs, where the volunteers in combat proved their mettle.

When the year was over, the General Orders summarized their fame. Not by merely looking splendid could they win such words as these:



In the War of 1812, as in almost every other chapter, Poplar Lawn figured in the story. Shown here is the ornate fountain which adorned it for many years.

"Almost exclusively composed of individuals who had been nursed in the lap of ease, they have, for twelve months, borne the hardships and privations of military life in the midst of an inhospitable wilderness, with a cheerfulness and alacrity which has never been surpassed. Their

conduct in the field has been excelled by no other corps . . ."

The best was yet to come. Mindful of the company's service, its trim appearance, and its high morale, the President, Mr. Madison, dubbed Petersburg the Cockade City of the Union.

Back home, again at Centre Hill, the town gave free play to its pride. The day began with reveille and cannon. At noon three signal guns called the citizens together. Assembling on the ground which they had left, the Volunteers marched to Poplar Lawn, with other companies, the orator supported by his friends, and citizens marching two by two.

Others served at Norfolk and elsewhere. A former fellow townsman, native of Dinwiddie, Winfield Scott, started on the royal road to fame.

But the Canada Volunteers marched down in local history, epitomizing what might well be called the city's central theme.



General Winfield Scott was the dominant figure in the nation's military life for almost half a century. A native of Dinwiddie County, he studied law and practiced law in Petersburg before entering upon the career which brought him fame.