

In Search of the Gray Eagle: Discovering the Civil War through Primary Documents

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LIFE OF MILROY (www.biographyresourcecenter.com)

Where did Robert Huston Milroy call home?

Outside of his military service, Milroy had a career in what field?

Why was Milroy the subject of a military investigation?

What was the verdict?

Why did they call him “the Gray Eagle”?

SHENANDOAH VALLEY

The Shendandoah Valley is located in which state?

What mountain range forms the valley?

Find Winchester . How far is it from Washington D.C. ? From Richmond , VA ? From Rensselaer , IN ?

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***DIGGING IN** – As you read your letter, look for clues and list information under the headings provided. You may use the back of this sheet if necessary.*

THE SPEED OF THINGS: What was the main mode of transport for soldiers, supplies, and information, and how long did it take?

DAILY LIFE IN THE CIVIL WAR: How did soldiers / civilians celebrate? What was medicine like? What challenges did the soldiers face in terms of weather, disease, and boredom? What challenges did the mothers and children of soldiers face at home?

SLAVES AND FREEDMEN: What was contraband? How were free African Americans treated in the North / in the Union Army? How were escaped / freed slaves treated by people in the North?

THE POLITICS OF OCCUPATION: Who were the Butternuts? Was everyone in the North abolitionist? Was everyone in the South pro-secession? What role did the Dutch play in Milroy's brigade?

THE GRAY EAGLE: What can we learn about Milroy's personal and political views based on his letters?