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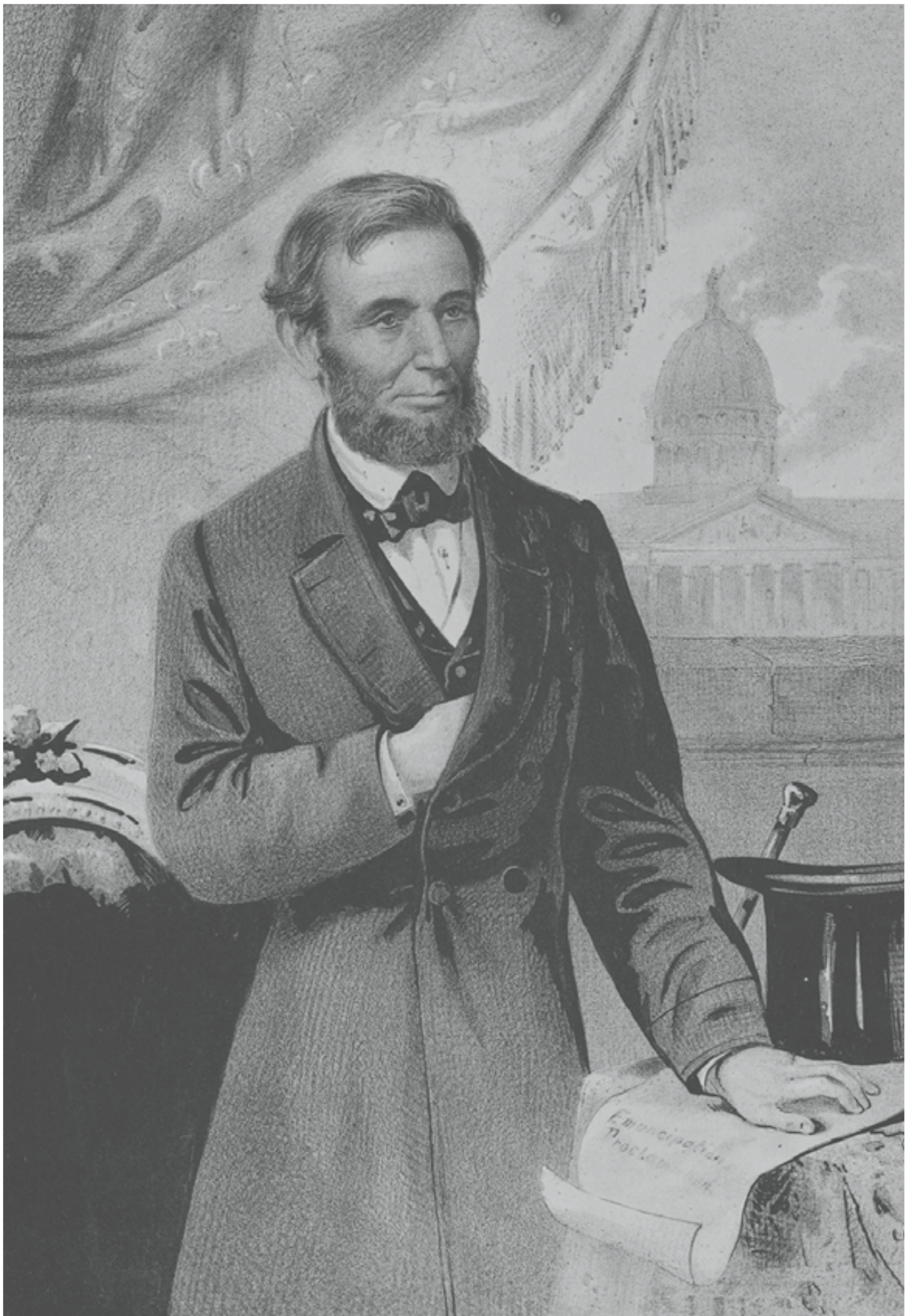
ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURE

You are living through America's massive Civil War. You have chosen to join in the fight as a spy. That means using secret codes, wearing disguises, gathering information—and trying not to get caught.

In this book you'll explore how the choices people made meant the difference between life and death. The events you'll experience happened to real people.

Chapter One sets the scene. Then you choose which path to read. Follow the directions at the bottom of each page. The choices you make will change your outcome. After you finish your path, go back and read the others for new perspectives and more adventures.

*YOU CHOOSE the path
you take through history.*



Southern leaders made it clear that if Lincoln won the 1860 election, Southern states would secede.

CHAPTER 1

WAR DIVIDES THE UNITED STATES

You are living in the United States in the spring of 1861. Fighting has broken out between Northern and Southern states over slavery and the rights of states to make their own laws.

Abraham Lincoln was elected president in November 1860. Before he was elected, he supported keeping slavery out of new U.S. territories and states. But as president, he said he would allow slavery to exist where it had for years.

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Owners of African-American slaves didn't trust Lincoln to protect slavery in the South. That was one reason 11 Southern states seceded from the Union beginning in 1860 and into 1861. They formed their own nation, the Confederate States of America.

Lincoln believes the Southern states have no right to secede. He recently called for 75,000 volunteers to fight the Confederacy. The Confederacy is determined to fight for its independence. The nation is now involved in a civil war.

At the start of the war, the U.S. military didn't have a spy agency. But Lincoln sees espionage as a way to learn the enemy's plans. Confederate leaders also consider spying important.

When it comes to spying, the Confederacy has several advantages. Many Southerners work for the Union government in Washington, D.C. Those supporting the Confederacy can keep their views secret and keep their jobs. They can then gather information to pass to Southern leaders.



Citizens of Charleston, South Carolina, watch the Civil War begin on April 12, 1861, as Confederates fire on the Union's Fort Sumter.

The Union doesn't have a similar ability to collect information in the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia. Also, four slave states—Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri—remain in the Union. Some people in these border states support the Confederacy. Confederate spies working in the North can count on them for help. Fewer Southerners support the Union, so Northern spies working in the South cannot count on much help.

Both sides are building networks of spies. You decide to join them. You know the importance of learning what the enemy plans to do. But you also understand you risk prison or execution if you are caught.

TO BE A DETECTIVE SPYING FOR THE UNION, TURN TO PAGE 13.

TO BE A SOUTHERN WOMAN SPYING FOR THE CONFEDERACY, TURN TO PAGE 41.

TO BE A FREE BLACK MAN SPYING FOR THE UNION, TURN TO PAGE 71.



Allan Pinkerton was chief of intelligence for Union General George McClellan during the Civil War.

CHAPTER 2

DETECTIVE FOR THE UNION

“You did good work back in February. Now I have another important job for you.”

You listen to your boss, Allan Pinkerton, the founder of a famous Chicago detective agency. In February 1861 you and other Pinkerton detectives learned of a Confederate plot to kill President-elect Lincoln as he traveled through Baltimore, Maryland. Thanks to your group, Lincoln safely reached Washington, D.C.

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You enjoy being a detective. It was the first job you took after moving to the United States from England five years ago. Now you're curious about the new job Pinkerton has for you.

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“General George McClellan wants my detectives to spy on the Confederacy.”

“I’m ready,” you say. You want to help the Union stay together.

Pinkerton explains that he has several missions. He needs someone to join a secret group in Baltimore called the Knights of Liberty. Its members want Maryland to secede from the Union. They are stirring up violence in Baltimore. Pinkerton also needs someone to travel through the border states.

14 “We need to know what Southern troops are doing in those areas,” Pinkerton explains. “And we want to know which Northerners might try to help them if they invade us. Which job would you like?”

**TO GO TO BALTIMORE,
GO TO PAGE 15.**

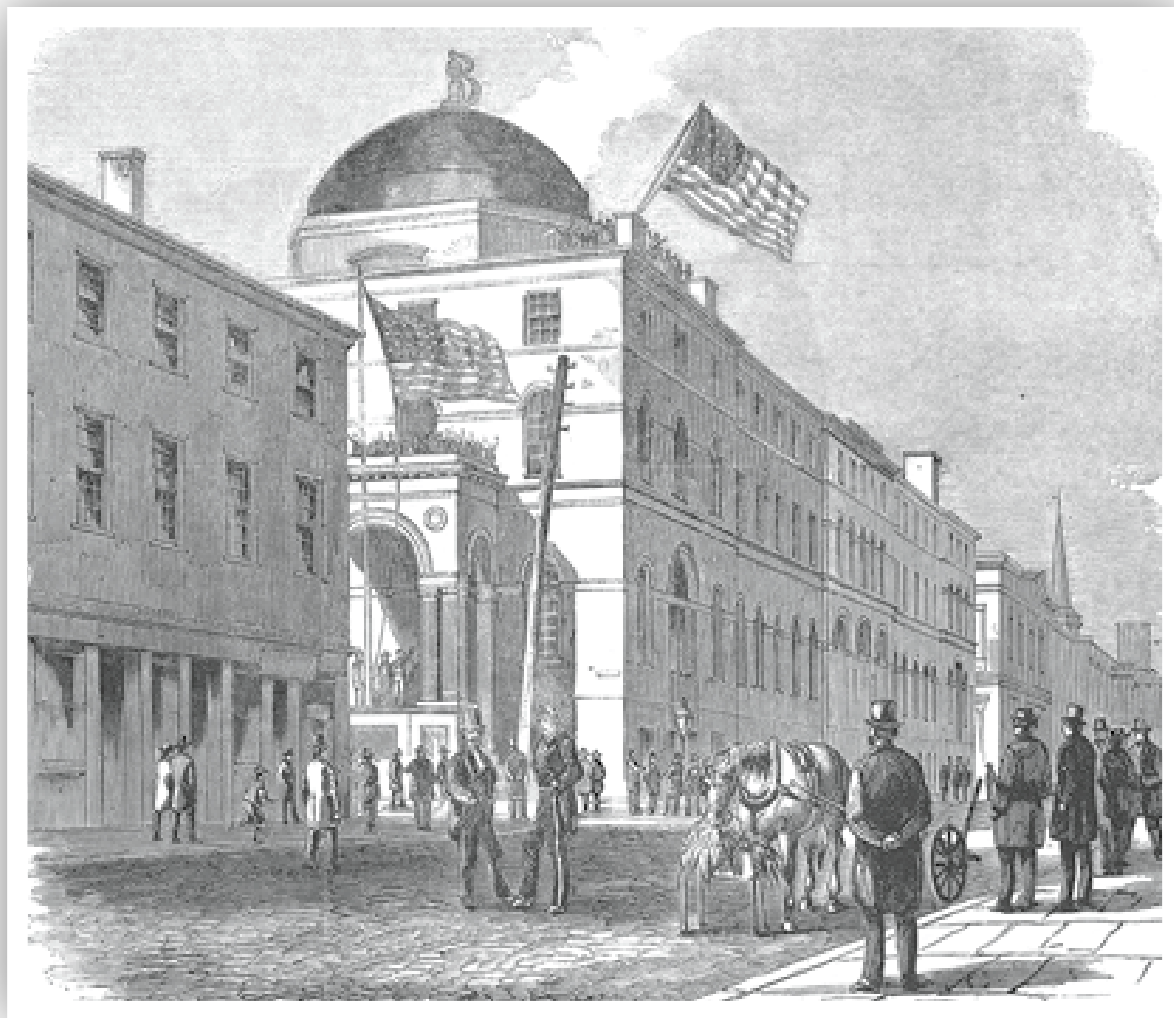
**TO TRAVEL ALONG THE BORDER,
TURN TO PAGE 23.**

You take a train to Baltimore. You rent a room there and call yourself Jacob Smith. You tell people that you came from England to start a clothing business, and you support the Confederacy. Over time you meet a number of men who belong to the Knights of Liberty. They aren't sure if they can trust you at first. But you convince them that you want to help Maryland secede.

Some of the leading Knights members want to go to Richmond, the capital of Virginia. They fear they could be arrested if they stay in Baltimore. You know they will be arrested—
because you're telling Pinkerton about their plans. One member, William Cooper, wants you to come to Richmond too.

“We’re not safe here,” he says. “I’m sure there must be Union spies around.”

You have important work to do in Baltimore. But you might be able to do some useful spying in Richmond. Traveling with the Knights will convince Confederate officials that you can be trusted.



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The Stars and Stripes of the Union flies in Baltimore in May 1861. On April 19 Confederate supporters had rioted against Union troops.

**TO STAY IN BALTIMORE,
GO TO PAGE 17.**

TO GO TO RICHMOND, TURN TO PAGE 19.

“I have business here in Baltimore for a week,” you tell Cooper. “Maybe I’ll join you later.”

You spend the next few days traveling to Washington and meeting with Pinkerton. Back in Baltimore, you eat dinner at a restaurant with several Knights. Another Knight, Jesse Douglas, approaches the table. He strides up to you with an angry look on his face.

“Smith, who are you?”

“What do you mean?” you ask, trying to stay calm.

“Is that your real name?” Douglas says, pulling you to your feet. “I think you’re a spy! I saw you in Washington the other day.” **17**

“I haven’t left Baltimore in weeks,” you say. “Maybe you saw someone who looked like me.”

“You were hanging around government buildings,” Douglas snaps. “You’re a Union spy.”

“How dare you accuse me!” you shout as you push him away. Douglas comes back at you with a knife in his hand. You pull a small gun from your coat pocket and point it at him.

“I am not a spy, and I will not let you ruin my honor with that kind of talk,” you say. “I support the South, just as we all do.” Douglas stares at you coldly. He puts down his knife and stomps out of the restaurant. Your heart pounds as the other Knights applaud your courage. You were just reminded of how dangerous spying can be. But you’re not going to stop. Maybe it’s time to go to Richmond.

You tell Pinkerton about your new plan.

“That’s a good idea,” he says. “We won’t arrest the men traveling with you. But there are some other Confederate supporters in Baltimore we can nab—including the mayor.”

The next day Cooper, you, and several other Knights leave for Virginia. Confederate leaders welcome you as you arrive in Richmond.

You get to know people in the Confederate government. You meet military officers too. They allow you to visit some battlefields outside the city. You note the location and strength of Confederate forces. Military officers allow you to pass as you travel back to Baltimore with a local Confederate merchant.

As Confederate General Raymond Johnson lets you pass through, he asks for a favor.

“We have spies in Washington,” he says.
“You can safely travel there since you’re from Maryland. Could you bring information to them and bring back messages they have for us?”

You realize that this would make you a double agent! Working for Johnson, you might be able to get even more important information for Pinkerton. But you will face extra pressure pretending to work for the Confederates.



a group of Confederate Secret Service agents in Virginia

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**TO HELP JOHNSON,
GO TO PAGE 21.**

TO REFUSE, TURN TO PAGE 31.

You take a packet of information from Johnson and continue traveling to Maryland and then to Washington, D.C. Before you give Johnson's letters to the Confederate spies, you visit Pinkerton. He copies the information.

"After you give these to the spies," Pinkerton says, "bring me any information they have for the Confederate military. We'll make sure you don't deliver anything useful to the South. But we'll include some of the information so they'll trust you and not suspect you're a double agent."

For several months, you travel freely between Richmond and Washington. You carry useful information to Pinkerton. Meanwhile, the Confederates get only a few small details about Union troop movements.

On one trip back to Virginia, you take a ferry across the Potomac River. Also on the ferry are a Southern woman, Jane, and her daughter, Sarah. The boat is anchored a short distance from the shore. You offer to carry Jane and Sarah through the water to the ferry. You're soaked to your waist. You reach Virginia safely. But within a few days, you come down with a fever and a hacking cough. In Richmond you meet up with Joe Scully, another Union spy working in the city.

"You look terrible," Joe says. "Maybe I should make the next trip north for you."

22 You feel terrible. Wading through the cold river water must have weakened you. But you're not sure Joe should go. He doesn't know all of your contacts on the way to Maryland.

**TO MAKE THE TRIP,
TURN TO PAGE 27.**

**TO STAY IN RICHMOND,
TURN TO PAGE 29.**

You board a train to Cincinnati, Ohio. From there, you travel to the Confederate city of Memphis, Tennessee. You introduce yourself as Jonathan Sewell, a Baltimore businessman and strong supporter of the South.

As you talk with people, you casually ask about friends and relatives who are fighting for the Confederacy. They tell you about them and the armies they serve. You also see troops outside the city and learn what you can about where they're going. Your new friends introduce you to the officers, and they tell you even more information. You prepare a report to mail to Pinkerton once you reach Ohio, a Union state.

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Memphis residents have recently created a safety committee to catch Northern spies who come to the city. The committee carefully watches any stranger who comes to town.

TURN THE PAGE.

“We should hang any blasted Yankee that tries to spy here,” one man says.

You join the crowd in agreeing with him. But you know you’ll have to be even more careful now that the committee is keeping an eye on newcomers. It might be better to leave Memphis and continue traveling through Tennessee.



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Spying on army camps could provide useful information about the enemy’s numbers, strength, and movement.

**TO STAY IN MEMPHIS,
GO TO PAGE 25.**

**TO LEAVE MEMPHIS,
TURN TO PAGE 34.**