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Head Quarters Dept. of the Pacific

San Francisco Ca Mar. 23. 1858

Sir:

The correspondence between Milty. Store-Keeper Baldwin and yourself has been referred to Brig. Genl. Clarke.

He directs me to say, that it is the established and well known custom of service, that on the departure of the Commanding Officer from a Post, he sends for or sends notice to his second in command, of his intended departure.

It is well not to depart from established custom in such matters.

I am sir, very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

W.W. Mackall

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Capt. F.D. Callender

Ord. Dept.

Comdy.

Benicia Arsenal

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William Whann Mackall was born on January 18, 1817, in Cecil, Maryland. He married Aminta Elizabeth Douglas Sorrell on May 6, 1844, in Chatham, Georgia. They had six children in 19 years. He died on August 12, 1891, in Fairfax, Virginia, at the age of 74, and was buried in McLean, Virginia.

Civil War Confederate Brigadier General. Born in the District of Columbia, he graduated from the US Military Academy in 1837 and was commissioned an officer in the 1st US Artillery. He distinguished himself in the Seminole War, Mexican War and at the start of the Civil War declined promotion to Lieutenant Colonel to serve in the Confederate Army. Commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel on the staff of General Albert Sidney Johnston, he was promoted Brigadier General in 1862. He was assigned to the command of the Confederate forces at Madrid Bend, where he was captured by Union troops and was prisoner exchanged in August, 1862. In 1863, he was given command of the district of the Gulf and was appointed chief of staff by General Braxton Bragg. He was on duty in the Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana in 1864 and fought in the campaign against Union General Sherman from Dalton to Atlanta. He was relieved from his staff duties at his own request, but continued to participate in Confederate operations until he surrendered to the Union in Macon, Georgia, on April 20, 1865. After the war, he became a farmer and real estate speculator in Virginia.

Bio by: John "J-Cat" Griffith