



CSS Arkansas Battle Ensign

The 'Arkansas', under the command of First Lieutenant Henry K Stevens, received orders to sail for Baton Rouge. Stevens proceeded downriver to provide support to the Land Forces; but en-route his vessel suffered a massive engine failure, causing her to lose propulsion and drift close to the shore. Stevens ordered his crew to abandon ship; but not before all guns had been double shotted and the vessel set on fire. The Arkansas was then allowed to drift down past the lines and into Union territory where she eventually exploded and sank. Today, her pennant hangs proudly in the Naval Museum of the Confederacy in Columbus G.A.