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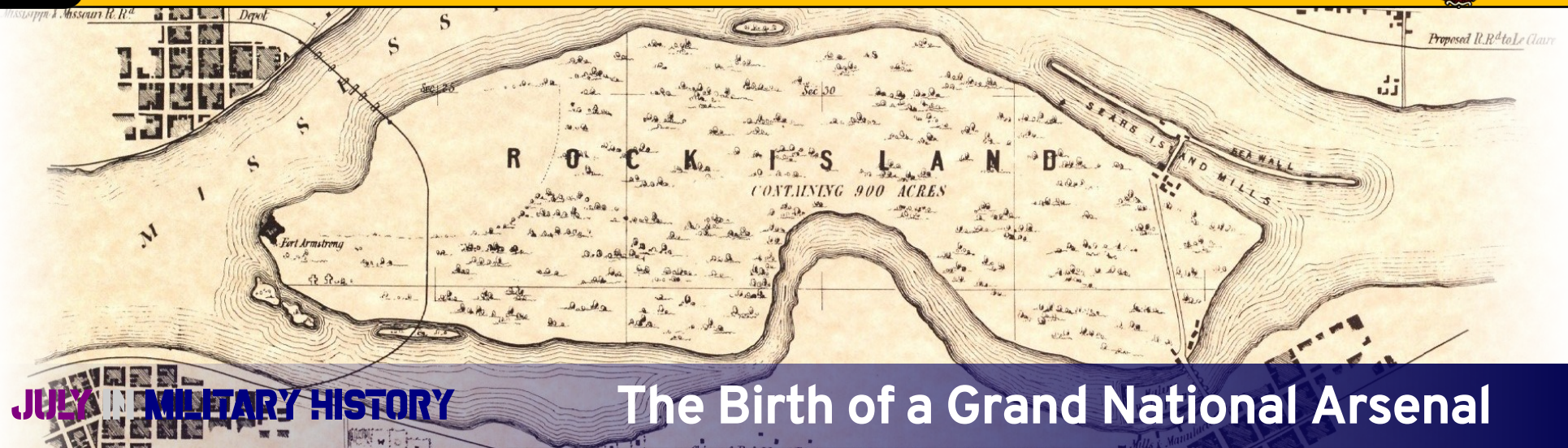
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COMMEMORATING ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL'S 160TH ANNIVERSARY



JULY IN MILITARY HISTORY

The Birth of a Grand National Arsenal

- 1823 ≈ U.S. Navy forces successfully launch a raid on a pirate base on Cape Cruz, Cuba.
- 1863 — The Battle of Gettysburg unfolds, halting Lee's invasion of the North.
- 1942 ≈ WATCHTOWER is conducted in preparation for the first American Offensive in WWII.
- 1944 ∞ GEN Patton arrives in France to take command of the Third Army.
- 1945 ∪ GEN MacArthur announces the liberation of the Philippines.
- 1945 ∪ The Trinity Test is conducted in the Alamogordo Desert, New Mexico.
- 1945 ≈ USS *Indianapolis* completes her top-secret mission of atomic delivery.
- 1947 ∞ The AK-47 goes into production for the first time in the Soviet Union.
- 1950 ∪ The first clash between the U.S. and North Korean forces takes place at Osan.
- 1997 ≈ The 200-year-old USS Constitution sets sail for the first time in 116 years.

MONTHLY TRIVIA

- 1 How much money did the Army pay the Davenport family for the remaining 150 acres of privately owned land on RIA?
- 2 Where did the first stone come from to build the Arsenal?
- 3 What paper took a vested interest in the construction of RIA and the Prison barracks, for good and bad?

ANSWERS FOR JUNE 2022 QUESTIONS

- 1 When did the last Confederate prisoners leave the Rock Island Prison Barracks?
➤ The last prisoners were released from the hospital in July 1865.
- 2 What unfortunate order did the first commander at Rock Island Arsenal have to carry out just prior to taking command?
➤ MAJ Kingsbury ordered the burning of the Harper's Ferry Armory to prevent its capture on 18 April 1861.
- 3 When did the last building built as a part of the Prison Barracks get torn down?
➤ The last building from the RIA Prison hospital was slated to be replaced in 1907.

European nations in 1913



A difficult topic to broach for historians is finding the singular cause of World War I. Treaties with signatories married to other treaties with other signatories and mutual defense pacts are the simplest way to put it, but in fact, it's very much like trying to uncover a long mystery with yarn and photos on the wall. Needless to say...everyone was holding a loaded gun.



Trivia answers, digital newsletters, and more history is available on the ASC History website:

<https://aschq.army.mil/About-Us/History>

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History is being made every day at this command.

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