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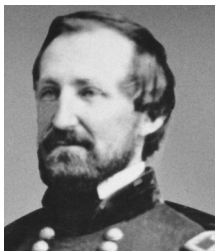
JULY 21-28, 1861

During the summer of 1861, Union Gen. George B. McClellan enjoyed enormous popularity after driving most Confederate forces out of western Virginia even as Federal troops suffered a sound defeat at the first battle of Bull Run.

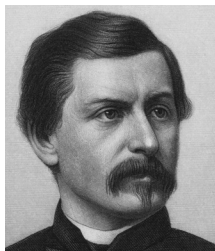
On July 25, 1861, the Wheeling Intelligencer reported that “Gen. McClellan was serenaded in front of the McLure House, and hundreds of people collected to see him.”

McClellan’s military success here solidified Union support in northwestern Virginia and earned him a promotion.

Following his departure, Gen. William S. Rosecrans arrived to defend western Virginia and provide a relatively safe environment for operating the Reorganized Government of Virginia. During Rosecrans’ assignment, he lived in the McLure House in Wheeling.



Rosecrans



McClellan



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