

Civil War Centennial Series

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These stamps (Scott #1178 to 1182) were issued to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. One stamp was issued each year from 1961 to 1965 on the date of the event they commemorate. These stamps highlight the most significant event that happened that year, one hundred years ago. Each stamp has the words "Civil War Centennial" and the year from the war and the year issued, one hundred years later (for example, 1861 and 1961).

The Fort Sumter stamp (Scott #1178) was issued on April 12, 1961 at Charleston, South Carolina. It marks the first shots of the war on that date and pictures a sea coast gun of that era.



The Shiloh stamp (Scott #1179) was issued on April 7, 1962 at Shiloh, Tennessee. It pictures a rifleman ducking behind a tree stump and was printed on peach colored paper because part of the battle was fought in a peach orchard.

The Gettysburg stamp (Scott #1180) was issued on July 1, 1963 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This four-day battle was the turning point in the war. It pictures a Confederate soldier on a gray background and a Union soldier on a blue background.



The Wilderness stamp (Scott #1181) was issued May 5, 1964 at Fredericksburg, Virginia. It pictures three soldiers with a cannon. Neither side won the battle although Grant achieved his objective.

The Appomattox stamp (Scott #1182) was issued on April 9, 1965 at Appomattox, Virginia. It commemorates Lee's surrender to Grant and essentially the end of the war. It pictures a silhouette of a soldier with a stack of rifles on a blue and gray background. The words "With Malice Toward None" are from Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address.

