With the regularity of express trains, swift vessels like this one left Nassau and Bermuda and traveled direct for their destination, timed to arrive in the night. So great were the profits of blockade running that in some cases one successful voyage out and back would more than repay the owners for the loss of the vessel. Under these circumstances it can be easily seen that men were tempted to take risks that ordinarily they would avoid.

In pipe-clayed cross belts and white gloves, with all their accoutrements bright and shining, here we see a volunteer company of young Confederates standing at “Present Arms” and posing before the camera. The four officers standing in front of the line are Captain C. E. Chichester, Lieutenant R. C. Gilchrist, Lieutenant E. John White, and Lieutenant B. M. Walpole. The photograph was taken in October, 1861.