

## SYNOPSIS for "Cry Uncle, Sumbody"

OHIO VALLEY (1863)

DAVID LONGACHER enlists in the Union Army, entering a war which took the life of his Pa. He leaves his MA, sisters HANNA and BETH, and fiancée, NEL, to work the family farm with the help of his cousin, CHARLES ALLEN, a Confederate sympathizer and moonshiner from Southern Indiana.

With a degree in Veterinary Medicine, the ol' TOWN DOCTOR encourages David to enlist as a Union Officer. David rejects the notion, instead wanting to fight beside the Army regulars.

David is taken to enlistment camp by Charles Allen. Upon Charles Allen's return, he finds the family's farm destroyed. Charles Allen then leaves to join the Confederacy.

David's friend, JERRY DIXON, is nearly killed when a Reb sniper opens fire on the two while on picket duty.

Hanna runs away from home.

Charles Allen fights in the Calvary, but has to be transferred to light duty. He is then assigned to Danville Prison. He decides to still moonshine on the outskirts of Danville with the moonshine to be used at the prison.

David engages in battle wherein he is shot. He bayonets a Reb boy in the throat. In another battle, he rescues WOLF, a soldier who has become detached from his unit.

Hanna gets tossed out into the wilderness alone, in the middle of the night.

David, Jerry, and Wolf meet SALLY and her two traveling companions, EVETTE and Evette's MOTHER, fancy girls. Jerry falls for Evette. David tells Sally to head their sutler's wagon toward Danville.

On their way to Danville, Sally rescues Hanna.

Shortly thereafter, Evette's mother succumbs to yellowjack.

During another battle near the White House, David, Jerry, and Wolf are captured by the Rebs. They are taken to Danville Prison.

Sally, Evette, and Hanna arrive in Danville. They run into Charles Allen at a general store. Charles Allen arranges for Hanna and Evette to travel back to Ohio by way of the slave underground railroad.

David, Jerry, and Wolf arrive at Danville Prison. Conditions there are inhumane. David uses Reb SERGEANT GRIZZLY to deliver his commendation letter to the Major General at the prison. Jerry witnesses improprieties and is murdered.

The war ends. David and Wolf begin their trip back to Ohio.

Charles Allen and Sally return to Southern Indiana and see Hanna and Evette off on a steamboat bound for Ohio.

Jerry's parents visit Ma Longacher. They tell her not to expect a homecoming for David since their family are known Southern sympathizers. Ma presents Evette to Mrs. Dixon, telling her Jerry met her down South. The Dixons take Evette in.

The family awaits David's arrival. Their dog barks as a long line of buggies approaches the covered bridge. David and Wolf toss their kepis in the air.