

Who Fired the First Shot?



In answer to a captured Yankee Colonel's question, "Who fired the first shot?" An unidentified Confederate private responds in May 1862 after Stonewall Jackson's liberation of Winchester VA.

"John Brown at Harper's Ferry, sir, he fired the first gun and Mr. Lincoln, in attempting to reinforce Sumter, fired the second gun. And the Confederates have acted on the defensive all of the time. We did not invade your country, but you invaded ours, you go home and attend to your own business and leave us to ours and the war will close at once."