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BELLE BOYD 1844-1900

Belle Boyd was one of the most famous Confederate spies of the Civil War. She repeatedly and dangerously relayed information regarding Union troop strengths and movements to Confederate commanders in the field.

According to Confederate general "Stonewall" Jackson, the intelligence she provided helped win multiple victories. For her contributions, she was awarded the Southern Cross of Honor. Jackson also gave her captain and honorary aide-de-camp positions.

Authorities suspected her of being a spy almost from the start. The Union imprisoned her multiple times, but Boyd was a master of manipulation and managed to gain release each time.

In 1864, she fled to London where she married one of her captors and later penned a memoir that detailed her exploits and attracted international attention. Boyd died of a heart attack while touring the U.S. lecturing on her conquests as a spy.

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