



# **A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861**

*James Morgan*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# **A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861**

*James Morgan*

## **A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861** James Morgan

“[P]erhaps a small demonstration on your part would have the effect to move them,” wrote Army of the Potomac commander Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan to Brig. Gen. Charles P. Stone on October 20, 1861. This simple telegram triggered a “demonstration” by General Stone that same afternoon that evolved into the bloody subject of James Morgan’s *A Little Short of Boats: The Battles of Ball’s Bluff & Edwards Ferry*, October 21–22, 1861.

Opposing the Union effort was Brig. Gen. Nathan “Shanks” Evans’ small Confederate command at Leesburg. Reacting to the news of Federals crossing at Ball’s Bluff and Edwards Ferry, Evans focused on the former and began moving troops to the point where Col. Edward D. Baker’s troops were gathering. The Northern troops were on largely open ground, poorly organized, and with their backs to the wide river when the Southern infantry attacked. The twelve fitful hours of fighting that followed ended in one of the worst defeats (proportionally speaking) either side would suffer during the entire Civil War, wrecked a prominent Union general’s career, and killed Baker—a sitting United States senator and one of President Abraham Lincoln’s good friends. The disaster rocked a Northern populace already reeling from the recent defeats of Bull Run and Wilson’s Creek.

*A Little Short of Boats* sets forth the strategy behind the “demonstration,” the fighting and the key command decisions that triggered it, and the many colorful personalities involved. The bloody result, coupled with the political fallout, held the nation’s attention for weeks. The battle’s most important impact was also the least predictable: the creation of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War. Ostensibly formed to seek out the causes of the string of defeats, the Joint Committee instead pushed the political agenda of the “Radical Republicans” and remained a thorn in Lincoln’s side for the rest of the war.

Gracefully written in a conversational style, Morgan’s study is based upon extensive firsthand research and a full appreciation of the battlefield terrain. This fully revised and expanded sesquicentennial edition of Morgan’s *A Little Short of Boats* includes numerous photos and original maps to make sense of the complicated early-war combat. Seven appendices offer an order of battle, discussions of key participants and controversies, and a complete walking tour of the battlefield at Ball’s Bluff. This special edition will please Civil War enthusiasts who love tactical battle studies and remind them once again that very often in history, smaller affairs have important and lasting consequences.

About the Author: Born in New Orleans, Jim Morgan grew up in Pensacola, Florida, and now lives in Lovettsville, Virginia. A former Marine, Jim is a past president of the Loudoun County Civil War Roundtable, a member of the Loudoun County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, and a volunteer guide at Ball’s Bluff for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

## REVIEWS

"Jim Morgan is a masterful writer and military historian. This revised and expanded edition is the definitive account of Ball’s Bluff. His excellent tactical analysis has been augmented with more firsthand accounts,

many previously unpublished, that make a good work even better. Readers of the original edition will definitely want to read this updated version. Those who do not own Morgan's battle study need to have it on their bookshelves. This is Civil War history at its best."

– Ted Alexander, Antietam National Battlefield

"Together with the many maps, photos, sketches, and the battlefield tour included, Morgan visually develops the elusive story of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry as an unfolding mystery that will surely lure the reader to the site to ponder its many questions."

– Rich Gillespie, Director of Education, Mosby Heritage Area

"Kudos to Savas Beatie for producing a physically beautiful book . . . A Little Short of Boats will appeal especially to readers interested in tactical battle studies. This reviewer recommends it enthusiastically." - Civil War News

"A Little Short of Boats examines the entire military engagement in meticulous, heavily researched detail, and is an excellent addition to Civil War military history shelves and college library collections." - Midwest Book Review

 [Download A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles o ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 James Morgan**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Connie Deroche:**

Book is to be different for every grade. Book for children until eventually adult are different content. As you may know that book is very important for people. The book A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 has been making you to know about other understanding and of course you can take more information. It is extremely advantages for you. The book A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 is not only giving you a lot more new information but also to become your friend when you truly feel bored. You can spend your current spend time to read your publication. Try to make relationship with all the book A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861. You never truly feel lose out for everything in the event you read some books.

#### **Laveta Blodgett:**

This A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 book is not really ordinary book, you have after that it the world is in your hands. The benefit you will get by reading this book is definitely information inside this publication incredible fresh, you will get information which is getting deeper you read a lot of information you will get. That A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 without we comprehend teach the one who examining it become critical in imagining and analyzing. Don't become worry A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 can bring if you are and not make your tote space or bookshelves' turn into full because you can have it with your lovely laptop even cell phone. This A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 having fine arrangement in word as well as layout, so you will not sense uninterested in reading.

#### **Constance Music:**

This A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 are reliable for you who want to be considered a successful person, why. The reason of this A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 can be one of many great books you must have is definitely giving you more than just simple looking at food but feed a person with information that possibly will shock your previous knowledge. This book is actually handy, you can bring it all over the place and whenever your conditions at e-book and printed versions. Beside that this A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 giving you an enormous of experience like rich vocabulary, giving you tryout of critical thinking that could it useful in your day action. So , let's have it and luxuriate in reading.

#### **Evelyn Rogers:**

The publication with title A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry,

October 21 - 22, 1861 includes a lot of information that you can learn it. You can get a lot of benefit after read this book. This specific book exist new know-how the information that exist in this reserve represented the condition of the world at this point. That is important to yo7u to know how the improvement of the world. That book will bring you inside new era of the glowbal growth. You can read the e-book on your smart phone, so you can read that anywhere you want.

**Download and Read Online A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861  
James Morgan #RK851TNLJGH**

## **Read A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 by James Morgan for online ebook**

A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 by James Morgan Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 by James Morgan books to read online.

### **Online A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 by James Morgan ebook PDF download**

**A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 by James Morgan Doc**

**A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 by James Morgan Mobipocket**

**A Little Short of Boats: The Civil War Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21 - 22, 1861 by James Morgan EPub**