Subject: Re: Little Known Civil War Fact
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Rest assured, I "root" for the Union whenever I read about the Civil War. Indeed, it's often painful for me to read about many of the Eastern campaigns, because the Federals were so often badly defeated. Consider:First Bull Run - DefeatShenandoah Valley Campaign -- DefeatPeninsula Campaign -- DefeatSecond Bull Run -- DefeatAntietam -- TieFredericksburg -- DefeatMud March -- DefeatChancellorsville -- DefeatGettysburg -- VictoryMine Run Campaign -- DefeatLuckily, the Union was blessed with the two greatest men of the era, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses Grant. I am firmly convinced that both were essential to victory.Since my obsession is relatively new, I have never visited a Civil War battle site. That may change this coming summer, however.Little known Civil War fact No. 2: Ulysses Grant's original name was Hiram Ulysses Grant. His family called him "Ulys". When he went to West Point, he inverted his first and middle names because he did not want his luggage to bear the initials "HUG". When he arrived at West Point, the Army listed him as "Ulysses S. Grant", because that was the name under which his sponsor had submitted his application (presumably because his mother's maiden name was Simpson). The Army, being the Army, told him that it had admitted "Ulysses S. Grant" and that, if he was not "Ulysses S. Grant", he should go home.