

THE MESSENGER

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A

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**CONTENTS:** This will be a long newsletter so I can get out a backlog of info before postal rates go up & we start getting more event details. It includes personnel changes, By-laws changes, meeting minutes, schedule information, drill comments, info on the 4th Battalion & planned national events for future years, some unit history, & a song.

**PERSONNEL:** Congratulations to President Charlie Riggs & Vice-President Bob Koffman, who will preside at meetings & represent us at MCWRA meetings. Congrats also to new Veteran Gregg Ballman. Welcome to two new members: Ron Cunningham, Rt 3, Box SOB, Sedalia, 65301, 816-826-5399, and transfer Bob Roberts, Rt 12, 4825A Meadowlark Ln, Columbia, 65201, 314-874-1913. Dave Kesinger is our first Associate Member. Kathryn has resumed her maiden name of Horton (vs Moore). We now have 15 Veterans, 11 recruits, 1 musician, & 11 adult non-combatants.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, February 26, 1991. Social & recruiting at 6:00 PM, business at 7:00 PM. The Authenticity Committee will have a special half-hour program for our edification. Meeting site is CLINTON, MO, Missouri Public Service building, south side of the Courthouse Square.

**INFANTRY ORGANIZATION:** The 5th Infantry is now part of the 4th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Confederate Division. This provides an overall command structure for Reb infantry units which belong to MCWRA. We had little say in the matter, a fact which rankles, but the units (9th Texas, Crowley's, TMR, us, 4th MO & 9th MO) involved are generally solid, authentic, serious groups; the staff is what we'd probably have selected had we had a vote. Membership is advantageous to us because it will help ensure that MCWRA infantry units aren't shunted aside at major events as well as alleviate some of the ego-serving command appointments that have cropped up at some area events. As we grow & prove ourselves more, we'll have more say!

**BY-LAW CHANGES:** We had two key By-law changes. One provides for Associate Members (those who want our newsletter but don't want to reenact or are MCWRA members who normally participate with another unit). Another sets all elections in January. A third change was discussed at length & I was asked to draft a proposal, which is contained elsewhere in this issue.

**EVENT SCHEDULES:** Please review the event schedule & event details; decide which ones you can attend & let Bill know at the next meeting (or sooner). We'll keep a running tally on event attendance, but try to be accurate: our preregistration depends on what you say!

**CRITICAL:** IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES TACTICAL, Inform Bob Koffman immediately & get your \$4 check into the treasurer ASAP!

**KILLER ANGELS UPDATE:** We answered an inquiry & will be informed when the exact filming dates are and when extras will be needed. WATCH THIS SPACE!

**A SUGGESTION:** In honor of our soldiers serving in the Iraq War, why don't we start our meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance?

**LATEST NEWS** of January 1961, by our special correspondent:

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 1991

We watch with distinct interest as five more states have joined South Carolina in separation from the Union. Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia & Louisiana have declared that they can no longer live under northern oppression, and Georgia has seized Fort Pulaski, guarding the Savannah River. South Carolina's batteries drove off the Star of the West, which attempted to resupply the perfidious Maj Anderson in Ft Sumter. A proposal has been made in New York to declare the city free & neutral. In Missouri, an election is set for February 16th for delegates to a convention to consider the matter, and many sober & conservative citizens, including former Governor Price, have declared their candidacy as Conditional Unionists. He, and others, support Missouri remaining in the Union, but oppose any coercion of the withdrawn states. Our Governor, Kentucky-born Claiborne Fox Jackson, was inaugurated on the 4th inst, & declared that we must stand by our brethren to the South.

**BY-LAWS:**

Suggested wording for a By-law change: If a member is deemed to be disruptive or to act against the best interests of the Unit, either on or off the field, any member may prefer charges against such individual. The Field Commander or President, depending on the nature & location of the alleged offense, will appoint two members to investigate the facts and report their findings to the appointing authority. The appointing authority will then determine if the charges should be dismissed, or if the alleged offender should be counselled about his/her actions or brought before the membership to face formal charges. The membership, by two-thirds majority of those present at a regular meeting, may determine what, if any, action to be taken against the alleged offender, up to terminating the individual's membership in the Unit. However, nothing in this article shall prevent the Field Staff or Organizational Staff from fulfilling their duties by immediately correcting unsafe or unruly behavior."

Discussion: Remember that the By-laws are included in our recruit package & that potential recruits see them. We need to consider if the potential frequency or seriousness of such behavior warrants having a formal procedure, or if such circumstances, if and when they arise, can be handled informally or on an ad hoc basis.

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at Farm & Home Savings, Sedalia. Present were 11 veterans, 6 recruits, 4 non-combatants, 2 expired members & 5 guests.

Gregg Ballman was promoted to Veteran status (all gear, 3 battles, sufficient time, recommended by sponsor).

Minutes & treasurer's reports were accepted. Balance was \$416.79 plus \$85 undeposited checks. Bill estimated that \$300 in newsletter & operating costs will be incurred. The officers were asked to review the equipment needs to plan additional purchases.

Charlie Riggs was reelected President, Bob Koffman was elected Vice-President.

Four proposed By-law revisions were considered. Numerous ideas were discussed about methods of disciplining or terminating disruptive members. The Secretary was requested to draft an amendment that would provide for first time warnings followed by some sort of 'military charges.'

An Associate membership was approved. Article III, Para 3 was added, to read "An Associate Member is a NCWRA member affiliated with another unit or a non-reenactor; in either case desiring to support the unit & receive its publications. Associate Members may not vote nor participate in the field unless they are NCWRA members. Dues will be as established by the membership." Associate dues were established at \$8.00.

A proposal to require Veterans to attend one battle a year to retain their voting privileges did not carry.

Article V, Paragraph B, next to last sentence, as reads 'at the November meeting' is changed to read 'at the January meeting.' All elections will now be in January.

Bill reported on the NCWRA Board meeting, where he was selected Secretary of NCWRA. Another problem is in discerning exactly what is covered by NCWRA insurance. Bob Koffman reported on formation of the 4th Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Confederate Division. The 5th Infantry has been placed in this organization, without adequate prior discussion. Since this organization is advantageous to us, it was decided to agree to join it, with Capt Koffman to inform Col. Beck of our decision but to voice our concern with the way the command structure was selected.

The Event Schedule was reviewed & major events discussed.

The following events were voted to be unit MAX EFFORTS:

Spring Drill, April 7, at Cedarcroft Farm, Warrensburg.

Weston, April 20-21.

Cole Camp, July 13-14.

Wilson's Creek, August 9-11.

The next meeting was set for Feb 26, in Clinton. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

**DRILL NOTES:** Rather than writing my own column this month, I have cribbed the following in its entirety from the TMR Gazette. I've added some parenthetical comments for your consideration.

## ***DRILL OF THE MONTH***

This is a new column that I hope to provide each month. The basic idea is to present drill in a format that is more accessible than Hardee's, and one which emphasizes what we usually do. The pages will be separate from the others in the newsletter, so that you may begin to make a booklet of the drill. The source information is from Hardee's Rifle & Light Infantry Tactics. I will use the recently reprinted two volume set of this. The small blue book that many of us own does not contain skirmish drill, nor does it mention battalion drill. Another excellent source is the Simplified Hardee's book, which is available at most reenactments. This book provides diagrams of many movements that are just described in the original Hardee's. A disadvantage is that much of the terminology is still very formal, and there are many maneuvers described that we do not perform. I found it useful, but not as useful as I had hoped. I intend to present drill the way we perform it, even if that is not the precise way that Hardee originally described it. I hope you find these descriptions helpful.

### **ORGANIZATION**

TMR portrays a company. This is the basic unit in all infantry reenactment groups. The paper strength of a company, which was rarely the case in the field, was near 100 men. A full strength regiment consisted of ten companies. About 2-6 (most commonly 4 in the Union army) regiments comprised a brigade, and 2-4 brigades a division. Two or three divisions made a Corps, and 2-3 Corps made up the army. At the largest reenactment ever held (125th anniversary of Gettysburg in 1988), there were about 6000 men on each side, which would have been equivalent to a large brigade (per side) during the Civil War.

A company in line of battle looks like the following.

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What's wrong with this diagram of a company in line?  
(Hint: read the bottom line)

C=corporal; 0=private; C=captain; 1,2,3=1st, 2nd, or 3rd sergeant; and L=lieutenant.

This shows a reenactment company (a large one). A real company had one more lieutenant and two more sergeants, and a bunch more privates. Each company is divided into two platoons; platoons are divided between the two corporals in the middle. The first platoon is on the right, and the second on the left. Each platoon is further subdivided into 2 sections. Sections are generally not used in reenactments because our platoons are usually the size of a section. We will often split up into platoons, however. During drill, just to be confusing, a company or any size drilling unit is called a *battalion*.

As shown above, a company forms in a double line. Each line is called a *rank*, and each group of two men, one behind the other, is called a *file*. In this example there are two ranks and 21 files. From right to left, the men (not including officers and sergeants) are lined up by height. The tallest corporal and tallest man form the first file on the right, and shortest corporal and shortest man form the last file on the left. From right to left, the files are alternately designated "1" or "2." When we "count twos" (which we do a lot), the men in the first file call out "One," the second file "Two," the third file "One," the fourth file "Two," etc. until all files have a number. Each group of four men composed of the odd and even files, from right to left, make up *comrades in battle*. This is important in skirmish drill. The distance between ranks is 13 inches, measured from the breast of the rear rank man to the back or knapsack of the front rank man. Xxrmally we estimate this by making a right angle with the right arm, and making a fist. You are at the correct distance when your fist touches the man in front of you, with your elbow at your side. When companies first form up at an event, the two center corporals try to station themselves as close to the center of the company as possible. However, the right corporal of these two must be a "two."

Quiz: If you were to draw a diagram of this company in marching order (column of fours), what would be the distance on the diagram from the 1st Sgt to the corporal at the rear (hint: on the diagram as shown the distance is 3-3/4")  
A: 2-1/2" B: 3" C: 3-3/4" D: 4-1/4" E. None of above

Quiz: When would the guide be left?

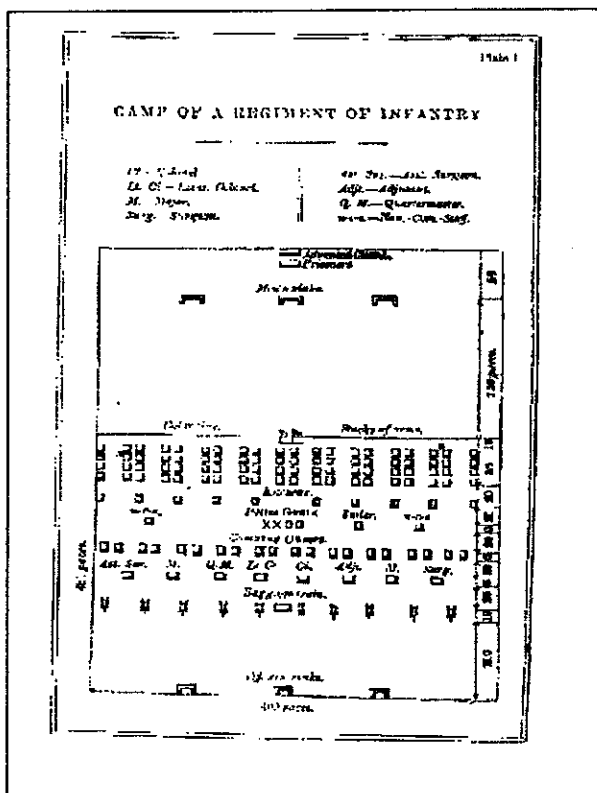
- A: When the colors are to our left. B: When marching by the left oblique  
C: When doing a right wheel. D: All of the above. E: None of the above

During firings and most drills, the captain and first sergeant will not be in the positions shown; they will drop back to the "third" rank during firings and will lead the company during drill. Hence the first file is made up of the first corporal and man on the right. The officers and sergeants in the "third" rank are called *file closers*. Their overall job is to make sure that the men are doing their jobs. They are spaced two paces behind the second rank. During maneuvers there are *guides*. As a company we usually guide right. At reenactments and as a rule, the 1st sergeant is the right guide. Similarly, the 2nd sergeant is the left guide. During drill, if the sergeants are doing the teaching, then the corporals on the ends of the company become the guides. The 1st sergeant on the right of a regiment is called the *right general guide*. The 2nd sergeant on the left of a regiment is called the *left general guide*.

At reenactments, companies are often joined into regiments. In a Civil War regiment, from right to left the companies were labelled "first company," "second company," etc. The first two companies on the right were called the "first division," the next two companies the "second division," etc. The color guard was attached to the right center company (that is, the fifth company if there were ten companies). This company, and all to its right, were termed the "right wing," and the other companies comprised the "left wing." These divisions of regiments are only occasionally used at reenactments.

## CAMP

The diagram shows an ideal regimental camp. For a given company, its tents are faced parallel to each other across a "company street."

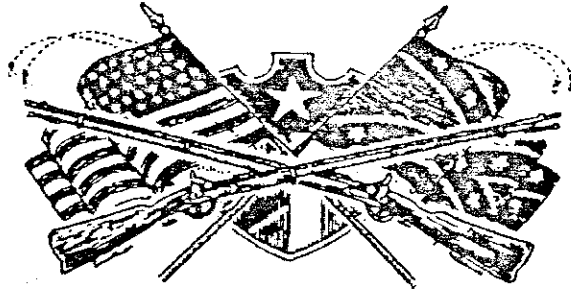


other across a "company street." The width of this street is not specified, but should be about 10 paces if there is enough room. The manual specifies that there be two paces around each tent; that is, the tents to the side and rear of a given tent should not be closer than two paces. In reality, we place them almost edge to edge. Space is usually at a premium at a reenactment. By the book, ten paces in front of and perpendicular to one end of the company street is the color line. Here is where the colors should be placed and where arms should be stacked. Ten paces from the other end of the company street begins a series of rows, perpendicular to the company streets, of noncoms', company officers', and regimental officers' tents. At reenactments, generally there is one officers' tent for each company. Higher level officers sometimes have a row of tents behind the company officers. Noncoms rarely have tents. The men eat between the company tents and the first row of officers' tents. When the men fall in to battle line, they form up along the color line. In the ideal situation, the width of all the companies' streets (including tents) equals the length of the regiment. Thus, when each company forms up at the head of its street, there will be room for the companies on each side of it, and so on down the line.

## COMMANDS

There are three types of commands during drill or maneuver. The first is the command of *caution*, which is "Attention." The next command is the *preparatory command*, which indicates the movement that will be performed. The last command is the *command of execution*, which tells you when to actually start executing the command. Thus, you are told of the movement or action to be performed, but you do not actually do it until the execution command is given.

Note: If you move before the command of execution, it's like illegal motion in football: everyone can tell & we look terrible.



## From the Desk of John Beck

AFORE MENTIONED. YOUR INPUT REGARDING THESE MATTERS IS HIGHLY SOUGHT AND REQUESTED.

GENERAL SMART COMMANDING THE SECOND BATTALION, WELCOMES THE ADDITION OF OUR BATTALION, AND IS EAGERLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH AND EVERYONE OF US. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY OF THESE MATTERS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME PERSONALLY. MY HOME PHONE NUMBER IS 316-942-2690, AND MY OFFICE NUMBER IS 316-833-2482.

YOUR OBEDEIENT SERVANT,

*John Beck*  
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low is the conceptual framework of a 5-Year Plan of regional events to be supported by the 1st Confederate Division and the Western Brigade. 1991 is firm, but 1992 and beyond is subject to change. This was included to fill a blank page in this package and should not be construed as an endorsement by the 3rd Kentucky Infantry/LSL Tactical Committee.

## DATE

## EVENT

Mar 15-17, 1991, Western Tactical, Land Between the Lakes, KY. This is the first of the series and has become a reality. See the feature article on the tactical in this issue of the 2nd Brigade Bulletin.

Aug 9-11, 1991, Wilson's Creek, MO. While this event is currently being planned by an independent host, the 1st Confederate Division will be fielded at this event. Correspondence with the event hosts has been ongoing.

Apr 1992, Raleigh/Carolina's Campaign, NC. Not necessarily Bentonville, but something in the North Carolina area. Mississippi units are offering an alternative here: Okolona, MS, Feb 1992.

Oct 1992, Hood's March through North Alabama, AL. Proposed by a unit of the 2nd Bde. The Palmetto Battalion is offering an alternative here: Boone Hall, SC, Oct 1992.

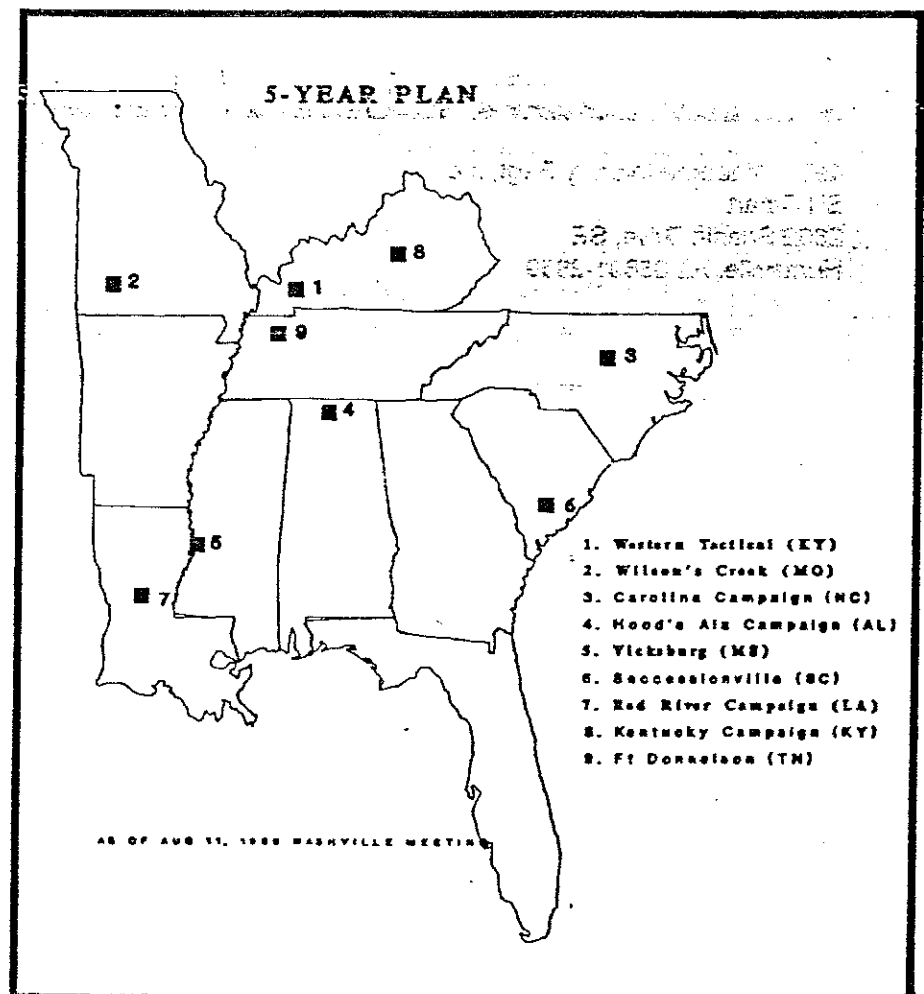
TBD 1993, Vicksburg, MS. The idea here was to do some aspect of the Vicksburg Campaign (i.e. Vicksburg, Champion Hill, others?). Nothing firm yet.

Oct 1993, Secessionville, SC. Offered by the Palmetto Battalion and near Charleston. They are also ready to do this in 1992.

TBD 1994, Red River Campaign, LA. This one is wide open. Louisiana should have numerous opportunities. The 12th Louisiana has talked of a large scale camp of instruction. What about it 12th Louisiana? Can you do it in 1993?

TBD 1994, Kentucky Campaign, KY. Either Perryville or a separate event was listed here. Once again, suggestions (and volunteers to put one on) are solicited for alternatives. This one is wide open.

TBD 1995, Ft Donnelson, TN. Jack King's 1st Brigade has a unit that has volunteered to do something here. Nothing definite yet.



**5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, CO A**  
EVENT ROSTER - 1991

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Key: TAC=Tactical      DRL=Spring Drill      WEST=Weston      JC=Jeff City  
 COL=Columbia parade      PEA=Pea Ridge living History      SHCK=Shoal Creek  
 CC=Cole Camp      WLCK=Wilson's Creek      LEX=Lexington      STC=St Charles  
 ROS=Roscoe      BEL=Belmont

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)  
1990-91 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE  
as of 1/23/91

Symbols: \* means battle, **Bold Face** NCWRA sanctioned or max effort, ALL CAPS 5th Mo Max effort, \$ - 5th Mo local commitment, ? - date not firm.

February 16, Jeff City: Annual ball, w/ euphonia String Band, bring non-goody dessert finger food. \$10 per person to Holly Turner ASAP.

February 26 (Tues), Clinton. Monthly meeting.

March 8-10, Joplin. MSBC History Day, LH & skirmish on Sat. Tours by middle/high school kids.

\* March 9 (Sat), Whiteman AFB. Travel/tourism show, LH camp and recruiting opportunity. Contact Bill or John Kinsey.

\* March 11 (Mon), Warrensburg. Take pledges for KMOS TV. Contact Bill.

March 15-17, Land Between the Lakes national tactical. See EVENT DETAILS.

APRIL 7 (Sun), WARRENSBURG: Spring muster & drill at Cedarcroft. Unit MAX EFFORT. See EVENT DETAILS.

\* April 6-7, Cotter AR. Battle & LH

\* APRIL 20-21, WESTON. NCWRA MAX EFFORT. See EVENT DETAILS.

May 4-5, Ft Scott, KS. Union garrison LH

\* May 4-5, Eureka (near St Louis). Battle & LH.

\* May 11 (Sat), Jeff City (tentative). Recruiting op - more info coming.

\* May 18-19, Bloomfield (near Sikeston). Battle & LH.

May 18-19, Grandview. Harry's May Dayse. Parade, LH & skirmish.

\* May 25-26, Caney, KS (W. of Coffeyville). Skirmish & LH. Want only 50 men

\* May 27 (Memorial Day), Columbia. Parade. More info later.

June 1-2, Pea Ridge, AR. Living history event on National Battlefield. See EVENT DETAILS.

\* June 15-16, Liberty. Shoal Creek park Battle/LH. Nice layout & setting. Sponsored by Kansas City.

Late June, Gettysburg, PA. Filming of Pickett's Charge for miniseries Killer Angels. Possibly Jun 29-Jul 3.

\* June 22-23, Brownsville, NE (along river). Battle & LH.

\* JULY 13-14, COLE CAMP: NCWRA MAX, 130th Anniversary battle, original field. Look for both actual and generic battles. We are sponsors!

July 20, Joplin. Benefit LH for historic house.

\* AUG 9-11, WILSON'S CREEK. 130th Anniversary battle, 4 battles, expect 2000 soldiers. \$5 registration fee, due before May 1st. Will collect in Feb meeting.

Aug 16-18, Lone Jack. Annual commemoration, LH.

Sep 7-8, Salbatha, KS (50 mi W of St Joe). LH, skirmish. Limited space.

\* Sep 21-22, Lexington, 130th Anniversary battle, state sponsored.

\* Sep 28-29, St Charles. Annual battle. Will use Goldenrod showboat for dinner/dance.

Sep 28-29, Kansas City. John Wornall House encampment, LH.

\* Oct 5-6, Roscoe. Battle & LH.

Oct 19-20, Arkansas Post NM (50 mi SE Pine Bluff). LH.

\* Oct 26-27, Charleston, MO. NCWRA MAX, 130th Anniversary battle of Belmont, original site. Ferry across river possible. Prepared meals.

**OFFENSIVE ACTIONS:** It has been reported to your editor that some members of the fairer sex find themselves offended by certain noxious effusions accompanied by ungentlemanly sounds that are on occasion emitted by the men of the company when gathered around the campfire. This problem is especially prevalent subsequent to those times when the Commissary has issued rations containing a substantial proportion of legumes (i.e., beans). On behalf of those ladies who find their auditory and olfactory organs so offended, we must ask that those soldiers in dire need of relief from the effects of such meals excuse themselves from camp & retire to a more private location when visitors are present in the camp.



EVENT DETAILS

**NATIONAL TACTICAL**, Land Between the Lakes, KY, March 15-17. A strenuous pack-in-everything tactical, no tents, no rations, hard core. 1862 impression - full uniform, leathers, 3-band rifles. First event for the 1st Confed Div & 4th Btn. Healthy people only, so 'you can expect to be cold, hungry & miserable.' Tactical begins noon Friday & runs thru noon Sunday, so expect to carry 200 rounds (rolled). If you want to go, get \$4.00 registration fee into Bill ASAP! Don't wait for the Feb 26 meeting! To find the event, take I-70 to St Louis, I-65 to I-57, I-57 south to I-24, I-24 to Ky Purchase Parkway, Purchase Parkway south to Benton, US 641 south to KY 80, KY 80 east to Golden Pond. About 250 miles from St Louis.

**COMPANY DRILL**, Cedarcroft Farm (Bill Wayne's place), Warrensburg. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, April 7. **UNIT MAX EFFORT**, show up with whatever weapons & uniforms you have, it's more important to get your drill & firing down than to have all uniforms. We'll try to outfit those who don't have everything prior to Weston. School of the Soldier in AM, Company drill after lunch (lunch details pending). If you can't make the whole drill, be here for part of it!. To find us, south of Warrensburg on MO 13 to Rt Y, then 4.0 miles east (or 6.3 miles west of Rt D).

**WESTON, MO**, April 20-21. **MCWRA & 5th MO MAX EFFORT**. Two battles, assault on prepared positions, night fire demo, dance, children's fair. Ladies will help interpret battle. Looks well organized, but food rations not yet firm. More details later, but large turnout is important. To get there, US-50 to I-435, I-435 to I-29, Platte City exit. About 90 miles from Warrensburg

**PEA RIDGE, ARK**, June 1-2. National Battlefield Park living history, on one of least spoiled sites. Some drill demo, probably no shooting. Good chance to see the battlefield, especially at night. To get there, MO 13 to Springfield, US 60 to Monett, MO 37 to Gateway, US 62 west to park. About 200 miles from Warrensburg, but look for shorter ways on back roads.

**SHOAL CREEK**, Liberty, MO, June 15-16. MCWRA sanctioned event in village restored by Kansas City parks (to compete with Missouri Town?). A nice location, camp in shade, 1864 impression, no other info. Previous events here have been good. To get there from I-70/I-470 (Independence Center), take MO 291 north to Liberty, then MO 152 west across I-35 a couple of miles to Hodge Park sign.

**HONORED DEAD:** Here's an excerpt from Dr Leslie Anders' Confederate Roll of Honor: Missouri. One Johnson County family certainly gave its men to the Southern cause and, I suspect, to the Company we portray:

- Wheatley, Pvt Calvin 5th Mo Inf D (dis) Lumpkins Mill, Miss 27 Oct 62  
SLCA, CSR-1
- Wheatley, Pvt George R. Jr. 5th Mo Inf D (dis) Pontotoc, Miss 22 Jun 62  
SLCA, CSR-1
- Wheatley, Pvt J. Martin 5th Mo Inf DOW (Corinth) POW Iuka, Miss 6 Oct 62  
CSR-
- Wheatley, Pvt James 5th Mo Inf D (dis) POW Alton, Ill 9 Feb 63  
SLCA, I&E, TUCK
- Wheatley, Pvt John Guibor's Btry D (dis) Mobile, Ala 21 Aug 63  
CSR
- Wheatley, Pvt W. L. MSG KIA Wilson's Creek, Mo 10 Aug 61  
UCV101
- Wheatley, Pvt William L. 5th Mo Inf D (dis) Des Arc? Ark 30 Mar 62

MARY ELLEN ROWE FOUND THESE WORDS TO A POST\*WAR FAVORITE

THE GOOD OLD REBEL

Oh I'm a good old Rebel, now that's jist what I am;  
For this fair land of freedom, I do not care -- at all.  
I'm glad I fit agin it, I only wisht we'd won,  
An I don't want no pardon fer nuthin' that I done.

We sunk a ship at Sumter, we broke her plumb in two,  
We showed them bully yankee lads jist what we aimed to do.  
At a little crick called Bull Run, we took their starry rag  
To wipe our hosses down with, an I ain't here to brag.

I rid with ol' Jo Shelby an his band of Southern horse,  
An there never was no yankee lads could beat us force to force.  
Oh they never did defeat us, but we never could evade  
Their dirty foreign politics an their cowardly blockade.

Well we hadn't any powder and we hadn't any shot  
An we hadn't any money to buy whay we hadn't got,  
So we rid our worn out hosses and we et on plain corn meal  
An we licked em where we cotched em, with Southern guts an steel.

We whupped the best they sent us and we whupped em fair and true;  
We whupped their German immygrunts and the Eye-talyuns too.  
Oh we whupped the Frogs an Squareheads, an all their furren might,  
An then they went an got the Micks an we knew we had a fight.

Five hunderd thousand yankees is stiff in Southern dust;  
We got five hunderd thousand, before they got to us.  
They died of Southern fever and Southern steel and shot --  
I wusht they wuz five million, instead of what we got.

I hates the yankee nation, an everthin they do--  
I hates the Freedman's Bureau in unyforms of blue;  
I hates the nasty eagle, with all his brags and fuss;  
Them lyin' thievin' yankees, I hates em wuss an wuss.

I hates the yankee nation, an everthin they do--  
I hates that puffed up thievin' crowd in Washington too;  
I hates this glorious Union, 'tis drippin' with our blood,  
I hates that strip-ped banner, oh I fit it all I could.

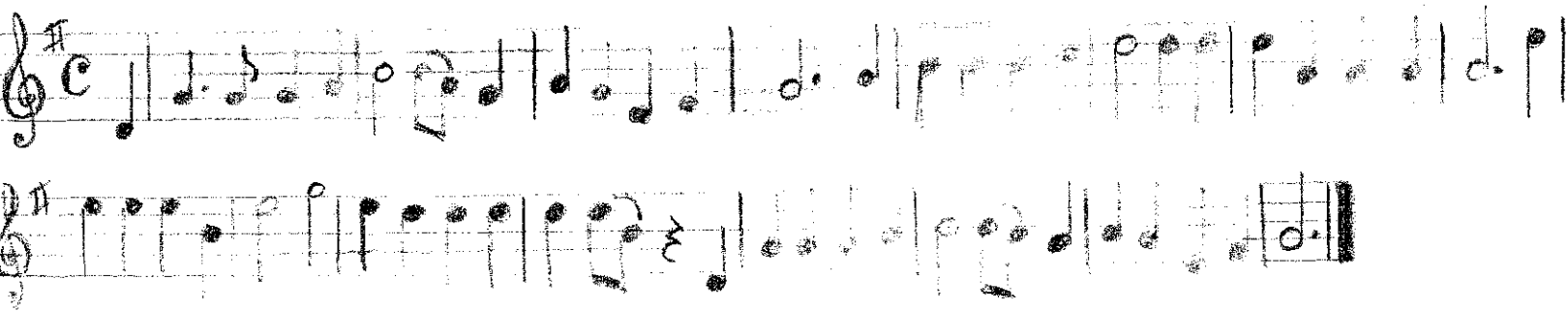
Now there ain't many left of us that rid out at the start,  
And them as are is weary, weak of body, sad of heart,  
But we fit a fight to tell about, an I am here to say  
I'd climb my hoss an follow Marse to hell come any day.

I caint take up my musket and fight em now no mo',  
But I ain't go'n to love em, an that is sarten sho'.  
An I don't want no pardon fer what I wus an am,  
I won't be reconstructed, and I don't care a damn.

Me an my fam'ly's goin' a way off to the West  
To find that happy valley that we will love the best  
Where there ain't no damn yankees with bloody hand an gun  
An we can all live peaceful, as wunst we used to done.

*I follerd ol' Marse Robert fer four years nigh about,  
Got wounded in three places, and starved at Pint Lookout,  
An I cotched the rheumyism a campin' in the snow,  
But I killt a chance of yankees an I wisht I'd killt some mo'.*

TUNE TO "GOOD OLD REBEL"



**NEWS BRIEFS:** The IMR's Jim "Equine" Burnett has retired from active service due to personal & medical reasons.

Sandra reports that Scruffy is doing well & is already partly halter-broke. won't be too long before he's big enough to pull a howitzer!?

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