

THE MESSENGER

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CONTENTS: There was no October meeting, so there'll be no minutes. There are reports on Perryville, Cabin Creek, Warsaw & the Quantrill ceremony, plus a report on Plattsburg by Pvt Baker, & Associate Dave Gooden's workup on Perryville. I appreciate the contributions [p.s. - I'd prefer them either double spaced for retyping or compressed so I can use it directly. Your input would certainly be a great help to me as the duties I've assumed are becoming rather time-consuming.

PERSONNEL: Welcome to Doug Harding, St Louis, a long-experienced reenactor who attended our Spring Drill & joined us at Perryville. Matt Jarvis of Mineral Point tried us out at Pilot Knob & swore in. Gene & Donna Linthicum of Pleasant Hill were recruited by Dave Bears at Missouri Town. New Associate members are Dave Gooden of Macomb, Michigan, who fell in with us at Killer Angels & Perryville, and Randy McKee of Montgomery City. Randy's with the 11th Miss, attended CMSU with Capt. Bob, and helped us bushwhack the Concordians.

Including Associates & musicians, we can theoretically field 75 men! Not bad considering we started with 7 in January 1990. We now stretch from Hawaii (John Kinsey) to Florida (Jerry Heidgerken).

INCORPORATION: We're in the final stages. The Articles have been prepared & signed & are ready to be filed with the Secretary of State. By the January meeting, we'll likely be ready to operate under the new structure (which means changes in the organizational staff structure).

PRAIRIE GROVE: I've received nothing from them; no pre-registration package or anything. The Event Details column is based on previous experience.

BANQUET: We've added a piano & *valuable sutler gift certificates* as door prizes. Get your reservations in to Bill ASAP! We must give them a guaranteed count by November 16th. All it takes is a phone call (but at that point you're committed to pay!).

DUES: Your dues for 1993 will soon come up. Only those who've joined in the latter part of the year have been credited to 1993 (member numbers 94 on); the rest have had the opportunity to participate in enough events to be 1992 members. Dues are still only \$12 individual/\$20 family (all members residing at the same residence - 1 Messenger) plus MCWRA dues [expected to remain \$8 individual/\$16 family). Associate (non-participant or another unit) are still \$8.

NEXT MEETING: At the banquet. I propose having our annual meeting in January (possibly Saturday, the 16th in Sedalia. We can set a late afternoon drill, break for supper, then try one of our usual meeting spots.

REPORT ON CABIN CREEK, OKLAHOMA:

Capt Koffman - I had the honor of again commanding a detachment from our company at the recent action in the Cherokee Nation. We had only 11 men at any time, but Col. Beck placed us as the color company despite our shortage. We gave a good account of ourselves as we penetrated the enemy lines despite a horrendous casualty rate. Sunday's action found us with only eight men after the departure of Pvts Tucker & Goldsberry on the illness of Miss Charlene. Therefore, we relinquished our role as an independent unit and fought under the colors of the 3rd Missouri. Sunday's action did not offer any significant strategic maneuvers; we just stood there and slugged it out at point blank range - not much of a battle, but one hell of a fight.

WARSAW:

Approximately 15 men & 5 ladies participated in a recruiting camp at Warsaw on the 24th & 25th Inst., many of them racing to Warsaw after the honors at Higginsville. We obtained several new prospects & participated in some nice little scenarios involving passes, pickets & execution of spies.

TID-BITS:

Noteworthy was the food prepared by the ladies, with home-made noodles the high-light. The ladies received several complaints from spectators who were incensed that they, too, couldn't purchase the food.

We held a short fire-for-speed contest, with several of the men showing admirable proficiency. However, to show just what could be done, I donned the leathers & picked up my musket and challenged the boys to another try. If you're interested in the results, you can ask them for their excuses.

**New Sweat Shirts available
at the Banquet - 1st come,
1st served!**

Nov 21st is banquet time!

TID-BITS:

Private Block ended up in an unscripted struggle for the Federal colors when the bearer came out of the trenches point down.

High Private Goldsberry again acted as one of the Battalion guides.

We were joined on Saturday by Jeff Peerman of Jackman's cavalry - he fought effectively as an infantryman.

The new tactic of the day was attacking 'en echelon' which would have looked good if we'd had sufficient space to play it out.

This was probably the best organized event of the year, giving us great hope for next year's 130th of Honey Springs.

It would behoove the Captain to read about how to do a formal parade, since it seems that we are about to embark on the practice of doing them regularly.

I was flabbergasted when the inspectors again found flasks of 'O.B. Joyful' in the possession of our two corporals. Their antics are beginning to wear on the Colonel.

QUANTRILL BURIAL DETAIL:

On the 24th Inst, 23 men of the 5th were joined by representatives of Landis Battery, Shelby's Cavalry, Crowley's Infantry, the 11th Miss Inf, & a Tennessee dismounted cav unit to pay honors upon the interment of Capt Quantrill. Two members were pallbearers, being descendants of those who rode under Quantrill, while several others participated in roles other than the honor squad. We performed a unique maneuver while moving from a guard of honor to a column heading for the grave site, one which I do not believe I can adequately describe. When we fired our volleys, they were crisp & sharp. Those who perused the evening newscasts or the Sunday paper saw us featured prominently.

PERRYVILLE:

Perryville was the BIG one for 1992. There were about 6 battalions of Confederates opposed by 5 of Federals, averaging over 100 muskets per bttn. (plus cav, arty, medical, etc.) Ours was the smallest on the CS side, with maybe 60 muskets plus staff & file closers. We were, as usual, the largest company in the Bttn.

The event wasn't a particularly great one, with some rather 'chickens---' requirements, such as registration slips to participate in the battle & camp inspections 'per regulations.' While I personally have hated inspections ever since the first one I stood back in '61 (19, not 18), they're OK at an event, as long as we are clearly told about it in advance. There were no provisions to register us when we arrived Thursday; Gen. Smart laid out the camp sites, so that pet peeve was taken care of. Saturday's battle was mediocre because of the terrain & scenario prevented a great deal of action; the staff did the best they could for us.

As frequently happens, a blah event was capped by the best battle since the 125th series ended. The terrain, mystique of the original battlefield, the amount of firing we did & the presence of a strong opposition made this one really special (better, in my opinion, than Wilson's Creek). When we weren't advancing & firing, we could see what other battalions were doing - I saw more of this battle than any of the previous 100+ I've done.

There's nothing like a major event to put you into the feel of the 1860's! Now's the time to start thinking about Murfreesboro in March.

TID-BITS FROM PERRYVILLE

Jim Houk saw the elephant, along with potential recruits George Lyons of Columbia & Jerome Conrey of St. Charles. We were joined by David Gooden & John Benitez from Michigan (KA contacts), James Buckner from the 5th in Georgia, & Jim Hodge (recently moved to MO from NC).

Kelly Siefkas performed quite creditably as cook, while Acting Corporal Block performed his role effectively.

Falling in on the colors took new meaning to Corp Faught, as he tripped over a rope used to keep our flag from blowing over.

The Captain conducted an inquiry into the activities of Corp Ballman, Pvt Ballman & Recruit M. Wade at Resaca last May. While the charges of consorting with the enemy went unproven due to lack of evidence, Rct Wade was sentenced to consume a tin of tiny fish such as he orally deposited at the feet of the provost (suspended until he transgresses again). More importantly, Corp Ballman was enjoined from ever again repeating a particular story about an amphibian's experiences in a financial institution.

The battalion tried to do 'On the Left, By Files, Into Line' on the first day, and of course no one knew it except us (& we'd already taken heavy casualties). They tried again at a Sunday AM drill with little more success - then we suddenly found ourselves the last company instead of the color company -strange, isn't it. Naturally, we never did in battle anything we practiced in drill.

Get your banquet reservations in today!

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◆ Victory not followed up by Bragg

General Buell's yankees defeated at Perryville

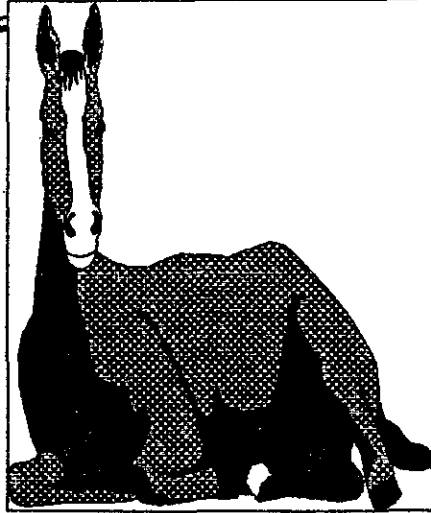
The recent battle at Perryville, Kentucky was hotly contested by the yankees led by General Buell, but at the end the Southern forces were victorious. Unfortunately many of the men from our 5th Missouri Company A were not able to see the glorious victory. Their bodies were spewed throughout the battlefield. Among the casualties were corporals Faught and Lee, privates Siefkas and Ford, as well as their beloved Captain Koffman.



It has also been stated but as yet not confirmed that Col. Beck was also seriously wounded on the battlefield while leading his men in a charge on the yankee breastworks.

One of the observers of this battle has informed this reporter that Lieutenant Bill Wayne did an outstanding job of keeping the ammunition pouches of the men filled until shot down late in the battle.

One has to wonder where that strange metal wagon with some sort of wheels made from what appears to be rubber came from. It is thought that since it appeared to be blue in color there is the possibility that it may have been one of those infernal yankee machines we have heard about. We should also wonder when our boys will be equipped with bulletproof vests like the yankees.



Col. Beck's horse as he appeared shortly after watching Col. Beck dismount prematurely during the Perryville battle.

THINGS THAT WERE OVERHEARD WHILE AT PERRYVILLE.

1. While laying wounded on the battlefield Captain Koffman was heard to say to the doctor "Please don't let me die, I heard they won't allow judges to go to heaven".
2. When asked by reporters what he planned to do now that he had won the victory at Perryville, Col. Beck exclaimed "Gentlemen I believe I will go to Disney World".
3. Overheard by one of the men in the ranks "Since we have a "yankee" in our ranks even if we don't spill yankee blood on the battlefield we still have a chance to do it on the march back to camp".
4. After which was overheard to be stated by a soldier from Michigan, "What yankee in whose ranks?" as he quickly looked around at the men in the ranks trying to spot the vile yankee scum who had invaded the ranks of the 5th Missouri Company A. None were found thank God!

◆ COURT HELD IN CAMP

Captain Koffman gives his sentence "eat sardines" to convicted private.

Prior to the battle at Perryville three soldiers whose names shall remain anonymous, were brought up on charges. These charges ranged from being drunk and disorderly, to giving a very vivid display of sickness on the Provost shoes caused by said drunkenness. After a stout defense by the defendants' counsel, Captain Koffman suspended sentence. One of the three will be forced to eat a can of sardines if caught using spirits again.



Because Captain Koffman was kept somewhat busy at Perryville he has decided to have the victory party that was mentioned in last month's paper during the first event of 1993. Once again he will be supplying the beer, food, and women.

As the campaign season comes to a close this reporter would like to make the observation that once again the men of the 5th Missouri Company A have proven themselves worthy of the task of defending their State against the Northern invader. It is this papers sincere hope that the rest of the State will begin to rally around the colors of the Southern Confederacy and unite in its support for the South. The sovereign state of Missouri should not be divided with some supporting the North and some supporting the South. Remember we are *all Southerners*, either by birth or by choice! The star of Missouri is upon the Confederacy's flag.

MUSIC:

I've been again asked the words to several songs that we should consider singing, & I think there's room in this Messenger: I'd suggest that everyone learn a verse or two. If each verse is known by two or three people, they can sing the verse & everyone can sing the chorus as we march along. Decide which verse(s) you want, & let us know at the meeting. Caution: there are many slight variations of each song, so the words I have here might not be the same as those you've heard elsewhere. The Horton arrangements are especially creative.

THE BONNIE BLUE FLAG:

We are a band of brothers, & native to the soil,
Fighting for our liberty with treasure, blood & toil
And when our rights were threaten'd, the cry rose
near & far, Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag that
bears a single star

CH: Hurrah, hurrah, for Southern Rights Hurrah
Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single
star

As long as the Union was faithful to her trust, Like
friends & like brethren, kind were we & just; But
now, when Northern treachery attempts our rights
to mar, We hoist on high the Bonnie Blue Flag
that bears a single star

First gallant South Carolina, nobly made the stand,
Then came Alabama & took her by the hand; Next
quickly Mississippi, Georgia & Florida, All raised on
high th Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star

Ye men of valor gather round the banner of the
right, Texas and fair Louisiana join us in the fight;
With Davis our loved President, Stephens statesman
rare: We'll rally round the Bonnie Blue Flag that
bears a single star

And here's to brave Virginia, the Old Dominion
State, Who with the young Confederacy at length
has linked her fate. Impelled by her example, now
other states prepare, To hoist on high the Bonnie
Blue Flag that bears a single star

Then cheer, boys, cheer, raise a joyous shout; For
Arkansas and North Carolina now have both gone
out. And let another rousing cheer for Tennessee
be given, The single star of the Bonnie Blue flag
has grown to be eleven

We cast our eyes far
northward & Lo, Missouri
comes, With roar of
dread artillery & sound
of martial drums.
Through fire & smoke
with measured tread she
braves the gods of war;
To raise on high the
Bonnie Blue Flag that
bears a single star.

Then here's to our
Confederacy, strong we
are & brave; Like
patriots of old we'll fight
our heritage to save.
And rather than submit
to shame, to die we
would prefer; So cheer
for the Bonnie Blue Flag
that bears a single star

*NOTE: There are
Kentucky & Maryland
verses also. I don't think
we need them.*

**DOOR
PRIZES!**

Sutler gift certificates &
more at the
Banquet!

EVERYMAN'S DIXIE:
(By Albert Pike)

Southrons hear your country calling; Up lest worse than death befall ye! To Arms, to arms, to arms & Dixie. Lo the Beacon fires are lighted, Let all hearts be now united, (To Arms)

CH: Advance the Flag of Dixie, Hurrah, Hurrah, For Dixie's land we take our stand, to live or die for Dixie. To arms, to arms & conquer Peace for Dixie, To arms, to arms & conquer peace for Dixie

Hear the northern thunders mutter, Northern flags in south winds flutter (To Arms) Send them back your fierce defiance, Stamp upon the proud alliance (To arms)

Fear no danger shun no labor; Lift up rifle, pike & saber, (To Arms) Shoulder pressing close to shoulder, Let the odds make each heart bolder (To arms)

Swear upon your country's altar, Never to submit or falter (To Arms) Till the spoilers are defeated; Till the Lord's work is completed (To arms)

***Don't forget
the Banquet,
November 21st!***

Dixie (cont):

How the South's great heart rejoices, At your cannons' ringing voices. For faith betrayed & pledges broken, Wrongs inflicted, insults spoken.

Strong as lions, swift as eagles, Back to their kennels hunt those beagles! Cut the unequal bonds asunder! Let them hence each other plunder!

Halt not till our Federation Secures among earth's powers its station! Then at peace, & crowned with glory, hear your children tell the story.

If the loved ones weep in sadness, Victory soon shall bring them gladness; Exultant pride soon vanish sorrow; Smiles chase tears away tomorrow.

OLD ABE LIES SICK
(Tune of 'The Girl I left behind me')

Old abe lies sick, old abe lies sick, old abe lies sick in bed He's a crying dog, he's a lying dog with murder in his head (repeat)

Jeff Davis rides a big grey horse, Abe Lincoln rides a mule Jeff Davis is a gentleman, Abe Lincoln is the fool (repeat)

BATTLE CRY OF FREEDOM:

Our flag is proudly floating oer the land and on the main, Shout, shout the battle cry of freedom; Beneath it oft we've conquered and we'll conquer oft again. Shout shout the battle cry of freedom

CH: Our Dixie forever, she's never at a loss Down with the eagle & up with the cross We will rally round the bonnie flag, we'll rally once again. Shout, Shout the battle cry of freedom.

Our gallant boys have marched to the rolling of the drums (Shout); The leaders in charge cry out 'Come boys come' (Shout)

They laid down their lives on the bloody battle field (S) Their motto is resistance to the tyrant. Never yield (S)

The John Bell Hood verse to 'Yellow Rose of Texas':

Now I'm heading southward, my heart is full of woe; I'm going back to Georgia to find my Uncle Joe. You may talk about your Beauregard or sing of Bobby Lee, but the gallant Hood of Texas: he played hell in Tennessee.

1992 SCHEDULE as of 10/30/92

Symbols: * means battle, BOLD FACE Unit Max effort. # is unit optional event; \$ is local or platoon event commitment, ? - Participation questionable. Distance listed from Warrensburg.

Nov 21: Sedalia. Annual banquet & celebration.

* Dec 5-6: 130th anniversary Battle of Prairie Grove, AR. MCWRA MAX EFFORT. Always good, on original field. 250 miles.

March 1993, National Event: 130th anniversary, Murfreesboro TN

OTHER 1993 Events

Feb 13: Annual ball, Eureka.

April 3-4, Crane MO: Local.

Apr 24-5, Cape Girardeau: Local

June 12-13, Pleasant Hope, Sanctioned

July 16-18, Honey Springs, OK: MAX

July 31 - Aug 1: Carthage: Sanct. or Max

Aug 7-9, Athens: DNR event, sanctioned.

Aug 13-15, Urich, Living History only.

Sep 18-19, Fredericktown, Sanctioned.

Oct 2-3, Belmont, MAX.

March 1994, National Event (tentative - may be in trouble) 130th Anniversary, Red River Campaign, Louisiana .

EVENT DETAILS

PRAIRIE GROVE, AR, Dec 5-6. 130th Anniversary of Gen Hindman's attempt to whip 2 small armies under Blunt & Herron, at the same time. Original battlefield (Ark state park), Generic CS impression best, overcoats may be helpful. To get there, US 71 so to Fayetteville, US 62 west to Prairie Grove.

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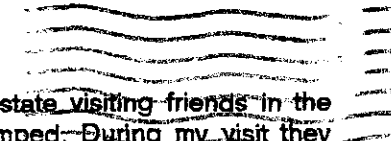
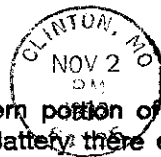
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CHANGE: John Kinsey, 94-015 Awiwi Way, Mililani, HI 96789 (he says hello to all).

BULLETIN: New T-shirts & *sweat shirts* available at the Banquet!

PLATTSBURG, October 10, submitted by Kevin Baker.



Upon the above date while I & my sister Pamela were in the North Western portion of our state visiting friends in the town of Plattsburg I happened to visit a small detachment of the Landis Battery there encamped. During my visit they informed me that the nefarious 8th MO, USA, was in the area. Remembering the black handed attack they had performed upon us while we were in the process of executing German citizens, of questionable allegiances, in the village of Concordia I decided to lead a small squad in a heroic but vain assault against the 8th while they paraded through the streets of Plattsburg. Earlier in the day the 8th had pressed a confederate private into galvanizing, and with this in mind the remaining forces, a 1st Sgt from Landis Batt., myself and a deserter of the Holmes Brig. who had been convinced of the error of his ways, set forth to free the prisoner. We took up a position on the grounds of the town's 1st Christian church & waited for the 8th to approach. We heard the 8th fire a volley about a block from the church and were aware that they were now in the process of reloading, I took this time to instruct my men to take cover behind a large brick spring house and wait until the company came up to our location and wait until they discharged their weapons again and then spring from hiding. After the 8th fired we ran from the spring house, into the street, with our Colts & Remington revolvers drawn and firing. The suddenness of the action resulted in a general confusion with some going to charge bayonets and others to stay at shoulder arms. I then demanded that Lt. McGinnis release his confederate prisoner, but upon finding that the man was no longer willing to return to our side, I then gave Lt. McGinnis the order to "return to Kansas and never return to Missouri or cause harm to its citizens & property." As he faced 3 armed men with enough rounds to decimate his company Lt. McGinnis chose to continue on westward with his unit. The group I was with then returned to camp. Later that afternoon Lt. McGinnis & his company attacked the Landis detachment, which I had temporarily attached myself to. As the detachment had been reinforced by a 2nd mountain howitzer, crew & 2 more infantrymen the engagement was quickly won by the Confederate forces. This is not to say that our side did not come out without any casualties. In fact yours truly was slightly wounded, along with the other men manning the 1st mountain howitzer, shortly after we first ran out of ammunition for our gun. My wound was inflicted by the dastardly Lt. McGinnis himself, who proved not only a capable officer but also a rifleman as well. As the wound I suffered has proven not to be grievous I shall return to normal duties in a short period of time. Until then I shall remain, as always, your obedient servant, Pvt Kevin Baker.

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