

# THE MESSENGER

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## THE BATTLE OF GLASGOW

**an account of the action at Glasgow, Missouri on October 15, 1864**

General Sterling Price in the process of conducting his last raid into his home state of Missouri took the river town of Boonville and was welcomed by the populace with cheers and celebrations. While in Boonville he heard of the supply cache at Glasgow. Critically needed clothing and a stand of 5,000 arms were in the town hall at Glasgow and he meant to have them.

The Union force at Glasgow consisted of the following: six companies of the 43rd MO Infantry; a detachment from companies B and M from the 9th MO Cavalry (State Militia), a detachment from the 4th Provisional Regiment Enrolled MO Militia and two companies of citizens militia. The force numbered approximately 550 men with a variety of weapons, and under the command of Col. Chester Harding Jr. of the 43rd MO Infantry.

Price ordered the Brig. Gen. John B. Clark to attack the town. The attack began at 5 a.m. when Gen. Shelby launched an artillery bombardment from the south side of the river with a 4 gun battery under the command of Major Pratt. The guns first fired upon the steamer West Wind which was occupied by the Federal forces and was tied to the dock. Supporting this attack was approximately 1,500 to 1,800 dismounted cavalry. After damaging the steamer the guns were turned upon the Union lines.

At about 7 a.m. Clark's division moved upon the Union force simultaneously from the Boonville, Fayette and Keytesville roads. Clark's men speedily dismounting, surrounded the union held town and forced the federals to take to their rifle pits located at one of the highest points in town. Today this is east of the present Catholic Church.

Following eight hours of incessant struggle, the union commanders realized that they were going to be compelled to surrender. The Confederate forces had disabled the West Wind, cut off any retreat and blocked every route out of town with artillery. The Union forces had fired the city hall and burned the stores and munitions so badly needed by Price.

The Union forces surrendered 1,200 arms and 1,00 'cavalry suits' along with 150 horses. The surrender terms permitted the union forces to march out of their positions with flags flying and arms at the shoulder. Following their complete surrender and disarming they were marched to Boonville under protective guard. a Union force of 500 unarmed men would have been a tempting target to the guerrilla forces in the area.

The Confederate officers involved in the battle consisted of: Brig. Gen. Clark & Shelby and Cols. Greene, Quantrill, Jackman, Kitchen, Jeffers, Burbridge, Coleman and Nichols.

*submitted by Mike Meoli*

## Captain Lee Turns 40! Finds Skeleton in Closet!!

It has been reported that a few months ago our own Captain Jerry Lee turned 40 and was surprised by his employer, Embree Electric of Sedalia, with a party at work. Embree has always been a friend of the Fifth Missouri, providing the offices for unit meetings. Ben Embree contacted one of our members and was curious to see if Jerry had any ancestors who fought in the War Between the States.

After contacting the National Archives and explaining that there was no connection between the Captain and the Lee family of Virginia. The researcher was told that the Smithsonian had a Lee artifact that might belong to the Capt.'s branch of the Lee'. Since no other branch of the Lee family in America would claim it, the odds were that it did indeed belong to our loyal Captain. The Smithsonian said that they would give it to the descendant because it just didn't fit with their displays. It was sent at once to Sedalia.

The interesting part of this story was that it had a hand written with it and the Smithsonian sent a copy of it with the artifact. Below is the letter we only wished we could print a picture of it. Maybe, just maybe the Captain will put the sentimental value and of course the historical value behind and bring it to show his troops.

*April 19, 1895*

*Springfield, Mass.*

*To my great-great-great-grandchild on their 40th Birthday;*

*I leave you my retreat sword that I carried throughout the War. It has seen many battles from the rear ranks. Although I had to hold it up so it could see the battles from where we were. As you can tell, it has all of the available (sic) options an officer could ask for. The scabbard is decorated only and appears to make the privates think you are carrying a real sword like the Rebs do. The looking glass mounted on the handle is used to look behind you as you are running away from the enemy. Not that you are afraid of being overtaken, but to make sure none of your men are about to pass you.*

*The bugle mounted on the retreat sword is for honking at the wounded or ambulances to get out of your way while you are retreating. On a historical note the leather strap that is used to hold the retreat sword broke at Fredricksburg (sic) in the retreat so I replaced it with a shoe lace from one of the boys from the 69th San Francisco (sic) Gay Blades. We usually retreated together, and went to the dances together.*

*If you have noticed the retreat sword looks like a walking cane. That was done on purpose. At the age of 40, I found it to be very handy to have at that esculated (sic) age and not only for the age reason, but I was shot 3 times during the war. For some reason all of my wounds were in the back. I hope you find this sword |cane beneficial at your age.*

*I must close for now, the boys from the 69th San Francisco (sic) are coming over for a reunion and I need to get ready and wash my hair. By the way I haven't had a hair cut in 50 years.*

*Respectfully yours,*

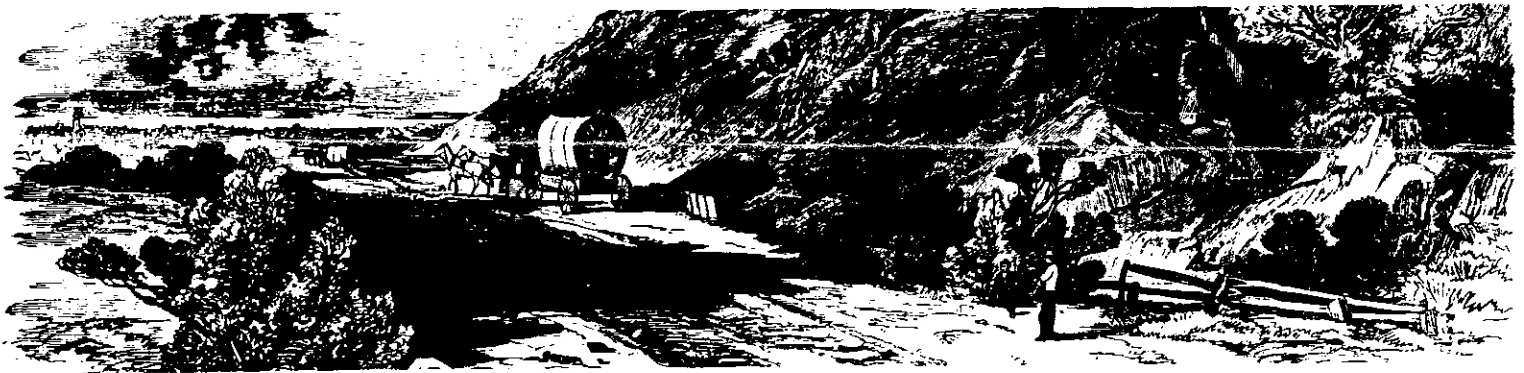
*Jerry Abraham Lincoln Lee  
Captain 54th Massachusetts  
March 25, 1995*

## MISSING GEAR (STILL)

From time to time we are each unlucky enough to lose or misplace gear at an event. The following are items that are still missing following the Pea Ridge/Elkhorn Tavern event:

Nick Davis - Due to the wet and rain my tent was used as the company tent at Pea Ridge. It had to remain up following my departure on Sat. night. When it came down on Sunday, a few pieces of my tent equipment turned up missing. The following is a list, please check your gear for these items: a ground tarp (blue plastic), two rope tie downs ( you know the ones that go around the poles when not in use), and the tent stakes for my tent. I am certain they must be in someone's gear box by mistake. Just give me a call at (314) 445-1229, so I can make arrangements to get them from you.

Jim Robertson - Missing a canteen with a faded blue cover and the initials JR on the strap. Jim's noble effort of loaning his equipment resulted with a canteen missing in action. Perhaps a yankee snuck into our camp and took it. Check your gear and find it for Jim.(314) 874-5711.



## ROLLA LIVING HISTORY

1st Sgt Faught reports that he, Sgt Hafley, and Privates Cramer and Hafley responded to a request by the Historical Society in Rolla to provide a living history at the Old Phelps County Courthouse on 3 June.

An attempt is being made to restore this Civil War Era structure to its original condition. Construction was started in 1860. It was finished in 1864. Contemporary accounts document the raising of a Confederate flag at this courthouse in May of 1861. The community was shortly thereafter occupied by Lincolnite hirelings and remained so for the duration of the War.

The event — dubbed “Hardscrabble Days” — was intended to raise local awareness of this resource, and raise money through a benefit auction for restoration efforts. Though it was a beautiful day, attendance suffered due to competition of another local event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the Fifth demonstrated loading and firing drills and the Manual of Arms, and for this were treated to BBQ. At least one promising prospective recruit was contacted. Private Cramer also unabashedly demonstrated his love for a good southern song, boisterously sung.

### Commitment Roster for the Fifth MO as of June 1995

1ST PLATOON	RANK	jc	FUL	GLA	LON	cc	cal	PK	CAB	bru	CEN	HUM	war	TEN
Ballman, George	PVT													
Biggs, Everett	ret	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		
Brown, Richard	ret		Y											
Chastain, Kent	PVT													
Conner, Todd	PVT													
Cramer, John	PVT		Y											
Daleen, Keith	PVT		Y	Y	Y						Y			Y
Durrill, John	CPL													
Faught, Dennis	1SG	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y
Gilger, Alex	ret		Y	Y	Y								Y	Y
Gilger, John	PVT		Y	Y	Y								Y	Y
Hall, Rick	ret													
Hamilton, Mike	PVT		Y	Y	Y	Y					Y			Y
Herring, James	ret													
Kerksiek, D.E.	PVT													
Koffman, Bob	MAJ		Y	Y										Y
Lee, Jerry	CAP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y			Y
Loesch, Justin	ret													
Olson, Larry	PVT		Y	Y	Y									
Plowman, Dave	CPL													
Price, Marcus	ret													
Price, Robert	ret													
Riggs, Charlie	PVT													
Roush, Loren	PVT		Y	Y				Y	Y		Y			Y
Thomas, Chuck	PVT		Y	Y	Y						Y			
Tucker, Jeff	PVT													
White, Mike	ret	Y	Y											
Witt, Ken Jr.	ret	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zimmerschied, K.	PVT													
Gooden, David	PVT													Y
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2ND PLATOON		7/2	7/15	8/5	8/19	9/8	9/16	10/21	9/30	9/30	10/7	10/14	10/21	10/2
Block, Neil	CPL	Y	Y	Y							Y			
Crane, Chris	ret													
Crane, Clinton	PVT	Y	Y											
Davis, Nick	1LT		Y	Y										Y
Dietzel, Larry	PVT		Y	Y				Y						Y
Dressel, Gene	PVT													
Ford, Kent	PVT		Y	Y						Y				Y
Frank, Doug	PVT	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y			Y	Y
Hafley, Joe	ret	Y	Y	Y	Y									
Hafley, Sam	2SG	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y			Y			Y
Heidgerken, Jerry	ret													Y
Heidgerken, Mike	ret													Y
Hodge, Jim	PVT													
Holmes, Dan	ret													
Jordan, Mark	PVT		Y											
Keown, Jim	PVT													
Massey, Mike	PVT		Y											
Meoli, Mike	CPL		Y											
Meoli, Nick	ret													
Moeller, Mark	PVT	Y	Y					Y						
Pickering, David	ret		Y											Y
Reed, Keith	ret													
Roberts, Bob	PVT													
Robertson, Jim	PVT													Y
Springer, Mark	ret													
Tuck, Scott	ret													Y
Wassman, Jerry	ret		Y	Y				Y						Y
Wayne, Bill	PVT													
Yoakum, Steve	PVT													Y
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CIVILIANS

	je	FUL	GLA	LON	cc	cal	PK	CAB	bru	CEN	HUM	war	TEN
Biggs, Amanda		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Biggs, Jessica		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Brown, Connie			Y										
Caviness, Jennifer													
Chastain, Michelle													
Crane, Shirley													
Dietzel, Nora			Y	Y									
Dietzel, Charles			Y	Y									
Dietzel, Evan			Y	Y									
Gilger, Beth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gilger, Jeannie		Y	Y	Y								Y	Y
Hall, Dolly													
Kerksiek, Lorraine													
Lee, Cindy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y
Moulton, Cherice													
O'Daniel, Julie													
Reed, Karen													
Riggs, Judy													
Robertson, Deborah													
Roush, Martha													
Thomas, Rebecca													
	7/2	7/15	8/5	8/19	9/8	9/16	9/23	9/30	9/30	10/7	10/14	10/17	10/27

**Songs of Our Second Revolution**

This continues our ongoing column of songs of the southern cause courtesy of member John Crammer. Music was an important aspect of life for the men and women who lived through the great conflict of the War Between the States.

**THE BATTLE OF SHILOH HILL**

by

**M.B. Smith of Co. C., 2nd Regiment Texas Volunteers**

Come all ye valiant soldiers and a story I will tell,  
It is a noted battle you all remember well;  
It was an awful strife, and will cause your blood to chill,  
It was the famous battle that was fought on Shiloh Hill!

It was the sixth of April, just at the break of day,  
The drums and fifes were playing for us to march away,  
The feeling of that hour I do remember still,  
For the wounded and dying that lay on Shiloh Hill.

About the hour of sunrise the battle it began,  
and before the day was had vanished we fought them  
hand to hand,  
The horrors of the field did my heart to with anguish fill,  
For the wounded and the dying that lay on Shiloh Hill

There were men of every nation laid on those rocky plains,  
Fathers, sons, and brothers were number with the slain,  
That has caused so many homes with deep mourning to  
be filled,  
All from the bloody battle that was fought on Shiloh Hill.

And early that next morning, we were called to arms again,  
Unmindful of the wounded and unmindful of the slain,  
The struggle was renewed and ten thousand men were  
killed;

This was the second conflict of the famous Shiloh Hill.

Before the day was ended the battle ceased to roar,  
and thousands of brave soldiers had fall'n to rise no more;  
They left their vacant ranks for some other ones to fill,  
and now their mouldering bodies all lie on Shiloh Hill.

## DETAILS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- **JEFFERSON CITY CEMETERY WALK:** July 2. Second annual event at Woodland and Old City Cemeteries 1-4pm. Living history and recruiting booth. Your choice of impression (even Federal Missourian if you like). Cemeteries are between E. Miller & E. McCarty. Exit US 50 E. at Clark. Turn north. Immediately turn left onto Miller. Let Sgt. Faught know if you'll be there.
  
- **FULTON: 5TH MO MAX EFFORT.** July 14-16. Site is 1000 acres of primitive wooded area 7 miles east of Fulton, via Business 54, on Highway Z near Calwood, Mo. Can access from I-70 at the Calwood exit. Free BBQ Friday night 6-8pm. Raw rations for breakfast, plus Saturday prepared meal. Saturday's scenario is a "what if" battle between Confederate and Federal forces based on the "Kingdom of Callaway" treaty legend. Sunday's action is the Battle of Moore's Mill. Impression is regular Confederate for Saturday and Civilian or Guerrilla for Sunday. Be prepared to **galvanize**. Extensive medical/civilian scenarios planned after each battle. Guest speakers include Juanita Leisch, a nationally-known author and expert on civilian clothing, and Les Jensen, Chief Curator of Military Collections for the U.S. Army (and a former curator at Museum of the Confederacy) who's an expert on Confederate uniforms. Company A meeting scheduled for Saturday evening in military camp after spectators leave. Saturday evening dance with "Rose of El-A-Noy Minstrels." Sponsored by the 6th Missouri.
  
- **GLASGOW: 5TH MO MAX EFFORT.** August 4-6. Site is on MO Hwy 5&240 at the east edge of town (same location as three years ago). Skirmish Friday evening at 7:30 (State Guard impression). Parade Saturday morning, followed by ladies fashion show. 1864 Battle of Glasgow Saturday afternoon (State Guard or Gray). Generic battle Sunday. As always, be prepared to galvanize. Night firing Saturday night. Corporate Board Meeting scheduled for Saturday evening at 8. Dance at 8:30pm. (Also, 5th members Beth Gilger & Ken Witt plan a period wedding Saturday at the antibellum home). Powder ration, but no foodstuffs. (Vendors available). **PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 30.**
  
- **LONE JACK.** August 12-13. No details available. Sponsored by Kelly Siefkas of 6th MO.
  
- **COLE CAMP.** September 8-9. ~~Encampment, Living History, drill for Cole Camp Fair.~~
  
- **CALIFORNIA.** September 16. Living History during Ozark Ham & Turkey Festival and Moniteau County Sesquicentennial. In park adjacent to new Cultural Heritage Center. Take Highway 87 (Oak St.) north from U.S. 50 to South St. Sponsored by Moniteau Co. Historical Society.
  
- **PILOT KNOB.** September 23-24. Sponsored by Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
  
- **BRUNSWICK.** September 29-30. Parade & Living History during Pecan Festival. Camp just south of downtown. Activities begin Friday evening. Parade 10am Saturday.
  
- **CENTRALIA.** October 7-8. Reenactment of Massacre at 10am Saturday. Battle of Centralia at 1:30pm. Civilian activities include fashion show, bonfire dance, period church services. Generic battle 1:30pm Sunday. Guerrilla impression for Saturday. Confederate gray Sunday. Will almost certainly be required to **GALVINIZE**.



### Changes of Address for Our Members

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## THE TRUE ACCOUNT OF AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE FIFTH

From the Diary of William Ruyle



... we marched until the 13th, then we arrived at Lumpkins Mill near Holly Springs, Mississippi and went into camp.

Our first Sgt., B.L. Mitchell went back with a detail to bury the dead, but were denied that privilege and returned in about ten days. They took our wounded to Iuka, where they were well treated, both with medical aid and provisions. On Oct 20th we moved camp about half a mile to the lake. Here we had the best water and health of the company was very good while at this camp. Lt. Simpson recovered of his wound, and he and most of the boys who were at the hospital, came up.

Our rations while here was corn meal, beef and pork, occasionally sweet potatoes, sugar, molasses and rice. Occasionally we bought flour at twenty-five cents per pound and pork at the same price, and lard at fifty cents per pound. Our clothing was not very good and we slept cold for want of bedclothes. I don't know what we would have done if it hadn't been for the kind ladies of Mississippi, who took the carpets off of their floors and gave them to us free of charge. They sent us many blankets, socks and all kinds of clothing, which was very acceptable just at that time of need and they were thankfully received.

Those kind women continued to send us articles of clothing, as we needed, all winter for which we will ever feel grateful. I hope you and all our connections and well wishers will also have the same grateful feeling to them for their kindness to us in such a time of need when you didn't have it in your power to help us any, yourselves. While I was at this camp, I paid twelve dollars for a common pair of homemade shoes. The price for all articles were in proportion. We were an odd looking army without a common uniform between us.

On November 5th we were ordered to cook three days rations and be ready to move at a moments notice. The enemy were then moving on us near Holly Springs. The wagons all moved up to Abbeyville that day. We marched out into the field nearby and lay all day. It was a cold and windy day and the dustiest day I nearly ever saw. At night we went back and lay at our old camps. Next day the wagons were ordered back and we cleared off a nice camping ground on the other side of the creek and went into a regular camp again. This was November 3rd.

In the night we were awoken and told again to cook three days rations, which we did and marched again on Nov. 9th near Abbeyville about midnight. In the meantime the enemy had taken possession of Holly Springs. They had considerable fighting to do before they got it. While at this camp Capt. Bradford came to us, having been away from us ever since we left Saltilo, and he brought us several bottles of fine brandy (which was only ten dollars a quart). We had a jolly time drinking to his health.

On the 16th of Nov. we marched about twelve miles to the Tallahassess bridge camp called Wyatts Ferry. We went to work immediately fortifying on a heavy scale, working on breastworks. On Nov. 17th Bird Smith, who left us on Aug. 23rd with letters to go to Missouri, came to us with answers. I reckon we were the proudest set of boys you ever saw. You should have seen us crowd him to get letters and hear the news from home. This was the first time we had heard from home since we had left there around the 25th of January.



## From the Editor's Desk.....

Sorry this issue is getting to all of you so late. It has been one of those months. I found out four days before classes began at MU this summer that I was to teach two graduate level courses. Its been an uphill race to keep ahead of my students. I also defended my dissertation this month, now you can call me Lt. Butcher or Dr. Butcher. After a few suggested changes to the document, I will go through graduation exercises on August 4th. Now I am helping Denise get her dissertation finished so we can graduate together.

An additional problem appeared when the first finished version of this document died within a glitch of the computer. Therefore it had to be completely rewritten. Until next we meet, I remain your editor and Obedient Servant,

*1st Lt. John Nicholas Davis, Esq. { aka The Butcher! }*  
*5th Missouri Inf., Co. A, Confederate States of America*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

July 2 Jefferson City, MO Cemetary Tour ( good recruiting possible)

July 15-16 Fulton, MO - Battle of Moore's Mill

Aug. 5 - 6 Glasgow, MO - Battle of Glasgow

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