

**T H E M E S S E N G E R**

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A new unit needs a new newsletter. This newsletter will provide timely information to our members and interested friends about our activities and upcoming events and appearances. I'll also use it to educate us about uniforms, historical impressions, drill, and other items of interest. Your contributions are welcome.

An up-to-date membership roster is included, with positions noted.

Overall event & appearance schedules are also listed. I've included some details on the ones coming up soonest.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 PM, Charlie Riggs' house (6 miles east of Rt 13 on Rt Y - look for Clear Fork Sutlers sign). Business includes schedule, recruiting efforts, determining supplies/equipment to buy.

**PUBLICATIONS:** So far, we've developed a number of different documents which give info about our unit & our hobby. If you don't have them all, see me.

Recruit Guide: 4 pages discussing philosophy, authenticity, history, etc.

Uniform Guide: 2 pages describing items needed with 1989 sutler prices. Also describes various impressions.

Bibliography: A list of important books for a Missouri Brigade impression as well as key magazines and periodicals pertaining to the war & reenacting.

Drill Primer: 3 pages listing basic facing and marching commands and responses, much simplified.

Manual of Arms Primer: 3 pages of manual of arms and firing drill. Covers the basics.

To come: Safety guide, release forms, detailed guides on periods & impressions.

**UNIT HISTORY:** Dr Leslie Anders, a prominent historian in Warrensburg, has provided us some information on the history of the 5th Mo. While far from complete, it's a heck of a good start. His letter to Dave is attached.

**NEXT ISSUE:** Approximately April 11. Get your news in now.

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12 February 1990

David Kesinger  
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Dear Dave:

Last Wednesday evening I made a mental note to send you the administrative information I had gleaned from Reel #127 of the Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers from the State of Missouri (National Archives). Unlike most such cases, I did not lose this one.

One learns in the administrative details set forth in this reel that the 5th Infantry was indeed the regiment organized and commanded by Colonel James P. McCown of Johnson County, Missouri. The original LTC was the legendary Robert S. Bevier, and the first major was a Warrensburg lawyer named Owen A. Waddell. Lots of local color!

It might have been difficult to keep much insurance on Company A's management. Waddell, the original CO, was KIA at Allatoona, Georgia, 5 October 1864; his successor, Captain Royal G. Stokely, died at Vicksburg of wounds received at Port Gibson 2 May 1863; and Captain Barnett J. Atkeson (that's how he signed it), another Warrensburg, fell on the bloody field of Franklin. **All** of this is confirmable now in the CONFEDERATE ROLL OF HONOR: MISSOURI, at your fingertips.

This unit started out tentatively as the "Second Battalion, Missouri Infantry," with McCown as LTC and Bevier as major, and it merged with other outfits to form the 5th Regiment. Lieutenant James T. Greenwood (also slain at Port Gibson) was a Warrensburg man and the original regimental adjutant. And the famous Dr. Benjamin J. Dysart was the surgeon: he survived.

The battles claimed on the record for the 5th Infantry included Iuka, Corinth (Second), Port Gibson, Champion's Hill, Vicksburg, Kennesaw Mountain, Allatoona, and Franklin. There were surely others.

Stations listed for the regiment are Saltillo, Mississippi, September and October, 1862; Holly Springs, Miss., with HQ at Waterford Station, 7 miles south, October and November, 1862; Camp Rogers, Miss., December 1862; Camp Pritchard, Miss., February, 1863; Vicksburg, May to July, 1863 (wouldn't you know!); Meridian, Miss., October-December, 1863; Demonolis, Alabama, February, 1864; Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 1864; North Georgia campaigning, May to October, 1864.

I hope this will help Company A "feel at home" in more ways than one.

Sincerely,



Leslie Anders

# 5th MO INF, Co A (CSA)

## BIBLIOGRAPHY & PERIODICAL GUIDE

### BOOKS

Read these books: eventually, you'll want to have them in your library:

Anderson, Ephraim McD., Memoirs: Historical and Personal; Including the Campaigns of the First Missouri Confederate Brigade (available from Morningside Books, Dayton OH). Excellent history of the Missouri Brigade from Carthage to Ft Blakely. Written 1867.

Bevier, R.S., History of the First and Second Missouri Confederate Brigades (also available from Morningside). Another fine source for Mo troops, east of river.

Hardee's Tactics or Hardee's Simplified (available from many sutlers). The bible of drill.

Brownlee, Richard S., Gray Ghosts of the Confederacy (available at CMSU bookstore & other stores). Top history of guerilla war in Missouri, but little coverage of pre-war actions.

### PERIODICALS

In addition to these books, there are several periodicals that provide information about the Civil War and reenacting. You should consider subscribing to those you feel you can afford:

"Western Campaigner" is the newsletter of the MCWRA. You get it automatically with your membership.

"Camp Chase Gazette" is a magazine for, by & about reenacting. Subscriptions are \$20/yr (10 cy), PO Box 707, Marietta, OH 45750

"Reenactor's Journal" is a new magazine for CW reenactors. The first issue was interesting. \$20/yr (12 cy), PO Box 283, Mt Prospect, IL 60056.

"The Civil War News is a 48 page tabloid covering reenacting, battlefield preservation, book reviews, round tables, etc. \$15/yr (9 cy). PO Box C, Arlington MA 02174

"The Courier" is a tabloid which is heavy on artifacts, shows, & tracking people & units. \$13/yr (6 cy). PO Box 1863, Williamsville, NY 14231

"Civil War Times Illustrated" is a slick magazine devoted to CW articles & issues. \$20/yr (6 cy), PO Box 1863, Mt Morris, IL 61054

"Blue & Grey Magazine" is a slick, featuring a specific battle each month. \$17.50/yr (6 cy), PO Box 28685, Columbus, OH 43228.

"Confederate Veteran" is the official journal of the SCV, covering Confederate interest. \$12/yr (6 cy), 8506 Braesdale, Houston, TX 77071

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1990 FIRST HALF ANNOTATED SCHEDULE

Symbols: \* means battle  
? means not firm  
# means non-5th Mo event for info only

March 7 (Wed): 6:00 PM. History of Civil War class, CMSU, Wood 104. Scene is Lexington campaign. Civilian arms, clothes preferred. LH skit talking in attitudes and actions to Sep '61. Bill.

March 10 (Sat): 1000-1600, Windsor. Recruiting/fundraising for Windsor event. Tent set up main street, generic reb impression. Some drill practice. Ronnie.

March 15 (Thur): 1000, Old Courthouse: headstart group tour. Bill.

March 15: 1200, Warrensburg. Lion's Club presentation across from Heroes. Generic Reb, describe battles/reenacting. Possible video. Dave K.

March 28 (Wed): 1900, CMSU firing range, Humphreys Hall. Period weapons demo and live fire small calibre weapons. Bring an assortment of guns. Generic reb. Bill.

# March 31 (Sat): Missouri Town (Lake Jacomo), drunken border ruffian \* impression. No contact.

March 31 (Sat): 1800, Old Courthouse. Host a wine & cheese party for CMSU faculty wives. Short presentation, interpret exhibits. Generic reb. Bill.

\* April 7-8, 125th of Ft Blakely, AL. Long guns required. 5 names preregistered. See Jan ARGUS for info on the battle. Bill.

# April 14 (Sat): Wilson's Creek NB, near Springfield. Drill at the park.

April 28 (Sat): Whiteman AFB Community center. Travel/tourism show. Drill, Manual of arms, recruiting. No live ammo. Bill.

? May 5-6, Hermitage, MO: Pomme de Terre Rendezvous. Drill, LH. Will be black powder live fire competition, mountain men, etc.

\* May 18-20, Battle of Champion Hill, MS (1863 Vicksburg campaign). MCWRA max effort. Missouri portrayal of Bowen's Div charge. We are preregistered. For info on the battle, see March ARGUS. Event info, see Bill.

# June 2 (Sat): Joplin, benefit LH to restore historic house.

? June 2-3 (S/S): Clinton Fescue Funfest: recruiting camp & parade

? June 9 (Sat): Warrensburg old courthouse. Provide honors at non-reenactor period wedding. Bill.

\* June 16-17: Battle at Grand Island, NE

\* Jun 23-24: Lecompton KS. MCWRA action, prewar confrontation.

\* June 30 - July 1: Battle of Carthage, MCWRA MAX. 1861 action when State Guard whipped Siegel's troops. Action both days, amenities.

See MCWRA Schedule for rest of year