

THE MESSENGER

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A

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AS WE BEGIN OUR SECOND YEAR, it's time to start beefing up our newsletter. In addition to event information & sign-ups, membership rosters, minutes & commentary on events, we need to add some regular columns. I'll start one on drill tidbits, either to correct errors in the way we do things or to acquaint us with new & unusual manuevers. I've asked the Authenticity Committee to give me something monthly, as well. We could also use some letters, written in appropriate period style, reflecting on the events of the day. It wouldn't hurt to have a few words from the Commander (how about it, Bob?).

CONTENTS of this issue: Our annual financial balance sheet & income statement (the detail summaries are available for your perusal on request). An updated membership list as of Dec 26 (please note that 8 people owe us unit dues). A very tentative list of events (we'll have a good one after the Jan 12 MCWRA schedule meeting). My first Drill Notes column. Some comments on Prairie Grove. A welcome to a new member & change of address for another.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to Kevin Thomas of Sedalia, recruited by Bob Koffman. Debbie Thompson, who joined us this fall, got a job singing with a road band, so we won't see much of her this year. We still need some active effort on renewals, plus recruiting of new members. We have a new form for recording contacts & following up on them, so make sure you let your 1st Sgt know who your potential recruits are and what information you've given them.

MINUTES: We held a special meeting at the party Dec 15 & voted to buy the company water barrel from Dave Kesinger for \$37.34.

MEETING NOTICE: Our next meeting will be held at Farm & Home Savings in Sedalia on Tuesday, January 22, at 7:00 PM. We request that as many people as possible get there by 6:00 PM to help work with new members & potential recruits. This is a DRY meeting. Farm & Home Savings is located on the corner of 4th & Osage; to get there, take Ohio to the Courthouse, then turn left onto 4th (one way heading west). Osage is one block west of Ohio.

PRAIRIE GROVE comments: While the camps weren't well organized & the park was unprepared for as many participants as showed up, most everyone left feeling good about the event because this was the best conventional battle of the year. Both sides had enough infantry & cavalry to lay down some pretty heavy fire & keep the battle going for a while. We served with the 4th & 9th Mo; Todd went cavalry & learned why infantry's a lot safer. There were some other incidents, one of which inspired a poem that I can't publish without a little polish. Bob & I attended the second Officers' Smoker (I went in disguise) & learned that there might be some financial problems with the filming of Killer Angels, so don't get your hopes too high. We've had no response to our inquiry about extra roles.

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)
1990-91 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 12/27/90

DRILL FACTS, by 1st Sgt Bill Wayne

You've just fired a satisfying company volley, & Capt Bob yells "Load & Come to the Shoulder!" After about 35-40 seconds, everyone is finally at the shoulder, & he commences commands for the next volley. What's wrong with this little scenario? (Note: SOS means School of the Soldier, SOC means School of the Company)

1. It's too slow. Hardee's (SOC # 47) says that a soldier is expected to load & fire three rounds a minute (& this included ramming a ball, too!). We ought to be able to get off two rounds a minute, anyway.

2. When given the command "LOAD" immediately after firing, Hardee's (SOS # 262) says to load & come to the READY. This is easy, since you are essentially already there when you cap the nipple. The firing command for the next volley omits "READY" since you're already there.

Question: is it ever right to load & come to the shoulder other than on command? Hardee's (SOS # 282) says that you do so when directed to "CEASE FIRING" after a period of firing at will or when you've fired the required number of rounds in a fire by files.

Question: What about safety? Isn't it safer to have the musket pointed at your own head rather than the one ahead of you? I'll leave this for the Safety Officer to decide, but my personal opinion is that it's safer. Since you don't have to worry about the cap falling off the nipple when you go to "SHOULDER ARMS" you can leave the musket on half cock as required by Hardee's (SOS # 168) where it can't go off if you bump something. Furthermore, you're not rushing to go to the ready in the firing sequence, so you can think about stepping the right place on "AIM" and get off a safer round.

Question: Isn't it easier for the officers to tell when the men are all ready if they come to the shoulder? Of course it is, & that's why the typical company's rate of fire is so slow. A soldier who misses a volley or two because he's slow will be ready for the next one because he's still loaded; maybe he'll learn to be a bit quicker. Besides, we're supposed to be authentic, right?

COMMENT: One of the chief complaints we got from our newer troops last year is that they seldom had a chance to practice loading & firing. We'll try to remedy that at Spring Drill, and we'd suggest that those of you who need firing practice come early to meetings & bring your muskets so you can get some individual instruction ala Glory.

RECRUITING COMMENTS

If you are sponsor for a recruit, please try to work with the individual as much as possible during the winter to get him equipped and knowledgeable about very basic drill & manual of arms!

Symbols: † means battle, bold face in Missouri, all caps 5th Mo Max effort. ? means for info only. Most of these are subject to MCWRA approval on Jan 12th.

January 12 (Sat), MCWRA scheduling meeting, Jeff City.

January 22 (Tues), Sedalia, Meeting & election of President & Vice-President for 2-year terms. See page 1.

February 16, Jeff City: Annual ball.

? March 8-10, Joplin. State History contest, LH & skirmish. Tours by middle/high school kids.

? March 15-17, Land Between the Lakes national tactical

April 6-7 (subject to approval), Harrisonville: Missouri Brigade spring muster and camp of instruction, with Crowley's, possibly other units.

† April 6-7, Cotter AR. Battle & LH

† April 20-21, Weston. 1st Battle of the year! Possible prepared earthworks!

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

† May 25-26, Caney, KS. Skirmish & LH. Want only 40 men

June 1-2, Pea Ridge, AR. Living history event

† June 15-16, Liberty. Shoal Creek park Battle/LH.

† June 29-30, Cole Camp (probable): 130th Anniversary battle, original field. Look for both actual and generic battles. Our event.

? July 20, Joplin. Benefit LH for historic house.

† Aug 9-11, Wilson's Creek. 130th Anniversary battle, 4 battles, expect 3000 soldiers. \$5 registration fee, due before May 1st.

† Aug 31-Sep 1, Eureka. Battle & LH.

† Sep 7-8, Salbatha, KS. Battle & LH

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

† Sep 28-29, Roscoe. Battle & LH.

† Oct 26-27, Charleston, MO. 130th Anniversary battle of Belmont, original site. Ferry across river possible.

OTHER EVENT: MOVIE - "Killer Angels" will be made in Gettysburg area in the summer. We've requested a package of info for the big scenes, to see if we can participate.

ACT#	ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE	SUBTOTAL 9	SUBTOTAL 99
Assets				
1	PETTY CASH	24.52		
2	CHECKING ACCOUNT	462.79		
99	cash assets			487.31
100	BUMPER STICKERS	2.00		
109	Unit Resale items		2.00	
999	total salable assets			2.00
1000	COOKING GRATE	75.00		
1001	TENT, USED (poles & stake	80.00		
1002	WALL TENT p 9/90	146.90		
1003	WATER BARREL p 12/90	37.34		
1099	equipment assets			339.24
1500	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	-0.90		
	Total Assets			827.65
Liabilities				
2000	MCNRA DUES HELD	8.00		
2020	FUNDS HELD SP PURPOSE	0.10		
2100	UNEARNED DUES: 1991	364.00		
	Total Liabilities			372.10
Capital/Equity				
3010	1990 net income	455.55		
	Total Net Equity			455.55
	Total Liabilities & Equity			827.65

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET

Accounts receivable & funds held special purpose are from overpayments for banquet. They will be transferred to other income.

1990 accounts
INCOME STATEMENT
 JAN-90 Through DEC-90

ACT#	ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE	SUBTOTAL 9	SUBTOTAL 99
Income				
4000	INDIVIDUAL DUES	244.00		
4001	FAMILY DUES	60.00		
4009	total dues		304.00	
4100	OTHER FUNDRAISING	173.75		
4110	REIMBURSE EVENT EXPENSES	150.00		
4200	REIMBURSE FOR SUPPLIES	267.17		
4209	total other receipts		590.92	
	Total Income			894.92
Expense				
5000	POSTAGE	109.10		
5001	COPIES & PRINTING	30.32		
5002	MISC OPERATING SUPPLIES	53.50		
5009	total operating costs		192.92	
5111	EVENT EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES	7.30		
5119	event exp total		7.30	
5200	POWDER	106.27		
5202	COMMON USE SUPPLIES (REIM)	119.90		
5209	common use exp total		226.17	
5500	WINDSOR EVENT DIRECT COST	12.74		
5600	COLE CAMP DIRECT COST	0.24		
	Total Expense			439.37
	NET INCOME			455.55

INCOME STATEMENT

DUES ARE 1990 ONLY. 1991 DUES WILL BE CREDITED ON JANUARY STATEMENT.

OTHER FUNDRAISING includes donations such as \$50 for wedding, \$20 for presentation, etc. Remainder is special collections for tent & reimburse powder.

REIMBURSE EVENT EXPENSES is donation by Windsor Chamber of Commerce

REIMBURSE FOR SUPPLIES includes powder, stickers, & \$91.90 from Don Roberts for his tent.

WINDSOR DIRECT COST does not include postage & copy cost, nor any costs incurred directly by members.

NET INCOME includes assets that cost us \$339.24

BATTLE OF COLE CAMP

This letter and battle synopsis were sent to all MCWRA Directors and Unit Commanders in early January. You can use this information to help talk up the event, especially when recruiting.

The city of Cole Camp requests your support for sanctioning the 130th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Cole Camp. We have requested the weekend of June 22-23, 1990, but to prevent conflicts with the Shoal Creek event, will postpone ours until one of the following weekends.

The Battle of Cole Camp took place at dawn on June 19, 1861. State Guard troops from Warsaw surprised and routed a local Home Guard contingent, thereby opening the road for Gov. Jackson to retreat to the southwest corner of Missouri after the action at Boonville. While only about 700 men were involved in the battle, it had critical implications for the future of the War in Missouri; had the Home Guard prevailed, there is an excellent chance that Gov. Jackson could have been captured, thereby eliminating political leadership of pro-southern Missourians.

The City of Cole Camp is experienced at putting on events. The town retains its German heritage and sponsors a major fair each year. We have even organized visits by groups from Germany. Cole Camp knows how to make committees work, knows how to run publicity to draw crowds; we're located close to the major tourist attractions of Truman Lake and Lake of the Ozarks. We are organizing the event under the guidance of Bill Wayne and Bob Koffman of the Fifth Missouri Infantry, and we have committed ourselves to using their experience and doing things right. Our town knows how to get things done - we've prepared a 20 page operations plan which we'll have available at the January 12th meeting!

The reenactment itself will be on the original battle site, which we hope to restore to an approximation of its 1860's appearance. The primary action will be fought at the site of one of the barns the Home Guard had camped in, and we're working on bringing in an old barn to place on the spot of the original. As far as we can tell, the landscape is very little changed from its 1860's appearance, except for metal barn roofs and a pond or two. The Federal forces will camp on the actual campsites of the Home Guard; an excellent location for Confederate camps is also available. We can put all the camps at a reasonable distance from each other, the sutlers, & the parking areas without making anyone walk long distances or seriously compromising view lines.

Since the actual battle took only about 20 minutes and no artillery or Federal cavalry were involved, we also propose to have generic, full dress battle demonstrations involving all arms. We are considering doing two historic battles and two generic battles; we'd like unit commander input on this. We will also have a Saturday evening dance with period music [yes, we do have a band we can count on]. We will have adequate hay, straw, water, wood & sanitary facilities, and we are planning to provide normal foodstuffs, etc. We are working on a prepared meal, powder issues, & some other goodies that fit with our German heritage.

BATTLE OF COLE CAMP SYNOPSIS

While Benton County was predominantly pro-Southern, a significant German population in the northeast part of the county supported the Union. After the Camp Jackson & Boonville affairs, a 'Col' Cook raised a force of Home Guards, which first assembled on Jun 11, 1861. He raised about 700 men, but due to a lack of muskets & space to drill & camp, sent about half home by June 16. Meanwhile, Capt Walter O'Kane had organized a State Guard force in Warsaw. He had about 350 men, included 100 on horseback.

On June 16, 1861, Benton County Sherrif Batholomew Keown rode to Cole Camp to serve a warrant on the Home Guard leaders. While they declined to be arrested, Keown was able to get a good idea of the camp layout and report it to the State Guard in Warsaw. The camp was set up in 2 large barns a bit east of Cole Camp. The northerly barn was on the Heisterberg farm; the other was about 500 yards south on the Harms farm; about 125 men were quartered in and around each, and another 50 plus men were quartered in corn cribs near the Heisterberg barn.

On the night of Jun 18, it appears that the Home Guardsmen had a bit of a party. Stories indicate that the men in the Harms barn were drunk. Meanwhile, the State Guard had moved out along the road from Warsaw to Cole Camp, catching an informer en route and shooting him. They arrived at first light on June 19, slipped past the pickets, and found the group in the Heisterberg asleep with their arms stacked outside. The State Guard attacked the barn, firing a volley into the half-asleep Unionists, killing about 20 men. The Home Guard group sleeping in the corn cribs rallied & enfiladed the State Guard, driving them back. This group had little ammunition, so couldn't press their attack; meanwhile, the survivors from the barn escaped.

The State Guard now launched a second assault on the virtually empty barn. Another group of Home Guard in a grove of trees southeast of the barn fell into line, but were hit by the State Guard horsemen & driven back into the trees, where the horsemen couldn't follow. The men from the other barn were called to arms & formed a battle line, but never got into the action; a volley may have been fired by the State Guard to discourage any further action.

After 20-30 minutes, the Home Guard withdrew. The State Guard did not follow up on their victory. Home Guard casualties are estimated at 35 killed, 60 wounded, 30 captured (of about 350 effectives); their commander fled at the outset of the battle. The State Guard lost about 7 killed and 25 wounded. One of the factors that helped contribute to the surprise is that the State Guard was carrying Union colors.

This summary is taken from Chapter 16 of a recent book written by a Cole Camp native & historian. The complete chapter will be furnished major commanders in the registration package.

MUSIC: Back in August, I included the words to a couple of appropriate war songs, with the suggestion 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:

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 th 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,
With the young Confederacy at length has linked her fate
Impelled by her example, no 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

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 Missouri, Kentucky & Maryland verses also. I don't have them.

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.
Let the Beacon fires be lighted,
Let all hearts be now united, (To Arms)

CH: Advance the Flag of Dixie, Murrah, Murrah,
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)

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

(There are more verses to this, too)

RALLY ROUND THE FLAG (Southern version)

Our flag is proudly waving 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.

They marched off to war to the beating of the drums (Shout)
The leaders in charge crying '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)

(Yep, more verses)

5th MD INF, Co A (CSA)

PAID MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (12/27/90) w/ 1991 ranks

(* means 1991 dues not yet paid)

[S - means sponsor] (NC means non-combatant)

SPONSORS: Please contact your recruits to encourage them to make the meeting. Do this especially for the ones who haven't paid their dues yet!

Agee, Dick
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Family: Bea (NC)
(Recruit - 9/7/90) [S - Shanks]

Ballman, George (Private)
105 Fairview
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-747-9510
Family: Kathy, Dan, Mindy, Matt (NC)

Ballman, Greg
6031 Yosemite Dr
Cincinnati, OH 45237 513-351-6907
(Recruit - 9/22/90) [S - George Ballman]

Bears, Dave
Rt 1, Box B650
Holden, MO 64040
Family: Debbie (NC)
(Recruit - 10/14/90) [S - Wayne]

Conner, Todd (2nd Sgt - Quartermaster)
Rt2, Box 112
Knob Noster, MO 65336 816-563-3472

* Daleen, Keith
410 10th St Terrace
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-747-2740
(Recruit - 8/28/90) [S - George Ballman]

* Delcour, James
Rt 3, Box 421
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-747-2651
(Note: Attending MU in Columbia)
(Recruit - 5/8/90) [S - Robertson]

Galloway, Michelle
(ADDRESS UNKNOWN)
(NC)

Goldsberry, Gaylen (Private)
8317 Walmer
Overland Park, KS 66212 913-381-1693

Keown, James
2000 Robin Terrace
Columbia, MO 65203 314-874-0594
(Recruit - 4/6/90) [S - Yoakum]

* Kesinger, Dave (Private)
Rt 3, Box 263
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-429-1011

Kinsey, John (Private)
755 Westover Rd
Whiteman AFB, MO 65305 816-563-5834

Kisner, Mel
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Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-747-6820
(Recruit - 10/14/90) [S - Roberts]

Koffman, Bob (Capt - Field Commander)
2809 Jerome
Sedalia, MO 65301 816-827-5337

McClintock, Paul (civilian NC)
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Columbia, MO 65201 314-442-9177

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Roach, MO 65787 314-347-2354

* Moore, Kathryn S. (NC)
Rt 2, Box 92
Chilhowee, MO 64733 816-732-6497

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Holden, MO 64040 816-732-4115
(Recruit - 2/20/90) [S - Wayne]

* Rhodes, Robert D
204 S Smith
Windsor, MO 65360 816-647-5840
(Recruit, 3/10/90) [S - Riggs]

* Rhodes, Robert D. II (Private)
204 S Smith
Windsor, MO 65360 816-647-5840

Riggs, Charles (Corporal - Authenticity)
Rt 3, Box 192A
Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-429-1448
Family: Judy (NC), Chip (musician)

Roberts, Don (Private)
Lakewood MHP Lot 56
Knob Noster, MO 65336 816-563-5914

Robertson, Jim (Private)
4813 Salem Dr
Columbia, MO 65203 314-445-9731
Family: Deborah, Jaime (10), Cody (7) NC

Roush, Loren
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Lawrence, KS 66049 913-887-6008
Family: Martha (NC)
(Recruit - 10/23/90) [S - Goldsberry]

Rowe, Mary Ellen (NC)
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Warrensburg, MO 64093 419-6195

Shanks, Larry (Private)
Rt 2, Box 140 AB
Clinton, MO 64735 885-2946(H)/885-8100(O)
Family: Barbara (NC)

Sherrer, John (Private)
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Thomas, Kevin
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Sedalia, MO 65301
(Recruit - 12/17/90) [S - Koffman]

Thompson, Debbie (NC)
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Flemington, MO 65650

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Warrensburg, MO 64093 816-747-5728
Family: Sandra (NC)

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(recruit - 6/5/90) [S - Kinsey]

Yoakum, M. Steve (Corporal - Safety)
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