

THE MESSENGER

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A

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CONTENTS: In this issue, you'll find the usual minutes, event schedule details, & drill column, plus an update on the news from February 1861.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to recruits Kent Chastain, 1309 1/2 W 3rd St, Sedalia 827-5379; and Gary Weller, Rt 1, Box 203, Sedalia, 827-4706. Both attended the January meeting in Sedalia & joined us in February at Clinton. We have several other prospects at the Clinton meeting. We now have 29 combatants over age 16, a musician, 11 ladies & 1 other non-combatants. Not bad considering that we started with 7 men, two of whom are no longer active members.

EVENT SCHEDULING: If you haven't filled in an event schedule (from the last newsletter), send in your current plans ASAP. We're already being asked for our planned attendance for several events. We're already collecting \$5 entrance fees for Wilson's Creek.

SPRING DRILL: Please plan on attending. Read the agenda and info sheet included in this newsletter.

EQUIPMENT SOURCES: For an inexpensive, well-made kepi or forage hat, contact Dave Schmitt, 9532 Drury, Apt 101, KC MO, 64137, 816-763-2946. I understand he's asking only \$15 each. Ronnie Lee, a former member, is selling out. Sizes are 42 coat, 10 1/2 shoe, 34x34 pants; all leathers available, blankets etc. Everything is priced. 816-647-2967 (Windsor).

NEXT MEETING: Mark Tuesday, March 26th, on your calendar. We'll meet at the Old Courthouse museum in Warrensburg. If you've never been there, take Mo 1 to Gay Street (Circle K store). Turn WEST, go about a mile to the top of the hill (Main St), and turn left. We'd like everyone possible there at 6:00 P for drill (weapons needed for manual of arms). Business meeting at 7:00.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Your editor just got a new computer, & perhaps next month we'll have a little more professional (and legible) newsletter. Meanwhile, we will accept volunteers to write recurring columns (Thank you, Mary Ellen), to help collate, staple, address & mail the Messenger.

Certain members of the national Congress have proposed awarding Gen. Winfield Scott the title of Dictator for the duration of the present crisis. As Washington City fills with soldiers (to enforce the general's new honors?), we may well ask whether the Northern States and those that remain with them will have a REPUBLICAN form of government sixty days hence. (Louisville Daily Courier, 2/1/61)

FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEB 26, 1991

The meeting was called to order by President Riggs at 7:01 PM, at the Mo Public Service Bldg in Clinton. Attending were 9 veterans, 5 recruits, 2 non-combatants, 1 musician, & 8 guests. The minutes as published in the Messenger were accepted. The treasurer reported cash, checking & checks held of \$545.23.

Field officer reports were given. The 1st Sgt reviewed answers to the Drill Quiz from the Messenger. Quartermaster listed equipment assets. Safety was briefed by 1st Sgt in absence of Safety officer. The authenticity program was not held due to the absence of the scheduled presenter, but Charlie Riggs indicated he intended to enforce tent & tobacco authenticity at all events. Larry Shanks discussed the need to be able to present a good Missouri (State Guard or civilian) impression in addition to generic Confederate.

The suggested By-law revision, after discussion, was tabled by unanimous consent.

The event schedule was discussed. KNOS pledge night volunteers included Bill, Mel, Charlie, Todd, Don, Keith, Kathy & George. The Grand Tactical was discussed; money was collected from 7 persons. All present indicated their intention to attend Wilson Creek & Weston. It was decided that we have enough interest to commit to Jeff City & Columbia LH events, but we'll decline the Pomme de Terre invitation.

The Spring Drill schedule of events was briefed. It was also agreed that Sandra will cater the lunch at a cost of \$3 per person, including sales tax.

The company indicated a lack of interest in purchasing large 5 MQ breast plates due to authenticity problems. However, if they could be made small enough to be dog tags, we'd be interested.

The meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

LATEST NEWS of February, 1861, compiled by our special correspondent, ME Rowe:

Missouri watches with sadness and alarm as the long-threatened disunion of the nation becomes irrevocable fact. South Carolina has refused Virginia's proposed mediation, declaring her secession final and absolute. The other States follow her example, and Texas joins them as the seventh member of the new Confederacy. Popular sentiment in Missouri overwhelmingly favors preservation of the Union AS IT IS, UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. Gov. Jackson has called a State Convention to decide our proper course in these troubled times. The majority of our citizens cast their votes for delegates pledged to support an honorable and Constitutional Union of the States, though a faction in St. Louis so engineered the city vote as to send to the convention men pledged to Union at any price, even the subjugation of our people and the abrogation of their rights. The faction now prepares the military arm to do its bidding: at its insistence some 350 federal troops under the command of Capt. Nathaniel Lyon have lately arrived in the city, whose federal garrison is now near 600 men. (Despite such preparations, it seems that their abolitionist friends have little faith in the St. Louis Dutchmen; Horace Greeley lately refused a speaking engagement in the city, for fear he would be mobbed.) We wonder at the true motives of the St. Louis patriots. Prominent bankers among them have defaulted on large loans from New Orleans banks, claiming that the Louisianans are now alien enemies of the Union! This is a novel way to escape the consequences of past speculations and the general stagnation of business prevailing in this State as elsewhere since the Panic of 1857. Let their fellow citizens rebuke these thieves as the good people of Norfolk did the villains found in that town! Counterfeiters lately at work in that section of the State were captured in Norfolk this month and tried by the citizens assembled. On being found guilty, the rascals were soundly whipped, had one side of their heads shaved, and were ordered, on pain of worse use, never to show their faces again in the neighborhood. Could the nation be cleansed of its rascals, great and small, with such efficiency, the calamity bearing down upon us might yet be deflected. As to Missouri's future, we await the verdict of the State Convention now assembled at St. Louis.

President Jefferson Davis' triumphal tour from his home in Mississippi to his inauguration at Montgomery contrasts sharply with Abraham Lincoln's stealthy arrival in disguise at Washington City this month. In Kentucky there is talk of forming a new military company to attend the inauguration of the U.S. president. The company shall be called the LINCOLN DODGERS; its uniform, a long military cloak (blue), and a Scotch plaid shawl. (Louisville Daily Courier, 2/27/61)

Rumors Flying: From Nebraska come reports that Disunionists occupied Old Fort Kearny on the 19th inst. and raised the Palmetto Flag bearing the motto "Southern Rights" Amid great excitement the Union party stormed the fort, tore down the Palmetto Flag and raised the Stars and Stripes. The federal commander at New Fort Kearney claims to know nothing of the incident. (Louisville Daily Courier 2/21/61)

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1991 SPRING MUSTER

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 (see below). If you can't make the whole drill, be here for part of it!. See the map on how to find us.

VETERANS: Please read the agenda for Spring Drill & review your Hardee's & Drill/Manual of Arms guides. The readier you are, the less time we'll have to spend on review. Veterans will be expected to assist in teaching our recruits. In the morning we'll concentrate on School of the Soldier, led by your NCO's. In the afternoon, we'll go on into School of the Company (led by Capt. Bob). Bring at least 40 rounds; we'll do lots of firing.

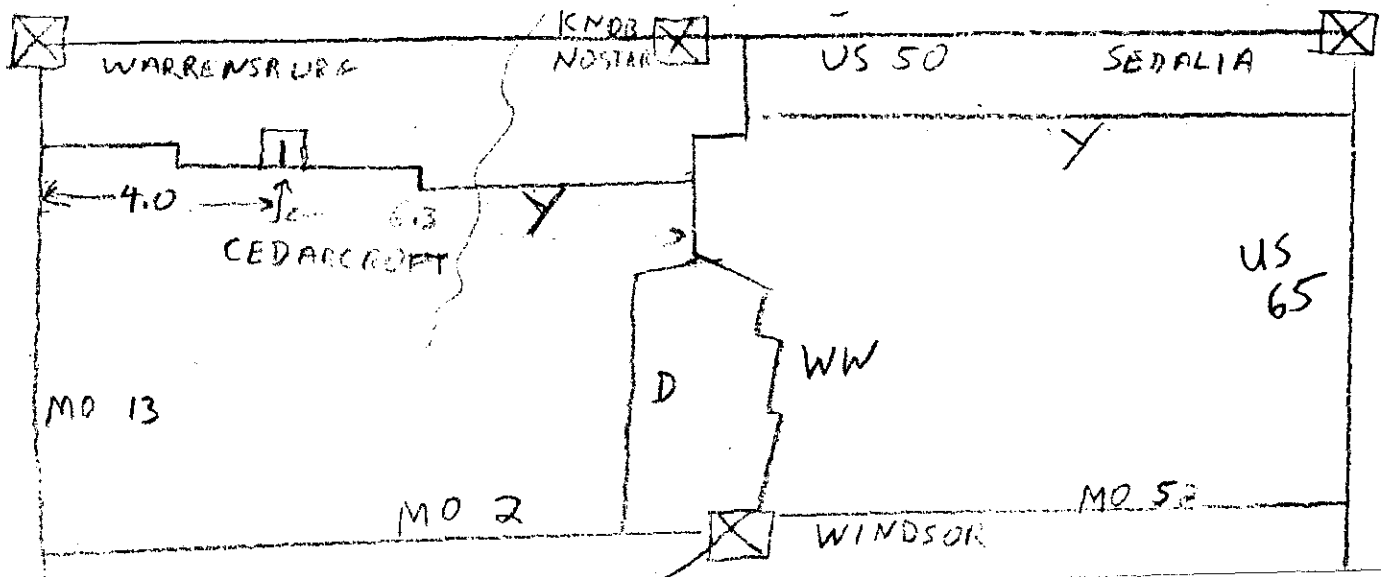
RECRUITS: It's important that you attend this drill, so you'll be familiar with the basics & have seen some of the more advanced commands before your first event. I reiterate - don't worry if you don't have enough gear, just come on anyway & learn!

LADIES: Definitely attend - you can plan activities for camp, work on your impressions (clothes, personae, etc.), and perhaps prepare a few letters for our mail call.

LUNCH: Sandra will cater a lunch for \$3.00 including tax. Expect sandwiches, tater salad, beans, cake & ice tea. Unless you tell her otherwise, we'll expect everyone coming to eat. **DO NOT** bring a covered dish - the kitchen will be OFF LIMITS.

DVERNITE: If anyone wants to come Saturday & camp over, you'll need to let us know. Sandra's offering a 20% discount for anyone who wants to stay at the B&B.

TO FIND US: Go south of Warrensburg on MO 13 to Rt Y, then 4.0 miles east (or 6.3 miles west of Rt D). See the map below:



FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY, COMPANY A (CSA)

AGENDA FOR SPRING DRILL, 1991

- 9:00 AM: Roll Call. Fall in unarmed. Vets in front, Recruits in rear. Size. Front rank forward, about face. TO TEACH:
1. Attention. Dress. Count.
 2. Facing (in twos)
 3. Facing, ranks closed.
 4. The step.
 5. Marching Forward, 2's
 6. Marching Forward, 4's
 7. Turning: files left, right, countermarch.
- 10:00 AM: Fall in armed, size, dress & count. Recruits in front.
1. Open ranks. About face front to observe.
 2. Inspection arms (for safety) no bayonet. Vets, then recruits.
 3. Manual of arms. Order, shoulder, right shoulder shift, present, support, secure, parade & in-place rest, rest on arms.
 4. Load in 9 times - firing.
 5. Load at will.
 6. Close ranks, march under arms.
- 11:00 AM: Fall in armed, size, dress & count. Recruits in rear.
1. Open ranks, inspection arms.
 2. Review Manual of arms. Close ranks
 3. Review facing movements.
 4. March under arms. Review turning by files.
 5. Go into line of battle. Teach wheels.
 6. Review loading drill.
 7. Fire by volley & by files.
- 12:00 Noon: Lunch & discussions
- 1:00 PM: Fall in without arms, size, dress & count. NCO's assume places.
1. Facing movements.
 2. Practice turns & wheels.
 3. Teach By Company into line.
 4. Teach Marching by the oblique.
 5. Introduce skirmish drill.
- 2:00 PM: Fall in armed, size dress & count. NCO's assume places.
1. Open ranks, manual of arms.
 2. Practice company into line, obliques, wheels.
 3. Teach On the right by files into line.
 4. Practice firing - volley & by files.
 5. Practice skirmish drill.
- 3:00 PM: Fall in armed, size, dress & count. NCO's assume places.
1. Open ranks, manual of arms.
 2. Practice company into line, obliques, wheels, etc.
 3. Teach split by platoons & reforming company.
 4. Platoons hold tactical skirmish.
- 4:00 PM: Drill over. Start thinking about Weston!

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY, Co A (CSA)
1990-91 ANNOTATED SCHEDULE
as of 3/2/91

Symbols: * means battle, **Bold Face** MOWRA sanctioned or max effort, ALL CAPS 5th Mo Max effort, \$ - 5th Mo local commitment, ? - Participation questionable.

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

March 9 (Sat), Whiteman AFB. CANCELLED

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

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

March 26 (Tues), Warrensburg: meeting, 6:00 PM.

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

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

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

* May 11 (Sat), Jeff City. Display & LH during festival, in front of capitol. Recruiting op.

* May 11-12, Cotter AR. Battle & LH. Changed date.

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

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

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

* May 26 (Sun), Columbia. LH at airport. Live TV, expect 20,000 spectators. No amenities, but anxious for us.

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: MOWRA 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 by April drill.

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 camp, LH.

Sep 28-29, Amsterdam, MO. Camp & LH.

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

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

* Oct 26-27, Charleston, MO. MOWRA MAX, 130th Anniversary battle of Belmont, original site. See EVENT DETAILS.

Reverend Wm. W. Walker and J.E.R. Crabb were arrested in Westmoreland Co. VA last week, and bound over not to fight a duel, which had been arranged to come off with rifles. The difficulty originated in politics. (Louisville Daily Courier, 2/22/61)

Another Secession Movement? It is reported that 800 or 900 men are enrolled in San Francisco as Knights of the Golden Circle, whose object is to establish a Pacific Republic. (Louisville Daily Courier, 2/22/61)

The Confederacy Abroad: Emperor Louis Napoleon of France this month pledged his nation's sympathy and support to the Confederate States, and to all peoples fighting tyranny and oppression. It is believed that France will shortly extend formal recognition to the new nation. The British government continues to deplore the situation in North America and is determined to discountenance disunion. (Louisville Daily Courier, 2/23/61)

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. See the special handout in the March Messenger.

WESTON, MO, April 20-21. **MCWRA & 5th MO MAX EFFORT**. Three battles, 1 historic & 2 generic, assault on prepared positions (each side gets a day in the works & a day attacking them), night fire demo, dance, children's fair. Ladies will help interpret battle. As of 2/4, promise full amenities, including powder, prize drawing, etc. Large turnout is important. Impression: historic battle is Dec 61 homespun, etc. Generic is standard Reb. To get there, US-50 to I-435, I-435 to I-29, Platte City exit. About 90 miles from Warrensburg. Watch CAMPAIGNER for specific directions. **OUR DEADLINE: 1 APRIL!**

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.

BELMONT, Mississippi County, Oct 25-27. MCWRA MAX. Looks like best of the year as far as amenities, etc. All meals prepared, shuttle across river to Columbus KY. Masked Ball Friday nite, Battles Sat & Sun, candlelight tours & night fire demo. Sat afternoon tea & fashion show for ladies. To get there: I-70 to St Louis, I-55 past Sikeston to Mo 80, Mo 80 east to site. About 170 miles from St Louis. **OUR DEADLINE: Sep 1!**

DRILL FACTS by the First Sergeant:

EVENT ROSTER

Answer to the questions from last month:

What's wrong with that company? The platoon split can't split comrades in arms. The right hand corporal must be a 2 and this one isn't. (You don't count the Captain/1st Sgt).

Quiz: C (3-3/4"). The space between front rank 1's does NOT compress when going into column of 4's. Since the the last corporal is a 1, his distance from the 1st Sgt remains the same.

Quiz: D (All of the above). A batallion guides on the colors, which are always in the center. On the left oblique, you can't see to the right (obviously). On a right wheel, we touch right & look left.

Now, for some questions on how to face the enemy. In the situations below, each answer will work. Your task is to see if you know how to do each manuever and know which is the most efficient. We'll do these at drill!

IN COLUMN OF 4'S, NORMAL ORDER, ENEMY APPEARS ON YOUR:

1. Front. On command, you execute:
 - a. By company into line, March.
 - b. By files right, March; Company, Halt; Front.
 - c. Halt; Front; Right wheel, March.
 - d. By files right, March; By the left flank, March.
2. Left. You execute:
 - a. By Company into line, March: Left wheel, March.
 - b. By the left flank, March.
 - c. By files left, March; By company into line, March.
 - d. Halt; Front.
3. Right. You execute:
 - a. By files right, March; By company into line, March.
 - b. Halt; Front; Face by the rear rank, about, Face.
 - c. By company into line, March; Right wheel, March.
 - d. On the right, by files, into line, March.
4. Rear. You execute:
 - a. Halt; Front; Left wheel, March.
 - b. Countermarch, by files left, March; By company into line, March.
 - c. Halt; About face; By company into line, March.
 - d. Halt; Front; Left turn, March.

IN LINE OF BATTLE, Enemy appears on your

5. Right. You execute:
 - a. Right wheel, March.
 - b. Right, Face; By company into line, March.
 - c. Right turn, March.
 - d. By the right flank, March; By company into line, March.
6. Left. You execute:
 - a. Left wheel, March.
 - b. By the left flank, March; By company into line, March.
 - c. Left turn, March.
7. Rear. You execute:
 - a. Face by the rear rank, about, Face.
 - b. Left wheel, March (180).
 - c. Right, Face; On the right, by files, into line, March.

NEXT MONTH: SKIRMISH DRILL!

CHECK YOUR STATUS. IF IT'S INCORRECT OR NOT FILLED IN, LET BILL KNOW. WE USE THIS TO PREREGISTER FOR EVENTS.

NAME	RANK	TAC	DRL	WES	SHC	CCP	WLC	LEX	ROS	BEL
KOFFMAN	CPT	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
WAYNE	1SG	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	?	Y
CONNER	MSG	N	Y	Y	.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
RIGGS	CPL	Y\$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
YOKUM	CPL	Y\$	Y	Y	?	Y	Y	?	N	Y
AGEE	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALLMAN, GE	PVT	Y\$	.	Y	.	.	Y	Y	.	Y
BALLMAN, GR	PVT	Y\$	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BEARS	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHASTAIN	rec	.	Y	Y	.	Y	Y\$	.	.	.
CUNNINGHAM	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DALEEN	rec	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	.	Y
GOLDSBERRY	PVT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KEOWN	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KINSEY	PVT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KISNER	rec	.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
MELOT	PVT	.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y\$	Y	N	N
POWELL	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RIGGS, C	MUS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTS, B	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTS, D	PVT	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	Y
ROBERTSON	PVT	Y\$	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHANKS	PVT	.	?	Y	.	.	.	Y	Y	.
SHERRE	PVT	.	Y	Y	.	Y	Y\$	Y	Y	.
THOMAS	rec	Y\$	.	.	.	.	Y\$	.	.	.
VIESSMAN	PVT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WELLER	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WOODY	rec	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

NAME	RANK	TAC	DRL	WES	SHC	CCP	WLC	LEX	ROS	BEL
AGEE, B	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALLMAN, K	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BEARS, DEB	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HORTON	civ	.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
McCLINTOCK	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RIGGS, J	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTSON, D	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROUSH, M	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROWE	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHANKS, B	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
THOMPSON	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WAYNE, S	civ	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

KEY: Y is Yes (will or did attend), ? is questionable, N = No . means no commitment received. X means said M, P or Y, but could not attend.

TAC=tactical, DRL=drill, WES=weston, SHC=Shoal Creek, CCP=Cole Camp, WLC=Wilson Creek, LEX=Lexington, ROS=Roscoe, BEL=Belmont