

# ***THE MESSENGER***

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**CONTENTS:** April was late, May is early: a few errors to fix, some more events to talk about, some rumors to quash. Our By-laws changes were approved at a special meeting held at Butler.

**WE'VE MOVED:** Actually, we haven't, but the county changed our address. The rest of you Johnson Countians who used to live on rural routes have new addresses, too. All Johnson Countians (& anyone else who's moved) get them in to me ASAP so I can send out a revised roster in the next issue!

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Gaylen Goldsberry & Charlene Tucker announce their betrothal; the wedding tentatively scheduled for September. They'd hoped to hold it on the 19th, at Shoal Creek, but are looking for another location since Shoal Creek is booked. The 5th is invited to serve as honor guards, so pencil this date on your calendar!

**PERSONNEL:** We continue to grow: latest members are Tom Yoder and family from Lancaster - they're active in SCV & Tom, as an ordained Methodist minister, does a Chaplain impression. His adult sons, Don & Todd, will join us in ranks; Kathleen will be active with the ladies. Vic Slana of Warrensburg is also eager to taste action. Steve brought in an application from Allen Allred of St. Louis. I see that I forgot to mention Kent Ford of Columbia in the last issue. We added Neil Block, John Durrill, D.E. Kerksiek & Justin Loesch to the ranks of our Veterans.

**ATTENTION RECRUITS:** If you need to borrow clothes, weapons or equipment, you are responsible for getting some lined up. Go through your Corporal, who will contact people known to have extra gear (in your size). Your sponsor can help recommend what you need. I won't bring anything extra to events unless specifically requested.

**FUND RAISING:** We are up to 547 tickets sold & turned in (plus at least 60 more sold & outstanding). If you have tickets sold & not turned in, get them in to me; if you need more tickets, we have them. We also have COMPANY T-SHIRTS available in all sizes (only \$10 for members).

**THE MOVIES:** We have pre-registered 25 men for Killer Angels, to be shot August 16-22 at Gettysburg. It will require a full military impression; a standard yank impression would help get you in more scenes. It looks like we'll work within the battalion structure.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Plan on May 7 in Clinton (Henry County Historical Museum, NW side of the square), May 26 in Concordia (city park on MO 23), and late June (after Macon) in the Moberly area. These meetings will all include 6:00 PM Drill, 7:00 PM business. The Concordia meeting will include training for their participants in the bushwhacking. The July meeting will be back in Warrensburg, at the Historical Society from noon to 5 PM.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** To *Kevin Baker* for his assistance in getting out the last Messenger when I was unable to find time to take it to KC for printing - Kevin did it on his office copier using our paper; we reimbursed the toner. To *Dave Bears*, who found me an authentic sword at a price I could almost afford (bought it anyway); also to *John Sherrer* for the loan of his sword belt. To *David Kesinger*, who set up a ticket selling booth Saturday night at Butler. To *Justin Loesch*, for the use of his table, a savior for our cooks.

**PREPARE FOR A BUSHWHACKING:** Concordia has scheduled a dry run for their July 11 bushwhacking on the evening of May 26. We will try a recruiting meeting there, as well. Drill at 6 in the city park, just off Mo 23, meeting at 7. Maybe we'll enlist some of these bushwhackees.

#### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD 4/25/92

A special membership meeting was held at the Butler event on April 25th to consider proposed By-law changes. The Secretary read the proposed changes. A motion was made & seconded that the changes as presented in the March 1992 Messenger be adopted. On the call for discussion, none was offered. The motion was approved by voice vote, without dissent.

Four members were proposed for Veteran status. Each met or exceeded the minimum equipment, event & time qualifications and each had been approved by the authenticity officer. It was moved & seconded that Neil Block, D.E. Kerksiek, Justin Loesch & John Durrill be accorded "veteran" status. Approved without dissent.

After discussion of events upcoming in the next few months, the meeting adjourned.

#### Text of By-Law Changes:

Article IV, Elections & Voting. Add "Nothing in these By-laws shall prohibit the establishment of a system for balloting by mail for officers or By-laws changes.

Change the second sentence of Article VI, Meetings, to read: Ten Veterans plus six other voting members constitutes a quorum at any meeting. If meetings are held in close conjunction in two or more locations, the total attendance at all such meetings shall be considered for establishing a quorum for matters on the prepared agenda and identical motions adopted.

## THE HAVERSACK

*Period eyeglasses* are available through Precision Optics of Westport (KC), at prices comparable to modern glasses. They will recondition antique frames or have repro frames available. Dave Bears has obtained special pricing for us; if you contact Precision Optics at 4149 Pennsylvania, KC MO 64111 (816-756-3577), ask for Tim and identify yourself as a 5th Missouri member referred by Dave Bears.

*Company T-Shirts* are available from the Treasurer at \$10 each, in all sizes.

To obtain a 10% discount at the authentic store in *Missouri Town*. Use your membership card.

Don't forget: Dave Schmitt's special price on a complete uniform - 816-732-5725

Dave Bear's straw hat special: 816-597-3635

Judy Riggs has shirts, tompions, nipple protectors: 816-429-1448 Jerry Lee can get you a candle lantern: 816-668-3635.

Karmann Gilbert-Nelson makes shirts & vests: 816-732-44257.

**DRILL TIPS:** At Battalion drill, I had the opportunity to close files for the 4th MO & TMR. When the battalion went into a column of companies (By Companies Into Line), everything went fine (some folks a little slow on the doublequick, but OK). When we moved up into line of battle, their company did a left half wheel (fine), moved even with its place in line, then were commanded to Right Turn. They did what in essence was a right wheel, at normal pace. We know better - Right Turn is done at the DQ (SOS 402) - hustle up to line!

## SOME NOTES ON BUTLER:

Thirty three men and 6 ladies from the Fifth dressed out with us at Butler; 29 of the men participated in one or more of the four actions. We were also joined by Kent McKee from Montgomery City, normally of the 11th MS. The event was originally planned for about 500 reenactors, 850 or so preregistered, and they had over 1000 pass through registration (& who knows how many who never filled out a card & got a ticket). The changes in powder ration & food offered was due to the overwhelming numbers challenging the limited budget a town the size of Butler could afford. I am told that the problem with camp layout was caused by the rain - maybe because they had to spend their time trying to make the roads accessible. The crowd was, as usual, large & appreciative, and all the actions (after Saturday's official battle), were excellent. Those who missed - sorry; those who promised to attend but missed - shame!

### *TID-BITS FROM THE FIELD*

We are unable to pass judgment on Pvt Tucker's cooking, since Saturday breakfast was prepared with inadequate fire, lunch with inadequate time & dinner with inadequate (non-existent) food. Sunday's breakfast was fine, but the nostalgic among us were disappointed as they examined their eggs for onions.

Perhaps Saturday's breakfast would have been earlier if Friday evening's beer imbibers had paused to add a log on their way to or from the tree line.

Our food preparers were appreciative of the fine table brought to us by Justin Loesch, all the way from Pierre in the Dakotas. Justin now has a well-christened table.

Our cook was unpleasantly surprised on Sunday morning, when he found that the remains of Saturday lunch still occupied the pots. The First Sergeant was unpleasantly surprised when he learned, in the presence of the entire company, that the officers were aware that no details had been assigned for meals subsequent to Saturday breakfast. The absence of pickets & passes was also noted.

The lady in widow's weeds who visited the camp Saturday late afternoon seemed bemused by a reference to the Ladies of the Fifth - but she certainly proved qualified when the jug was passed around.

Another lady (?) visited the camp, complete with feather boa & whip. It is rumored that this schaching persona is out of the Nations. Protect yourself from unchaperoned contact, lest you be the subject of unsavory speculation.

Speaking of unsavory speculation, a great deal of it is being made about the fate of a certain individual who was reputedly seen bearing arms in a Federal uniform.

A good group from the Fifth manned the picket lines Saturday night, delivering rapid & intense fire & maintaining excellent discipline when surrounded by youngsters whose blood was up. Civilians who witnessed our performance were much impressed by our effectiveness.

It is unfortunate that the brothers Ballman were unable to complete the weekend's action. We will never know if they would have been capable of participating in the dawn assault. Your reporter, who remained to maintain control of the camp, found the sound of distant musketry soporific.

It is rumored that our Lieutenant, uncomfortable in attempting to transition to quarters more befitting his new rank, deliberately broke his cot (by sitting too near the end) so he could return to the comfort of his strawpile on the ground.

Recruit Tony Morris showed up just prior to Saturday's action, so Sgt Riggs was requested to put him in a spare white uniform (known as the 'ice cream suit') & drill him. Upon our return, we found him dressed, instead, in the Lieutenant's long underwear! At least, his drill was not adversely affected.

Our Captain suffered an unfortunate problem at Saturday's battle. While he survived the fire of the enemy with nary a scratch, he was rendered hors d' combat by his boots. It seems the new pair ordered from the sutler in January has not yet arrived (could the new boots have been lost on the same wagon as the Lieutenant's insignia?).

The assistance in tearing down & packing company gear was much appreciated.

The company supply of soda water was welcomed after Sunday's battle; but at least five containers were consumed without the expected reimbursement to the company treasury of fifty cents, US currency. Those who offended, pay up!

Perusing the company muster role submitted by the first sergeant, a cryptic annotation of "Big Blue" was noted. I doubt if any of us would have any difficulty ascertaining his identity.

Onlookers at the fight noted the peculiar frequency of a type of wound that left its victims lying propped on one or both elbows.

Speaking of wounds, our recruits were given the opportunity to compare the methods of falling over a worm fence, compliments of two of our eldest veterans.

### ***LOST & FOUND:***

Bill found 2 cups in camp; he'll trade them for the short-handled 3 pound hammer that failed to return to his camp box.

**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL** in Higginsville: I've talked to the administrator, Jim Heisler, about doing honors on Memorial Day weekend, & he's amenable to our putting on a little display. We'll do it on Saturday, May 23, . He also asked if any of our members would be available to provide honors at a small wedding on June 20 (Macon event) & to do a color guard on July 19 at a band concert. I understand that the Children of the Confederacy organization (we worked with them in '90) would like something at their meeting (in June?). Keith tells me that April 26th will be Missouri's Confederate Memorial Day starting next year, so it seems we'll be committed for the nearest weekend that has no conflicting event.

### **EVENT DETAILS** (continued)

**GLASGOW**, August 1-2. MCWRA & Unit Max Effort. Includes parade, Saturday battle scenario similar to one we set up at Windsor, Sunday generic battle, homes tour, twilight firing, ball, etc. They're furnishing prepared meals for lunch/supper, & issuing breakfast rations for both days on Saturday AM. They will NOT provide ice (we will question this). We registered 42 men, 12 ladies based on best estimates.

**PERRYVILLE, KY**, October 9-11. Registration fee \$2/person goes to battlefield preservation assn, needed by August 1st. Max camp authenticity required. Military weapons only (no Zouaves). Military impression is our generic Confederate. Civilian impression must be functioning! Battalion Max effort.

## EVENT DETAILS

**POMME DE TERRE**, May 2-3. In conjunction with their rendezvous. A beautiful location below the dam, lots of people come by: a great chance to recruit. To Get there: MO 13 south to Collins, US 54 east to Wheatland, MO 83 south to MO 254, MO 254 east to dam. I've told them to expect 5-6 people each day.

**RESACA, GA**, May 16-17. Event is sponsored by the Georgia Division reenactors & takes place on part of original site. Prepared positions, limited meals, preregistration fee. A good chance to see the CW sites of the Atlanta campaign where the Missouri Brigade was heavily involved. Impression is full-military, mid-war generic Reb. We registered 9 men, 2 ladies. Car pools/convoy can be arranged. To get there, take I-70 to St Louis, I-64 to Mt Vernon, IL; I-57 to jct I 24; I-24 Chattanooga: I-75 to Georgia Exit 130 (mile 323, Resaca or GA 128 exit). Go 1/2 mile east to US 41, then left 2.5 miles to Chitwood rd, right on Chitwood Rd 0.5 miles to registration. We registered 10 men, 2 ladies.

**PLEASANT HOPE**, June 6-7. Basic amenities (raw food, water, straw, sanitary), some concessions/sutlers. Low key event, historic skirmish Saturday, generic Sunday. Likely to be cavalry oriented, like Roscoe, but will take care of us. Good opportunity for new & try-it-you'll-like-it recruits. To get there, MO 13 South 8 mi. past Bolivar to Brighton, MO 215 east 5 miles to Pleasant Hope; or US 65 south 14 mi. past Buffalo to MO 215, west 9 miles.

**GRAND ISLAND**, June 13-14. Basic amenities plus indoor plumbing. Generic battles each day, including using 1900 era train and village to skirmish through. A long haul but a nice event. To get there from K.C., I-29 north to Iowa 2, Iowa/Nebraska 2 west to Lincoln, follow signs to I-80 west, then I-80 west to Exit 312, US 281 north to sign for Stuhr Pioneer Village.

**MACON**, June 20-21. Standard amenities, skirmishes, candlelight, etc. Should be a nice local event. To get there, I-70 E to Columbia, US 63 north about 50 miles to Macon, US 36 west about 2 miles to Long Branch Lake/Long Branch State Park entry.

**VICKSBURG**, July 4-6. The event will be on land closely resembling the now-protected or built over siege lines, but without modern intrusions. Prepared earthworks, trenches, gun emplacements, etc. Camping limited to A tents; shebangs are encouraged. Expect constant skirmishing & sharpshooting on Saturday, with major Federal assault on Sunday. Ball Sat nite downtown. Generic & authentic Confederate impression required. Expect heat, mosquitoes, chance of heavy rain. Numerous CW sites, including Champion Hill, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, plus Vicksburg NBP in general vicinity. We registered 17 men, 4-6 ladies. Looks like some Crowley's members may join us, as well. We asked to brigade with TMR if they make it a travelling event.

**CONCORDIA**, July 11. 9 AM to 5 PM, living history at city square, punctuated by bushwhackings & other scenarios. We'll outfit some of their people for the shootings, provide ammunition, etc. They'll furnish lunch, reimburse costs, & do publicity. This should be a great chance to recruit in Lafayette/Saline counties & lots of fun.

## 1992 SCHEDULE as of 4/28/92

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

\$ May 2-3, Hermitage, MO. LH camp at Pomme de Terre Rendezvous. They promise straw & raw food, plus shade & lots of visitors..

\*# May 15-17, Resaca, Georgia. An annual event. About 800 miles. \$3 registration fee. See *Event Details*.

\$ May 23 (Saturday) Memorial Day Weekend, Higginsville. Honors & LH camp at Confederate Memorial, 10 AM to 2 PM, plus picnic.

\*# June 6-7, Pleasant Hope, MO. MCWRA LOCAL. Skirmish about 20 mi N of Springfield. See *Event Details*.

\*# June 13-14. Grand Island Nebraska (Stuhr Museum) - a fun event in a restored town (1880's vintage), street fighting. 350 miles. See *Event Details*.

\*# June 20-21. Macon, MO. LH & skirmish in an area that should be a fertile recruiting ground for a professional outfit. 150 miles. See *Event Details*.

\*# June 27. Rocky Mount (Osage Beach area). All-day tactical. No details available.

\*# July 4th weekend: Vicksburg, MS (1863). MO Brigade fought here. About 640 miles. See *Event Details*.

\$ July 11. Concordia: Reenact massacres! See *Event Details*. Good recruiting op. 25 miles.

\$ July 25, Warrensburg: Annual camp at Old Courthouse Museum.

\* **AUG 1-2. GLASGOW, MO - MAX EFFORT.** All amenities, dance, prepared meals, powder, etc. 80 miles. Preregister to unit by April 1st.

?\$# Aug 15-16: Lone Jack: LH for those who don't go to Killer Angels. 130th anniv. 30 miles.

Aug 16-22: Gettysburg, PA. Making of movie Killer Angels.

\$ September 12, Warrensburg: Fall Festival.

\*# September 19-20, St Charles, MO. MCWRA Local. Action on riverfront where horses are fast. 200 miles.

\*# Sep 26-27: Pilot Knob. DNR sponsored. Event will go on even if Holmes Brig. isn't interested.

\* **OCT 9-11: PERRYVILLE, KY:** 130th anniversary & national event. Full military impression required. This is the BIG one for 1992. \$2 registration fee. 550 miles. See *Event Details*.

\*# Oct 16-18: Cabin Creek, OK. 250 miles. 1864 battle, proceeds to benefit preserving this 1863/64 battlefield. TMR sponsored & we owe them!

\$ Oct 24-25: Warsaw, MO. LH at Heritage days.

\* Oct 24-25: Mine Creek, KS (west of Butler) MCWRA status under review. Site of 1864 debacle. Date change has degree of sanction in question - battalion will not support if stays on this date. Big cav. event. 110 miles.

\$? Nov 7: Kansas City. All branches to march in American Royal parade.

\* 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

March 1994, National Event (tentative) 130th Anniversary of the Red River Campaign, Louisiana .

Combatants		EVENT ROSTER - 1992 (thru 4/28/1992)																											
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YOAKUM	1SG-1	o	o	o	Y	o	Y	.	=	+	=	o	o	o	+	+	+	Y	o	=	+	Y	Y	=	=	=	+	+	
RIGGS	2SG-2	y	y	Y	y	Y	y	Y	+	Y	o	Y	o	Y	y	y	Y	y	o	o	Y	Y	o	+	+	+	+		
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KEY: bl=MCWRA Ball. lf=live fire. DR=Spring Drill. wc=Wilson's Creek. BT=Butler pt=Pomme d'erre. RS=Resaca. hg=Higginville. PH=Pleasant Hope. GI=Grand Island. MA=Macon. rm=Rocky Mount tactical. VB=Vicksburg. cn=Concordia. hs=Warrensburg LH. GL=Glasgow. LJ=Lone Jack. ff=fall festival (Warrensburg). SC=St Charles. PK=Pilot Knob. KY=Perryville. CC=Cabin Creek. ws=Warsaw LH. MC=Mine Creek. ar=American Royal parade. PG=Prairie Grove. o=Definitely not attending, Y=Most likely attending, + Maybe. = Unlikely.

## REPORT on Activities of April 11 & 12.

On April 11 in Warrensburg, Bill commanded a detail consisting of Charley, Dave K., Kevin Baker & Gaylen in a rainy parade in Warrensburg. We were by far the liveliest group, and much appreciated the chance to shake the hands of Senator Kit Bond, Congressman Ike Skelton (an SCV member & strong pro-2nd Amendment man), State Treasurer (& gubernatorial candidate) Wendell Bailey, State Senator Harold Caskey (of Butler), as well as lots of locals. The ladies (Sandra, Charlene, Pamela Baker) distributed information & sold 18 tickets.

April 11 also opened Battalion Drill on the field of Sigel's rout at Oak Hills. Capt Koffman was joined by Corp Bears, Corp Faught, & Pvts Tucker, Block, Melot, & Chastain on a muggy Saturday. Our contingent was the battalion color guard because of our small number - but the NPS was impressed by the care given our muskets. It is my understanding that the high point of drill occurred when the Col. managed to invert his formation & had difficulty in getting it uninverted. The high point of Saturday night was the celestial water & light show. Our Captain has finally reached true veteran status - you ain't really a vet until your tent blows over at 2:00 AM - in a rain storm!

**APPEARANCES:** Gaylen, Jeff & Charlene talked to some more church groups this month, and Jim Keown has been talking to elementary schools. Bill & Kevin Baker went to Odessa High School. I'm sure I missed some.

Lt Wayne showed up Sunday morning with Sgt Riggs & Pvt Sherrer (to replace Pvs Melot, Chastain & Tucker), only to find the battalion had marched about two miles to the Ray House for religious services. Then, they had to march back again in the rain! The rain quit by 1:00 PM, so we had another drill demo, with the marchers significantly outnumbering the spectators. The 5th bore the colors again.

The Battalion & the NPS are both evaluating whether either wants to continue the association. The NPS seemed to be disappointed that the drill was pretty good by April standards (they'd have preferred July, I guess). There was a rumor flying around about us when the Capt arrived - it seems that all the other units had heard that we were having a significant internal squabble & were on the verge of breaking up. No idea where this came from, but my guess is that something one or more of us said (maybe about our eventual second company?) was misinterpreted, then repeated & exaggerated at every repetition. The rumor, naturally, was quashed.

**LADIES:** Did you read the Western Campaigner article about the seminar in St Louis on Aug 7-9? This is your great opportunity to learn about clothes & roles from the real pros. Deb Bears is getting together a group to attend & cut costs by sharing rooms, so call her if you're at all interested.



# ***SOLDIERS OF THE 5TH MISSOURI, COMPANY A:***

(taken from the first four microfilm rolls at the State Historical Society. Those listed from N-W taken from information furnished by Berniece Underwood of Leeton, a descendent of the Wheatley family.

## **OFFICERS**

Waddell, Owen A. Elected Major, 1861. Killed Allatoona, GA 10/5/64

Greenwood, James. Age 23, Warrensburg merchant. 1st Sgt, selected as Regimental adjutant. KIA Port Gibson, 5/1/63

Stokely, Royal G. 1st Lt, promoted to Capt, dow Port Gibson, 6/29/63.

Atkeson, Barnett. Age 22, Warrensburg merchant. 2 Lt MSG; 2 Lt Jan 62; 1 Lt Sep 62; Capt 6/63. KIA Franklin 11/30/64.

McCarty, William B. Age 23, Warrensburg carpenter, b. Logan City KY., Sgt, Co E, 3rd Inf, 8th Div MSG; 2Lt 1/25/62; 1 Lt 7/27/63. Severely wounded Franklin.

Duvall, George. Newton County, Pvt to 2 Lt to 1 Lt; KIA Allatoona 10/5/64.

Gray, Hugh. Age 25, Knob Noster lawyer, 2Lt 9/1/62. KIA Corinth 10/5/62.

Anderson, Thomas. Age 28, Warrensburg. 1Lt, voted out at reorganization 5/62.

Campbell, Stepen C. 2Lt. Took oath as POW '63.

## **Enlisted Men:**

Adams, Harrison Pvt. Age 21, Warrensburg. Wounded Bakers Creek 5/62, DOW 1/1/64.

Atkeson, Alonzo Pvt. Age 20, Knob Noster. K Baker Creek 5/62. Atkeson, C.A. paroled at Vicksburg. No other info.

Atkeson, William H. Pvt. Age 16, Knob Noster farmer. Sev. wounded Allatoona, 10/64.

Baggett, Thomas Pvt. Age 25, Warrensburg engineer. KIA Bakers Creek.

Bargsley, Washington Pvt. Age 21, Warrensburg farmer. Went to Trans-Miss after Vicksburg.

Baxter, Phillip Pvt. Age 30, Warrensburg farmer. Record shows was a cook. Surrendered by Taylor at Citronelle AL.

Bedicheck, James, Pvt. Age 20, Columbus farmer. With Quantrill at Lawrence in '63, enlisted in 5th '64. WIA Franklin.

Bowman, Cary Pvt. Left w/ detail to watch Gov't property, Des Arc AR 5/62.

Bullard, Isaac 1st Corp. Age 25, Newton Cty merchant. Went to Trans-Miss after Vicksburg.

Campbell, George W. Pvt. Age 45, Warrensburg farmer. Discharged for age 8/62.

Campbell, Thomas Pvt. Age 18, Warrensburg farmer. WIA Franklin.

Carpenter, Pvt. Left w/ detail at Des Arc, AR 5/62.

Clary, Calvin Pvt. Age 23, Warrensburg farmer. Wounded 5/17/63. Later served in ANV w/ 34th NC.

Collins, William A. Sgt/Pvt. Age 21, Warrensburg printer. Wounded Oak Hills, Shows discharged for disability, but also shows surrender at Citronelle.

Conner, Joseph Pvt. Age 28, Knob Noster stage driver. Served as hostler & teamster, transferred to Co B, 2nd Mo Cav 2/1/63.

Cook, Hiram Pvt. Warrensburg printer. POW Corinth 10/62 - took oath.

Cooper, James A. Pvt. Age 30, Warrensburg carpenter. Died disease Memphis, 4/15/62.

Davidson, John Pvt. Age 36, Warrensburg. Wounded, POW Corinth 10/62.

Davis, Amos Pvt. Deserted 1/26/63.

Davis, John G. Pvt. Age 25, Warrensburg merchant. Went to trans-Miss 5/63. Had been Lt in MSG.

Davis, Robert L. Corp/Pvt. Age 16, Warrensburg farmer. Resigned as Corp 1/15/63. KIA Port Gibson 5/63.

Davis, William C. Pvt. Age 18, Warrensburg printer. POW Ft Blakeley 4/65, escaped from steamer & recaptured.

Davis, Zachariah M. (Zack) 5th Sgt/2nd Sgt. Age 25, Warrensburg farmer. KIA Allatoona, 10/64.

Donnelly, William Pvt. Age 15, Warrensburg farmer. POW Ft. Blakeley 4/65.

Duvall, Presley Pvt. Age 25, Newton Cty.

Eaton, John P. Pvt. Age 30, Warrensburg mason. Deserted 3/1/62.

Enright, William. Warrensburg, deserted 2/62.

Eskridge, Martin, Pvt. Age 17, Warrensburg farmer. Went to trans-Miss after Vicksburg.

Greenwood, William, Pvt. Age 16, Warrensburg farmer. Went to Trans-Miss 7/63.

Hammond, David. Newton County. Hammond, Job L. Newton County.

Hawkins, William Pvt. Age 23, Warrensburg saddler. Teamster, discharged disability 8/1/62.

Hermont, D.S. Pvt. POW Corinth 10/62.

Herndon, George Pvt. Age 30, Warrensburg merchant. KIA Corinth 10/62.

Hollowell, Alonzo Pvt. Age 17, Warrensburg medical student. Went to Trans-Miss 7/63.

Hollowell, Miles Pvt. Age 20, Warrensburg law student. DOW Corinth 10/62.

Johnson, RW Pvt. Wounded Baker's Creek.

Johnson, William Pvt. Age 15, Warrensburg student. Wounded Baker's Creek, New Hope Church, Allatoona.

Kearn, Thomas. Transferred out 2/62.

Kennedy, Mike. Transferred to McDonald's Battery 12/61.

Lewis, Joseph, Pvt. Age 28, Warrensburg farmer. Served thru war.

Mason, Joseph Pvt. Age 22, Warrensburg painter. Discharged disability 11/62.

McCormack, Auren G. Pvt/2 Sgt. Age 22, Warrensburg merchant. KIA Port Gibson 5/62.

McCormack, William W. Pvt. Age 20, Warrensburg farmer. Died diarrhea 12/64.

McDonald, Columbus Pvt. Age 18, Warrensburg farmer. Died disease 7/62.

McDonald, Thomas Pvt. Age 18, Warrensburg farmer. WIA Elkhorn, discharged.

McFadden, W.W. Pvt. Age 20, Knob Noster farmer. To Trans-Miss 7/63.

Moran, James Pvt/Corp. Newton County.

Peck, D.A. Sgt. K. Vicksburg 6/27/63.

Rinehart, J.F. Pvt. k. Vicksburg 6/28/63.

Rollings, Logan Sgt. k. Vicksburg 7/1/63.

Smith, E.A. Sgt. k. Corinth 10/5/62.

Upton, Thomas H. Pvt. d. McKinley AL 9/3/63

Wheatley, Benjamin Pvt.

Wheatley, Calvin Pvt. d. Lumpkins Mill MS, 11/1/62

Wheatley, George Sr. Pvt.

Wheatley, George Jr. Pvt. d. Saltillo MS, 3/30/62

Wheatley, George W. Pvt.

Wheatley, James. Pvt. d. Alton IL, '62.

Wheatley, James M. Pvt

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Wheatley, Martin H. Pvt. k 10/4/62.

Wheatley, Samuel S. Pvt.

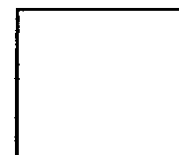
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Whitaker, Presley Pvt. Wright County. d. Grand Gulf 4/28/63.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:** May 7, Thursday. Meeting in Clinton, 6:00 PM drill.  
May 23, Saturday. Higginsville honors, Living History & Picnic, 1 AM to 2 PM.  
May 26, Tuesday. Concordia. Bushwhacking practice & meeting, 6 PM.  
**JUNE BATTLES:** Pleasant Hope, Grand Island, Macon!