

# ***THE MESSENGER***

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**CONTENTS:** This issue is out early because of the important KILLER ANGELS information included, so it won't have the minutes of the late-June meetings. You'll have to wait until next issue to see those. There are event reports from Pleasant Hope/Licksillet & Macon, plus the schedule & other event info.

**KILLER ANGELS:** We registered 25 slots. Please let me know (in writing) if you're going to attend so I can either turn slots back in or allow some who weren't as quick to fill our extra slots. I expect we'll mostly camp in the "Re-enactor Village" area described in the enclosed info - if you want to go hard core, let me know.

**FUNDRAISING:** We're up over \$ 1900 & we still have 6 weeks to obtain donations. Everything's profit now, so let's get a few dollars more. The SCV Shelby Camp has Wal-Mart days scheduled in the KC area in June & July, so should add a significant contribution.

**PERRYVILLE:** Only got one preregistration as from the last newsletter. That's \$2/person, by August 1st. Many of us received the 2nd Brigade newsletter & I'm not sure from where they got our names. I will send an updated roster to Gen Smart/Col Beck with the registration.

**EVENT COMMITMENTS:** When we register for an event, I send in the names of all who said definite or probable on the inquiry form. As a matter of courtesy, if you've promised for an event & will have to cancel, let me know so we don't look bad to the sponsors. As an event sponsor in the past, I've had problems with overcommitments & I hate for us to get in the same boat. It is embarrassing to tell people we'll have 20-25 men & have half that show up!

**REGIMENTAL STRUCTURE & INCORPORATION:** Bob Hawkins has kindly agreed to handle our incorporation. We sent in a draft set of By-laws along the lines of what we previously printed in the Messenger. Normally, his office will prepare them in proper form, then we'll have a meeting to vote on or change them, then he'd proceed with the Articles of Incorporation. If things are ready by Glasgow, we'll have a meeting there to work out details.

**REMINDER:** If you don't reserve company or loaner gear & clothes, don't expect to find any when you get to the event! For gear for Glasgow, call your Corporal to find loaners; company stuff's already reserved!

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Warrensburg, *Monday June 29*, at the Old Courthouse Museum, Main & Gay St. 6:00 PM drill, 7:00 PM business. From Mo 13 turn west at Circle K, about a mile to top of hill, then 1/2 block south.

Moberly, *Tuesday, June 30*, at the Lower level meeting room, municipal auditorium. 6:00 PM drill & socialize, 7:00 PM business. From US 63, take EE West to 2nd Stop lite (Rollins), on NW corner.

Warrensburg, *Saturday, July 25*, Old Courthouse Museum, 5:00 PM (after living history demonstration).

# AFTER ACTION REPORT, PLEASANT HOPE

Capt Koffman.

Sir: On June 5 through 7 I had the honor to lead a contingent from our Company to assist the citizens of Pleasant Hope against the Northern invader. We selected one of the few level spots to establish our camp, near-by to the sinks & not far from the water run from a spring in pipes. The 4th Infantry was also represented, thus we placed ourselves under the command of Capt Harrington, since he was the ranking officer, furnished more men, and I had neglected to include my frock coat in my baggage. About 10 in the morning on Saturday, the Federal cavalry (one of whom looked suspiciously like Sgt Conner of the 8th Ark) advanced on Lt Allie's gun, supported by regular infantry and home guardsmen. The artillery engaged & cavalry engaged them, and we entered the field from a cedar row & took shelter behind a rail fence. It appears that both sides either used defective powder or, in their excitement continuously shot well high, since there were but few casualties as we repulsed their advance on our position; I was temporarily stunned & fell over the rail fence, severely bending my bayonet to the shape of a pothook. The enemy retreated to a second fencerow, and we formed in the field and assaulted them. The action was broken off without resolution. I commend to your attention recruits Moore & Tony Morris, who stood up manfully in their first action.

## TID-BITS FROM TICK-SKILLET

Our first try at issuing passes was hampered by lack of proper forms; we were reduced to writing on the reverse side of money won in the cock-fight.

Pvt Kisner acted as bet-holder in the rooster rallies & was richly tipped by a winning bettor. The cockspurs were capped with pads, so the fights were bloodless.

We took advantage of respites in the intermittant rains to practice our drill, both regular & inverted. Passes were issued to soldiers for visiting sutlers or the refugee camp. When most of the passes expired, our camp was honored by a visit from the Ladies Lee, Bears & Swigart.

The following day, the Federals resumed their offensive. This time, we waited upon them to pass while we hid in the tree line. The first they were aware of our presence was when we blasted them with a volley from within the woods. This second battle progressed very similarly to the first. Capt Harrington commanded a series of volleys by rank, which, while not up to the standards of speed expected of our unit, were nevertheless devastating, forcing the militia to flee at a run. Our pursuit took us through their position & resulted in the taking of many prisoners. Recruit Swigart saw his first action. We were also joined by recruit Zimmerschied & Pvt Kerksiek, whom we have not seen on the field in some time.

The only untoward incident was an allegation made against Corporals Bears & Lee, to the effect that they were attempting to extort some of their winnings from backing the winning roosters in the cock-pit, in exchange for passes. While they denied any involvement, they donated a substantial sum of money to assist our brethren who are afflicted by Boll Weevils. They also provided a public demonstration of manual of arms, standing back-to-back on a bale of straw.

The sawmill award goes to Recruit Bill Moore.

Oversights: QM Corporal Ballman replaced the fly with his own personal tent, which did not fit the poles for the fly. Lt Wayne was reduced to carrying a musket, since he lacked the uniform to justify a sword. Pvt Kisner's omission was more critical - he forgot his fork!

## EVENT DETAILS

**VICKSBURG**, July 4-6. Land will closely resemble original siege lines, but not on battlefield. 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, so take 150 cartridges absolute minimum. Ball Sat nite downtown. Generic & authentic Confederate impression required (but shells can be removed). Expect heat, mosquitoes, chance of heavy rain. Do not expect food rations, nor much time to cook them. Numerous CW sites, including Champion Hill, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, plus Vicksburg NBP in general vicinity. We registered 17 men, 4-6 ladies. Big Sam & 3 other Crowley's members will join us. *To get there.* From St Louis, I-55 south to Jackson MS, I-20 west to Vicksburg (or US 65 so from Springfield to Tallulah, LA, I-20 east to Vicksburg). Site is off US 61, 2.75 mi south of I-20 to Ring Rd (opposit Immanuel Baptist Church), then east 3.5 mi.

**CONCORDIA**, July 11. Set up by 9:30, opens to public at 10 AM to 5 PM, living history at city square, punctuated by bushwhackings at 10:30, 1:00 & 3:00. We'll loan their people some clothes, so *BRING YOUR EXTRAS, especially larger sizes* & some extra cartridges. They'll furnish lunch. This should be a great chance to recruit in Lafayette/Saline counties & lots of fun.

**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 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.

### Remaining Tid-Bits from Tickskillet:

Recruit Tony Morris continues to have problems with clothes. Most of us would think it strange to find our shirt buttons on the back.

Heard some interesting verses of a song about Quantrill's visit to Lawrence, called "Raiding through Kansas" to the tune of a song unmentionable in good Southern circles, but which generally deals with activities similar to Quantrill's conducted by a certain infamous Union General over a wide area of the Peach State.

Attendance by Platoon/Section: 1/1 (Faught) - 1; 1/2 (Lee) - 3; 2/1 (Ballman) -4; 2/2 (Bears) - 3; Staff - 1 (12 total).

## 1992 SCHEDULE as of 6/22/92

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

\*# June 27. Rocky Mount (Osage Beach area). All-day tactical. & wedding. Cav event primarily..

\*# 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.

AUG 29: Shoal Creek. Honors at Gaylen & Charlene's wedding.

\$ 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. Fight thru town & assault fort. About 220 miles.

\* **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 .

## APPEARANCES:

*Kevin & Pam Baker* gave a presentation to the ladies of the Baptist Church in Clinton, who contributed \$10 to our unit.

*Bill* appeared on *Dennis Faught's* talk show in Jeff City.

*Bill, Dennis, Kent Ford & Sam Hafley* appeared at the Open House of the Hawkins Law Office in Jeff City & narrowly missed getting soaked.

Brat sale (Looper Fund) participants included George, Bill, Charlie, Dave & Debbie Bears, Jerry & Cindy Lee, Keith, Gaylen, Mel, Tony Morris, Bill Moore, Larry Olson, Don Roberts, John Sherrer, Dave K, & Chalene Tucker.

*Loren Roush* is still busy working the civic clubs of Lawrence.

## "KILLER ANGELS" UPDATE, JUNE 9, 1992

**TNT DONATION TO BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION:** Turner Network Television has announced that it will donate \$100,000 toward battlefield preservation. The gifts will be presented during the "Pickett's Charge" week in the name of all re-enactor organizations participating in the filming this Summer. \$50,000 will be presented to the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS), to be used for the purchase of both Eastern and Western battlefields threatened by development. The additional \$50,000 will be donated for physical improvements specifically at Gettysburg battlefield, where there is an ongoing effort to restore the battlefield to its 1863 appearance. We are investigating charitable organizations to make certain that the donation will go directly for physical improvements. This donation is over and above any costs incidental to filming on Gettysburg battlefield.

**GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD:** The producers and the National Park Service have reached an agreement to film up to 29 days in Gettysburg National Park. Included are two days for filming the first part of Pickett's Charge on the site where it actually took place. The remainder of Pickett's Charge, as well as ALL OPPOSED COMBAT, will be filmed on private land near the Park. Other approved sites include Devil's Den, portions of Seminary Ridge and Little Round Top. Our permits have received initial approval by officials at Gettysburg Park and the Philadelphia Regional Office of the NPS. We are now in the 30-day comment period in which the community is allowed to voice their support for or concerns about filming. We intend to respond to any comments received. TNT and the producers have worked diligently to address the Park's legitimate concerns, including crowd control, prevention of damage to the grounds and monuments, street closures, the safety of participating re-enactors, and historical and archeological integrity. We applaud the NPS and Superintendent Jose Cisneros, for their cooperation and spirit of enthusiasm in helping us find mutual solutions.

**REGISTRATION FIGURES:** Before May 1st we had reached our goal of 2000 participants for Pickett's Charge, and at this point our limit of 3000 is nearly reached. For the week of August 17-22, we are now only accepting limited additions to existing registered units. We are just now beginning to schedule units to participate in the other large-scale scenes.

The response for the full-time and weekly positions was overwhelming. We received more than 470 applicants from 47 states and three other countries. The decision process was a difficult one, due to the number of quality applicants. As many opportunities as possible were created, and after careful consideration, nearly 200 applicants were selected.

**RE-ENACTOR DONATION:** More than \$5000 raised by re-enactors through the registration process has been donated to APCWS in the name of all registrants. Our thanks to all the people who contributed to this worthy cause.

**HISTORIC INTEGRITY:** Please understand that "The Killer Angels" is a dramatization of a novel, not a documentary. The teleplay is extremely faithful to the storyline of Michael Shaara's book. Within those parameters, however, all efforts are being made to accurately interpret the period, with special efforts being made to insure that every possible visual detail is correct. The script has been presented to five historians for final notes on accuracy, and more than 100 historic details have already been revised.

**RE-ENACTOR AWARENESS:** TNT and the producers have been diligent in finding key crew members concerned with historic accuracy and experienced with the needs and contributions of re-enactors during filming. First Assistant Director Skip Coper, whose credits include "North-South", "Glory" and "Son of the Morning Star", was given high recommendations by re-enactors involved in those productions. The costume designer, propmaster and wrangler are re-enactors. And the staff responsible for the recruitment, scheduling and care of re-enactors throughout the filming is made up entirely of re-enactors. Everyone associated with the production is aware of the fact that it is through the generosity and support of the re-enacting community that we are able to finally bring Michael Shaara's story to the screen. On this picture, your contributions are too valuable to be taken for granted and

tremendous efforts are underway by Turner Network and the Background Artists Department to ensure that your participation is memorable, rewarding and appreciated.

**CAMPING:** Re-enactors participating in the large-scale scenes will have the option of re-enactment-style camping on private land approximately two miles from the battlefield. This area is adjacent to the property being used for the 1st and 3rd days' combat sequences. The "Re-enactor Village" will have segregated modern and authentic camping, parking, toilet facilities, water, first aid and sutlers (for Pickett's Charge week), as well as the caterer for two provided meals and other meal options. There will also be a "camp set" for filming. Those people who have expressed interest in camping in this totally authentic and "primitive" area full time, will have that option.

**FAMILY ATTENDANCE:** While space will be available sufficient for families to attend with registered re-enactors, we feel that at least one word of discouragement needs to be said. Remember, this is not a re-enactment and there will be very little for non-participants to do. Catering will not be available to them, special viewing areas will not be provided on the closed sets, nor ANY viewing guaranteed, and even access into and out of the camps will be limited to specific hours. Efforts will be made to make everyone welcome, but all should understand that a movie location is not the optimum situation for family attendance.

**ON THE SET...:** Some re-enactors will be asked to perform voluntary minor stunt work and to have makeup-simulated casualties. If you are asked to perform anything extraordinary (ie: not typical to re-enactments) such as stunts or "casualty" effects, that you do not wish to do, please decline when asked! Also, if anything extraordinary causes damage to your kit, there will be a redress process. However, unlike excesses on some previous productions, do not anticipate bringing dilapidated equipment and expect it to be replaced.

**INSURANCE:** All registered participants will be covered by liability and medical insurance.

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**PRODUCTION PURCHASE AND/OR RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT:** Beyond the normal impressions you have indicated a willingness to bring, as well as those items for your personal comfort, the Art Department is interested in purchasing and/or renting "servicable" used SURPLUS items from participating re-enactors as set dressing and props completely under their control. A multitude of these items are needed for the entire 10-week shoot, and they would prefer giving participants an opportunity to benefit rather than buying new items and "aging" them. If you have any of the items listed below which might be available, please WRITE (do not call) the Art Department, KA Productions, 78 Country Club Trail, Carroll Valley, PA 17320, with a detailed description, photo (if available), and daytime phone number, and they will be in contact with you.

\* \* \* YOU MUST ACT ON THIS BY JULY 1ST TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION \* \* \*

\* Complete camp setups for SIX Staff Officers, including wall tents, cooking and mess gear, appropriate field furniture, cots, desks and personal items.

\* Shelter Halves and appropriate "marching order" camp gear and personal items, including housewives, writing supplies, shaving supplies, cards, books, blankets, photographs, maps and musical instruments (specify).

\* Medical Corps, including surgeon's kits, stretchers, field hospital equipment, "body parts", even ambulances.

\* Other Larger Military Items appropriate to Gettysburg, such as functional and non-functional artillery, caissons, battery wagons and forges, supply and civilian wagons, ammunition boxes and general military baggage.

\* **FLAGS:** Those appropriate to Iron Brigade, Archer's Brigade, Buford's Cavalry, I Corps Command, Lee and Longstreet's HQ, Meade's HQ, Devil's Den, 20th Maine and 15th Alabama, Pickett's Division, 26th North Carolina, those Federal Units and Staff right at The Angle.

# AFTER ACTION REPORT, MACON

Capt Koffman:

Sir: On the 20th inst. I had the honor to lead a contingent from the 5th against the enemy in the heart of Macon County. Upon my arrival in the vicinity, I was informed by Col. Sherrard that I would command the Confederate infantry. We selected a campsite in the vicinity of the Linn County Guard; another unit proclaiming itself to be Co. I of the 5th was also present in small numbers, but I suspect from their attire that Col Bevier would not have recognized them as such. Our forces on Saturday were 25 infantry (14 from our unit), 4 irregular cavalry & two guns with crews. Opposing forces were 9 infantry, 5 cavalry & two guns. Pvt Kesinger, appalled by the atrocities committed by the Suckers in the Union camp, donned the gray. The action was initiated by the cavalry, who quickly required our support. I dispatched the other unit to the left flank to move against one gun, while we proceeded up the right flank. We sustained several minor wounds, but the ministrations of a surgeon quickly returned most to line. We successfully defended against a saber charge by the Federal cavalry, then advanced and captured a gun. While under flag of truce, the Federal artillery began actions to renew hostilities, but a well-placed volley dropped the crew of that gun. I paroled the Federal survivors and returned to camp.

On Sunday, the Federals returned; both sides were severely depleted by their casualties from the previous engagement. We placed irregular citizens from Linn County in the line, which brought total infantry strength to 16. We deployed

## TID-BITS from MACON

The sponsors, perhaps mindful of the ovine sound effects from the last engagement at Macon, provided a lamb for day-&-night baaing.

across the field in a single rank & maintained a galling fire upon the enemy, despite the mysterious absence of our cavalry. While we were advancing at Charge Bayonets, a round of cannister from our rear told us that the enemy had succeeded in capturing our howitzer. I quickly reformed our survivors into 2 ranks, left faced them, advanced on the captured gun, then performed a By Company Into Line from the inverted. We got off one volley against the crew of the captured gun, but their second round of double shotted cannister laid low the remainder of our force. I was rendered unconscious by a ball from the Federal cavalryman I had wounded the previous day, so I am unable relate what occurred thereafter. As it turned out, the cannister rounds had overshoot us, and the men were reacting with discretion over valor as they hugged the ground in a fair imitation of the lowly opossum.

There were few serious incidents affecting the general good order and discipline. The pass system worked well, details were fairly distributed, and pickets enforced the security of our camp. The incidents that did occur revolved about a bottle of OB Joyful in the possession of Corp Bears. The most serious of which was an allegation that Pvt Siefkas had removed it from Corp Bears after the latter was wounded. After a short inquiry, I determined that the question was moot since I had, following the example you have set, confiscated the contents of the bottle. However, the conduct of Corps Bears and Lee deserve close scrutiny, for they are connivers of the worst type. Perhaps this behavior is instigated by their wives, in whose company they spend most of their idle time.

The standing disciplinary measure of the weekend seemed to be manual on a bale. Most common offences were being absent without pass, missing drill, & those involving the infamous bottle.

## MORE TID-BITS from MACON

We note the reappearance of missing men, *Acts Ryan Wade & Ed Tillman*.

I took a close look at the Captain of the non-MCWRA 5th MO, Co. I: the soles of his shoes certainly came from no species of animal that existed any later than the Cretaceous, his spectacles, while rectangular, were certainly much larger than one might expect. The rest of his troops were similarly attired. No wonder they do most of their work in Farbinoids.

The Linn County boys (Co. K) seem to be getting their act together. While they are still a long way from meeting MCWRA standards for authenticity, they've gotten their organizational problems straightened out & seem interested in raising themselves to proper standards.

We seem to have some interest in campfire songs, as well as those on the march. What we lack is the ability!

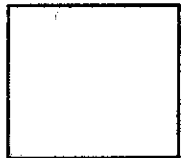
Saturday was cool and overcast, with some drizzle; the night was a 2-blanketer. Sunday was back to shirtsleeve weather. The seed ticks weren't slowed by any variety of the weather.

The event was something of a Farbfest, but well supported by the town & lots of amenities. Attendance by platoon/section: 1/1 (Faught)- 5; 1/2 (Lee)- 2; 2/1 (Ballman) - 2; 2/2 (Bears) - 4; Staff - 1 (Total - 14).

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FIRST CLASS



**DATES TO REMEMBER:** June 29, Meeting Warrensburg Old Courthouse  
June 30, Meeting Moberly Municipal Auditorium  
July 11, Concordia Bushwhacking Living History  
July 25, Warrensburg Old Courthouse, Living History & Meeting