

THE MESSENGER

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CONTENTS: Info on Spring Drill, meeting minutes for Company H (I've misplaced Company A's), a report on Cape Girardeau, etc. There's also some info on upcoming events, published as received.

MEMBERSHIP: It's been a slow spring. Let's get active out there!

THE MESSENGER: It is becoming more & more difficult to put out a meaningful Messenger on a timely basis. One reason is the growth in our membership, another is the growth of other responsibilities with the Bed & Breakfast, a third is that I've run out of things to say after 36+ issues. If The Messenger is to remain a timely & vital part of our Regiment, some sharing of responsibilities is going to be necessary. If you're willing to participate, contact me to find out details. Meanwhile, I request that each Company provide me one full page of information each month (minutes, articles, etc.), either ready to print or in ASCII format for direct import into my program.

EVENT REGISTRATION: WE NEED YOUR COMMITMENT TO ATHENS, PLEASANT HOPE & BROWNVILLE AT SPRING DRILL. *LADIES: YOU MUST ALSO REGISTER!*

RECENT EVENTS: On the weekend of April 24-5, our members participated in 3 separate events. We had 7 men at Cape Girardeau, 5 at Whiteman AFB & 12 at Lone Jack (2 of whom were also at Whiteman).

Thanks to Mel, Larry, David K. & Todd for giving a program to the Secunda Club at Cedarcroft, thereby earning the 5th a \$50 donation.

NEXT MEETINGS: All units will have the opportunity for a meeting at Spring Drill. In addition, the next Company A meetings will be at the Warrensburg old Courthouse on Tuesday, June 22 & Lone Jack on Saturday, July 24. I'll report Company H & Ladies' meeting times as they're reported to me.

THE HAVERSACK

- For correct white jean material (for the Elkhorn to Vicksburg uniform), contact Doug Harding (314-664-3257). Price is \$13.50 per yard; Doug has researched the correct pattern for this shell jacket.
- If you'd like to read Grant's Memoirs in a first edition, contact Bob Green, 816-827-1941 (Sedalia).
- If you're looking for a nice Bed & Breakfast to Motel Milish at Carthage, try the Grand Avenue Inn, 417-358-7265 (or contact Sandra Wayne a brochure from her supply).
- The new Adjutant, former Sgt. Maj. Frank Yeckl, has a 'veteran' Enfield for sale for \$250. 314-849-7307.

We have several members who make period clothing:

- Clear Creek Sutler, Judy Riggs, 816-429-1448.
- Julie Swigart, 816-584-6126.

REPORT ON ACTION NEAR CAPE GIRARDEAU

Submitted by 1st Sgt (Bvt Lt) D. P. Bears, Co. A.

Sir, On Saturday, April 24, I along with six men of Companies A & H, fell in under the command of Capt. Smith's 9th Mo. Sharpshooters (Muffin Munchers). We were formed in two squads of ten men each, the first squad under the command of Capt. Smith, I being given the temporary rank of Bvt Second Lt was given command of the second squad. Capt. Smith's squad advanced to scout the area as the local inhabitants had reported Federal troops in the vicinity. After advancing less than one mile, his command became heavily engaged with the enemies' infantry and a battery of artillery. Capt. Smith at this time sent a runner to us as we were held in reserve at the rear, requesting that we come to the support of his left flank. At this time I led the men forward & quickly joined Capt. Smith's command. As soon as he joined his line, we deployed as skirmishers and advanced on the enemy. Batteries on both sides opened a heavy fire. After a brief but bloody fight, the enemy infantry was driven back to protect their batteries. The Federal commander at this time sent forward his cavalry in an attempt to drive us from the field. Our men were rallied & a fierce hand-to-hand fight developed between our infantry & the Federal cav, who attacked our infantry 3 separate times, but our brave southern boys stood their ground. It was with great relief, when after the 3rd attack, our cav appeared on the enemies' rear & drove him from the field. At this point Capt. Smith ordered a charge. Our infantry advanced to the very muzzles, where we suffered heavily at the enemy's hands. After this repulse, the entire command was either downed or captured. The Federals, lining up & ordering all officers to take an oath of loyalty to the Federal Government, which all refused to do. At this refusal, several drunken dutchmen in the Union ranks fired into the group of Southern officers. Luckily, due to their poor aim & intoxication, no one was severely injured. Several of the local ladies present intervened on behalf of the captured officers & the Federal commander, being shamed, placed the prisoners under guard & started them for Cape G. Hardly had we started when our artillery opened a fierce barrage & we were able to escape, returning to our lines. The fight only lasted one day, both sides withdrawing under cover of a heavy rain storm on Sunday, April 25th. Listed are the men from our regiment present at the fight (all have returned to the regiment & are ready for duty); special thanks to Corp. Riggs who ably assisted the sponsors in preparing for the action, but who was unable to participate because events required him to return to Warrensburg:

Co. A: 1st Sgt Bears, Pvts Houk & Swigart. Co. H: Corp Faught, Pvts Hodge, Harding & Meoli.

Company H Minutes (condensed), April 8, 1993

I also want to report on the April 8 meeting of Co. H, held in the home of Steve Yoakum, President. Attending: Yoakum, Faught, Davis, Robertson, Ford. Arriving near the end of the meeting Pvt. Jim Keown, who had been detained by his civilian overseer, which highly riled the private. Also attending was guest & potential recruit Dennis Early of Columbia, who may join the outfit for Spring Drill to see how he likes camp life.

Coming events were discussed. Lt. Davis will coordinate an effort to round up some troops to attend a local small event in Bellflower MO June 5-6 (note several conflicting events). The town promised 'everything' to make the troops the highlight of their Centennial; they're in Montgomery County just off I-70. Anyone interested can contact Lt Davis, 314-445-1229.

Corp Faught will go to the unveiling of the Cockrell Flag at Kennesaw Mountain, GA on June 26-7.

Lt. Davis will research the need for monetary assistance for restoration of Confederate battle flags. There was discussion of this & of possibly helping restore a battle flag from a colored Federal battalion (this suggestion was not heartily endorsed by all present). We discussed an alternative Federal unit designation. No decision was made on this [ed. note: the Holmes Brigade strongly opposes dual designation units].

General discussion included the need for mess gear. All agreed to keep an eye open for good cast iron pots & pans.

Pvt Jim Keown arrived late, with the water barrel Co H brought home from Murfreesboro for repairs. He replaced the farb hinges & handles with leather & hooks, rebuilt the lid, & rewaxed the inside.

The meeting agenda included drill, but the business lasted until after dark. Sgt. Yoakum decided he'd probably put drill at the top of the agenda next time. The next meeting was set for Lexington during Spring Drill.

Kent Ford, Secretary.

AN INQUIRY IN PROGRESS:

Anyone present at the wedding of Gaylen & Charlene Goldsberry last August, is requested to assist in determining the fate of a slender, straight sword loaned by Corp. Charlie Riggs. The sword is very similar to Lt. Wayne's. Please contact David Kesinger, investigating officer (816-429-1011)

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY

1993 RE-ENACTMENT SCHEDULE

May 14-16, Lexington SHS: Spring Drill. See EVENT DETAILS.

May 19, Clinton: John Sherrer's annual event at Clinton schools. Meet at Dairy Queen (Bus 13 N) at noon.

May 22-3, Lone Jack. Monthly LH camp.

May 31, Columbia: Memorial Day Parade. (Note: changed from May 30) See Event Details..

June 5-6, Independence. LH at Civil War show.

June 5-6 * PLEASANT HOPE, MO. MCWRA Area event north of Springfield, 300-500 reenactors; battles involving all arms. About 90 miles.

June 5-6, Bellflower MO. LH in Montgomery County. Co. H.

June 19-20, Lecompton, KS: Small prewar event near Lawrence.

June 26-7, Lone Jack. Monthly LH camp.

June 26-7, * Brownsville, NE: MCWRA Local event, abt 175 mi.

June 27, Higginsville. DNR sponsored centennial of Confederate home.

July 16-18 * HONEY SPRINGS, OK. MCWRA & 5MO MAX EFFORT on 130th anniversary near US 69/I-40 junction. Expect 1000+ reenactors in major battles. About 300 miles., We registered 30-35 men/15-18 civilians. SEE EVENT DETAILS.

July 24-5, Lone Jack. Monthly LH camp.

Jul 31-Aug 1 * CARTHAGE, MO. Major event over 700 reenactors, battle demonstrations. 150 mi.

Aug 7-8 * ATHENS, MO. Missouri Parks sponsored event on original site in far NE Missouri. Battles both days, 500+ reenactors. Abt 240 miles.

Aug 13-15 URICH, MO. Living History event only, SE of Kansas City. 40 Miles.

Aug 21-22, Columbia: LH in Columbia's Nifong Park. Recruiting Op for central MO, UNIT max effort..

Aug 21-22, Lone Jack. Monthly LH camp.

Sep 18-19 * FREDERICKTOWN, MO. MCWRA Local event with battles on US 67 SW of St. Louis.

Sep 25-26, * ST. CHARLES, MO: MCWRA anual event at waterfront park..

Oct 1-3 * BELMONT, MO. MCWRA & 5MO MAX EFFORT, Major event with battles (1000+ reenactors) near Charleston, MO. About 350 miles. Register to your CO by July 15th.

EVENT DETAILS

SPRING DRILL, LEXINGTON: This is our annual spring drill. Arrive Friday evening or saturday morning & set up, alternate drill sessions with discussions or living history presentations. Continue drill on Sunday, break camp around 4:00 PM. Some State support. **to get there:** take MO 13 north to Lexington, go straight when MO 13 turns left downtown, continue to the site entrance.

COLUMBIA Parade: Staging begins at 8:00 AM near Boone Hospital on S. end of Broadway (downtown) Parade is about 1 mile. We'll maneuver & fire on the march. Contact Kent Ford, Co. H.

PLEASANT HOPE: Site of small event in '92 wants to do it right in '93. Promise raw foods, prepared meals, powder/caps. Events include 2 battles, night firing, dance, candlelight, parade. Site is cramped, **to get there,** MO 13 south to Brighton (MO 215) then east & look for signs. If you reach the town of Pleasant Hope, you've gone too far.

BROWNVILLE, NE: 2 battles, food for 5 meals, discount on riverboat ride (see Bill for reservation info) in 1860's riverport. To get there from Kansas City, I-35 north to Rock Port exit (US 1366), US 136 west across bridge to Brownville.

HONEY SPRINGS, OK: Could be best event of year. TMR, who did bang-up job at Cabin Creek, will sponsor. Amenities include 1 lb powder/man, 130th Anniversary medal, food for 4 meals & 1 prepared meal. Registration opens Thursday, with night skirmish Friday, afternoon fight Saturday, 130th Anniv. battle on Sunday. Ladies events include tea, evening dance. No modern amenities nearby. We registered 30+ men based on best guess. **to get there:** US-71/71A to Carthage, I-44 to Big Cabin Exit, US 69 south to Rentiesville exit, follow signs.

ATHENS: Historic site of 1861 battle between Marty Green's State Guardsmen & Davey Moore's Home Guardsmen, with many original buildings. Generic action Saturday, historic Sunday, dance, candlelight, fashion show. Raw food for 5 meals, powder/caps for infantry, period crafts & vendors. **To get there** from Columbia,, US 63 no to Moberly, US 24 e to Palmyra, US 61 no to Wayland, US 136 w to MO 81, MO 81 no to 'CC', 'CC' east to site..

URICH: Living Histotry event commemorates GAR encampments which have continued since 1870's. Raw foods, dance, candlelight, parade. This will be scripted day-long tour scenario, set mid-63. Camp for womern & children, Fed provost force (inf & cav), mounted CS guerrilla raid. Best roles probably for women. **NO COMBAT!** **To get there,** Urich is between Clinton & Harrisonville on MO 7.

FREDERICKTOWN: Site of actions in '61 & '64, offers Sat & Sun battles, candlelight, fashion show. Raw foods for 5 meals, powder for infantry. **To get there** from St. Louis, I-55 so to US 67, US 67 so to Fredericktown (all 4-lane)..

BELMONT: Did such a great job at the infamous 'Bel-mud' in '91 that they got another. 2 battles, night firing, dance, candlelight, tea. Amenities include raw foods, 2 prepared meals, 1 lb powder/man. Very large, well done event. **To get there** from St. Louis, I-55 south to Sikeston, I-57 e to Charleston, MO 105 so to MO 80, MO 80 e to site.

5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, CO A

Minutes of Company A meeting, April 20, 93

The monthly Company A meeting was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 20, 1993, at Embree Electric in Sedalia. Present were 12 veterans, 1 recruit, 1 cadet, 2 visitors (Nelson Hendricks of Sedalia & Wm. Nethington of Glasgow), & 7 members of the Ladies' Group.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the Messenger, with the correction that Bears chairs the Operations Committee instead of Lee (Baker move/Olson 2nd).

The Treasurer's report was read & approved (Baker move/Bears 2nd). No company funds have been used. The Corporation has a checking balance of \$1634, with checks held, cash & receivables totalling \$97.

Don Roberts presented the fifth revision of the Operating Procedures compiled by a committee

consisting of himself, Gaylen Goldsberry, Dave Bears & Jerry Lee. Changes will be made as needed & the OP's were tabled until future review by members.

Dave Bears talked about Cape Girardeau & Pleasant Hope. The 5th should field a dozen or so at Cape with the bulk of the remaining members at Lone Jack, WAFB or Higginsville Confederate Memorial. It should be noted that Pleasant Hope is June 5-6,

Dave Bears & Don Roberts talked about the Missouri Town event on July 4th. Dress & weapons are pre-1855. Other events discussed were the WAFB travel show, Spring Drill at Battle of Lexington SHS, the CWRT relic show (Jun 5-6), Columbia events & John Sherrer's school presentation at Clinton, May 19, with an estimated 1200 kids in attendance. All rebs were invited to Yankee spring drill at Ft. Scott, KS May 11st & 2nd.

Dave Bears gave a presentation on what to stuff in

a haversack and how this makes an excellent interpretive tool to use for the public's interpretation. Dave emphasized great expense is not necessary in displaying possessions of the common soldier.

Bill conveyed the unpleasant news of still another \$175 might have to be doled out by the 5th to cover the state's insurance for Lexington Spring Drill. Any action was tabled until next board meeting. [note on 5/6, we were informed that we're covered]. Next meeting date is May 16 at Lexington [Note: event schedule sets meetings for Saturday PM].

Door prizes, compliments of Mr. Kesinger of two Royals tickets & a parking pass to Friday's Royals game were won by Sandra Wayne [Note: used by Bill & George], & a Quantrill butane lighter was won by Deb BearS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. D. Kesinger, Secretary

THE VETERAN ADVISOR: Construction of Cartridge Packages

Federal arsenals prepared ammunition in self-contained, paper-wrapped packages, which made for ease of storage and transportation as well as convenience for the soldier in the field. The packages contained ten rounds of cartridges and twelve percussion caps enclosed in a separate tube of cartridge paper. The package sheets were about 6: to 7" wide and about 7" to 8" long. Most paper was sized (waterproofed) before being cut into sheets.

From 1856 to early 1861, ammunition was wrapped in whitish-brown paper with a label that was either printed on the sheet itself, or on a separate sheet and then glued over the package string. (Parcel post mailing paper works very well for the package paper.) Evidence exists that only the arsenal at St. Louis continued marking individual bundles throughout the war. The package was tied with 0.03" thick twine. (Don't use kite string or glue.)

The most important tool when making cartridge packages is the bundling or folding box. Three pieces of 1" x 4" pine may be screwed together to form a folding box. (Illustrations on back page.)

When packaging cartridges, place a piece of twine across the folding box. Next, center the wrapping paper in the box over the twine. Place five cartridges on top of the wrapper and push these down into the bottom of the box. These should all be "pointing" in the same direction. Place five more cartridges in the box on top of the first five, pointing in the opposite direction for better balance. (The manuals say "the balls alternating" and originals show this to be the method used.) Take the two ends and fold over. Pull these two sides as tight as possible over each other and fold them as crisply as possible. The remainder of the wrapping is almost identical to wrapping a box for a present. First fold one side over (and in) the excess with folds as wide as the bundle is thick. Crease all folds

tightly. Finally, before folding the last opening, place the cap tube perpendicular to the cartridges. Then fold this remaining side in the same fashion as the other, making sure the resulting paper "box" is square and tight, and that all the creases are as close to right angles as possible. The pack is now ready for tying.

Cross the twine over the top of the pack to the opposite sides and give a half-twist of 90 degrees up and down. Pull the twine as tightly as possible without making a deep crease. Tie the twine in a square knot on the other side and the cartridge package is finished. The knot should be at or near the left corner if the pack is bow side up and the percussion caps toward you.

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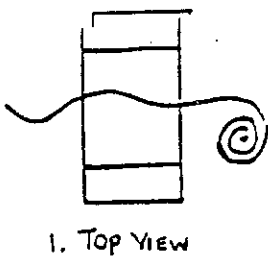
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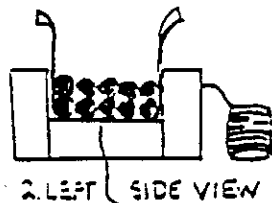
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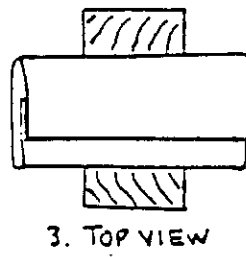
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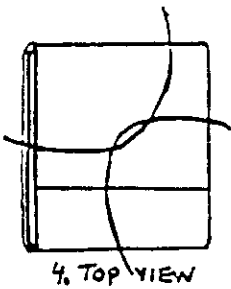
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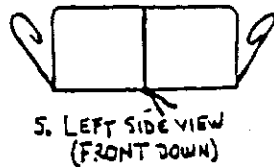
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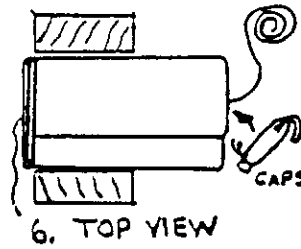
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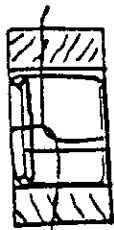
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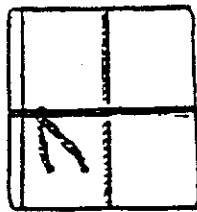
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6. TOP VIEW



7. TOP VIEW



8. FINISHED PACKAGE

DRILL:

While the amount of time scheduled for drill looks onerous, we will not drill continuously. Saturday morning (Drill Session 1) Will begin with School of the Soldier, without arms, conducted by the Corporals (under the supervision of the Sgts & officers) in the permanent platoons/sections. This portion of drill will emphasize marching to step, facing, wheels, obliques & movements by the right & left flank. If time permits, the rudiments of Company into Line & On the Right by Files Into Line will be taught.

Continue with platoon drill, using permanent platoons, conducted by the sergeants under supervision of the officers, & emphasize moving into line of battle.

Company drill will be conducted in sized companies, again emphasizing movements into line of battle. We'll also include moving into a column of platoons. We'll then return to small groups & practice manual of arms, loading & firing.

Saturday afternoon drill (Session 2) will be Regimental, with a review of maneuvers practiced in the morning, plus practice moving into a column of companies & forward into line, breaking to the rear, en echelon movements & firing. We'll also do some inverted drill & walk through morning parade.

Sunday Morning (Session 3) drill will begin with morning parade & formal inspection, followed by section & platoon drills emphasizing weak points noted the previous day & introducing skirmish drill. Sunday afternoon (Session 4) will continue with company & regimental drill & may include a skirmish demonstration.

MILITARY CAMP SCHEDULE:

We will adhere to this schedule as much as possible.

Saturday:

5:30 AM - cooks start fire & coffee
6:00 AM - Reveille
6:15 to 6:30 - Roll Call, Sick Call, Duty Assignments
7:00 - Breakfast
8:00 to noon - Drill Session 1.
11:30 - Cooks begin noon meal
12:00 - noon meal
12:30 - Pay call
1:00 - Shooting match
1:30 to 4:00 - Drill Session 2
4:00 - Mustering
5:00 - Cooks start supper
5:00 to 6:00 - Yard Ball
6:00 - Supper
6:30 - Meeting time

8:00 - Variety show

9:00 - Night Fire

Sunday

5:30 - Cooks start fire
6:00 - Reveille
6:15 - Roll Call, Sick Call, Duty Assignments
7:00 - Breakfast
8:00 - Morning Parade, Formal Inspections
8:45 to 10:00 - Drill Session 3
10:00 - Church
11:00 - Mail Call
12:00 - Lunch
12:30 to 4:00 - Drill Session 4
4:00 - Break camp

SPRING DRILL INFO

Spring Drill looks great. The ladies have developed a full schedule of events, & the infantry will have plenty of chance to practice camp life & living history as well as drill. Camps will be established on a regimental layout, with Capt. Koffman & the wall tent/fly at the head, then Lts Wayne & Davis at the heads of their companies, with an NCO row, as well. We're planning an authentic menu for Saturday lunch & regular menus for other meals. Detail assignments are worked out, & we'll have constant pickets (plus recruiting). In addition to drill, there'll be a pay call, swearing-in ceremony, mail call, fast-shooting contest (immediately following pay call), church service, minstrel show, night firing . . . We'll be joined by a group of Explorer Scouts from Orrick who are moving into a 1st MO Cav (dismounted) impression. Thanks to Sgt Bears for developing all the details for the military camp.

MENUS

saturday

- Sat AM: Ham & scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, coffee.
- Sat noon: Bacon, hoe-cakes, apples, coffee.
- Sat PM: Stew, stewed apples/raisins.

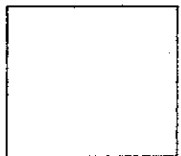
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- Sun AM: Bacon & eggs, fried potatoes, coffee
- Sun noon: Sandwiches, apples, coffee.

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FIRST CLASS



DATES TO REMEMBER: May 14-16, Lexington SHS: Spring Drill (*MAX EFFORT*)
May 31: Columbia Memorial Day Parade
June 5-6: Battle of Pleasant Hope (MCWRA)
June 26-7: Brownville, NE reenactment (MCWRA)