

THE MESSENGER

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CONTENTS: Reports on Spring Drill, General Membership & Board of Directors minutes, info on upcoming events, the MCWRA Infantry Safety Rules & a discussion on the importance of letting your intentions be known.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to new recruits *Bill Nethington* of Glasgow, *James Van Bilber* & *David Cole* of Independence and *Mark White* of Lee's Summit.

Remember that only those persons (other than minor children) who are listed on the official MCWRA membership list are considered MCWRA members for insurance purposes. Many events require MCWRA membership or proof of reenactor's insurance to participate. MCWRA policy on family membership accepts only those directly related family members residing in the same household.

SAFETY: Safety rosters are available for each company to obtain signatures in accordance with our By-laws; MCWRA rules are included in this issue.

FUNDRAISING: We will have the opportunity to obtain up to \$6000 in matching funds from Wal-Mart, based on whatever we can raise by our own efforts. There are many things we can do with a substantial amount of money, but we'll have to start working on fund-raising plans immediately. Company A has established a fund-raising committee, & hopes the other units will follow suit.

Our first effort, approved by the Board of Directors, is a steel-frame colt .44 to be drawn at Belmont. Tickets & control logs have been prepared for issue to each Company.

ACTIVITIES: The week after Lexington was a busy one. 10 members attended Edwin Bearss' lecture to the Mid-MO CWRT on Tuesday night. 16 men & ladies assisted John Sherrer's annual bash at the Clinton schools. The Odessa & Holden schools were also visited that week. The monthly Lone Jack encampment was wet; 6 men, 2 ladies & several members of Landis Battery & Crowley's attended.

NEW POSTERS: Our new recruiting posters are available for your use & posting in public places. Thanks to *Kirk Powell* for designing & printing them.

MESSENGER DEADLINES: Anything you'd like published in the Messenger must be received by the 20th of the month preceding if it is not in usable format. The deadline for full page, ready-to-print items is the 24th of the month preceding.

POWDER & CAPS: Our musket caps have arrived & powder is due shortly. To cover our costs we'll ask your contribution of \$6 per pound or tin. Some will be rolled for use by brand new recruits; some will be rolled & packaged for reimbursement by recruits/veterans who run short.

NEXT MEETINGS: 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.

Minutes of Corporate Membership Meeting held May 15, 1993

A Membership Meeting of the Fifth Missouri Infantry - CSA, Inc, was held on Saturday, May 15, 1993, at the Anderson House, Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, Lexington, MO. The meeting was called to order by Charles Riggs at 6:15 PM, with a quorum present.

The Minutes of the January 16 meeting were accepted (Dave Bears move/Gaylen Goldsberry 2nd).

Bill Wayne presented a detailed Treasurer's report, which was accepted (Kesinger move/Bears 2nd).

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. The membership was informed that we must establish a fixed number of directors before we request tax exempt status from the IRS. The IRS determination is needed before we are eligible for any matching funds grants can be requested. Dave Bears moved/Wayne 2nd that the first sentence of Article V, Paragraph A be amended to read "*The Organizational Directors shall consist of six members; the President, Secretary & Treasurer, plus a Vice-President for each member Company.*" Different options for fixing the Board size yet allowing additional companies to be established were discussed, with the consensus that the By-laws could be revised as needed to accommodate growth. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Upcoming events were discussed, stressing the importance of pre-registering with the Regiment. Food purchases are based on registration numbers.

C. Charles Riggs advised that Wal-Mart has raised its limit on matching funds from \$2000 to \$8000. Dave Bears suggested a steel-frame revolver be purchased as a fund-raiser. Matter will be referred to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MAY 15, 1993

The Board meeting of the Fifth Missouri Infantry took place on the steps of the Anderson House, Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, Lexington, MO at approximately 7:30 PM. Present were Charles Riggs (President), Debbie Bears (Vice-President, Ladies' Aux.), David Kesinger (Secretary), Bill Wayne (Treasurer). Absent were Don Roberts (Vice-President, Co. A) & Steve Yoakum (Vice-President, Co H).

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Wayne reported on planning status for next year's Windsor & Lexington events. Problems with schedule conflicts may arise at Windsor & site capacity & camping locations are critical at Lexington.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Riggs moved/Kesinger 2nd that a steel frame Colt revolver be purchased for fund raising, with Company A's fundraising committee in charge of details. Passed 4-0.

B. Bears requested support for a seminar for Ladies' cosmetology of the 1860's, which would be a fundraiser as well as an educational activity. She was encouraged to continue to develop the concept.

The next meeting was set for the same date & location as Company A's next meeting, about 8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 22, at the Old Courthouse museum in Warrensburg.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

THE HAVERSACK

Update on the correct white jean material (for the Elkhorn to Vicksburg uniform), available through Doug Harding (314-664-3257): you send him the order (w/ money) & when he gets 20 yards, he'll place an order, which should arrive in about 6 weeks. Price is now \$14.00 per yard, & will be accompanied by instructions for making the shell/pants correctly (not a pattern!).

A good source for the collector: Dirk's antiques, Warrensburg. Lithographs, CDV's, medals. Open by chance, 816-747-5596.

Regimental Items:

MCWRA Window/Bumper Stickers: \$2.50 reimbursement.

Navy Arms musket caps: \$6.00 per tin (250) reimbursement - contact Jerry Lee, Ordnance Officer.

FFg Powder: \$6.00 per pound, through the Ordnance Officer. This is powder bought through the treasury, not earned at events.

T-Shirts: Gray, with same picture as old T-shirt, no company designation: \$10 each. Still have a couple of sweat shirts at \$15.

ADDRESS UPDATES:

William Nethington, 112 2nd St, Apt 6, Glasgow, MO 65254 (no phone). Co. H., Block's platoon. Sponsor: Meoli.

Mark White, 1047 SW Twin Creek Dr, Lee's Summit, MO 64081. 816-246-7950. Co A, Corp Tucker's section. Sponsor: Siefkas

David Cole, 14214 E 35th St, Independence, MO 64055. 816-252-4912. Co A, Corp Tucker's section. Sponsor: Tucker

James Van Biber, 14409 E. 32nd St, Independence, MO 64055. 816-836-1459. Co A, Corp Tucker's section. Sponsor: Tucker

OTHER ASSIGNMENT CHANGES:

Mark Shuster moved from A1-1 to non-combatant status.

Jayson Linthicum moved from A1-1 to non-combatant status.

Kirk Powell reassigned from A1-1 to A1-2.

needed:

short articles about the battles of Honey Springs & Carthage for July's Messenger, plus a short article about Athens for August

REPORT ON SPRING DRILL, Lexington

This was a good one! We drilled extensively (hope this obviates the need for much drill at events). If you weren't there, review your school of the soldier, company, battallon, plus skirmish drill in your member guide. We had two major planned scenarios carried out by the military camp - pay call & mustering in; the unplanned disciplinary scenario also worked well. The Non-Combatant group (mostly ladies) did a outstanding job with their scenarios, demonstrations & tea party. We impressed the DNR folks, who are ready to let us do more at the site.

TID-BITS FROM LEXINGTON

Mr. Kesinger volunteered to serve as chief chef for the weekend, providing us well cooked meals.

A major upset occurred in the rapid firing competition, with *Pvt Meoli* getting off his 5 rounds before anyone else, & he had not a cent backing him [rumor has it that a video shows an irregularity in his loading procedure & *Sgt. Lee* will demand a rematch; on the other hand, *Sgt. Lee* had taken some unusual preparatory steps so *Corp. Faught* & *Lt. Wayne* may also be interested in a rematch with rules closer to combat conditions].

During the Saturday evening skirmish, the unarmed youngsters from the 1st Cav (dismounted) played a critical role by sneaking into the bushes & making lots of noise. Our attackers, believing themselves outflanked, withdrew from a superior position. Something similar happened to Col. Sigel at Carthage.

Another skirmish ensued Sunday AM, between the Companies, with H occupying the trenches, while A, in the open, played possum to try to lure them out.

Young *Jeremy Reul* suffered the public indignity of a whipping for his part in the great church escape escapade. However, whenever the switch landed, his bottom exuded a peculiar metallic clanking sound.

The guest artistes with their instruments provided a much appreciated musical accompaniment to church; however, their music & one hymn called did not seem to agree.; the Hymnal has an un-numbered hymn.

The **Ballman Brothers Award** goes to *Pvt. Daleen* & *Corp. Olson*. I hear rumors of a temperance movement from the Ladies.

As we marched over the field, every so often *Sgt. Lee* would disappear as he found another cannon ball lying on the ground. He commented that they must have had an unusual type of gun at Lexington, for he'd never run across a gun that fired white, dimpled shot.

Pvt. Dressel amazed the campfire crooners with his knowledge of appropriate songs - including all of Albert Pike's verses to Dixie.

Jim Keown built a marvelous little lap-desk for *Lt. Wayne*, on commission from the Lieutenant's wife. It has already seen use during the mustering-in scenario.

REPORT ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS,

Capt Koffman: I regret the necessity of reporting to you an unfortunate incident that occurred after your departure Sunday. While the infractions were initially minor, meriting little more than additional duty as punishment, the actions of the individual involved, and his friends, eventually led to firing of weapons. This is what transpired.

About midway through Church service, I saw Sgt. Lee & young Jeremy Reuel sneaking between tents away from the service, but did not think it worthy of particular notice. However, at the end of the service, Pvt. Pearman requested Brother Goldsberry to pray for Sgt Lee & Master Reuel as they had been attempting to distract churchgoers from around the corner of the building. This, quite naturally, enraged Corp. Riggs, who had believed his grandson to be safely ensconced in the back rows. Quickly, a group of men (without my instruction!) leapt to their feet & attempted to bring Sgt. Lee back to church. However, the only individual to reach the vicinity of Sgt. Lee & Master Reuel was Pvt. Baker, who was serving as church usher & thus properly authorized to induce sinners to return to church. A shot was fired in his vicinity & he returned without either miscreant. After church, I directed that Sgt. Lee report to my tent at 12:30 PM to determine if any company action should be taken.

As I awaited their appearance, a number of disquieting reports reached me, to the effect that money was being placed into the hands of individuals who witnessed the occurrence to induce them to alter their stories. Therefore, with the events of Glasgow firmly in my memory, I took the precaution of placing a provost guard around the tent & of relieving the witnesses of any weapons they carried. After questioning several individuals involved, & in consideration of what I had viewed, it quickly became obvious that the occurrence as observed had in fact taken place, & the rumors of 'bribery' were true, I directed the provost guard to place Sgt Lee, along with his fellow miscreants Sgt Bears & Pvt Pearman under restraint while I determined the level of Company punishment. They immediately attempted to break free of restraint & flee, but were retaken immediately. Nearby, there was a stone wall that would serve admirably in lieu of a rail as a spot for bucking. As the individuals were conducted toward the wall, Sgt Lee again broke free & was shot down by a member of the provost guard. Sgt Bears was taken to the 'stone saddle' mounted it, then cleverly fell off to the other side & fled, where he was fired upon & laid low by Sgt Gooch of the cavalry. Pvt. Pearman, the only survivor of the threesome, then received the honor of riding the stone horse.

It is indeed unfortunate that Sgts Bears & Lee are such instigators, since their competence & bravery on the field have been unquestioned. Indeed, the performance, in the afternoon drill, of the individuals elected to temporary sergeancies (Pvts Sherrer & Swigart) left a great deal to be desired. We are, I suppose, fortunate that Sgts Lee & Bears suffered only minor wounds in the sad affair, which I regard as closed at this time.

REGISTRATION, EVENT PLANNING, & MONEY:

Page 1 of this Messenger discussed a great fund-raising opportunity for us. If we can raise several thousand dollars (& have them matched by Wal-Mart), we'll be in a great position to begin the scholarship program discussed last year, obtain a proper panoply of flags, obtain a drum so we can maintain step & be military at drills & small events, support the needs of our large non-combatant group, etc. But, it does little good to engage in grandiose fund-raising plans, if we cannot manage our existing money wisely.

Now, how does money management tie into registration & event planning? Lexington was a maximum effort event, so we had to plan on furnishing enough food for the expected attendance. Many of you never sent in the attendance plan, so we had to 'wag' how many people to feed. We estimated we'd feed 40 men in regimental mess, & bought accordingly, spending over \$140. We asked a \$5 contribution, so even if we were short on men, we'd have enough money to cover the costs. Actually, we had 42 men in camp, but many came for one day only & about 8 ate all or part of their meals in the civilian camp. We ended up with lots of food left over & \$20 in the hole.

Event sponsors need to know how many are attending & where they'll camp. They need the number of soldiers to have enough powder. They need to know where people will camp so they can issue enough food to each camp, place enough straw, firewood & portapotties there, & allow enough space for everyone. When many unregistered people show up, space is cramped, food rations may be inadequate, & extras such as powder may be stretched or cancelled. If fewer than expected show up, food is wasted & the sponsors may be embarrassed; the town is unlikely to sponsor another event.

Your regimental leadership needs to know your intentions for attending each event, where you will camp & eat, so we can give accurate information to sponsors of full amenity events & plan our purchases for events where we must provide food. If we are consistently accurate, we'll have a good reputation & won't waste our own money; if we are consistently inaccurate, we'll be broke & event sponsors (often other units in our battalion) will say 'Those *** have no idea what they're doing.'

Take a look at the Schedule of Events in this issue (make a copy if you have access to a machine). Mark the ones you'll attend. Call your corporal & ask him to write down your schedule (including where you'll be camping) [Ladies - use the Non-combatant group chain of command]. Corporals: if someone doesn't call you in a couple of weeks, call him; then send your list to your 1st Sergeant, who'll make a copy & send it on to me. The next Regimental Mess event is Carthage - let's have an accurate count!

On another, closely related, subject: We collected \$19.41 for Company (regimental) sodas at Lexington (we had 78 available). We asked 50 cents each, so we should have earned \$39 (but even at 25 cents, as some were erroneously told, we were still short, & many people paid full price). As a result, we earned \$5.41 when we should have earned \$25. We cannot continue to provide the courtesy of bringing sodas if such circumstances continue.

REVIEWS: *Rebel*, a novel by Bernard Cornwell. This is a typical potboiler novel with a bit of everything (except explicit sex), written with a sequence of novels & maybe a miniseries in mind. This one covers Sumter to Manassas, with a cast of heroes, villains & fools (some characters fill more than one of these roles). The battle scenes aren't too badly done (if you like plenty of blood), but the rest is formula. Available at Trails Library or your library interloan service.

Audio cassette tape, *The United States at War: The Civil War*, narrated by George C. Scott. Parts I & II, with 2 hour-long tapes in each. This is an excellent examination of the causes (including political, social & economic environment in addition to slavery, but emphasizing slavery) & conduct of the war. It does not dwell on battles but on other issues - financing the war, Conscription, logistics, armaments, etc. I haven't finished listening yet, but after 3 of the 4 tapes would rate it better than the PBS TV series since it doesn't need pictures to emphasize the words. We found it at Trails Library in Warrensburg.

MISSOURI CIVIL WAR REENACTORS ASSOCIATION, Inc

INFANTRY SAFETY RULES & RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Adopted by vote of the MCWRA Board of Directors, November 21, 1992

These rules are mandatory for all combatants armed with shoulder fired weapons and serving on foot at all MCWRA-sponsored events.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The unit commander is responsible for the training, safety and the actions of his unit during an event. If he is not at the event the next person in the chain of command bears responsibility for the unit.

TRAINING:

New recruits should be suitably drilled and given safety instruction to the satisfaction of the unit commander and senior non-commissioned officer before being allowed on the battlefield.

All recruits should have read a copy of these safety rules and understand them before participating in a battle.

GENERAL:

1. No one may be enlisted as a soldier, to fight on the field under arms, unless he is 16 years old.
2. With just 65 grains standard load and no paper or wadding, YOUR MUSKET CAN KILL!! Flame shoots out 6 to 8 feet, and burnt powder residue can spray 20 feet in front of your musket.
3. The standard load for the musket is 65 grains FFg or FFFg black powder only.
4. Learn the Manual of Arms! We load and fire in nine times. The Civil War soldier did so for safety and so shall we. In this manner no fingers will be lost.
5. Never load your weapons unless commanded to do so by your commanding officer or NCO.
6. When firing, always watch the end of the barrel. In this manner you can see and know that the weapon has discharged.
7. Always let an officer or NCO know if your weapon did not discharge. Then and only then do you step out of the ranks and to the rear to clear your weapon.
8. When clearing a weapon, prelude this action in a clear voice, "Fire in the Hole."
9. Never discharge weapons in camp, unless commanded to do so by your commanding officer or NCO.
10. Never is the public to handle or fire your weapon. Only reenactors are to handle weapons. Civilians are not authorized to handle weapons.
11. Always check weapons before going into battle or drill. This shall include springing of ramrods to ensure the breach is clear, also priming with a cap and clearing the nipple and to ensure the weapon is discharged and the nipple is clean. This safety inspection will occur no later than 9:00 AM every morning of an event. In addition there will be a safety inspection after every period of firing before returning to camp. A detailed safety inspection will occur before every battle, and at any time at the Company commander's discretion.
12. The standard of the hobby is the three-band military musket. This standard is for a number of reasons, the most important is that of safety. This is only a standard, not a law, even though some of the infantry units only permit the three band weapon in their ranks, this decision shall be the individual Company commander's choice. Bearing in mind that shotguns, CVA muskets etc., are not the standard and are not as safe as the three band .58 cal. muskets.
13. All short barreled muskets will be placed on the front ranks. There will be no exceptions to this rule!
14. Non-percussion weapons will not be allowed upon the field of battle (M-16's, grenade launchers, surface-to-air missiles, flintlocks, etc.).
15. The rank and file are discouraged from carrying knives while on the battlefield.
16. Pistols will not be carried by privates in the ranks. Officers and NCO's may carry pistols, but will not fire them in the ranks. Standard load for the pistol is NO MORE THAN 30 grains of FFFg black powder.
17. Ramrods are to be used only once at the beginning of a battle. This will be just prior to entering the field and only by command. Ramrods will not be removed from under the barrel after that time.
18. Bayonets are not to be fixed unless by order from the company commander. Fixed bayonets are not authorized unless scripted and coordinated with the opposing forces.
19. No walk-ons are allowed to fall in with the companies without permission of the company commander. This shall include relatives, friends, or other reenactors that are not members of that company. All requests of this nature must be cleared with the battalion commander by the company commander.
20. The last word of authority on the field of battle regarding safety violations, is the company

commander. If you are cautioned on the field of battle for safety, don't question your company commander. Questions can be answered later off the field of battle.

21. Questions of safety between companies shall be between company commanders and battalion commander. No commander shall discipline any person not under his direct command. All questions can be answered off the field of battle.

22. Men under the influence of drugs or alcohol have no place on the field.

23. Officers and file closers will at all times be watchful for any potentially unsafe act. This includes, but is not limited to, unsafe weapons, firing of weapons, maintaining safe distances from artillery, cavalry, opposing infantry, and pyrotechnics.

24. The company commander is at all times responsible for the safety of his men. The company commander will take whatever action he believes necessary, during battle, in order to protect his men from serious injury.

25. Soldiers of the company are responsible for knowing and understanding the safety rules and in showing good judgment concerning safety. It is each man's duty and responsibility to act in a safe manner and to look out for his comrades' safety.

ENGAGEMENT

VERSUS CAVALRY:

1. Infantry should never engage cavalry in hand to hand combat unless it has been pre-planned and practiced.
2. If no hand to hand or closed work has been practiced, infantry be no closer than 25 feet of a horseman.
3. Never fire directly at any horseman. If you are within 25 feet of cavalry, fire in the air or at the ground. Make sure you won't hit anyone. This is called a safe shot.
4. Never fire at a horse's legs!
5. Do not press an attack on someone unable to defend themselves.
6. Never grab a man or horse during a fight or otherwise try to dismount someone.
7. Attempting to capture a flag or guidon is prohibited by the MCWRA. Never grab a flag or guidon unless it has been arranged before the battle.

8. Guidon, flag poles, muskets, etc., shouldn't be used to attack or beat anyone.

9. Attacks should look tactically sound and reasonable.

10. If there is a riderless horse on the field ALL fighting stops until the field is clear.

VERSUS ARTILLERY:

1. Never fire within 25 feet of an artillery piece or a limber.

2. Do not ever charge between a limber and an artillery piece.

3. The signal for a loaded artillery piece is implements crossed on the barrel. If you see this signal or the crew is waving you off - stay away.

4. Never capture an artillery piece, or charge an artillery piece unless it is part of the scenario.

5. Only company commanders or battalion commanders will order an attack on an artillery piece.

6. Make sure the artillery piece had fired before attacking. Sometimes only the primer goes off and not the powder charge. In this case the gun could go off at any time because it is "hot."

7. Do not fire at an artilleryman or their pouches, some of them are carrying charges or primers for the cannon.

VERSUS INFANTRY:

1. Infantry should never engage in hand-to-hand combat unless it has been pre-planned and practiced.

2. If no hand-to-hand or closed work has been practiced, infantry will be no closer than 25 feet of infantry.

3. No hand-to-hand will take place with fixed bayonets.

4. Attempting to capture a flag or guidon is prohibited by the MCWRA. Never grab a flag or guidon unless it has been arranged before the battle.

5. Never fire directly at any infantry. If you are within 25 feet of infantry, fire in the air or at the ground. Make sure you won't hit anyone. This is called a safe shot.

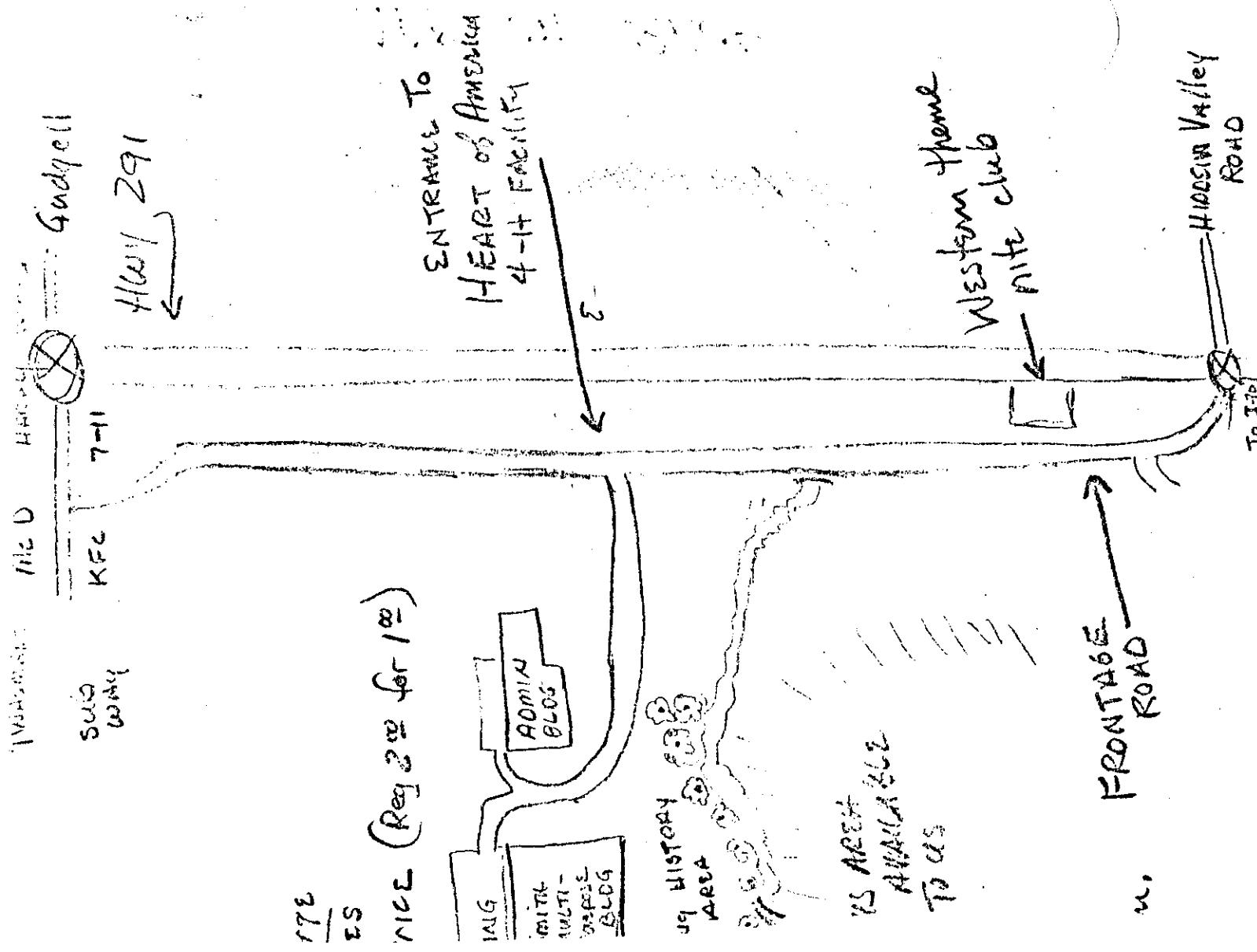
6. Never fire or advance on the field of battle unless ordered to by your company commander or battalion commander.

7. Never lose sight of company or battalion commanders. They are the ones with the scenario and will look out for your safety.

8. Maintain control while in line of battle. Always look around you to see what is happening. It is your responsibility to look out for your comrades in arms.

9. Guidons, flag poles, muskets, etc., shouldn't be used to attack or beat anyone.

10. Do not press an attack on someone unable to defend themselves.



5th MISSOURI INFANTRY

1993 RE-ENACTMENT SCHEDULE

June 5-6, Independence. LH at Civil War show. Directions in this issue.

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. Need 'Old Soldiers', 1 PM.

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

PLEASANT HOPE: Site of small event in '92 wants to do it right in '93. Promise raw foods for Sat/Sun breakfast, Sat supper, prepared lunch Sunday. Events include 2 battles, night firing, dance, 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 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: 5TH MO & MCWRA MAX EFFORT! 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.

More Event Details

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.

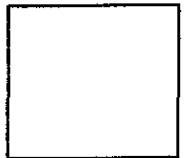
FREDERICKTOWN: Site of actions in '61 & '64, offers Sat & Sun battles, candlelight, fashion show. Raw foods for 5 meals, powder for infantry. **To get there** from St. Louis, I-55 so to US 67, US 67 so to Fredericktown (all 4-lane).

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.

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FIRST CLASS



DATES TO REMEMBER: June 5-6, Pleasant Hope, MO: MCWRA sanctioned event.
June 5-6, Independence: CW Relic show
June 26-7, Brownville, NE: MCWRA sanctioned reenactment.
July 15-16, Checotah, OK: 130th Anniversary Battle of Honey Springs, MAX EFFORT!