

THE MESSENGER

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A Word From The President: As many of you are already aware, a few dissatisfied members of Company A have decided to go their own way & will no longer be active with the 5th. We're sorry they feel it necessary to leave & we wish them well.

I believe the problem is communication. The people who were dissatisfied did not tell me, nor the subject of their complaints in time to deal with them; instead, they allowed their dissatisfaction to fester.

Our officers have always tried to act in what they believed to be the best interests of the 5th. If you have any questions about anything the field or organizational officers do, ask them - if you're still not satisfied, ask me.

Charles Riggs, President

CONTENTS: Report on Honey Springs, information on Athens & Belmont, news from Co. H (including Barefoot's trip to G'Burg 130th & the Cockrell Flag dedication), & the 1994 MCWRA event schedule (which allows us to start working on our local activities without conflicting with events). Info on Carthage was planned, but a summer cold delayed this issue. Sorry.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to Associates *N.S. Keaney* of Van Buren, AR & Gregory Clark of Independence. Company A 1Sgt Dave Bears has announced his resignation from that position; the chain of command will apply for the time being. See the Civilian Group news for changes in that area.

FUNDRAISING: Get tickets for the steel-frame revolver from David Kesinger.

1994 EVENTS: The two 1994 events we will sponsor were approved. At Lexington, we will be advisors to coordinate between the State & reenactors; the DNR will let reenactors decide what approach to limiting numbers or camping MCWRA members would prefer. At Windsor, we'll have to give a bit more direction plus handle registration paperwork, lay out camps, etc, since Windsor has much less experience & facilities than does Lexington.

ATHENS: Athens is ABOVE WATER; the site is located on a bluff! Check with the Highway Department's 1-800 number to find the best route.

BELMONT: Your editor is reliably informed that the site for Belmont is not flooded & is unlikely to be flooded!

NEXT MEETINGS: Company A & Company H meetings aren't set.

The Board will meet Sunday morning at the Columbia Living History.

The Civilian Group will meet Saturday, September 25th, at Lone Jack

ADDRESS UPDATES: N.S. Keaney (associate): 413 N. 14th, Van Buren, AR 72956.

Gregory Clark (associate): 321 W. College, Independence, MO 64050.

Gaylen & Charlene Goldsberry have an unlisted phone number.

CIVILIAN NEWS

Several members of our Civilian Group met at the Lone Jack City Hall on Saturday, July 24th. Plans for the August 21-22 Living History at Columbia were discussed, with many of the same activities as the Ladies conducted at Lexington. Ladies who have not been contacted & wish to participate should call Kim Siefkas, 816-525-1714. The ladies are particularly looking for clothes for there washing demonstration; anyone who desires to have the color of a clothing item randomly altered is invited to submit such item.

Debbie Beras resigned all positions associated with the Civilian Group, including Vice-President of the Corporation. Kim Siefkas will continue to coordinate activities & Mary Schuster volunteered to serve as interim representative to the Corporate Board until elections can be held. A meeting was set for Saturday, September 25th, at the Lone Jack City Hall, to reorganize the Civilian Group; all members concentrating on a civilian impression will be encouraged to attend

A New Column, Entitled: **MY PANTALOONS**, By Sandra Wayne

This first column is dedicated to 5th Missouri Infantry, Inc. Ladies' topics and issues. I hope others will contribute so we can have a regular monthly column, but someone has to be the first.

Some suggestions: read KILLER ANGELS before Turner's film, GETTYSBURG, comes out.

Order the following tape which contains western Missouri Civil War music. It comes with a 32 page booklet containing words and readings on western border conflict (excellent reference): *JOHNNY WHISTLETRIGGER*, Civil War Songs from the Western Border, by Cathy Barton, Dave Para, and Bob Dyer. Recording: 70 minutes, cost 12.50. Send check: 513 High St., Boonville, Mo. 65233, 816-882-7821 or 3353. Songs and readings focus on Quantrill, Shelby, Price, Camp Jackson, Pea Ridge, and guerrilla ballads.

Consider ordering Judy Domeny's folk ballads, including Civil War songs. Order brochure: Judy Domeny, PO Box 3791, Springfield, Mo. 65808, 417-869-0624.

Since the individuals who are working on the proposed December 11 function at Linwood Lawn have indicated that they do not intend to be active with the 5th, do we want to consider holding our usual November banquet in Sedalia? The banquet would include a full dinner, music, battle films, and limited door prizes, priced similarly to last year. If you're interested, please contact Sandra Wayne or a Board of Directors member. If there's no response for a November banquet, then one will not be planned.

I have found two musicians willing to participate in 5th Missouri Infantry programs. A retired music professor wants to offer a dulcimer and piano (Civil War songs) program and Judy Domeny (above) has offered to sing Civil War ballads at our events, such as living history and other presentations. Contact Sandra Wayne if any of you need a musician to promote a 5th Mo. Inf. event. Both are interested in participating in a banquet program proposed for November.

Please submit copy for this new column directed to Civilian interests for next month. If you're concerned about grammar & spelling, it can be cleaned up. The editor's deadline for the September issue is August 22nd.

EVENT REPORT: GETTYSBURG 130TH, by Corp Dennis Faught, Co H.

On July 2,3,4th the 130th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg was staged on the site of last summer's filming of "The Killer Angels" (aka "Gettysburg"). The landowners are said to have made improvements to the field, but it remains much as it was last August. The stone wall has been enlarged, rebuilt, and faced about, and an "Emmitsburg Pike/ Chambersburg Pike" constructed to bisect the field.

I had registered as an independent, at the rank of private, and had been placed in the ANV's 2nd Btn, to which was also attached Co. C of the 1st MO, whom we had met at KA. However, when I arrived Thursday afternoon I found that while I was listed with the 2nd Btn, the 1st MO was nowhere to be found. I later discovered that they had been transferred at the last moment to the 3rd Btn - a harbinger of what would prove to be severe communication problems all weekend in the chain of command from Brigade on down.

Not knowing where to find the 1st MO, I was directed to camp with the 2nd Btn anyway - alongside 4 members of the 9th Mo sharpshooters who arrived as walkons. Doug Jacobs, Bryce Burgess, Dennis Daniels & Greg Seago turned out to be respectable fellows - (the disgusting behavior common to the 9th notwithstanding) - & I enjoyed their company in camp.

After finally locating the 1st's camp in Col. Lane Britton's 3rd Btn of the ANV & reporting for duty, I set out to locate Pvt Jim Hodge of our Co H, on temporary assignment with his old regiment, the 26th NC. While I located the camp of the 26th, to my disappointment I was never able to cross paths with Jim himself. I did, however, find my newly acquired friends from the 5th MO/9th GA.

Friday was a washout. Rain fell steadily all day, turning camps & parking lots into quagmires. But with the exception of a brief storm Saturday afternoon, the rains left us for the balance of the weekend, to be replaced by the oppressive sun, heat & humidity. With temperatures in the mid 90's & a heat index well over 100, this July 4th would be Gettysburg's hottest in over a decade.

The organizers promised 3 battles - McPherson's Ridge, Pickett's Charge & a Peach Orchard "tactical." Before the weekend ended, there would be no fewer than 5 actions in 2 days, three of them unscripted & apparently impromptu.

I found the scripted battles (McPherson's Ridge & Pickett's Charge) to be rather routine, although through sheer numbers they were quite spectacular to behold. The highlights of the weekend came during the "tactical" - particularly Sunday morning. The entire Federal army formed apparently for dress parade, but then advanced en masse on a lone drilling Confederate battalion. As the long roll sounded & battalions were

fed into the fray as they arrived on the field, the action took on a desperate confusion that must have typified the Wheatfield 130 years ago. At one point our undersized battalion, battling a Federal force to our front, were surprised by another advancing at the double-quick on our rear. Our front rank stood fast while our rear rank faced about and stopped them cold with a murderous volley. A subsequent bayonet charge netted our battalion two stands of federal colors and a yank colonel.

I was but a spectator to Saturday night's action. We were told that the Peach Orchard tactical had been cancelled at the request of the Yanks. Not taking this well, a Confederate btn formed & taunted them, the numbers swelled, with some yanks defying their officers' orders not to come out & 'play.' Things escalated until both sides agreed to meet on the field of honor, where the overwhelming force of Southerners overwhelmed the brave but outnumbered northerners.

The fifth action of the weekend appeared to be a 'dress rehearsal' for Pickett's Charge, staged for the benefit of the swelling crowds of spectators on Sunday.

The organizers had promised strict enforcement of authenticity standards on the field (which they did) & in the camps (which they did not). While inspectors questioned weapons & accoutrements in formation, there was no such concern in the camps, where women & children camped indiscriminately with the military, and modern items were displayed for all to see. There was also much grumbling at having to pay \$3 per bale for hay, an amenity usually provided free. Sutlers, too, were a disappointment, limited to a fraction of those seen at Murfreesboro.

I found my brothers-in-arms from the 1st MO to be a capable lot, & extend my compliments to their exceptionally proficient NCO's. A number of their members expressed interest in returning our support of eastern events by coming west at some point next year.

In the end, the event did not achieve the mythic proportions attributed to the 125th by veterans of that event, but it was by far the largest I've witnessed (over 8000, I'm told) & more evenly divided than Murfreesboro, & included the most memorable action I've yet to experience.

THE HAVERSACK

Regimental Items:

MCWRA Window/Bumper Stickers: \$2.50 reimbursement, through the Treasurer.

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.

NEWS FROM COMPANY H

There's a whole passel of news from Kent Ford & Dennis Faught:

Report of Corp Faught on the Cockrell Flag dedication: "I am pleased to report that on 27 June I was a party to honors rendered in memory of the gallant Missourians who defended Pigeon Hill during the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia.

With the aid of Lt. Ken Sumner of the 35th Tenn, with whom I had corresponded prior to my journey, I was allowed to camp on the battlefield with approximately 100 men of the 1st Ga. Battalion, which operates as the 5th Battalion in our own 2nd Brigade of the 1st Confederate Division. On the 26th we busied ourselves demonstrating drill & massed firing techniques to the citizens of the Atlanta area. These Georgia boys do not exhibit the same proficiency at drill as we, but I marveled at their consistently crisp battalion volleys.

That evening I located a detachment of Co. B of our own 5th Missouri, camped on private property at the base of Pigeon Hill. I was welcomed warmly by all in attendance, and invited to take part in the ceremonies planned for the following day. Indeed, not only would I be allowed to participate - but would be given a place of honor as Corporal of the firing detail!

The morning of the 27th dawned clear and hot, much as it was 129 years ago. At 9 a.m. we ascended to the crest of Pigeon Hill for a moving ceremony in honor of those brave Missourians who gave their all on those same slopes. After an appropriate benediction drawn from 1st Timothy, SGT Gary Wehner spoke of the tremendous sacrifice offered by the Missourians - the army's true "orphan" brigade. We then rendered three crisp volleys in a 21 gun salute.

It is to SGT Wehner we all owe a debt of gratitude, for his unyielding efforts in raising funds for the restoration of a flag attributed to the Missouri Brigade. After several thousands of dollars and years of painstaking work, the flag was unveiled at a 2 p.m. ceremony that day at Kennesaw Mountain.

The flag is an unusual one - a silk banner in the 2nd National pattern ("Stainless Banner") - yet square in shape. There are no identifying honors or markings, other than a handwritten tag attached to the flag when it was discovered in storage.

Park officials believe the flag was presented to one of the Brigade's regiments after parole at Demopolis, but prior to the Atlanta campaign. There is also speculation that it may have been a headquarters flag for Gen. Cockrell himself. The truth will likely never be known, but as of this date, the long-ignored contribution of Missouri Confederates is being recognized at Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia.*

I am, Sir, Corporal Dennis Faught, Co. H., 5th MO Infty (CSA).

Co. H minutes, July 7, 1993

Attending the meeting at the Maplewood House in Nifong Park, Columbia, were Steve Yoakum, Dennis Faught, Jim Robertson, Jim Keown & Kent Ford. Drill was cancelled because of lack of troops and swampy grounds. Those present toured the grounds for the Heritage Days Living History & Skirmish in Columbia, Aug 21-22. Jim Robertson said he would prepare a flyer for the event to send with Faught to the July 16-18 event in Honey Springs. A later inquiry confirmed that this had been done.

Co. H, host of the event, plans to have approximately 50 rebs & 50 yankees present. Usual amenities will be provided, including one period meal prepared by women participating in the Heritage Days Festival. Co. A & H troops planning to attend should write or call immediately Kent Ford, 314-445-0632 or Jim Keown in Columbia. The Columbia camp will open Saturday morning, but campers can arrive Friday night if they wish. A few of the local troops may have their small children with them Friday night.

Co. H voted to support the events chosen by the Regiment for 1994, with the addition of the dedication of the National Guard Alcoa facility in Jefferson City the weekend of May 21. This living history display will feature a military timeline, from the Revolutionary War through the Gulf War.

Faught reported on his trips to Gettysburg for the 130th Anniversary reenactment, and to Atlanta, GA for the dedication of the Missouri Brigade flag at Kennesaw Mountain. The local members of the Brigade graciously gave Dennis a place of honor during the ceremonies, which Dennis appreciated fully.

Considerable discussion related to the leadership shakeup in the Regiment that developed with the announcement that Capt. Koffman had been commissioned a Major on Col. Beck's staff. Co. H passed a resolution stating its belief that the solutions to any problems that may arise with leadership either on the battlefield, on the staff or in the organization can be resolved with existing regimental By-laws. It is our desire that the integrity and strength of the Regiment be preserved & that we not let what defeated the South defeat the Fifth. We must resolve our disputes without damaging the Regiment.

Co. H voted to allow Dennis Faught to vote by proxy for Co. H if any regimental business came up at Honey Springs.

Members present reminded one another to send reports of events and other items of interest to Bill Wayne for entry in the Messenger.

Pvt. Kent M. Ford, Secretary, Co. H

5th MISSOURI INFANTRY

1993/4 RE-ENACTMENT SCHEDULE

+ indicates new event since last issue

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 (3000+ reenactors) near Charleston, MO. About 350 miles.

SEE NEXT COLUMN FOR 1994 EVENTS!

Feb 13-14, 1994 Atoka, OK. Listed (uninsured) Battle of Boggy Depot. TMR event, 400 miles.

May 6-8, Camp Jackson (St. Louis). Living History, want 1000+ to do Camp Jackson affair. See articles on uniforms in Camoaigner. 225 mi.

June 4, Rolla, MO. Living History, by 4th Cav. 150 mi.

June 11-12, Weston, MO. MAX EFFORT, prepared trenches, by Crowley's. 110 mi.

July 23-24, Windsor, MO. Our event, only 20 mi from Warrensburg.

August 12-14, Urich, MO. Living History

September 17-18, Lexington, MO. On battlefield. 40 mi.

September 24-25, St. Charles, MO. Local event on remains of riverfront. 200 mi.

October 8-9, Washington, MO. MAX EFFORT, by 1st MO Art, Bat M (US). 175 mi,

October 29-30, Mine Creek, KS. 130th Anniv, near orig. battlefield. W. of Butler, 100 mi.

November 6-7, Ava, MO. Local evnt SE of Springfield, 175 mi.

EVENT DETAILS

CARTHAGE: Near actual site. 2 battles, pyrotechnics, lots of space. No food or powder. **To get there:** US 71 s to 1st Carthage exit, look for 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. 1-800-755-1200 for road closings, etc.

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,** Mo 7 Clinton & Harrisonville.

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: Will be major national event, 3000+ expected. Don't expect powder or as many goodies as last time! Get registered ASAP! 2 battles, night firing, dance, candlelight, tea. 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.

REPORT ON HONEY SPRINGS:

The Regiment fielded 16 officers & men & 3 ladies for the recent action in the Nations (several others were present but chose to participate with another unit). Due to our small numbers, especially in relation to the majority of the other battalion units (the TMR fielded 57), we were consolidated with the 4th MO & served under the command of Capt. Harrington. Col. Beck commanded a two-battalion brigade, with LCOL Huckaby commanding the 4th Btn; Major Koffman on several instances found himself in independent command of a 2 to 3 company wing. While there were substantial numbers of Yanks, including 11 guns and a detachment of the 54th Mass, the main enemy was the heat. When we arrived, we wondered what that fine material billowing from the ground was, it being so long since any of us had seen dust in such copious quantities.

Friday evening's battle was an indecisive skirmish. Saturday, in late morning, we formed for the day's main battle, which saw us drive the enemy almost into his camps, suffer an assault from cavalry, and generally have a reasonable amount of action. Saturday afternoon's tactical saw much smaller numbers, since many attended the lecture by Ed Bearss in stead of fighting. We were posted as a rear guard against a surprise attack through the camps; rumor has it that the Yanks were heading that way but were ambushed. In any case, we saw only a lone horseman (on a white horse) looking for a lost revolver.

Sunday, we were given the place of (dis)honor as the 29th Texas, who got early into the action, made a charge in error & were shot to pieces by the 1st Kansas (C), losing the colors. This was performed as scripted.

The event sponsors were well organized, with plenty of water, ice, sanitary, etc. The free T-shirts were nice, but I'd rather have seen the money go into other amenities, pyrotechnics, etc. There were fewer sutlers than one would expect for an event with 1500 reenactors present, but few major sutlers headquarter this far west. The locals had plenty of food concessions, which was fortunate since, due to uncertainty over our numbers attending, the unit had not procured food in advance. Had the temperature been 10 degrees cooler & had we fielded 10-15 more men, it would have been an excellent event. However, I am pleased to say that there were no winners of the Ballman Brothers Award, despite the presence of both George & Greg.

W. Wayne, Lt

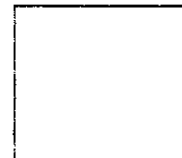
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DATES TO REMEMBER: July 31-Aug 1: Battle of Carthage

Aug 6-7: Battle of Athens

Aug 20-21: Columbia Living History Event