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ACTION REPORT - Windsor, Missouri

July 23-24 found the troops of the 4th Battalion forming upon the plains on the outskirts of the hamlet of Windsor in south central Missouri. Our goal in this endeavor was to recruit additional men to our cause from the freedom loving citizens of Henry, Benton, Johnson and Pettis Counties. Because of detached duty with the Union Home Guard of Col. John Beck and the men of the 3rd & 6th Missouri Infantry on Saturday, command of the remaining loyal troops fell upon our own Major Robert Koffman, ESQ.

During the recruiting activities, we were surprised by Union troops of the Holmes Brigade under the command of Capt. Strother and the Home Guard Unionists commanded by a short, rotund, vulgar unidentified Col. It was noted that many of his unit commanders must be named "God--," as the command frequently over heard by our scouts, in a deep "frog-like" voice was: "Move that company over there, God----." Major Koffman ably rallied the remnants of our Battalion and, after spirited combat, drove the Lincolnite hirelings from our sacred Missouri soil. The men of the "Fighting Fifth" performed with their usual élan until felled, almost enmasse, by a canister round from a Federal artillery piece.

Sunday found a reversal with Major Koffman, the 5th and the C.S. Battalion from Saturday now serving our required time in the Home Guard. Our troops again performed admirably, despite the blue wool and assisted the Holmes Brigade in driving Col. Beck and the secesh rabble from the field, capturing their camps and their

Col. Following this action, our men united with the elements of several other 4th Battalion companies under my command to provide a filmmaker from the Discovery Channel with close-up footage of Missouri State Guard firing action. This is expected to be available for public perusal in February in a "How the West Was Lost" series episode.

My sincere thanks to Sandra Wayne for arranging this and the other excellent publicity during the entire event. Commendations are hereby provided to the sponsors of the event and specifically, Keith Daleen and the remaining men of the Fifth who worked so diligently

to make Windsor a successful event. Comments heard throughout the weekend confirmed that many, both Blue and Gray, considered this one of the better small events staged recently. Once again, another job well done!



Special mention should be made of the short service both Saturday evening and again at Battalion formation Sunday morning in honor of the late Lt. Col. Dave Okerstrom. Davy was a respected friend to many in the hobby and will be missed around future campfires. A black streamer with Lt. Col. stars was added to the 4th Battalion colors in Davy's honor.

Let's remember him each time we see our colors upon the field.

Your Humble Servant,

Capt. M. Steve Yoakum
Commanding

WINDSOR ACTION REPORT

Sir: It is my honor to report a successful action on the outskirts of Windsor, Missouri on July 23 & 24th.

After much advance preparation by volunteers of Company A, our regiment rendezvoused with other units of the 4th Battalion to meet a Federal force rumored to number nearly 130 muskets. The threat did not materialize, although the Lincolnite hirelings' numbers were bolstered when nearly half our own force switched allegiance -- including our own heretofore beloved Colonel John Beck!!

Thus ably lead by Major Robert Koffman -- with this his first command, our own 5th Missouri, in the van -- the remnants of the gallant 4th Battalion took the field under the hot July sun. Following an artillery duel and cavalry skirmish, we deployed in line of battle to meet the federals, who were advancing in skirmish order.

As the Fifth Missouri held the right -- extending and refusing our line to meet a flank attack by the Holmes Brigade -- the left wing of the Battalion repulsed repeated charges made by the "galvanized" yanks. After much loss of life on both sides, we succeeded in driving the blue scourge from the field, and capturing "Abe Lincoln's Whore" -- John Beck!

The following day we found ourselves impressed into Federal service. Personal honor demanded that we acquit ourselves ably on the field -- even tho wearing blue -- and this we did. I am proud to report that we captured several pieces of artillery and the Confederate commander in a spirited bayonet charge. (All were promptly returned to their rightful owners immediately following the action, as we quickly returned to Southern service.)

Let it be noted that Major Robert Koffman has achieved 2 victories without a single loss when confronting Colonel John Beck.

Respectfully your Servant,

Dennis Faught

1SGT Dennis Faught, Co. H

IMAX PRODUCTIONS HISTORY OF THE OZARKS

DATE: September 7-8, 1994

BATTLE: Generic scenes may include Wilson's Creek Fort Davidson

TROOPS NEEDED:

200 Infantry\$75 per man each day
50 Cavalry.....\$150 per man each day
50 Artillery\$75 per man each day
10 Guns and Limber.....\$125 each day

SELECTION: First slots will be for dual impressions. Core groups will be selected by IMAX, multiple impressions will be given first choice. No numbers on the core group at this time. Core group will work two extra days.

INFORMATION: All powder and caps will be provided including friction primers, tin foil and baggies for artillery. We recommend cream of wheat for pistol wadding.

REGISTRATION DATES:

September 7, 1994
Must be present 1800 hours to be inspected by IMAX to work on September 8, 1994.

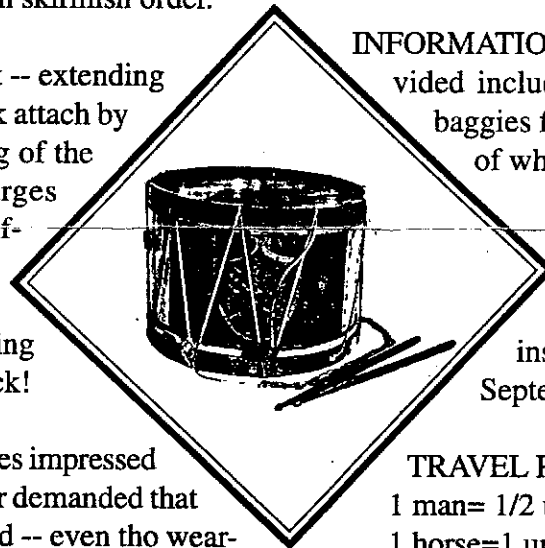
TRAVEL PAY: Based on units = .25 per mile
1 man= 1/2 unit
1 horse=1 unit
1 gun & limber=2 units

Pay is figured from your home to the location based on AAA mileage figures

FOOD: \$12 per person each way for meals = \$24

ALL CORRESPONDENCE:

Stormy Cox
3237 E. Sunshine Suite A-109
Springfield, MO
(417) 88-9957
FAX [417] 886-3846



COLUMBIA EVENT REPORT

Last year's large crowd was missing -- drawn away apparently by the balloon races. Missing too, were the Federals. Yet the Columbia event of August 20-21 proved to be enjoyable nonetheless.

Blessed by spectacular weather, we encamped alongside Company K of the 2nd Missouri amidst a shady grove of trees. We were fed well, and amenities -- after a couple of wood runs -- were generally plentiful. (1SGT Faught welcomed the opportunities to haul wood and gear in his shiny new war wagon).

The first day's action commenced with some close-- order drill for the benefit of the local townsfolk. When both companies had moved out of earshot, a Federal captain by the name of Yoakum attempted to convince the crowd of the "righteousness" of his cause. His exhortations were met with boos and catcalls by the local citizenry. We returned to the field and subsequently drove his handfull of Lincolnite hirelings from the property.

On Sunday the odds had been tipped against us, as Captain Yoakum had been reenforced by Norm Rolfig's artillery piece. Said piece played havoc and destruction



on the ranks of our brothers from the 2nd MO., and we were compelled to retire from the field. Although Lt. Lee's first combat command ended in defeat, it must be noted that a majority of the Company survived the action. (There is no truth to the rumor that the First Sergeant exited the field in an overly-hasty manner.)

Some distressing news. Privates "Cheerful" Plowman and "Buttons" Pani had to be shot for dereliction of duty. The circumstances of their absence from assigned details are quite embarrassing, and unfit for publication here.

I remain, Yr Obt Svt

Dennis Faught
1SGT Co. H

By the President of the Confederate States

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, an act of the Congress of the Confederate States of America, approved this, the 28th day of November, 1861, provides that, "the State of Missouri be, and is hereby admitted, as a member of the Confederate States of America, upon an equal footing with the other States of the Confederacy, under the Constitution for the Provisional Government of the same:"

Now, therefore, I, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, do issue this, my proclamation, making known to all whom it may concern that the admission of the said State of Missouri into the Confederacy is complete, and that the laws of the Confederacy are extended over said State as fully and completely as over the other states composing the same.

In testimony hereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the Confederate States to be affixed, at Richmond, this 28th day of November, A.D. 1861.

Jefferson Davis

By the President:

R.M.T. Hunter, Secretary of State.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Company A:
Everett and Amanda Biggs
3600 A S. Grand
Sedalia, MO
(family member: Jessica)
(816) 826-4912

Richard and Connie Brown
R#3 Box 273
Cole Camp, MO 65325
(816) 668-3844

Company H:
Larry and Nora Dietzel
920 W. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65203
(family members: Charles & Evan)
(314) 449-6443

Bob Roberts
P.O. Box 156
Sturgeon, MO 65284
(314) 687-3240

MINUTES FOR COMPANY A

Co. A held a meeting Saturday evening, July 23, at the Windsor event. For those that couldn't attend, you were missed.

September 10 - 11 is our event in Huntsville, MO. Neil Block is the contact for this, and he needs to know how many to cook for. If you haven't committed yet and decide to come please call Neil at 816-227-3111.

The Lexington event is September 17 - 18. There will be not room for tents to be set up, but it is a great event.

A new event has been added to our schedule. Centralia MO would like us to attend their 130th Anniversary of the Massacre on October 2. This is a one day event this year, with the town putting together a full blown re-enactment in 1995. Steve Yoakum is the contact person for this event.

October 8 - 9 is Washington, MO This is a 5th and MCWRA Max Effort for Price's 130th. Keith Daleen has requested members to attend a 130th Anniversary at

A Brief Note From the Treasurer

Since most of you have not seen me for some time you might be wondering "Where the heck is our money?" Fair question. We have a checking account in the Boonslick Bank in Boonville, MO. You might next want to know "How much money do we have?" In our check book (as of the last check written June 94) we have \$2581.19. I have collected some additional monies from new members and we have incurred some expense (copy and mail of the Messenger). If any of you want to know how much we have in the bank at any given time either contact me by telephone or letter.

Nick Davis
Treasurer, 5th Missouri

A Question?

Do we as a membership want to purchase a supply of new T-shirts and sweatshirts? With as many new members as we have recruited they might want to show their pride in this manner. If we go ahead with this should we have a new design? There are some great new designers in the Columbia area.

Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia. Pettis County Historical Society is involved. Keith has recently received a tombstone for a soldier of the Civil War that didn't have one. We will be doing a memorial for this soldier. For all that can participate, we need to be at the cemetery by noon.

The event at Mine Creek, Kansas has been canceled.

We have received information about the event in Ava, MO on November 13 - 14. This has turned into a full scale re-enactment and the 5th has decided to attend as a unit. We need as many people as possible, so mark it on your calendar.

Prairie Grove, December 3 - 4 can be cold, but a great event. The 5th plans on attending this as a unit.

Bob Koffman has requested that we register him with the 5th for events that require pre-registration.

Meeting adjourned.
Cindy Lee

THE FIFTH ON FILM, PART DEUX

A camera team from the Discovery Channel was at July's Windsor event, filming footage for an upcoming episode of their series "How the West Was Lost." The episode -- reportedly to air in February -- will concentrate on Trans-Mississippi military actions during the War that involved Native American troops. Look for many familiar faces on screen when the segment airs.

WANTED

**Civil War Reenactors
To Commemorate The
130th Anniversary of the
Centralia, Missouri Massacre and Battle**

SUNDAY, OCT. 2

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Encampment & Living History
(Set up Saturday evening allowed)**

1:30 p.m.,

Reenactment of the Massacre -

Amenities provided:

**Shaded camping, Porto-johns,
Firewood, Straw, Raw food stuffs**

**For information contact: Phillip Woolfolk, 430
S. Collier, Centralia, MO 65240 (314) 682-
2663**

(They did not plan far enough ahead to have a full-scale reenactment. They hope to have a sanctioned reenactment of the Centralia Battle in the Fall 1995.)

Historical Tidbits

Things That Makes You Go Humm

- Two southern states incorporated the rebel battleflag into their state flags: Mississippi in 1895 and Georgia in 1956.
- 500 Confederate flags were returned to Southern states following the war. However they were not returned by

the federal government until 60 years had elapsed. The reason given was that Union Army veterans objected to any return of the Confederate banners.

- 69% of Americans see the Confederate flag as a symbol of Southern pride.
- 22% of Americans see the flag as a symbol of racism.
- 31% of Blacks surveyed find the flag offensive and 68% do not find it offensive.



A TRUE ACCOUNT OF AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY CSA

(The following is the first in a series of diary entries from the Memoir of William A. Ruyle, a soldier of the Fifth Missouri Infantry and the Tenth Missouri Cavalry CSA. A copy of the diary's text was obtained from the U.S. Army Military History Institute.)

If I should fall on the battlefield or die in any other way while this war lasts, I hope some friend will finish my letter by giving a detail of my last days, the manner of death, burial etc. This I desire some friend to do for the satisfaction of my father and family.

*Yours,
William A. Ruyle
Co. C, 5th MO Infty
1st Brig. 2nd Division*

What follows is a short sketch of my life and travels, also an outline of the camps and battle skirmishes that I have been in since I joined the Confederate service, January 11th, 1862.



William A. Ruyle

Dear Father

I seat myself with pen in hand to give you a short sketch of my life since I espoused the cause in common with the Southern people. This question, dear father, I think I thoroughly investigated before I took the position I have taken. In investigating this I found myself to be a southern man of the deepest dyes ever, I am opposed to Jayhawking, stealing negroes and other property, or gagging free whitemen, or insulting helpless women and children, which the enemy was heaping upon us even in our midst. Therefore I felt it a duty I owed to my God, my Country and family, to take up my gun in the ranks in common with my fellow soldiers and go forward and fight against these insults and oppressions being heaped upon us by the black Republicans of the North.

On the 11th day of January 1862 at a meeting of the Friends of the South at Pleasant Prairies Chapel, Polk County Missouri, called for the purpose of recruiting for General Price's Army, then at Springfield, MO., after eating the sweet dainties which the southern ladies of the neighborhood had prepared and brought in for the soldiers who fight for their right, several speeches were made. After which A. C. Bradford proposed to raise a Cavalry Co., to act as a bodyguard for General Price. About thirty brave boys responded to the call. I was one among them who arose before the stand and was sworn into the Confederate Service in the presence of a large number of ladies and men both old and young. After this we called into line and elected A. C. Bradford, Captain of the squad, who reported us to Gen. Price for duty.



THE SIEGE OF BLAKELEY

YOU MUST CONTACT 1SGT FOR YOUR
COMPANY BY SEPTEMBER 1
CONFEDERATE FORCES WILL BE LIMITED

Purpose: To provide the general public an accurate depiction of the siege and assault of Blakeley on April 8-9, 1865, while recognizing the site as a historic and enchanting place very well worth the utmost preservation efforts. To provide the reenactor an enjoyable and historical location to practice his interest.

Pre-registration is required by March 15, 1995. It is a must! Upon invitation and arrival on-site please register. Those participating without registering are **TRESPASSING**. If you arrive after registration closes (noon Saturday) you must report to the CS or US commander in order to register.

This event is sponsored by Historic Blakeley State Park and is organized and hosted by Stanford's Battery, Inc.

A maximum of 250 Confederate troops will be allowed to preregister and those over 150 miles away will be given priority. Please understand the intent with this:

Confederates at Blakeley were outnumbered 5 to 1. Most all field improvements during the upcoming year will focus on the Federal works and camp site.

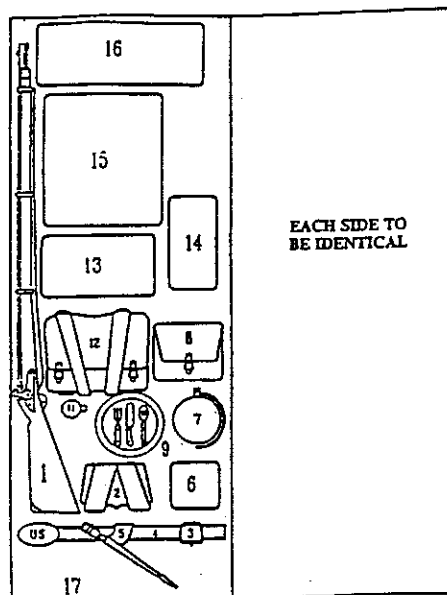
All participants under 17 years of age are required to have a responsible adult co-sign their registration.

General Scenario and Situation: Historic Blakeley Park is remotely located with no electricity, running water, or improved roads and the battlefield is isolated from the main Park. Vehicle parking will be very limited so please consider carpooling and arriving early. The scenario begins Saturday morning with a field "tactical" that will involve infantry and cavalry portraying the maneuvers that drove the Confederates into the works. The "tactical" will be held on improved terrain in the park. The siege operation will be in effect immediately afterwards from noon Saturday until 2 p.m. Sunday when the Federal assault occurs. During the siege, all soldiers are expected to "play the part" within the siege boundaries, i.e. stay behind trenches, sharpshoot, participate in sorties, man rifle pits, prepare rations in camp, perform camp chores, etc. while the public moves about and observes. The concept is that of a very large living history program. The public will enter the site at noon.

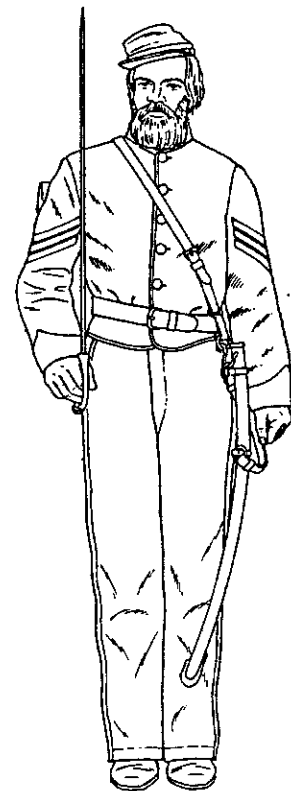
Camp Inspection

Layout Plan for Inspections of Two Man Dog Tents

- 1) Rifled Musket
 - 2) Cartridge Box and Sling
 - 3) Cap Box
 - 4) Waist Belt
 - 5) Bayonet & Scabbard
 - 6) Cleaning Equipment
 - 7) Canteen
 - 8) Haversack
 - 9) Plate
 - 10) Fork, Knife & Spoon
 - 11) Cup
 - 12) Knapsack
 - 13) Greatcoat rolled
(in season & if not worn)
 - 14) Personal items:
 - A. Hygiene Items
 - B. Writing Material
 - C. Candles
 - D. Small Amount of Food
 - 15) Additional Clothing
 - 16) Bedding - Folded
 - 17) Poncho (black down)
- Items 1 thru 16 to be placed on the poncho



COMPANY STREET



1994 Civil War Reenactment Schedule

Fifth Missouri Infantry Companies A and H

September 1, 1994 Commitment Date for April 1995 Ft. Blakely
(Contact your company's 1st SGT)

September 7-8, IMAX filming, "History of the Ozarks" (Note:
Contact Stormy Cox 417-883-3846 for this event, the event
maybe now in Forsyth, MO. Best call to make certain)

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* September 10-11, 1994 Huntsville MO

(Neil Block) Guerilla activities & regular drill; expect food

* September 17-18, 1994 Lexington, MO DNR Event
on Original Battlefield (Bill Wayne) 3 yr DNR event
on original field; and max effort

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* September 24-25, 1994 St. Charles, MO (Contact
Needed) Local event on river front; home of the
fast horses!

September 27, 1994 Centralia, MO Dedication of
Battle of Centralia Moomument (Steve Yoakum) 4
p.m. ceremony, reenactor color guard



October 2, 1994 Centralia, MO Living History and
Centralia Massacre (Steve Yoakum) LH on Sat; reenact Mas-
sacre at 1:30 p.m. Sunday; food & support supplied

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October 8-9, 1994 Washington, MO

(Bill Wayne) Unit & MCWRA Max Effort for Price's 130th

October 15, 1994, "Burning of Humbolt", Humbolt, KS
Eillen Robertson (316) 473-2325

Uniform Guide for Upcoming Events:

For Those attending the Imax filming in the Ozarks, sug-
gested impressions are MSG (basically civilian), 3rd LA
(grey shell/kepi), and Federal (blue sack, skyblue
trousers).

Huntsville and Centralia are predominantly Guerrilla
affairs. Lots of revolvers, fancy shirts, vests, or any-
thing Federal. There will be roles for those without, so
bring what you've got. (There will be regular Confed-
erate drill at Huntsville.)

Lexington is strictly Missouri State Guard. you can leave
your grey shell at home. (Leave your A tent there, too.

~~October 29-30, 1994 Mine Creek, KS~~

(Contact Needed) 130th near original battlefield in that state west
of Butler

November 6-7, 1994 National Tactical Louisville, KY (Not yet
confirmed, could be large unique event.

November 12-13, 1994 Ava, MO "Battle of Clark's Mill" (Contact
Needed) Local event SE of Springfield; Pre-register by Sept. 1

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* December 3-4, 1994 Prarie Grove, AR

(Contact Needed) Arkansas State Park event on origi-
nal battlefield; can be cold

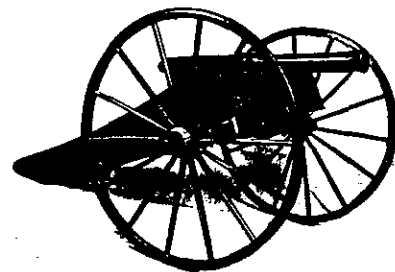
* April 7-9, 1995 Blakeley, Alabama "The Siege of
Blakeley" (Bill Wayne/Tom Dyer or Crowley's)
MUST CONTACT 1ST SGT BY September 1,
1994; April 9, 1865 in the original trenches manned
by Missourians; all local CS infantry to galvanie
eo 3 or 4 to 1 ratio will be used; great site, special
for MO Brigade; long way!

* May 5-6 Pea Ridge, AR (Bill Wayne) The National Event
for '95; Land is adjacent to National Battlefield, part of which
we may use. Co-sponsored by Video Post, March 1, 1995 registra-
tion deadline.

Contact Your 1 SGT to update your attendance

In fact, it's best to bring only what you can carry. We
will have a couple of company A tents for gear & a wall
tent & fly for the officer.) Federal or civilian coats are
fine. It might get chilly.

By now everyone should know it's also standard prac-
tice to bring along your federal sack coat & kersey blues
to EVERY event, in case we are called upon to galva-
nize.



FIFTH MISSOURI INFANTRY CSA ROSTER

AUGUST 1994

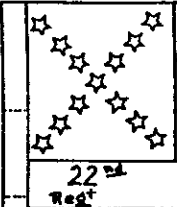
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George	Ballman										
Greg	Ballman										
Everett	Biggs										
Richard	Brown										
Richard	Brown										
Kent	Chastain										
Todd	Conner										
Keith	Daleen		Y	Y			Y				
John	Durrill		Y	Y			Y				
Mike	Evans										
Michael	Fultz										
Gaylen & Charlene	Goldsberry										
David	Gooden										
Mike	Hamilton										
D.E. & Lorraine	Kersiek										
Melvin	Kisner		Y	Y			Y			Y	
Bob	Koffman										
Jerry & Cindy	Lee		Y/Y	Y/Y			Y/Y			Y/Y	
Justin	Loesch										
Tony	Morris										
Larry	Olson										
Dave	Plowman		Y	Y			Y			Y	
F. Kirk	Powell										
Marcus	Price										
Robert	Price										
Charlie & Judy	Riggs				Y						
Loren & Martha	Roush										
John	Sherrer										
Kelly	Siefkas				Y						
Chuck	Thomas										
Jeff	Tucker										
Marc	Wade										
Thomas	Westbrook										
Mark	White			Y							
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Allen	Allred										
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Clinton	Crane										
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Everett	Dietzel										
Gene	Dressel										
Dennis	Faught		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
Kent	Ford		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Douglas	Frank		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
Sam	Hafley		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Doug	Harding										
Jerald	Heidgerken										
Jim	Hodge										
Mark	Jordan										
Jay	Keller										
James M.	Keown										
Mike	Massey			Y	Y	Y	Y				
Randy & Karen	McKee										
Mike	Meoli		Y	Y				Y			
Mark	Moeller										
Doug	Pani				Y			Y			
Bob	Roberts		Y	Y	Y	Y					
Jim	Robertson				Y			Y			
Greg	Shelby										
Frank	Tuck										
Bill & Sandra	Wayne				Y			Y			
M. Steve	Yoakum							Y			
N.S.	Keaney										
David	Kesinger		Y	Y			Y				
John	Kinsey										



From The Editor.....

Please accept my apologies for this issue getting to you so late. We have been experiencing technical difficulties. I must also state for the record (It is being suggested I do this) that the reason I have not been seen on the field this year is not my wife. My job responsibilities keep expanding and I've spent most weekends working. I hope to leave my "staff" position soon and again take the field soon against all who threaten the liberty of our beloved Missouri.

* We don't track non-combatants attendance at events. We only list those attending an event who tell us they will be attending.

	OAK HILLS.
	ELK HORN
	PRAIRIE GROVE
	HELENA
	JENKINS FERRY

UNIFORM IMPRESSIONS FOR NOVEMBER TACTICAL

Several member have expressed an interest in attending the November tactical in Louisville, Kentucky. If you can get the time off to make the trip, I would highly recommend you try it. The tactical scenarios I've experienced at events like Resaca and Gettysburg have proven to be the most memorable aspects of those events. They provide excellent tests of command decision-making by officers & NCOs, and give the privates a much more realistic taste of Civil War combat and tactics than scripted scenarios do.

This particular event has the added benefits of fixed overnight camps and a small enough area to ensure contact with the enemy.

The 4th Battalion will be there, so you'll be with friends if you go. Notify your st Sergeant as soon as possible if you'd like to make the trip. We'll try to arrange carpooling and a convoy if possible.

1SGT Dennis Faight
Co. H

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1, 1994: Contact your SGT if you want to participate in Blakeley

September 7-8, 1995: IMAX film "History of Ozarks"

September 10-11, 1994: Huntsville, MO

September 17-18, 1994: Lexington, MO

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