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NEWS FROM ELKHORN TAVERN! MANY WOUNDED IN VICIOUS FIGHTING!

THUNDER OF WAR ROLLS ACROSS THE OZARK HILLS!

The weekend began with a warm sunny day, who would know that it would soon grow dark with the combined smoke of battle and the roar of thunder. Our first clash with the Union forces began mid afternoon in a dazzling sunny day. Hoping to take the Lincolnite horde by surprise we were lead in a long flanking march around their lines. Up hill and dale we marched. An artillery duel began and we soon found ourselves not attacking their rear, but assaulting directly into their lines. Here we faced a strong fire of infantry spaced with field guns. Again and again we surged towards their lines. Captain Lee went down wounded early in the assault, taking command of the company, I lead them to a point in the field, we slashed at the blue lines with seemingly little effect. Upon hearing the order to about face and take a new firing position further back across the field, I stumbled and fell upon the ground stunned. I am still not certain if I fell in the rubble of the field or was grazed by a spent round. First sergeant Faught nobly took command of the company and lead them in a fighting retreat

Saturday began with ominous clouds and the ever present hope that the light rain of 6 am would abait and the sun would return. By 9 am our hopes where dashed as an intermittent shower kept coming and going across the ridge back of hill we called home. The company fell out for a lightening shortened period of drill and received their Saturday bath while marching back to the camp. Thunder and lightening were our companions for hours as we feared that it would never let up. Around noon that part of the battalion who had marched to Pea Ridge and spent the night without benefit of shelter returned, wet cold and hungry. Only one of the fifth felt like joining them the evening before. The exuberance of youth was flagging when Mr. Frank trudged back into camp. We were all surprised when around 2 p.m., in the middle of the rain and storm we were called to the color line to form ranks for battle. Standing in the rain, with the skies black and angry we waited patiently and then marched to do battle with the foe. We marched to the base of a hill and waited to charge up and over to the waiting Yankee guns. With the rain ceasing, and a strong wind whipping we charged over the ridge and delivered volley after volley into their ranks. With a roar we charged and drew up not fifty paces and again hammered them, slowly driving their ranks off the hill. You who were there should feel proud as again and again we marched to the very teeth of death and let the Northerners know that we as Southern were out to win our independence.

The only blight on the battle fell upon our fellow compatriot David Pickering, when as we marched away in triumph he was pulled from the ranks and informed that his father had died. I know that all of the Fifth are saddened by the loss of our friend's father. Together with privates Pickering and Yoakum, I returned to the hospitality of Mid Missouri that same evening. Elsewhere in this issue, sergeant Faught will provide his report of the action on Sunday. Your Obedient Servant,

A. Nick Davis, Esq.

DETAILS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAYSVILLE: May 27 & 28. This will be a fun little event to commemorate DeKalb County Sesquicentennial. Activities include a secession rally, parade, skirmishes, and possibly a tactical in a wooded area. Response from yanks has been characteristically light, so bring the Blue Suit, in addition to your grey.. Sponsored by the 3rd MO. They are hoping for support from the 5th, 6th & 2nd MO. Maysville is on MO 33, northwest of Cameron. Site is west and south of town. Take 33 into town square, and turn left on MO 6. Watch for a John Deere dealer on the right, and turn left (south) on Lake Site Road. Follow it for a little over 1/2 mile, then turn right and cross the bridge to the site. Watch for signs. Get commitments to 1st Sgt. NOW.

JEFFERSON DAVIS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: On June 3rd, 2 p. m. at the Arrow Rock Cemetery there will be a memorial service to the fallen dead of the Confederacy. This is being hosted by the UDC and the SCV. If interested contact Neil Block for more information.

ROLLA LIVING HISTORY: On June 3rd, the Rolla Historical Society will be seeking southern soldiers to take part in a living history event on the grounds of the Old Court House in Rolla. If interested contact Sam Hafly.

COLUMBIA: June 10 & 11. This is our annual Living History at the Maplewood Mansion in Nifong Park. It's located on U.S. 63 just south of town, adjacent to the Boone County Historical Society museum. Take the AC exit. Parks & Rec plans on a skirmish each day, a period church service, and entertainment Saturday evening. Food for 4 meals is provided. The 1st Sgt. will register you through the company, if you'll get your commitment to him PRIOR TO JUNE 1ST. If you haven't committed to him by Maysville, you won't be pre-registered.

COLE YOUNGER DAYS: A Guerrilla affair at the Lees Summit ATT Building. Includes Saturday morning parade. Parade, drill and living history in Confederate grey. Other activities in guerrilla impression. Waiting for further details and directions from event sponsors.

JEFFERSON CITY CEMETERY WALK: Second annual event at Woodland and Old City Cemetery July 2nd (Sunday) beginning at 1pm. Living history and recruiting booth. Need Missouri Brigade, TransMississippi Confederate, State Guard and/or Guerrilla impressions. Contact Sgt. Faught if you can participate.

FULTON: 5TH MO MAX EFFORT. Preregistration must be in by JUNE 1. Get your commitment to Sgt Faught BY MAYSVILLE, or call him NOW if you won't be there. Site is a 71-acre wooded area 7 miles east of

Fulton, via Business 54, on Highway Z near Calwood, Mo. Can access from I-70 at the Calwood exit. Saturday's scenario is a "what if" battle between Confederate and Federal forces based on the "Kingdom of Callaway" treaty legend. Sunday's action is the Battle of Moore's Mill. Uniform guidelines are regular Confederate for Saturday and Civilian or Guerrilla for Sunday. Be prepared to galvanize. Complete schedule and details in June *Messenger*. Sponsored by the 6th Missouri.

GLASGOW: 5TH MO MAX EFFORT. Make commitments by JUNE 15.



A Special Report From the Ranks

To Lt. Nick "Butcher" Davis

Sir:

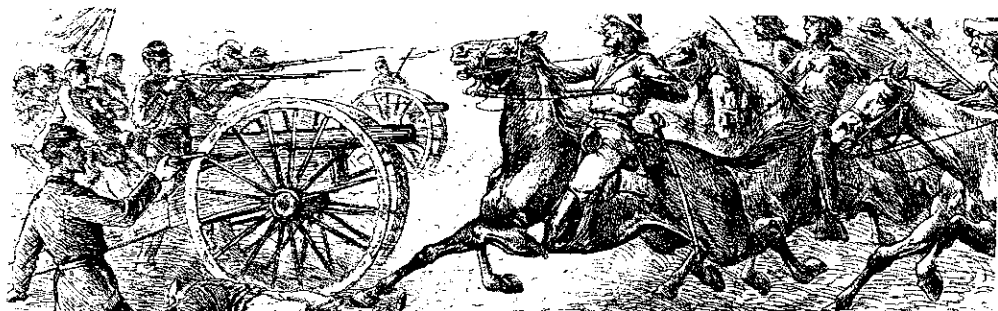
It seems that at each event bits of history are made more clearer and new insights are gained about fellow reenactors. We pick up this information through information gleaned from conversations or by direct experience and I must admit that these tidbits can at times come as a bit of a shock. As a case in point, the recent Elkhorn Tavern Campaign brought to light such a surprising insight. A certain officer in the Fifth, one with a name long cherished by the Confederacy, apparently has as one of his personal heroes a general in the Union Army! Of course, I am speaking of Captain Jerry Lee who, after the drill Sunday morning, has justly earned the title of Captain Ambrose Burnside!

As all who were at the event know, the road (I use that term loosely) through the camps was a muddy mess and by Sunday morning was nearly ankle deep. Captain Lee took one look at that goo and decided here was his chance to emulate his apparent hero General Burnside and stage his own mini version of the famous mud march. The enlisted men cheerfully gave Captain Lee his moment of glory and with hardly a complaint marched manfully up and down the gooey road.

I know it is hard to believe the Captain idolizes Burnside but as secondary proof you need only look on his face and compare it to that of Burnside or should I say sideburns. With so many famous and incomparable general's fighting for the Confederacy it is a sad state of affairs that the good Captain should look to a bumbler like Burnside for inspiration.

Your Obedient Servant,
Private John Gilger

1Lt. Nick Davis
Headquarters, 5th MO Infty, Co. A



Sir:

It is my honor to file this supplemental report on certain actions taking place at or near the place of Elkhorn Tavern in northwest Arkansas this 5th & 7th May instant.

I am pleased to report that following your incapacitation during the Lee Town fight — coming curiously quickly on the heels of the loss of our Captain — I assumed command of the remnants of our Company as we grudgingly retired from the field. The men behaved remarkably as we withdrew at the oblique, keeping up their fire and never turning their backs to the foe. It also pleases me to assure you that the sobriquet “The Butcher” is in no danger of being usurped by this writer. We lost only a couple of brave souls to yankee balls as we withdrew.

As regrettably sad developments called you from the field before the second day’s action around the Tavern, please accept the following account:

Tho the rains had subsided after Saturday’s action and Sunday dawned clear, the heavens clouded again in anticipation of the bloody spectacle yet to come, and rains again began to fall as we formed for deployment — only to halt again just before the guns opened. Heavy casualties had rendered us the smallest company in the Battalion this day. Yet we were 16 strong and 5th Missourians all, while the other four remaining companies were largely consolidated from various units. Our small size placed us at the end of the column.

To our great surprise and delight, we were chosen for a special assignment by the Colonel himself. No doubt aware of the mettle of the men he chose, he directed Major Dyer to lead the 5th around the right flank into a wooded ravine, with the objective of surprising and striking the Federal flank as they advanced. Stealthily finding our spot, we deployed under cover and awaited the opening of the ball.

We hugged the ground in a no-man’s land between the roaring artillery lines until the Federals stepped off with throaty cheers. But as their flank neared, we observed movement in the brush behind us, and turned to find skirmishers advancing upon us. We kept up a brisk fire, giving grudgingly until compelled to rally on the right flank of the battalion, which had now advanced to within 25 yards of the federal line.

There seemed no limit to the number of bluecoats pouring into the fray. Their line continued to extend to our right, overlapping our flank and threatening our artillery on the high ground around the Tavern. Constantly pressed by cavalry — both mounted and dismounted — we continued to rally, fire and withdraw, until the relentless tide pushed us over the ridge. Our guns now in Federal hands, they were turned upon us. It was at this point that a ball creased my head, and when I regained consciousness I found the ground strewn with comrades, and the blue lines converging and pushing our boys ever farther. Before the day was done our brave lads had been driven almost a half-mile. Sgt. Hafley reports, I believe, that most of the surviving men of the company were cut down by Yankee cavalry. I leave it to him to detail the unfortunate circumstances.

These three days’ action provided a first glimpse of the Elephant for several of our band, including recruits White, Wassman, Witt, M. Heiderken, and young Joe Hafley. All accomplished themselves well.

Submitted respectfully by
Your most Obedient Servant,
1 Sgt Dennis Faught, Co. A

Coming in the Next Messenger - A New Unit Commitment List, A New Roster List, A Brief History of the Action in Glasgow, A full Account Of Captain Lee's celebrated Ancestral Sword from Captain Jerry Abraham Lincoln Lee! All this and More Coming in the next issue of the MESSENGER

Songs of Our Second Revolution

This continues our ongoing column of songs of the southern cause courtesy of member John Crammer. Music was an important aspect of life for the men and women who lived through the great conflict of the War Between the States.

You Are Going to the Wars, Willie Boy!

Words and Music by John H. Hewitt

You are going to the wars, Willie boy, Willie boy,
you are going to the wars far away,
To protect our rights and laws, Willie boy, Willie boy,
and the banner in the sun's golden ray;
With your uniform all new,
and your shinning buttons, too,
You'll win the hearts of pretty girls,
but none like me so true.
Oh, won't you think of me, Willie boy, Willie boy,
Oh, wont you think of me when far away?
I'll often think of ye, Willie boy, Willie boy,
and ever for your life and glory pray.

You'll be fighting for the right, Willie boy, Willie boy,
You'll be fighting for the right, and your home;
And you'll strike the blow with might, Willie boy, Willie boy
'Mid the thundering of the cannon and of drum;
With an arm as true as steel,
you'll make the foeman feel,
The vengeance of a Southerner,
Too proud to cringe or kneel;
Oh, should you fall in strife, Willie boy, Willie boy,
Oh, should you fall in strife on the plain,
I'll pine away my life, Willie boy, Willie boy,
and never, never smile again.

John said that for those who wish, he has a tape of these songs sung accapella. A copy will be made if you send either John or the editor a blank tape.

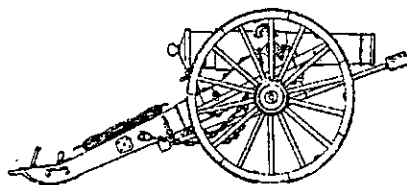
New and Renewing Members with Address Changes For Current Members

Todd Conner
7 Oaks, 820 SE 700
Knob Noster, MO 65336
(816) 563-3472

Everett & Amanda Biggs
Happy Acres Trailer Ct. Box 5
Sedalia, MO 65301

Richard & Connie Brown
Mike Hamilton
Box 294
Lamonte, MO 65337

Rick & Dolly Hall
Rt. 1, Box 91
Houstonia, MO 65333
(816) 568-3416



MISSING GEAR

From time to time we are each unlucky enough to lose or misplace gear at an event. The following are items that came up missing after the Pea Ridge/Elkhorn Tavern event:

Nick Davis - I appreciate those of you who took the time to take down my tent on Sunday. However a few pieces of equipment must be mixed in with another member's tent equipment. I am missing the ground tarp (blue plastic), the two rope tie downs (you know the ones that go around the poles when not in use), and the tent stakes for my tent. I am certain they must be in someone's gear box by mistake. Just give me a call at (314) 445-1229, so I can make arrangements to get them from you.

Jim Robertson - Missing a canteen with a faded blue cover and the initials JR on the strap. Jim's noble effort of loaning his equipment resulted with a canteen missing in action. Perhaps a yankee smuck into our camp and took it. Check your gear and find it for Jim.(314) 874-5711.

THE TRUE ACCOUNT OF AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE FIFTH

From the Diary of William Ruyle

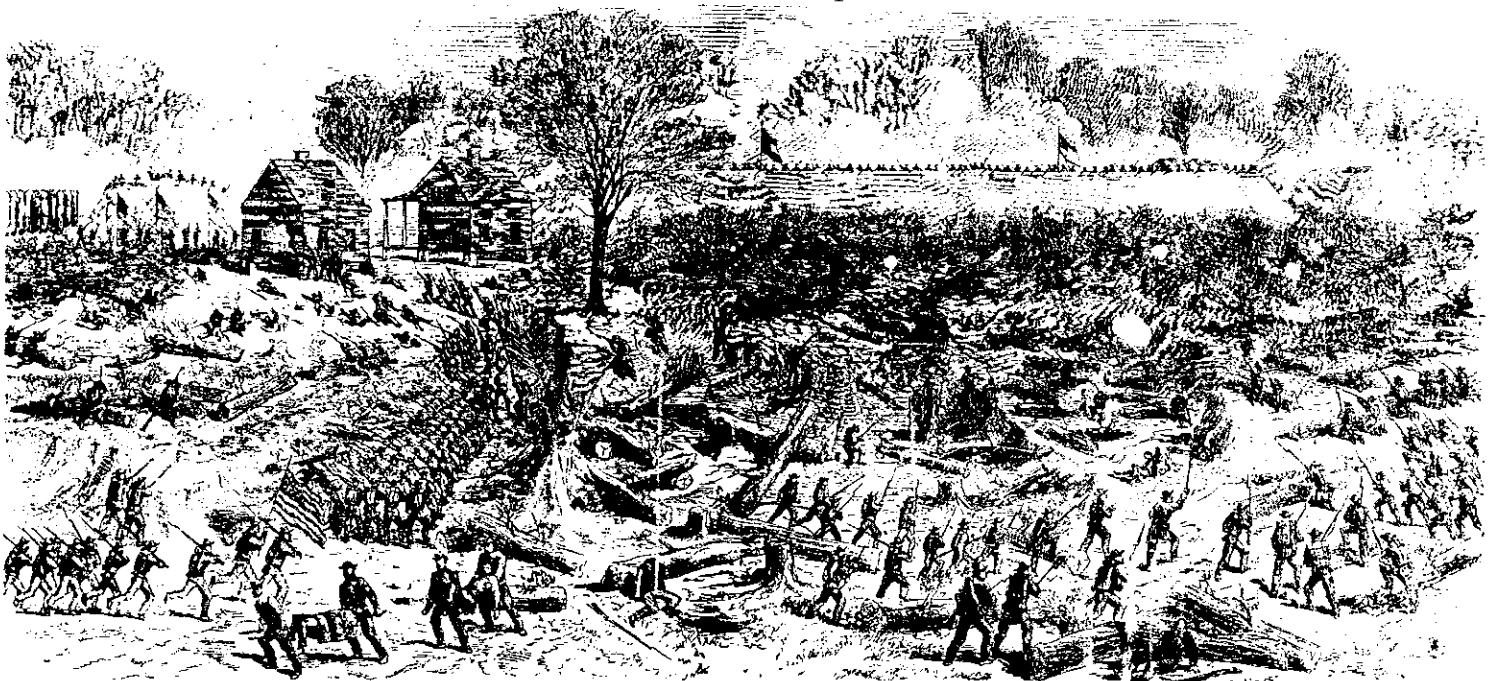
... This was Oct. 4th, 1862. The battle of Corinth, Mississippi was one of the bloodiest affairs of the war.

Gen. Greens' and our Brigade's suffered the greatest loss. Gen. Heberts old brigade suffered greatly. Gen. Prices Corps suffered more than all the rest of the Army. The Missouri Army suffered the greatest loss in his Choir. Their loss was about 800 killed and wounded. A great many of Missouri's brightest and best officers and soldiers fell at Corinth.

The loss to our regiment was about 350 in the Battle. About 100 were killed and wounded. Some four or five men were killed and wounded with the Colors of our regiment. One Captain and four Lt.'s were killed and several wounded. Corporal Jas. A. Mitchell was shot through the leg and his leg was taken off below the knee. He has since recovered. James Spillman was wounded through the thigh. W. E. Fullerton wounded in the heel, but none of them mortally. Capt. Lemmons of Polk County, lost his right arm and there was 17 of his men wounded, some of them severely but none mortally. The Missourians stood up side by side, fought and died like men and true patriots, as they were.

We rallied and marched about 6 miles from the field of battle, where we rested and cooked and satisfied our hungry appetites. I was thoughtful enough to pick up a corn dodger, just as we crossed the R.R. as we made our charge, that some soldier had dropped. This I put in my haversack and made a fairly good meal that evening. I only shot thirteen times in the battle. Some shot all their ammunition. The next morning we marched on until Gen. Grant, with a force of 10,000, met us at the Hatchee River.

Col. Whitfield with his Texas Legion had a hard fight with the Feds before we got there. He was left there to guard the place. Soon after we got there we repulsed them. The loss here was heavy on both sides. Col. Whitfield's Legion lost the most men. Gen. VanDorn gave the command to Gen. Price and we took a left hand road and left the enemy to our right and marched nearly all night. Many a good soldier marched that night until he could not march any longer and gave up and was taken by the enemy shortly afterwards. We stopped near Ripley a short while before day and rested until morning, then we marched near town and camped until Oct. 7. This revived us considerably. We marched again to camp, 6 miles west of Ripley. On the 8th of Oct. we marched until night, stopped cooked rations and marched all night. The enemy and our rear guard were fighting every few miles, therefore we marched until the 13th, then we arrived at Lumpkins Mill near Holly Springs, Mississippi and went into camp.



The Brothers' War: A Sketch by a member of the Sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, U.S.A., depicting Missourians in blue attacking Missouri Brigade, C.S.A., positions on May 19, 1863

Courtesy Frank Wood's Picture Bank, Alexandria, Va. (Unpublished Sketch)

Fifth Missouri Infantry (CSA), inc. - UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT GUIDE

ACQUIRING GEAR

The average new military reenactor will spend around \$1000 over a 1 to 2 year period putting together his basic "kit." Since the gear is rather expensive, it is important not to make mistakes in acquiring items. Generally, we expect the recruit to come up with the required items to meet unit standards in his first year, and have all the essential items within two years. There are many sutlers and suppliers for this gear — some of whom are more authentic and reputable than others. Make your purchases carefully, with the direct guidance of your assigned sponsor.

IMPORTANT: Since your gear & uniforms are considered tax deductible charitable contributions (if you itemize), **KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS.**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS to meet Veteran (voting) Status

- * Period Footwear. Jefferson Brogan recommended, with heel plates.
- * 3-Band Musket. .577cal P1853 Enfield preferred. Other weapons (such as 1861 Springfield or .69cal smoothbore musket) acceptable.
- * Leathers. (Cartridge Box, Cap Box, Sling & Waist Belt)
- * Trousers. Jean wool (gray or butternut color) preferred. Federal sky blue Kersey wool as an alternative.
- * Period Shirt. Any authentic pattern/color.
- * Period Hat. Military or civilian.

REQUIRED WITHIN 12 MONTHS to meet Unit Standards

- * Shell Jacket. Columbus Depot pattern. Light grey jean material with French Blue collar and cuff.
- * Federal 4-button Sack Coat. (plus sky blue kersey trousers if not already part of Confederate impression).
- * Wool Socks. (2 pair recommended) **HEAVY!**
- * Canteen. Any period type.
- * Haversack. Issue style (white or tarred, Federal or Confederate) or homemade.
- * Bayonet with Scabbard. Appropriate to weapon.

OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- * Period Prescription Eyewear. (if needed) Contacts acceptable.
- * Suspenders. Linen or ticking.
- * Mess Kit. (Tin Cup, Tin Plate, Fork & Spoon).
- * Wool Blanket or period-looking quilt. (Heavy wool is warmer)
- * **Shelter.** Shelter halves, gum blanket and/or poncho, "A" (or "wedge") tent.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT (that will prove very useful)

- * Period Underwear
- * Extra Shirts.
- * Additional Trousers.
- * Civilian Frock or Sack Coat.
- * Overcoat (Federal)

- * Musket sling.
- * Knapsack.
- * Revolvers and/or Percussion Shotgun.
- * Period personal items.
- * Cartridge Box Plate (appropriate to impression)

IMPRESSIONS

We do three basic impressions and two additional specialty impressions as a unit. The following list ranks them in the order you should acquire them, with the ideal combination of uniforms, weapons and accoutrements for each.

MISSOURI BRIGADE (Mid-Late War)

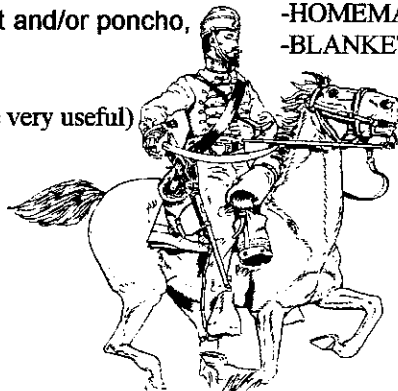
- This is the preferred standard impression of the 4th Battalion.
- COLUMBUS DEPOT shell jacket. Light grey Jean material with French Blue collar and cuff.
 - ANY hat (preferably kepi to match jacket)
 - ANY trousers (preferably JEAN material). "Captured" federal trousers acceptable.
 - 3-BAND ENFIELD
 - ENFIELD, CONFEDERATE, OR 'CAPTURED' FEDERAL accoutrements.
 - ANY haversack & canteen.
 - BLANKET ROLL. (Knapsack very acceptable).

FEDERAL

- Required for enmasse galvanization of the battalion. Very useful for TransMississippi Confederate service, State Guard, and Guerrilla action.
- 4-BUTTON SACK COAT.
 - ANY dark-colored hat (preferably black slouch). Hardee, forage & kepi also acceptable.
 - BLUE KERSEY trousers
 - 3-BAND ENFIELD or '61 SPRINGFIELD. (.69cal smoothbore also acceptable)
 - FEDERAL accoutrements, haversack & canteen.
 - BLANKET ROLL or knapsack.

MISSOURI STATE GUARD

- Required for some early war events. Also useful for TransMississippi Confederate and pre-war impressions.
- CIVILIAN coat & pants (or FEDERAL uniform)
 - ANY hat. (EXCEPT grey kepis/forage caps)
 - SMOOTHBORE musket, shotgun or civilian arm, with accoutrements appropriate to weapon.
 - EARLY- or PRE-WAR canteen.
 - HOMEMADE or MEX WAR haversack.
 - BLANKET ROLL.



GUERRILLA

- FEDERAL or CIVILIAN coat or vest & pants. (or EMBROIDERED GUERRILLA SHIRT).
- RIDING BOOTS or LEGGINGS. (NOT military gaiters)
- ANY hat.
- LOTS OF REVOLVERS. (plus optional shotgun or cavalry-type longarm & knives)
- HORSE. (just kidding)

MISSOURI BRIGADE (Early War)

Between Elk Horn and Vicksburg ONLY.

- UNBLEACHED/UNDYED Jean Wool shell jacket with optional French Blue collar & cuff.
- ANY hat.
- ANY trousers (but preferably to match jacket)
- 3-BAND ENFIELD or SMOOTHBORE musket.
- CONFEDERATE ('CS') or "captured" FEDERAL accoutrements.
- HOMEMADE or "captured" FEDERAL haversack.
- KNAPSACK or bedroll.

SUTLER LIST

The Unit endorses no particular sutler, however many members have had luck with some of the following. There are many other reputable sutlers. Ask your sponsor if you have an authenticity question.

FALL CREEK ENTERPRISES. (Andy Fulks) A complete line sutler who strongly supports Missouri events. P.O. Box 92, Whitestown, IN 46075. 317-769-5355.

JAMES COUNTRY MUZZLELOADERS. (Del Warren) Specializes in firearms and can fix your musket. Also carries books, fabric, patterns and uniforms — including correct Columbus Depot jacket. P.O. Box 364 Liberty, MO 64068. 816-781-9473.

R&K SUTTLERY. (Robert & Kay Coons) Full line sutler with heavy emphasis on Civilian goods. Source for our Columbus Depot jacket. 1015 - 1200th St., Lincoln, IL 62656. 217-732-8844.

CONFEDERATE YANKEE. (Dennis Semrau) High-quality authentic hand-woven jean material and completed garments. P.O. Box 192, Guilford, CT 203-453-9900.

QUARTERMASTER SHOP. (Jeff O'Donnell) Full line sutler with good federal gear. 5565 Griswold Rd., Kimball, MI 48074. 810-367-6702

DIRTY BILLY'S SUTTLERY. (Bill & Fran Wickham) Best headwear on the market. 7574 Middleburg Rd., Detour, MD 21757 410-775-1865

CRESCENT CITY SUTLER. Full line sutler who attends some Missouri events.

17810 Hwy 57 N, Evansville, IN 47711. 812-983-4217.

CABELA'S. Sporting goods catalog with excellent prices on black powder revolvers.

812 - 13th Ave, Sidney, NE 69160-9555 800-237-4444.

WESTERN DEPOT. (James F. Gillum) Individual who makes high-quality authentic depot pattern jackets at moderate prices.

1216 Lipscomb Dr. Brentwood, TN 37027. (615) 371-9462.

Your 5th Missouri **ORDNANCE OFFICER** can supply you with powder and caps at below-market prices.

Approved

4/22/95



Minutes of Quarterly Board Meeting
Saturday, May 6, 1995
Near Elk Horn Tavern, Arkansas

Pea Ridge 95 being a designated Maximum Effort event of the 5th Missouri Infantry CSA, Inc., President Jerry Lee called the quarterly meeting of the Board to order at 8pm around the campfire in the military camp.

Present were Lee, Vice President Bob Koffman of Company A, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Faught. Also present were several members of Company A.

The minutes of the January 28 Board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Faught reported that the Corporate bank account had been moved to Exchange Bank in Jefferson City, and held a balance of \$3,234.99. Income minus expenses through May 4, 1995 totaled \$241.00. Faught asked if the Board desired a second or third name to be placed on the account. Both Lee and Koffman said they were content to have the Secretary/Treasurer remain the only member with access to the account.

Faught reported that Change of Registered Agent papers had been filed with the Secretary of State, and the corporate office was now officially moved to Jefferson City. Also, the IRS has been notified by letter of the change of address.

Faught requested that he be allowed reimbursement for telephone expenses relating to Corporate business. Koffman moved/Lee 2nd. Passed. (Faught not voting). Lee moved/Koffman 2nd that the Messenger editor be reimbursed the cost of a printer ribbon. Passed. Faught moved/Lee 2nd that Keith Daleen be reimbursed for a portion of expenses relating to refurbishing of the company trailer. Passed.

During a discussion of whether a mail ballot should be adopted for annual Corporate and Field Staff elections, Koffman and Lee said they would rather see members attend the meeting in person. In lieu of that, Koffman said he would prefer a proxy system to a vote-by-mail system, whereby those not able to attend in person could allow another member to vote in their stead. There being no support for a change from the present election system, the matter was tabled.

Koffman reported on a recent meeting concerning Battalion/MCWRA event scheduling priorities, saying he had expressed a wish that there be fewer —and subsequently better— events.

On the issue of safety, Faught expressed concern about the lack of preparation given some raw recruits prior to their first battle. While company policy does not allow new recruits to participate in battles until drilled in the field, he noted that when that drill takes place at an event such as Pea Ridge it is often only cursory, and assigned sponsors need to take more responsibility for seeing that their recruits learn the rudiments prior to arriving on the field. Lee and Koffman agreed that recruits should not take part in opposing fire battles if the 1st Sgt. feels they have been inadequately prepared.

Faught moved/Lee 2nd that Mike Meoli be directed to inquire about the cost of painting a design on the company trailer — preferably a Missouri battle flag — and to report at the next board meeting. Passed.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for Saturday evening, August 5, at the Glasgow reenactment.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

DO YOU WANT TO RE-ENACT THE CIVIL WAR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM?

During a Lull in the Action at the Pea Ridge/Elkhorn Tavern, an English gentleman roamed from campfire to campfire handing out the following information concerning a reenactment in the UK. The International Reenactment is scheduled for 29th July - 12th August, 1995. The cost of the trip is \$1400 and includes the following: International flight, all accommodations, full breakfast, private tour bus [Dublin, Guinness Brewery Tour, Athlone, Longford, Mullingar, Reenactment, Glasgow, Inverness, Loch Ness, Isle of Skye, Culloden] reenactment fees - Including the use of tents, ammo, caps, etc.

The reenactment will be staged at Weston Park on August 4th through the 6th. Join 500 British, 200 Europeans (French, Belgians & Germans), over 100 fellow Americans and other individuals from all over the world. Call the numbers below soon if interested, as there were only 30 places left.

For further details or information call: Tom Foster, P.O. Box 1633, Bel Air, MD 21014 or phone (410) 879-9494
Jim Walters, 1935 Maxwell Dr., Lewisville, TX 75067 or phone (214) 317-8684

Minutes: Regimental Meeting
Saturday, April 22, 1995

President Jerry Lee called the meeting to order at 6:15pm during Spring Drill on the Block farm at Huntsville. Minutes of the January Corporate Election meeting were approved as printed in the Messenger.

Treasurer Dennis Faught reported that the Corporate checking account had been moved to Exchange Bank in Jefferson City, and as of April 21 had a balance of \$3,087.92. The Regiment had netted \$94.64 since the beginning of the year. after income of \$449.04 and expenses of \$354.40. Accounts receivable totaled \$135 for outstanding Pea Ridge Fees and a penalty refund from the Dept. of Revenue. He also reported difficulty in closing the previous checking account due to a missing renewal mailing to MCWRA from January. A new check for those members has been forwarded to the MCWRA treasurer.

Faught moved/Dietzel 2nd that John Cramer be accepted as a Veteran. Passed.

A lengthy preview and discussion of upcoming events followed, with emphasis on Pea Ridge. Faught asked for authority to send a special mailing to those Pea Ridge registrants not in attendance notifying them of the food provisions at that event. Passed.

Some new living history events were added to open weekends in the schedule, including Cole Younger Days in Lees Summit June 24-25 (there appears to be no interest in Waties Retreat), the 2nd Annual Jefferson City Cemetery Walk July 2, the Cole Camp Fair September 8-9, The Moniteau Co. Ham and Turkey Festival September 16, and the Warsaw Fall Festival October 21-22. Faught announced that he would preregister the unit for Columbia if everyone would get their commitments to him ASAP. He also announced that preregistration requirements for Fulton included the liability insurance release which must be returned with the registration form. This poses a problem in getting the forms signed by attending members prior to the June 1 deadline.

In other business related to the event schedule, Gilger moved/Massey 2nd that the 5th Missouri NOT sponsor the Centralia event. Passed without dissent. (Co. H had been listed as the sponsoring unit in event publicity, even though no vote to that effect had been taken). The Secretary is to transmit this decision to the Centralia event organizers.

Two amendments to the Corporate By-laws were introduced by Faught. They had been published in the November and January issues of the Messenger. The amendment to Article III increasing the minimum number of combatants and veterans for formation of a new company within the Regiment passed with no dissent on a motion by Block and a 2nd by J. Lee. The amendment to Article IV to set up a collective voting procedure in anticipation of a vote-by-mail ballot for field staff was tabled with no dissent on a motion by Hafley and 2nd by Gilger.

Faught reported for the committee of Dietzel, Block, Plowman and himself on revision of uniform standards in the Recruit Guide. (See article) Detail of the unit's five basic impressions passed with one dissenting vote. Revision of minimum unit standards passed without dissent.

Faught reported that the Company trailer had been registered and had the license plate in his possession. Daleen still has custody of the trailer but was not present.

Cindy Lee reported on progress of next year's Cole Camp event planning. It was suggested that members attend the August scheduling meeting of MCWRA, due to possible conflict with an event in Shelbina.

There was discussion about selection of a Third Sergeant and consolidation of Quartermaster and Ordinance responsibilities. No action was taken.

Faught reported that he had purchased a computer with his own funds for personal and Corporate use, and moved that authority for a \$1000 purchase from Regimental funds be rescinded. Frank 2nd. Passed without dissent. Jerry Lee moved/Dietzel 2nd that the Regiment purchase three new Columbus Depot shell jackets for use of new recruits and when unit is rank top-heavy at small events. They are to be sizes 42, 44 and 50. Additionally, a pair of jean trousers - size 38 - with suspenders are to be purchased. Passed without dissent. Dietzel moved/C. Lee 2nd that Mike Meoli be directed to acquire appropriate re-sized poles and stakes for one of the Company wall tents at Company expense.

It was reported that no one had submitted shirt design ideas to Nick Davis. Doug Frank volunteered to contact an artist friend for design of a new Company shirt, and submit it for approval to the membership.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Corporate Secretary
DENNIS FAUGHT

From the Editor's Desk.....

Well it seems that Jerry Heidgerken has kept his record perfect. He informed me at Pea Ridge/Elkhorn Tavern that it has rained at every event he has attended. For future reference, perhaps we should check with sergent Faught to find out which ones he choses to attend and plan accordingly for the down pours.

I appreciate those of you who took down my tent after I left unexpectedly on Saturday evening. I left it for company use since the fly was attached to it. How ever like you saw in the missing items column in this issue, I would like the ground tarp, the rope tie downs and the spikes for the tent.

To those of you who told me that they wanted a copy of the book on the Fifth, I am refunding your money since we did not even reach the minimum number to order from the publisher.

The Columbia event is becoming harder and harder for me to attend. On Saturday I am required at a wedding and the reception dinner which follows. On Sunday I am now suppose to attend a family reunion in Fulton. Hey if you see me then in all likely hood it will be on Sunday. If I can't get out of the reunion I'll let some of you know.

Until next we meet, I remain your editor and Obedient Servant,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 27-28 Maysville, MO (possible tactical) - East of St. Joe
June 3 Arrow Rock Memorial Service & Rolla Living History
June 10-11 Columbia, MO (Our own small local event, good recruiting possible)

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