

# ◆ THE MESSENGER ◆

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As you may have noticed the Messenger has a new look . Why?, you ask. The torch has passed to your lucky 2nd Sgt. L Dietzel. I will try to keep the news letter interesting and informative as it has been. This job is very new to me so be forgiving and I will do my best. If any one has tips, notices, items for sale or any other info let me know and I will try to get it in the letter. My address is **920 West Broadway, Columbia, Mo. 65203**, Email address is [ldietzel@mail.coin.missouri.edu](mailto:ldietzel@mail.coin.missouri.edu) and my phone is **573-449-6443** call after 7:00 PM..

## *SEND GOLD TO THE TROOPS!*

By 1st Sergeant Faught

To Johnny Reb & Billy Yank, just as for soldiers today, letters from home were like gold. Because of the importance of mail in the lives of the soldiers we portray, we will try to make mail call a more frequent occurrence at events this year. With a little pre-planning and a minimum amount of effort, we can come up with some very lively scenarios.

Writing period correspondence is easier than you might think. Once you get over the initial hurdle of deciding on topics, it can be quite fun. For ideas, one suggestion is to read the diaries of women of the time and then picture yourself in the situations described, and create a letter about it. "Dear John", and flirtatious letters were surely written in all wars, along with the more mundane reports on the crops, the state of family members' health and other activities of daily life at home.

You can also read actual soldiers' letters and then create the original letter the soldier may have responded to. In fact, the reading of original letters will help you on several levels. Not only are they a fertile source for period subject matter, but you'll also get a feel for the grammar and spelling that may have been used. Bell Wiley's book "The Life Of Johnny Reb" has an excellent chapter dealing with how educated and uneducated southerners wrote.

The soldier's reactions to the contents of the letters are a big part of the letter writing/receiving process at events. In a typical scenario the ladies of the unit would write letters to soldiers (usually their husbands) and then also write a few generic ones for the single guys so that everyone got something. The guys can get involved by writing letters, too. The idea is that the recipients never know whether they'll be receiving a letter from a loved one or from the bank about the money owed them. You might even get a "good customer" coupon from a house of ill repute, for example.

The best way to do this is to write letters in advance of an event. Put "post-it" notes on the outside of the generic letters describing their content so they could be addressed to an appropriate soldier just prior to mail call at the event.

Some ideas I've seen include a letter that might land a certain soldier in the guardhouse until a certain young lady's father could come and let him know his "options" regarding his future with his daughter. Or, maybe a pair of rather flirtatious letters from one young lady attending the event to a couple different soldiers (even better if written without her knowledge!) A husband could get a letter from his wife explaining that the man from the next farm was being "very helpful" to her in his absence, and use it to create a skit demanding leave or release from service. This could all be made even funnier by the inclusion with the letter of a repro CdV of a frightenly homely woman.

A few other ideas include a letter relating that grandpa had an accident with the mule. Due to bad grammar and spelling it looks like grandpa had to be put down instead of the mule. A letter from the local brothel about non-payment of services. (This is good to send the Quartermaster before paycall, then pay can be procured from the soldier at fault). A note from a love-struck thirteen year old, addressed to an older bachelor. A letter of appreciation from a company to a customer because their profits have gone up since he has started using their product (for example a nearby hotel if the recipient is "motel milish"). If you know their place of employ you can write gossip letters using names of their real co-workers.

Of course for full effect, each letter recipient must read his letter aloud, but this doesn't all have to take place at pay call, else it would take forever to complete the scenario. Instead, letter sharing among groups of several soldiers throughout the camp immediately after pay call and for the balance of the weekend will add a nice touch to the "living history" experience for the public.

For a period look and feel to your correspondence, you can purchase some of the stationery available from various sutlers. Dixie Leather Works is a good source for this. However, simple is sometimes better. A plain piece of paper and a pencil will do nicely. Or you can use a fountain pen or art quills. Don't use a ball point. Another nice period touch is to write on the back of scrap wallpaper, or make your envelope out of such paper.

Still need ideas? What do you write about today? Put those things into a 19th Century context and write away!

## LIVING HISTORY/RECRUITING OPPORTUNITY

Lowry City has extended an invitation to the 5th Missouri to participate in their quasiquicentennial celebration May 9-thru-12. Due to the lateness of the invitation and our already-busy May schedule, the committee is aware that the Company will be unable to support the event in any strength. However, they are still offering to make space available for a recruiting booth if there is interest. If you are interested in taking part for any or all of the four-day event, contact the Activities Chairman directly. His name is Bill Lehmeier, at PO Box 307, Lowry City, MO 64763.

## DETAILS OF 5TH MO UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar 2 MCWRA BALL.** Lodge of the 4 Seasons in Osage Beach. MCWRA general membership meeting at 10 a.m. Plowman-Moulton wedding at 6 p.m. in Eagle's Peak Room, preceding ball. Take US 54 to BUS 54 to HH.

**Mar 30-31 SPRING DRILL & MUSTER.** On site of this summer's Cole Camp reenactment. School of the Soldier, School of the Company. Possible Saturday evening meal provided. Regimental meeting Sunday morning at 9. You may arrive Friday evening. Site is approximately three miles east of Cole Camp on US 52.

**Apr 13-14 Davisville, MO.** Tactical. (Proposed) Sponsors now say they want infantry for two battles. Packet has been requested, but not received yet.

**May 4 Climax Springs, MO.** "VFW Loyalty Day". (Proposed) We've been invited to set up a living history and march in their parade. Recruiting Opportunity. Located midway between Warsaw and Camdenton off MO 7. Call the 1st Serg't NOW if you can attend.

**May 17-19 THE WILDERNESS.** Orange, Virginia. National Event. Scenerios include a Wilderness Tactical in the woods Saturday morning, Saunders Field Saturday afternoon, and Widow Tapp Farm Sunday afternoon. No events Friday except school children touring camps. Impression is FEDERAL Army of the Potomac. There is a one way road through the site past CS camps, sutlers, to the US camp and to US parking. US Registration is separate and located at the edge of the US camp. There will be a separate US civilian camp for all 1st Confederate Division dependents. All western Federals and we galvanized western Confederates will serve under Gen. Al Gatlin (of the 1st Confederate Div.) Since all cross-dressing rebs will be forming one full-size 1000-man Regiment, all 4th Battalion troops will be consolidated into one 100-man Company under the command of Col. (Capt.?) Beck. Therefore, we'll all go prepared to fall in as musket-toting Yankee privates. Site is about 20 miles from the original battlefield, near Orange, VA, which is west of Fredericksburg, midway between Charlottesville & Culpeper.

**May 25-26 CRESTON, IOWA.** Two battles on rolling 10-acre field adjacent to period town. First Person contest, sick call, mail call & pay call (battalion-level), period baseball, ladies high tea, dance, Saturday night moonlight tour (modeled after Lexington), basket social, ice cream social and more. Creston is in southwest Iowa, 32 miles west of I-35 on US 34. Pre-registration deadline is MAY 1.

**Jun 8-9 COLUMBIA.** Parks & Recreation's annual living history & skirmish on grounds of Maplewood mansion in Nifong Park. Take AC exit on US 63 in southeast part of town. Turn west then immediately left on Nifong. Drill & firing demonstrations. Skirmish each day. Period crafts. Recruiting Opportunity.

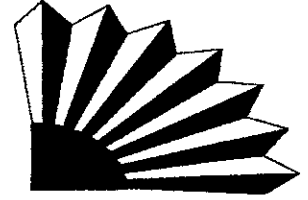
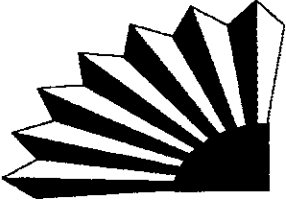
**Jun 15-16 JEFFERSON BARRACKS HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

WILL BE A LIVING HISTORY

The reenacting season is almost here and we all need start preparing . Those of you who have not committed for the events you will be attending need to do so as soon as possible! You need to contact 1st Sgt. Faught with your agenda. It is very inmpoant to do this so our unit can be properly registered with the Battalion and Event Sponsors. If you commit to an event be sure you can make the event. But if a disaster occurs and you can't make the event let 1st Sgt. Faught know you won't be there!

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The roster below has all the members who have paid their dues for the year. Those who have not paid will not receive the Messenger. If you know some one who is not on the roster you might give them a call to encourage them to reenlist with the Fifth Mo.

155 Pvt	Ken McKee		& Karen Finch	1101 Tyler Avenue	Wrensburg	MO	64093 (816)429-0530
133 Recruit	Everett	& Amanda	Biggs	5 Happy Acres Tr. Ct.	Sedalia	MO	65302
55 Pvt	Nell		Block	400 North Main	Huntsville	MO	65259 (816)277-3111
154 Cpl	Alan	& Ann	Bowling	1208 Chadwick	Columbia	MO	65203 (573)442-9489
158 Civ	Jennifer		Caviness	PO Box 2	Clinton	MO	64735
37 Pvt	Kent	& Michelle	Chastain	11448 West Dixie Ln.	Republic	MO	65738 (417)732-8831
134 Pvt	John		Cramer	2116 A Clara Drive	Jefferson City	MO	65101 (573)761-3558
24 Pvt	Keith		Delean	Rt 2 Box 54 C	Sedalia	MO	65301 (816)826-1549
47 Pvt	Nick		Davis	2300 Hollyhock Court	Columbia	MO	65202 (573)445-1229
138 2Sgt	Larry	& Nora	Dietzel	920 West Broadway	Columbia	MO	65203 (573)449-6443
65 Pvt	Gean		Dressel	Rt 1 Box 48 R	Jonesburg	MO	63351 (314)488-3344
52 Pvt	John		Durrill	619 West 7th.	Sedalia	MO	65301 (816)826-5819
46 1Sgt	Dennis		Faught	PO Box 1265	Jefferson City	MO	65102 (573)636-8336
153 Pvt	Steve	& Steven	Fink	625 West 87th Terrace	Kansas City	MO	64114 (816)333-0134
75 Pvt	Kent		Ford	3205 Bray Avenue	Columbia	MO	65203 (573)445-0632
128 Cpl	Doug		Frank	RR 2 Box 114 B	Linn	MO	65051 (573)744-5282
54 Pvt	John	& Jeannie, Alex	Gilger	Box 422 AB	Warsaw	MO	65355 (816)438-3398
56 1Lt	Sam	& Joe	Haffey	HCR 2 Box 150	Belle	MO	65013 (573)859-6948
137 Pvt	Mike		Hamilton	Rt 3 Box 200 A	Cole Camp	MO	65325 (816)863-4717
88 Pvt	Jerry		Heidgerken	768 Olympic Circle	Ocoee	FL	34761 (407)299-6410
150 Recruit	Dan		Holmes	646 Norfolk Drive	Kirkwood	MO	63122 (314)984-0106
107 Pvt	Mark		Jordan	306 Linda Lane	Wentzville	MO	63385 (314)327-6973
50 Pvt	D.E.	& Lorraine	Kerksiek	PO Box 231	Stover	MO	65078 (573)377-4133
3 Maj	Bob		Koffman	2809 Jerome	Sedalia	MO	65301 (816)827-5338
A-148 Assoc	Susan		Kyle	PO Box 126	Cole Camp	MO	65325 (816)668-2219
49 Capt	Jerry	& Cindy	Lee	Rt 3 Box 194 B	Cole Camp	MO	65325 (816)668-3635
59 Pvt	Justin		Loesch	2203 East Irwin #5	Pierre	SD	57501 (605)224-1231
86 Pvt	Mike		Massey	RR 2 Box 26	Huntsville	MO	65259 (816)277-4549
91 Pvt	Mike	& Nick	Maoli	Rt 4 Box 26 A	Salisbury	MO	65281 (816)388-5971
104 Pvt	Mark		Moeller	Rt 1 Box 104	Bland	MO	65014 (573)646-3143
140 Recruit	David		Pickering	2 Club Court	Columbia	MO	65201 (573)442-5513
129 Cpl	Dave	& Cherice	Plowman	3211 South Missouri	Sedalia	MO	65301 (816)827-0815
125 Recruit	Marcus		Price	2208 East 58 Hwy	Raymore	MO	64083 (816)322-2966
126 Recruit	Robert		Price	2208 East 58 Hwy	Raymore	MO	64083
156 Recruit	Leon	& Sandra	Price	PO Box 359	Belle	MO	65013 (573)859-6509
2 Pvt	Charlie	& Judy	Riggs	Rt 4 Box 166 B	Warsaw	MO	65355 (816)438-8614
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147 Pvt	Jerry		Wassmann	106 East Elcortez	Columbia	MO	65203 (573)449-8376
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## Watch for Details on these Upcoming Events

Jun 22-23	GRAND ISLAND, NE. Stuhr Museum. (Battalion Max Effort)
Jul 13-14	COLE CAMP (5TH MO MAXIMUM EFFORT)
Jul 20-21	HONEY SPRINGS, I.T.
Jul 27-28	Lenexa, KS (Listed FYI only)
Aug 3-4	ATHENS, MO
Sep 7-8	FREDERICKTOWN (5TH MO MAXIMUM EFFORT) (Battalion Max Effort)
Sep 14-15	St. Charles. (Listed FYI only)
Sep 21-22	Granbury, TX. (Listed FYI only)
Sep 28-29	Pilot Knob Living History. (Listed FYI only)
Oct 12-13	Shelbina, MO. (We may consider supporting due to Tactical date change)
Oct 18-20	WESTERN TACTICAL -Bowling Green, KY (NOTE DATE CHANGE)



**THE COMPANY STILL HAS T-SHIRTS LEFT OVER. I WILL HAVE THEM AT  
SPRING DRILL SO HAVE YOUR MONEY READY.  
2ND SGT DIETZEL**

**CPL BOWLING HAS ASSUMED THE QUARTERMASTER DUTIES AND HAS NOTED  
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS UNACCOUNTED FOR: ONE BAYONET & SCABBARD,  
ONE C.S. TIN DRUM STYLE CANTEEN, AND ONE PAIR OF BROGANS. IF YOU  
KNOW WHERE THESE ITEMS ARE, PLEASE CONTACT CPL. BOWLING A.S.A.P.**

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