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DRILL FACTS: BY THE 1ST SERGEANT

"WHERE AM I?"

In recognition of the conferring of additional (or lesser) rank on some members of the company, it's time for a review of placement of NCOs and Officers in line of battle and other commonly-used field formations.

Captain:

In Battalion Line of Battle: At the right end of the front rank, next to the Corporal. He may step to the front of the company to control alignment (during wheels, for example). He retires to behind the center of the line during firing -- four paces behind the file closers.

In Column: By the Right Flank: At the head of the company, to the left of the First Sergeant. By the Left Flank: At the other head of the company, to the right of the Second Sergeant. **In Column of Companies:** In the front-center of his company. **In Column of Platoons:** In front-center of the First Platoon.

In Skirmish Order: 80 paces to the rear of the center of the deployed line (with a guard taken from the reserve, if there is one).

When the company is broken into platoons, the Captain commands the First platoon only from positions that correspond to the above.

1st Lieutenant:

In Battalion Line of Battle: As a file-closer in the center of the fourth section, two paces behind the rear rank.

In Column: He essentially turns right (or left as the case may be) and marches in his file closer position alongside a column marching by the flank. **In Column of Companies** he keeps his line-of-battle file closer position. **In Column of Platoons** he steps to the front-center of the 2nd Platoon.

In Skirmish Order: He commands the reserve -- who's primary purpose is to replace casualties, and serve as a rallying point. He keeps it approximately 150 paces behind -- and conforming to the movement of -- the skirmish line.

When the company is broken into platoons, the Lt. commands the Second platoon in the same manner that the Captain commands the 1st Platoon.

1st Sergeant:

In Battalion Line of Battle: At the right end of the rear rank, behind the Captain. If the Captain steps in front of the line, he takes the Captain's place in the front rank. When the Captain retires behind the center of the line during firing, the 1st Sergeant steps back to a spot even with the line of file closers. **When Opening Ranks:** At the preparatory: "To the rear in open order..." he takes four paces to the rear. At the command "march" the rear rank moves backward. He commands "guide left". The rear rank conforms to the 2nd Sgt.

In Column: By the Right Flank: At the head of the company. The right corporal follows directly in his footsteps. By the Left Flank: He follows the company in the footsteps of the front rank twos. **In Column of Companies:** Right end of the front rank as the right guide (but guide/dress are LEFT). **In Column of Platoons:** He'll pass quickly to the LEFT end of 1st Platoon's front rank, because the guide will be left -- just as in a column of companies. **In Skirmish Order:** As the right guide, he conducts the far right group of four to their deployment point, then takes a spot ten paces behind the end of the line once it's aligned. If the line moves, he moves up next to the corporal to be the right guide. When rallying, he cowers inside the nearest square.

2nd Sergeant:

In Battalion Line of Battle: As a file closer, two paces behind the second file from the left (just to the left of the 1st Lt.). If we are the Color Company, he is to the left of the color guard, but still in the file closer line (actually directly behind the next company's First Sergeant). If we are the left flank company, he is at the left end of the front rank. **When opening ranks:** At the preparatory: "To the rear in open order..." the 2nd Sgt (who has been ordered to the left end of the front rank in anticipation of this order) takes four paces backward just like the 1st Sgt. The rear rank will align on him. At the command "Front", the 2nd Sgt. returns to his spot on the left of the front rank.

In Column: By the Right Flank: He turns to the right and follows the 1st Lieutenant in the line of file closers. By the Left Flank: He leads the company from his front rank position. The front rank twos follow in his footsteps. The Captain is on his right. **In Column of Companies:** At the left end of the front rank. He is the all-important left guide, and follows directly behind the 2nd Sergeant of the company in front of him. (If we're the lead company, all the other 2nd Sgt's follow him.) **In Column of Platoons:** At the left end of 2nd Platoon's front rank, following in the footsteps of (and maintaining proper wheeling distance from) the 1st Sergeant, who is left guide of the 1st Platoon as described above. Once the company/platoon has returned to a Battalion Line of Battle, the 2nd Sgt. immediately resumes his file closer spot. He should never be on line when there's a company of our battalion to our left. **In Skirmish Order:** When the whole company is deployed he is going to be the left guide, conducting the left group of four. When aligned he takes a position ten paces behind the second man from the end. Like the 1st Sgt, he moves up on line when it moves, and cowers in the nearest square during rallies. If his platoon (2nd) is kept in reserve, he'll remain with it.

DRILL FACTS, CONT.

Corporals:

In Battalion Line of Battle: One on each end of the front rank -- the tallest on the right, and the shortest on the left. They remain always in these positions. If the company is large enough to break into platoons, there are two more corporals in the center of the front rank where the break comes. Of these two, the left one (always a number 1) becomes the right guide of 2nd Platoon in platoon maneuvers.

In Column and In Skirmish Order: Corporals do whatever their "number" compels them to do (vis. facings & doubling) just like the privates.

MINUTES

ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING

& CORPORATE BOARD MEETING

5TH MISSOURI INFANTRY (CSA), INC.

CAPITAL SHRINE CLUB, JEFFERSON CITY, MO

JANUARY 4, 1997

The membership meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by President Jerry Lee. A quorum of paid members was present. The minutes of the last Company A meeting were approved as published in The Messenger. Treasurer Dennis Faught presented the financial report. The Corporate checking account held a balance of \$2,295.59, with approximately \$500 cash and checks on hand for dues, event fees, powder & cap and t-shirt sales. Faught reported that the 1996 membership dues of \$656.00 covered expenses of \$79.98 for recruiting, postage & director reimbursement and \$325.38 for the newsletter, with \$29.42 in petty cash expended by Company A. This left a balance of \$221.22. Other income included \$150 from the Osage Valley Heritage Association for the Warsaw Living History appearance, \$270 for powder & caps sold to members, and \$180 for T-shirts sold to members. Board-approved expenditures from non-dues revenues included \$600.66 for powder & cap supplies, \$400 donated to preservation concerns, and \$365 in equipment purchase & rental. Bowling moved/L. Dietzel 2nd that the report be approved as presented. Passed.

John Gilger moved/S. Hafley 2nd that Max Routh be accepted as a Veteran, having met all requirements. Passed.

Organizational Director Elections

Jerry Lee and Alan Bowling were nominated for the position of President. Lee was elected by secret ballot.

Alan Bowling, Larry Dietzel and Nora Dietzel were nominated for the position of Company A Vice President. The secret ballot resulted in a tie, and Nora Dietzel won the run-off ballot.

Secretary/Treasurer Faught announced a willingness to resign his offices due to the uncertainty of an unexpected employment change, to allow for a smoother transition should he no longer be available to perform his duties. The offer was rejected by the membership.

Field Staff Elections

Jerry Lee and Alan Bowling were nominated for the position of Captain. Veterans, voting by secret ballot, elected Lee.

Sam Hafley, Alan Bowling and Larry Dietzel were nominated for the position of Company A 1st Lieutenant. Bowling was elected.

Dennis Faught was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Sergeant of Company A.

Larry Dietzel, Sam Hafley and Dave Plowman were nominated for the position of 2nd Sergeant. Hafley was elected. Alan Bowling volunteered to retain Quartermaster responsibilities, and his offer was accepted.

Mike White, David Plowman, Larry Dietzel, Steve Fink, Joe Hafley and Jerry Wassmann were nominated for the three authorized corporal positions. The ballot resulted in a tie, and after the run-off, White, Dietzel and Plowman had been elected.

Event Schedule

The following events were approved for support by the 5th Missouri Infantry in 1997:

January 13 Governor's Inaugural Parade - Jefferson City (6 members supporting)
Feb. 1-2 Battalion Officer/NCO School - Joplin (all officers/nco's supporting)
Feb. 22-23 Atoka, Oklahoma (12 members supporting)
March 15-16 Spring Drill - Cole Camp site TBA
April 4-6 Shiloh, TN
April 19-20 Rocky Mount, MO
May 17-18 Carthage, MO
June 14-15 Columbia, MO
June 21-22 Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis
July 26-27 Live Fire/Drill at site TBA (attendance optional)
Sep 13-14 Moore's Mill - Calwood, MO
Sep 27-28 Leasburg, MO (limited 5th MO presence)
Oct 18-19 Warsaw, MO
Oct 24-26 Spring Hill, TN (limited 5th MO presence)

All (except those specifically noted) expect full company support. The company voted to not support the DNR event at Lexington, Missouri.

Other Business

Larry Dietzel proposed an amendment to the Corporate Bylaws that would re-define a quorum for the purpose of membership meetings. The revision involved calculating a quorum for each meeting based on an average of the attendance at the three previous unit events. He expressed concern about the difficulty in achieving the current quorum requirement (30% of eligible voters) at the proper number of meetings each year. Other alternatives -- including lowering the percentage to 25% or calculating the quorum number based on minimum attendance -- were also discussed. Faught noted that certain changes in the bylaws could prompt review of the corporation's tax-exempt status by the government. He also balked at the attendance record-keeping requirements that the amendment would impose. The matter was tabled, to be re-visited if achieving a quorum remains a problem.

Dennis Faught proposed that the unit develop a policy regarding the display of NCO and Officer rank insignia at events. Due to over-representation of rank at low-turnout events, and a lack of historical documentation for the wearing of chevrons by Confederate troops in our theaters, he moved/Plowman 2nd that the following policy be accepted and enforced in the field at unit events:

"The Lieutenant will serve in the ranks in an empty NCO spot or as a private when fewer than 18 muskets are present for duty. Chevrons will not be worn in the field by NCOs, and NCOs will serve in that capacity only when attendance justifies their position (1 Sgt per 9 men, 1 Cpl per 8 Pvts). Chevrons may be worn in Federal impression only when attendance justifies the position." Motion passed.

President Lee appointed Dennis Faught, David Plowman, Alan Bowling and Cindy Lee to serve as an Authenticity Committee per Article VIII of the bylaws.

The membership discussed equipment needs for the coming year, and recommended the purchase of two federal sack coats, a set of leathers & bayonet for the fifth company Enfield, and materials for the construction of a Missouri State Guard flag, to be sewn by member Denise Murdock. Nora Dietzel Moved/Faught 2nd that \$500 be appropriated for donation to historic preservation causes, including \$200 for monument upkeep at Vicksburg. Passed unanimously. Secretary Faught will research beneficiaries of the remaining \$300 and make suggestions to the membership at the March meeting.

The membership was informed of grave illnesses effecting two of their number. All signed cards to be sent -- along with our prayers -- to Judy Riggs (wife of founding member Charlie Riggs) and honorary member Phil Gottschalk, author of "In Deadly Earnest." Member Marcus Price presented the unit with an engraved plaque paying homage to the Confederate battleflag.

There being no further business to discuss, the next membership meeting was set for March 16, and the meeting adjourned at 1:35p.m.

Board Meeting

The newly-elected Board of Directors convened immediately following the membership meeting, with President Jerry Lee Presiding, and Vice President Nora Dietzel & Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Faught present.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved. Faught presented a proposed budget for expenditure of dues revenue in 1997, and moved/Lee 2nd that \$400 be allocated for Messenger expenses, and \$100 for recruiting, postage & director reimbursement. Passed.

The board took up and approved the membership motion to purchase two federal sack coats (sizes 44 & 48), a set of federal musket leathers & an Enfield bayonet at Carthage. Member Denise Murdock will price a quantity of blue merino silk and embroidery thread sufficient to create a 4'x5' Missouri State Guard flag with a 2 1/2' diameter state seal & 3' unit designation scroll. Also approved unanimously was the donation of \$200 to Vicksburg National Military Park for cyclical cleaning/waxing of the F.M. Cockrell relief sculpture. An additional \$300 was approved for donation to a Missouri-related cause or causes to be determined later. Dietzel moved/Faught 2nd that a dozen 5th Missouri logo ballcaps be purchased from Burritto Screenprinting to be sold to members at a price of \$8.00.

There being no further business to discuss, the next board meeting was set for May 17 at Carthage, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

DETAILS OF 5TH MO UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 1-2 Joplin, Missouri. Battalion Officer/NCO School.

Feb 22-23 Atoka, Oklahoma. Battle of Middle Boggy. (MCWRA Maximum Effort.) U.S. 69 in southeast Oklahoma (about 75 mi beyond Honey Springs site). Generic battle 2pm Saturday. Dance at nearby school. CSA Court of Inquiry Sunday morning. Historic battle (Feds vs Indians & Texicans) 1:30pm Sunday.
11 Military/Civilian Registered.

Mar 15-16 Spring Drill. Location near Cole Camp TBA

Apr 4-6 SHILOH, Tennessee. National Event three miles from National Park. Site is located off Highway 22 in McNairy County, on the route that the Confederates both approached and withdrew from the battle 135 years ago to the day. Scenarios will include the opening attack on the Federal camps (Saturday morning, no spectators), the repeated Peach Orchard assaults on the Hornet's Nest (Saturday afternoon), and action from the second day, including the Federal counter-attack and Forrest's rear guard action at Falling Timbers. 4th Bttn will reportedly portray Louisiana troops Saturday & Texas troops Sunday (i.e. NO galvanizing). Impression can be our standard gray. For late registrants, Fee is now \$7 per person. Due by March 16.
Total of 17 Military and 8 Civilians & Dependents paid).

Apr. 19-20 Rocky Mount, MO. Battle of Indian Creek. North side of Lake of the Ozarks. Take Rt Y West from Eldon to Rt. W, then Lake Road W-6, or Rt. W East from Versailles to Lake Road W-6. Saturday morning "capture the flag" tactical. Generic battles Saturday at 3 p.m. & Sunday at 1 p.m. Ladies tea. Picnic basket auction. Rations provided + potluck Saturday supper with sliced ham provided. Regular Confederate impression, but prepare to Galvanize. Commit by March 16.

May 17-18 Carthage, MO. 1861 Battle of Carthage. (MCWRA Maximum Effort) In city's Kellogg Park, adjacent to Spring River. Impression is VERY early war tate Guard (NO grey). No rations provided. Further details forthcoming.

WATCH FOR DETAILS ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 14-15 Columbia, MO. Nifong Park/Maplewood Mansion Living History.
June 21-22 St. Louis, MO. Jefferson Barracks. (MCWRA Maximum Effort)
July 26-27 Site TBA. Company A Live Fire Event & Drill.
Sept 13-14 Calwood, MO. Battle of Moore's Mill.
Sept. 27-28 Leasburg, MO. Battle of Leasburg/Price's Raid.
Oct. 18-19 Warsaw, MO. Osage Valley Heritage Days. Living History.
Oct. 24-26 Spring Hill, TN. The Fight for Nashville. (National Event)

1997 MCWRA SCHEDULE SET

The Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association met August 24 in Springfield, and set the 1997 reenactment schedule as follows:

- Jan 11-12 Battalion Staff/Officers Meeting. Kansas City
- Feb 8 MCWRA Board Meeting. Springfield.
- Feb 22-23 Battle of Middle Boggy - Atoka, Oklahoma.
MAXIMUM EFFORT.
- Apr 4-6 Shiloh, Tennessee. National Event. LISTED.
- Apr 19-20 Battle of Indian Creek - Rocky Mount, Missouri.
SANCTIONED
- May 17-18 Carthage, Missouri. MAXIMUM EFFORT.
- Jun 14-15 Columbia, Missouri LOCAL
- Jun 21-22 Jefferson Barracks - St. Louis, Missouri.
MAXIMUM EFFORT.
- Sep 13-14 Battle of Moore's Mill - Fulton, Missouri.
SANCTIONED.
- Sep 20-21 Lexington, Missouri. SANCTIONED
- Sep 27-28 Lcasburg, Missouri. SANCTIONED
- Oct 3-5 Battles for Nashville - Spring Hill, Tennessee.
National Event. LISTED
- Nov 6-9 Camp Gruber, Oklahoma - Campaign Event.
MAXIMUM EFFORT.
- Date TBA Malvern Lake, Kansas. LISTED.

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5TH MO CLOTHING ITEMS

If you're interested in purchasing an article of clothing with the 5th MO markings, here is your chance. I will be taking orders for T-shirts in the sizes we are out of. The following is the price list:

- T-Shirt.....\$11.00
- for sizes overXXL add \$1.00
- T-Shirt Childrens sizes.....\$10.00
- Sweat Pants 7oz.(only the Bugle on the front).....\$18.00
- SweatShirt 7oz.(Like the T-Shirt).....\$18.00
- for sizes over XXL add \$2.00
- Ball Cap (only the Bugle on the front).....\$9.00
- GolfStyle Cap (only the Bugle on the front).....\$10.00
- Jackets several styles price range from \$25.00 to \$55.00

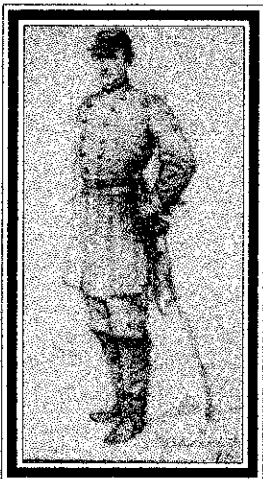
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