MINUTES REGIMENTAL MEETING SPRING DRILL & MUSTER NEAR COLE CAMP. MO MARCH 15, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Jerry Lee. A quorum was present. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the Messenger. Treasurer Dennis Faught reported a balance of \$2,228.09 in the Corporate checking account, with over \$100 in additional cash and checks on-hand. The unassigned balance in the treasury (non-dues funds not yet allocated by the board) totaled \$1,572.50. Expenditures from dues for newsletter, recruiting, postage and director reimbursement were within budgeted amounts. Gilger moved/Joe Hafley 2nd that the report be approved as presented. Passed. No recruits qualified for Veteran Status.

1st Sergeant Faught highlighted details of upcoming events, noting registration deadlines and fees due. Commitments for events through June were taken from the membership present. Mike Meoli presented a proposed location for a Company A live fire in July. The site in Boone County is a "mountain man" range, which would allow overnight camping and use of the facility for a cost of \$5 per family or individual. Sam Hafley volunteered his property near Belle for use free of charge to members. Faught moved/Lee 2nd that the live fire be held at Hafley's July 26-27. On another scheduling matter, the Company was invited to an event in Pittsfield Illinois (15 miles east of Louisiana, MO) Labor Day weekend August 30-31. No immediate interest was shown, but details will be published in the Messenger if members would like to go.

In other business, there followed a discussion of the safety and authenticity of the use of original Civil War-era firearms at reenactments. Dietzel moved/Joe Hafley 2nd that organizational safety rules be amended to include a prohibition on the firing of antique firearms at all events by 5th Missouri members. In discussion that followed, this was further amended that the policy should not be construed to prohibit the "display" of such weapons, but only the loading and discharging of them -- in ranks or individually. The principal and deciding concern was one of safety, especially in light of published reports of injuries sustained in the explosion of an antique 2-band Enfield at a reenactment. It was noted that - short of x-rays - there is no way to tell what defects or damage have been caused by rust, corrosion and age in an antique weapon. Beyond the safety concerns, questions were raised about historical accuracy, due to the aged appearance of most 140+ year-old weapons. The motion passed unanimously, with the stipulation that it take effect immediately.

In a brief discussion of possible benefactors of preservation donations, Faught reported that \$200 had been sent to Vicksburg, and suggested a groupmembership in the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. Another possibility was the

Confederate cemetery in Franklin, Tenn. Larry Dietzel suggested that the secretary/Treasurer look into the organization working to preserve "Fort Benton" in Wayne County, Missouri, and also into whether donations were being accepted for preservation of the DNR site at Ft. Davidson. Three hundred dollars remains to be allocated from our 1997 appropriation for such causes.

There being no further business to discuss, the next Company A meeting was set for June 14 in Columbia, and this meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY SECRETARY DENNIS FAUGHT EVENT REPORT: SPRING DRILL

The annual 5th Missouri spring drill was held March 16-17 at an excellent site on private property midway between Cole Camp and Stover. The weather, while chilly, remained dry. Turnout -- hopefully not a foreshadow of the season to come -- was less than might have been expected, with eighteen military and seven civilians present for at least some part of the weekend.

Instruction began with a refresher on the manual of arms, with emphasis on the use of U.S. Infantry and Rifle Tactics as the battalion's drill manual of choice. (See February Messenger) The rest of the day was spent on periodic drill sessions, concentrating mostly on skirmish deployment. By the end of the weekend, those in attendance had become quite proficient at this.

Those who missed drill will have some catching up to do.

On Sunday, each of the officers and NCO's were given an opportunity to drill the company, working through the various basic maneuvers and firings. We also that an opportunity to spend some time on maneuvering by the left flank (i.e. "inverted" drill).

The weekend provided the first opportunity for our new company cook to provide meals. Jeanie Gilger has volunteered to serve in this capacity at events this season. The arrangement will work something like this: A proposed menu will be published in the Messenger in advance of events. Those wishing to mess in this fashion will contribute the appropriate raw foodstuffs, and deposit them with Jeanie in the civilian camp. The Gilgers have purchased Sgt. Faught's old A tent to store food and cook gear. At mealtime we will march the unit to the "mess tent" and partake of Mrs. Gilger's delicious offerings. Those wishing to mess individually in the military camp, dine at the vendors, or bring haversack rations are still welcome to do so. If you have any questions, contact Jeanie.

One other notable occurence: While huddled sleeping near the fire early Sunday morning, the 1st Sergeant was rousted by Corpl Dietzel to observe a brightly shining comet in the northeastern sky. Indeed, the comet appeared so close, it was showering the Captain's tent with sparks. The appearance of Hale-Bopp is no doubt an omen of some kind. Only the season will tell whether it is good or bad.

-Submitted by 1st Serg't Dennis Faught

EVENT REPORT: SHILOH

It takes a lot of rain and mud to wash out a major event. Belmud 1 is the only time it has happened in my experience, which also includes major mudfests like Mudfreezburro in '93 and Hoodstock in '96. To call off a 135th Anniversary commemoration drawing over 10,000 reenactors from all over the world, you would need a deluge of biblical proportions. Or so one would think.

Like most reenactors who've been at this for a couple of years or more, I've learned to cut mega-event organizers some slack — probably more than their fair share. I've found that there is one constant in large event planning: It WILL rain. Coping with that inevitability when thousands of reenactors and tens of thousands of spectators decend upon a remote, rural site is enough to disuade any sane person from stepping forward to host an event.

Every single event organized by this particular group of reenactors has seen rain immediately prior to or during the weekend. Thus, they have the benefit or more experience than most in planning rain contingencies. Some of that showed the weekend of April 4-6 in Hardin County, Tennessee — and some

did not. For example, a paved blacktop road through the site and solid gravel roads accessing all camps were a good start. The military camps were both situated on high, level ground. A large number of wreckers and tow vehicles were Unfortunately, foul weather preparation standing by. appeared to end there. The parking situation was a disorganized jumble from the beginning. Some were allowed to park in the field immediately behind the camp (in full view of the camp), while others were directed to spots nearly a mile away. After the rain had made most areas inaccessible to anything but a 4X4, a plan similar to the one used at Atoka, Oklahoma was implemented -- gathering reenactors several miles off-site and shuttling them in. But for whatever reason, there did not appear to be a real parking plan at all. In this regard (as in many others during the weekend) there was a marked lack of direction, help and/or communication from event staff. To add insult to injury, those who got stuck when they parked where they were told to park, got charged for the tow out of the bog.

There were complaints early about the civilian camp, which was crammed into a space woefully inadequate for the number of family campers present. The camp (which was largely military dependents -- not civilian) began at the sutlers, and sprawled over and down a hill not intended for habitation, eventually swallowing up the area designated for hardcore refugee impressions.

Amenities (you know -- the stuff organizers are supposed to supply in exchange for your registration fee?) were as poorly-handled as at any national event I've attended. Water supplies went dry at least twice in a span of 24 hours, straw was delivered last late Friday morning, and after that apparently not available at any central location, and I never saw a single pile of firewood the whole time I was on-site. The weather can't be helped. Wood and water supplies are another matter.

The site itself (same as in 1986) showed little promise for an event this size. The battlefield areas did not appear large enough to accomodate the number of troops that would be present. The ground, though generally high and level, was covered by thick, dead grass. This did nothing to encourage drainage of the buckets and buckets of rain that fell—almost incessantly—from late morning Friday until late

Saturday afternoon.

This abridged event was not all gloom, doom and misery. There were a couple of good scraps. Friday afternoon's battalion drill was interrupted by an impromptu firefight that eventually drew in three Confederate battalions, one Federal battalion, and some cavalry and artillery. Fought mostly in a driving rain, the battle lasted over 45 minutes. Saturday morning's dawn surpise attack (though well past dawn and certainly no surpise) was sufficiently confused and disorganized to give one a real sense of the historic action. Our battalion -- portraying the 17th Louisiana was broken into two by the early confusion of deployment, and remained that way for most of the fighting -- almost exactly has the original 17th was on April 6th, 1862.

After a brief break in the rain following the battle, the heavens opened with the heaviest downpour of the weekend, turning even the camps on the high plateau into ankle-deep marshes. After hours of conflicting rumors and pronuncements from all quarters, the remaining activities were officially cancelled by mid-afternoon. About that time, the heaviest fighting of the weekend broke out. What started as a few isolated groups just burning powder

eventually escalated into a full-fledged battle, including an awsome display of artillery. There were over 100 artillery pieces at this event — most of them still in place for the Hornets Nest scenerio — and they weren't about to leave Tennessee without firing a shot. Oh, what this event could have been...

By 4:00 Saturday afternoon, those who could get out of the muddy fields were on their way home. Those who couldn't -- well, I'll leave that story tothose who stayed. As I drove west down Highway 57, the sun came out and tomorrow's forcast came on the radio. "...Sunshine with a high of 75...."

Submitted by 1st Serg't Dennis Faught

DETAILS OF 5TH MO UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17-18 Carthage, MO. 1861 Battle of Carthage. (MCWRA Maximum Effort)

In city's Kellogg Park, adjacent to Spring River. Register at the Kendrick House (571 & Rt. V northeast of town) prior to entering the site. Impression is VERY EARLY WAR StateGuard

(NO gray). Two battles, with pyrotechnics. No rations provided (5th MO Cookhouse plan in effect), but free prepared meal will be served to reenactors Saturday evening.

Registration Deadline: April 6.

15 Military/9 Civilians & Dependents have committed.

June 14-15 Columbia, MO. Annual Nifong Park/Maplewood Mansion Living History.

Camp scenerios, drill demonstrations, Mansion tours, skirmish each day. We will galvanize at

least one day. If you receive a registration packet, do not send it in. 1st Sgt. Faught will register the Companytogether. Rations will be provided. Commit by May 18.

19 Military/14 Civilians & Dependents have committed.

June 21-22 St. Louis, MO. Jefferson Barracks. (MCWRA MaxEffort)

Two generic battle demonstrations at site of major federal training facility during the WBTS.

Civilian activities. Dance. Impression is early war (Gray or State Guard). Federal Western Brigade is supporting the event, but be prepared to galvanize if needed. No rations provided. (5th MO Cookhouse plan in effect) Directions: Take Exit 2 (Telegraph Road) from I-270/I-255. North to Jeffersonian Drive. Registration at the Visitors Center of the park's historic section. \$2 Fee. Registration Deadline: May 1.

15 Military/8 Civilians & Dependents have committed. (4 Paid)

July 26-27 Belle, MO. Company A Live Fire, Drill and Encampment. Sam Hafley property.

Sept 13-14 Calwood, MO. Battle of Moore's Mill.

Two battles on 1000-acre site. Moore's Mill on Saturday, Overton Run tactical on Sunday. Impression for both is CIVILIAN or State Guard. Masquerade Ball Saturday night at School for the Deaf in Fulton. No rations provided. (5th Mo.Cookhouse plan in effect) Take Business 54 through Fulton, then County Rt. Z to site, or Calwood exit from I-70. Registration deadline July 1.

Sept. 27-28 Leasburg, MO. Battle of Leasburg/Price's Raid. Reenactment of a skirmish that took place following the Battle of Pilot Knob, as Gen. Price turned his sights on Jefferson City. Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery. Prepare to galvanize.

Oct. 18-19 Warsaw, MO. Osage Valley Heritage Days. Annual Living History.

Oct. 24-26 Spring Hill, TN. The Fight for Nashville. (National Event)

Same site as 1996 Franklin/Nashville event, with more extensive fortifications. Spring Hill tactical on Friday. Federal assaults Saturday and Sunday. Reduced fee for early pre-registrants. \$5 by May 31. \$8 per person there after.



DRILL FACTS: By the 1st Sergeant "Charge -- Bayonets"

One of the many "reenactor myths" that have crept into the way we do things in the field involves the execution of Charge - Bayonets in a line of battle.

It is common practice to require the rear rank of a battle line to go to the position of Right Shoulder - Shift, while the front rank takes the position prescribed in Hardees School of the Soldier (para. 193).

The reasoning behind this is safety, but is grounded in what may be a faulty interpretation of eyewitness accounts of the Battle of Antietam. In "Antietam, The Soldiers Battle" by John Michael Priest, White Mane Publishing, Priest writes the following describing the advance of the 6th WI through the North Woods towards the Miller House: "The men steadied and pressed forward. They passed through Meade's line at the North Woods and entered Miller's plowed field at the 'common time'. The front rank stepped off at 'charge bayonets' and the rear rank at the 'right shoulder shift'."

However, in a study of Priest's primary sources for the passage, author Dom Del Ballo notes that there is no statement that the front RANK comes to Charge. The first-person accounts Priest draws on talk instead about the 6th WI advancing in TWO LINES, with the front LINE at Charge Bayonets. A line and a rank are not the same thing in the parlance of tactics. Hence, it is likely that both ranks of the front line had their bayonets lowered. It was likely the second line of battle following in their footsteps which was at 'right shoulder shift."

Furthermore, when you consult the Manual of Arms, you will find no reference to the rear rank man of a file doing anything different from the front rank man at the command "Charge - Bayonets." In reenacting, however, historical precision sometimes must give way to safety concerns. It is not safe for a rear rank man to place the muzzle of a possiblyloaded firearm within inches of his front rank's right ear.

So what to do with that rear-rank musket? We could continue the right shoulder shift option. It looks sharp, even if inaccurate. But instead, Battalion Staff, at the NCO School in Joplin, has recommended that the rear rank take the position of ARMS - PORT. (This is a position outlined in the manual of arms for sentinels and guards, where the musket is held

diagonally against the chest.) The primary argument in favor of this change is the added safety of the position at the double quick. It's more stable than right shoulder shift. There are, however, some concerns that armsport mearly shifts the danger from the front rank man of each file to the man immediately on the left in the rear rank.

The change will be implemented in battalion formations this year. Only time will tell if it's a wise one.

SUTTLERS CORNER

FOR SALE: Used once: Brass-frame .44 Navy Colt (from Cabella's) -- \$55. Very Used "A" Tent (complete with poles & iron stakes) -- \$50. Blue cotton"bib-front" shirt, size 40 -- \$10. Grey-mix forage cap w/McDowell brim, (size small) -- \$10. Also back issues of "America's Civil War", "Military History", and Avalon Hill Game Company's "General" magazines. -- Inquire with the 1st Sgt. -- Dennis Faught

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☆ Apr. 19-20 Rocky Mount, MO. Battle of A ☆ Indian Creek.

☆ North side of Lake of the Ozarks. Rt. W east from \(\frac{1}{2} \) ☆ Versailles to Lake Road W-6, or take Rt. Y west from Eldon ☆ ☆ to Rt. W, then Lake Road W-6. Saturday morning "capture ☆ ☆ the flag" tactical from 8-to-11. Generic battles Saturday at ☆ auction. Rations provided potluck Saturday supper with A sliced ham. Regular Confederate impression, but prepare to Galvanize.

14 Military/11 Civilians & Dependents Pre-registered

SEE YOU ALL THERE! \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

BATTALION SEEKS MUSICIAN

In an effort to build a core group of talented, dedicated musicians within the 4th Battalion, staff has made this proposal: Musicians will be exempt from all camp details (cooking, cleaning, wood, water & etc) in exchange for spending their time practicing, improving, and working Members would also be exempt from company drill to the extent that they would be performing field music functions, rather than drilling with a musket.

If you have musical talent -- especially with drums, fife or bugle -- and don't enjoy the mundane aspects of camp life and company drill, you might want to consider this option. Those interested should forward their inquiries to Capt. Lee, or contact the Battalion bugler at a battalion event.

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1997 MCWRA SCHEDULE SET

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

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 Leasburg, Missouri. SANCTIONED Oct 24-26 Battles for Nashville - Spring Hill, Tennessee.

National Event, LISTED

Date TBA Malvern Lake, Kansas, LISTED.

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