

THE MESSENGER

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April 27, 1862

Sir,

I have the honor to report the actions of Company H 17th Louisiana Infantry during the engagement with forces of the government of the United States, near Pittsburg Landing on the Tennessee River April 5, 1862. Company H, along with the rest of the brigade was up and on the move by dawn. It was not long before we heard the sound of battle as other brigades of our forces engaged the enemy. Our battalion was forced to deploy through thick woods and cross a very muddy rainswollen creek. This deployment led to the separation of our wing (left) of the battalion from the right wing. The result being an inversion in the order of companies in which Company H became the right flank company of our wing. After crossing the creek, Company H was formed in to line of battle by our gallant Captain Lee and engaged the enemy who were present in substantial numbers and offered very stubborn resistance. During this action I regret to report Company H suffered heavy casualties from two canister rounds fired by a Federal battery. We marched that morning with three officers and twenty three men, by the time the United States forces retired from the field we numbered just seven men and two officers, of these casualties six being killed and eleven wounded. Lieutenant Connors, who has since been promoted to the command of a company in a regiment from his native state of Missouri, assumed command of the company when Captain Lee fell. Numbered among our wounded was Captain Lee and our 1st Sergeant Faught, by the grace of he who watches over our cause, both of these brave southern patriots are making a rapid recovery and are any day expected to return to their duties with the company.

I Remain your most
obediant servant,

1st Lieutenant Alan C. Bowling

AFTER-ACTION REPORT: INDIAN CREEK

Sir:

It is my pleasure to report on the role of this company in the recent actions of the 19th & 20th instant near Rocky Mount.

Elements of the 5th Missouri made camp along Indian Creek the evening of the 18th. As the only infantry present, we were assigned to support a battery of five guns. Approximately 20 cavalry protected our flank. A smallsquad of Federals were entrenched on the other side of a large clearing, along with about a dozen horsemen and three artillery pieces.

Thunderstorms rumbled in the area, but we remained mostly dry Saturday morning. The company had 14 men and officers present. As we drilled, we could hear the evidence of a light skirmish in the rugged hills to the east. Our cavalry had made contact with a federal patrol. The action amount to little, and both sides settled into their respective camps.

Later that afternoon, some of our cavalry captured a federal

hospital ambulance that strayed between the lines, touching off a general engagement. While the artillery traded counter-battery fire and the cavalry duelled on the flanks, Capt. Lee advanced the company toward the federal works. Although our cavalry inflicted heavy casualties on the Union horsemen, their infantry and artillery remained heavily entrenched, and we withdrew rather than assault them further. I will note, however, that the men were game for a charge and retired reluctantly.

The heavy mood of the day was leavened somewhat by a surprise birthday party for the Captain. Organized by Mrs. Bears, the wife of one of the men, the party was a complete surprise to the old man. To honor his attainment of the advanced age of 42, the men and their families were furnished with party hats, formed in ranks, and delivered a "volley" with noisemakers. During drill for this complicated maneuver, there was a minor disruption when Mrs. Fink misunderstood the command to "present tooters". Once re-clothed, the ceremony proceeded without further incident.

It pains me to report a marked lack of discipline among some of the younger recruits of the company. Musician Fink, Pvt. Hafley, and new recruit T.J. Bruegger were carelessly playing catch with a bag of flour, when said projectile struck the captain, soiling his new jacket. Being ordered by the Captain to punish the boys, I proceeded to run them through the manual of arms while posted on straw bales. Unfortunately, Fink and Bruegger's youthful exuberance got the better of them, and they broke and ran before the punishment was complete. To compound the felony, they fired on the Captain, wounding him slightly. Mrs. Gilger then produced a derringer and dropped Musician Fink from twenty-five yards. Someone give this woman a musket! Fink was only stunned by the ball, however, and both he and Bruegger were detailed for kitchen cleanup, which they performed poorly. Specifications for the serious charges pending against them are forthcoming.

Sunday morning we were greeted with the leaden clouds and steady rain that has become our constant companion of late. Our skirmishers traded shots with the federals, and as the clouds parted by mid-day, we prepared for a final assault on the Union position. Judging from the cannonade that preceeded our charge, there was ample artillery and ammunition remaining. There also appeared to be increased activity in the federal trenches. Their cavalry -- decimated in Saturday's attack -- was absent. We advanced in line of battle, delivering several well-aimed volleys. Capt. Lee deployed the company in a skirmish line as we approached the works, but federal rifle fire played heavily on our men. Corporal Bowling went down, then Private R. Bruegger, who had only this weekend joined the ranks. As we made the final push for the works, Private Fink and I were hit. The remnants of the company -- low on ammunition -- dashed forward and met the blue defenders in a hand-to-hand struggle, eventually winning the works.

Respectfully, Your Obd't Sv't & etc.

Dennis Faught, 1st Serg't.

NEXT EVENT

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 State Guard (no gray). Two battles, with pyrotechnics. Historic action Saturday, Generic battle Sunday. No rations provided (5th MO Cookhouse plan in effect Sunday only). Free prepared meal will be served to reenactors Saturday evening.

21 Military/8 Civilians & Dependents committed.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

DETAILS OF 5TH MO UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14-15 Columbia, MO. Annual Nifong Park/Maplewood Mansion Living History. Camp scenarios, 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 Company together. Rations will be provided. Commit by May 18.

24 Military/13 Civilians & Dependents 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.

12 Military/5 Civilians & Dependents committed. (26 people committed only 17 paid the \$ 2 Fee)

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.

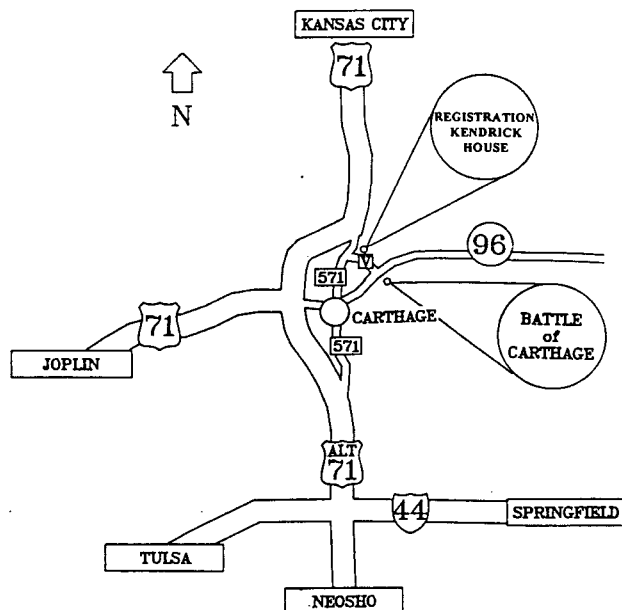
Oct. 24-26 Spring Hill, TN. The Fight for Nashville. (National Event)

Same site as 1996 Franklin/Nashville event, with more extensive fortifications. Spring Hill tactical on Friday. Federal assaults Saturday and Sunday. 4th Battalion will almost certainly galvanize for a portion of the event (it's our turn). Reduced fee for early pre-registrants. \$5 by May 31. \$8 per person thereafter.

MOTELS

Following are Motels located in or very near Carthage, Missouri:

Best Western	South Hazel and HH Hwy	417-359-5900
Boots Motel	107 S. Garrison	417-358-9453
Budget Motel	Route 4, Box 569	417-358-8168
Econo Lodge	1441 W. Central	417-358-3900
Guest House Motel	417 E. Central	417-358-4077
Kel-Lake Motel	E. Hwy 96 & V	417-358-9796



Joplin, Missouri is 16 miles SW of Carthage and has over 2000 motel rooms available featuring all the nationally known providers.

LATEST SCHEDULE (as of 5/9/97)

"BATTLE OF CARTHAGE"

MAY 16-18, 1997

FRIDAY - MAY 16

8 a.m. REGISTRATION OPENS AT KENDRICK HOUSE. PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE REENACTMENT SITE.

Midnight REGISTRATION CLOSSES. IF ARRIVING AFTER MIDNIGHT, PROCEED TO THE CAMP AREA AND REGISTER WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE COMMAND BEFORE NOON THE 17TH.

SATURDAY - MAY 17

6 a.m. REVEILLE

8 a.m. REGISTRATION REOPENS AT THE KENDRICK HOUSE FOR SATURDAY ARRIVALS.

8:30 a.m. BATTALION OFFICER'S CALL

9 a.m. CAMPS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC. ALL VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM MILITARY, CIVILIAN AND SUTLER AREAS BEFORE THIS TIME.

9 a.m. MILITARY UNIT DRILLS

10 a.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE AT HISTORIC BATTLE SITE

12 noon REGISTRATION CLOSSES

1 p.m. WEAPONS SAFETY AND UNIFORM INSPECTIONS BY RESPECTIVE COMMANDS.

1:30 p.m. "BATTLE OF CARTHAGE" REENACTMENT

3:30 p.m. LADIES TEA AND LECTURE - MAIN TENT

5 p.m. CAMPS CLOSED TO PUBLIC

6 to 7:30 p.m. DINNER SERVED TO REGISTERED REENACTORS - MAIN TENT

8 p.m. DANCE - MAIN TENT (Ball gowns or camp dress are acceptable. The public invited to observe or participate.)

SUNDAY - MAY 18

7 a.m. REVEILLE

7-8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST SERVED TO REGISTERED REENACTORS - MAIN TENT

9 a.m. BATTALION OFFICER'S CALL

9 a.m. UNIT DRILLS

10 a.m. CHURCH SERVICES (Conducted by individual unit Chaplains at locations of choice)

1 p.m. SAFETY INSPECTIONS

1:30 p.m. BATTLE - PLEASE KEEP CAMPS INTACT AND VEHICLES OUT OF THE AREA UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE BATTLE.

LATEST NUMBERS:

CS Infantry.....197, US Infantry.....177, CS Artillery.....97 men/11 guns, US Artillery.....63 men/11 guns
CS Cavalry.....71, US Cavalry.....35, CS Engineers..... 9, US Engineers.....12, CS DisMounted Cav..39
US DisMounted Cav..-0, CS Medical..... 6, US Medical.....13, CS Civilian.....201, US Civilian..... 63
Horses.....106, Mules..... 4

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James Country, Fall Creek, Coon River, Key Goods, R & K, Journey Photo, The Homeplace Studio, Crane's Post Civil War Ladies Magazine and Drygoods, The DressMaker (Can't remember the rest of it), Kettle Corn, Border States Leather, Little John's Root Beer, Dr. J's Medicine Show,>

CHECK THE CARTHAGE WEB PAGE <<http://www.mo-net.com/~mwilliams/carthage.html>> FOR MAPS AND DIRECTIONS.

BOOK REVIEW

Until the End, by Harold Coyle. Map, 510 pp., 1996 Simon & Schuster, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020. Paperback, \$6.99.

Already an acclaimed writer of military fiction, Coyle became a reenactor in order to research his first work on the Civil War, the award-winning "Look Away" (reviewed in July 1995.) He served for a time with Crowley's 3rd Mo., and more recently with the 8th Kansas. In fact, this book the sequel to "Look Away", is dedicated to "Tommy Dyer, Willie Evans and the thousands of Civil War reenactors and living historians dedicated to the preservation of our national heritage and history."

"Look Away" told the story of two brothers, sons of a tyrannical, prosperous Irish immigrant businessman in New Jersey. Just before the war, one is sent away to V.M.I. in Virginia, following an unfortunate shooting, and the other joins the New Jersey Militia. The outbreak of hostilities finds them on opposing sides, eventually coming face-to-face at the Angle during the Battle of Gettysburg.

"Until the End" picks up the story during the Mine Run campaign of late 1863, and follows the brothers' parallel lives through to the end of the war. Throughout both novels, Coyle's fictional characters are pawns in historic events. One of the pitfalls of this particular style of writing historical fiction is that it can confuse the uninformed reader with an occasionally inaccurate view of historical occurrences. Michael Shaara's "The Killer Angels" is a case in point. Coyle avoids that problem by including historical notes at the end of both novels, putting his fictional characters and events into the proper context -- pointing out what is real, and what is artistic license. He also avoids the temptation to alter events to suit his story.

One of my peeves about the first novel was a sometimes-excessive pre-occupation with the minutea of detail on the art of combat during the Civil War. It was accurate, and of interest to reenactors who revel in thatsort of stuff, but at times got in the way of the story. For this sequel, he has lightened up a bit on the technical detail, and concentrated more on the characters.

"Until the End" also delves more into the lives of the brothers' love interests, thereby addressing some of the challenges faced by women of the time.

Comparing the two volumes of the saga, I would rate this one not quite as highly as Coyle's first. I found myself somewhat less caught up in the story than I had been with "Look Away". By the time it arrives at its satisfying, yet predictable, conclusion, "Until the End" starts to stagger a bit under the weight of too many principal characters.

Still, Harold Coyle lives up to his acclaim as "the Tom Clancy of ground warfare" and one of the best combat storytellers of this generation. His renderings of combat -- particularly the action at Spotsylvania and at Third Winchester -- are powerfully written. Also effectively conveyed are the feelings of hopelessness and despair of the soldiers in the ranks as the war drags on.

As mentioned in my earlier review, this story would make an excellent mini-series.

-Reviewed by Dennis Faught

HDQRS. MISSOURI STATE GUARD,

July 20, 1861.

SIR: I have the honor to report to you the action of my division in the several engagements of the 5th instant.

About 1 o'clock on the morning of the 5th I received an order from your excellency to take up the line of march at 4 a.m. southward towards Carthage, assigning my command to the right front. My force consisted of the First Brigade, commanded by Colonel Weightman, of the First Cavalry. This brigade was composed of Capt. Hiram Bledsoe's company of artillery (three pieces--one 12-pounder and two 6-pounders), 40 men, and Captain McKinney's detachment of infantry, 16 men, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Rosser, of the First Infantry; Colonel Graves' independent regiment infantry, 271 men; Colonel Hurst's Third Regiment Infantry, 521 men, and Lieutenant-Colonel O'Kane'sbattalion of infantry, 350 men, being in all 1,204 strong.

The cavalry brought on the field Consisted of Companies A and B and part-of H of the Third Cavalry, 115 men, commanded by Colonel Peyton, to whom was attached the companies of Captains Stone and Owens. The First Battalion of the Independent Cavalry, 250 men commanded by Colonel McCown; Lieutenant-Colonel Boughan's battalion of the Fourth Cavalry, 200 men, and Capt. Joseph O. Shelby's company of Rangers, 43 men, making a total of 1,812 men.

The remaining portion Of my command, being unarmed, was used to present the appearance of a reserve corps and baggage guard. My division took up the line of march as ordered, and most of them without having prepared any breakfast.

About 7 a.m., having marched some 5 miles, our scouts reported the enemy in force 3 miles in advance. I immediately went forward with some of my staff to reconnoiter their movements and examine the ground. -Perceiving that they were descending a slope towards a creek skirted on both sides with timber, I sent orders to Captain Shelby, who was in the advance, to halt and detain the whole command out of view, hoping that the enemy would cross the creek, when I could oblige them to take position in the bottom, while I drew up my force on the height commanding it. My expectations were realized, and after the enemy had crossed the creek I ordered Captain Shelby forward to check their advance. I then directed Colonel Weightman to deploy the brigade in order of battle on the ridge of prairie overlooking the enemy. This order was executed with celerity and precision, he placing Colonel Graves on the right, the artillery in the center, and Colonel Peyton to take position on the right of the First Brigade, and extend over their line as far as practicable towards the timber, the other division taking position on the left of my command. The ground upon which our army was drawn up was a high ridge of prairie, gently sloping southward, with undulations to a creek about one mile and a quarter distant. In front of our right was a large field of corn extending to the timber on the creek.

The enemy, under command of Colonel Sigel, apparently about 2,000 strong, with seven pieces of artillery, took up their

position on the north side of the creek, about three-quarters of a mile from the timber, and threw a few spherical-case shot at Captain Shelby's company, which was ordered back to the main line. This movement, conducted in the face of both armies, was executed with a precision worthy of the parade ground. I then sent this company to the extreme right, to reconnoiter the timber and examine for a crossing. The action commenced by the enemy opening a heavy fire from their battery. This was promptly responded to by the artillery of General Parsons' command which had unlimbered on the left of my division. Captain Bledsoe, under the direction of Colonel Weightman, then opened a steady and well-directed fire upon the densest of the enemy's masses, forcing them to take refuge in the depression of prairie and finally to retire some 200 yards, when Colonel Weightman promptly and gallantly advanced his whole brigade in battle order and reopened his fire from Captain Bledsoe's guns. By this time I had led the cavalry on the right through the corn field with a view of our flanking the enemy, or, if the ground was suitable, of charging their battery.

The enemy opened with some execution a well-directed fire of grape and spherical-case shot upon our advancing column, which sustained itself with much gallantry, and Colonel Sigel, fearing that his army would be outflanked, and suffering very much from the rapid and well directed fire from Captain Bledsoe's battery, retired under cover of his battery across the creek.

Colonel Weightman, in his report, speaks in the highest terms of the coolness and steadiness of the First Brigade throughout this portion of the engagement, and I bear grateful testimony as to the eagerness with which the cavalry desired to charge over the most unfavorable ground. Our loss up to this time was very small.

Colonel Weightman, now joined by Colonel Hurst's regiment, advanced, and perceiving the enemy posted on a ridge beyond the creek, unlimbered within 400 yards of the enemy's battery and opened upon them with round shot and canister, while the infantry advanced to engage the enemy at close quarters. This point was severely contested and the loss great.

The officers of Captain Bledsoe's artillery are reported to have most gallantly served their guns in person, two of them (Lieutenants Wallace and Higgins) after being wounded; the latter falling exhausted under the muzzle of his piece. Lieutenant-Colonel O'Kane, in the most gallant style, pressed forward with his command, and, aided by a portion of General Clark's division, repulsed the enemy from their position.

Colonel Sigel again commenced a retrograde movement, and retreated across a prairie 5 miles to Spring River, closely followed by the infantry and artillery. The cavalry under my command, joined by a regiment of General Slack's division, commanded by Colonel Rives, endeavored to outflank them on the right, but the retreat was so rapid as to defeat our object. On nearing Spring River we attempted to intercept the enemy's crossing, but they again opened a heavy and destructive fire from their artillery, which compelled us to take a crossing higher up, and, pushing forward, endeavored to surround the town.

For the details of the actions of the First Brigade in their several contests for the city I refer you to the able report of Colonel Weightman.

As I was enabled to reach the rear of Carthage, I dismounted the whole command, who eagerly pressed to the support of their comrades engaged in town, and just arrived in time to see the complete rout of the enemy.

Our loss in these engagements amounts to 44 killed and wounded. Lieutenant-Colonels Rosser and O'Kane and Captain Bledsoe are favorably introduced to my notice by Colonel Weightman, and I take great pleasure in seconding his recommendation, and ask leave to add to the list the name of Col. Richard H. Weightman as deserving a brevet for gallant and meritorious [conduct].

To the officers and men of my command I return my thanks for their, gallant bearing and their dauntless zeal for the cause so dear to us all. The great object of our march is about complete, and, though commenced under difficulties that discourage many, yet, with a column of veteran troops threatening our rear and powerful force of the enemy in front, we can congratulate Ourselves on a victory which is but the prestige of our ultimate success.

To Colonels McMertre [McMurtry?] and Woodard, Assistant Quartermaster Barkery, and others of my staff, I am indebted for their aid in conveying orders, and to my aide-de-camp, Lieutenant-Colonel Maclean, for his assistance in the disposition of the forces and arrangement of the line of battle.

The report of Colonel Weightman and other officers, along with the list of killed and Wounded, is hereby attached and made a part of this report.

I am, sir, with much consideration, your obedient servant,

JAMES S. RAINS,
Brig. Gen.,

Comdg.

Eighth Division

Missouri State Guard.

Brig. Gen. W. HOUGH,

Adjutant-General Missouri State Guard.

POSSIBLE EVENT

The 5th Missouri has been invited to an event in Pittsfield, Illinois August 30-31 (Labor Day Weekend). Since it comes during a period of inactivity in our schedule, perhaps some members would be interested in attending. If so, contact the 1st Sergeant.

It will be a small (about 150) and potentially farby event -- but also might be a lot of fun. Pittsfield is approximately 15 miles east of Louisiana, Mo on U.S. 54, or about 30 miles east of Hannibal via U.S. 36.

St. Charles Civil War Living History Weekend 10th Anniversary September 6 & 7, 1997. The event is held at the St. Charles Frontier park a mile long riverside park next to the Historic District.

Amenities: straw, water, 5 catered meals. Sanctioned by MCWRA, Registration call Sue Riddler at (314)947-0165 days or 947-7669 evenings.

HOLD THAT BRIDGE

Tennessee Site Seeks Protection (from the Spring '97 Issue of "Hallowed Ground", the APCWS newsletter)

APCWS' success comes largely from its partnership with various agencies. Last month, APCWS was contacted by Fred Prouty of the State of Tennessee for assistance in the acquisition of 115 acres of the Davis Bridge Battlefield [aka "Hatchie Bridge", an action which involved troops of the Missouri Brigade]. It is included in Congress' "Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields" as an endangered site.

As Confederate Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn retreated from Corinth on October 4, 1862, Federal Maj. Gen. Edward O.C. Ord combined with Maj. Gen. Stephen A. Hurlbutt's 4th Brigade, Army of West Tennessee, and approached the Confederate front between the towns of Pocahontas and Bolivar, Tennessee. [If you went to Shiloh via TN Hwy 57, you passed very near this site].

Ord's combined force pushed Van Dorn's lead elements, Maj. Gen. Sterling Price's Army of the West, back approximately five miles to the Hatchie River and across Davis Bridge. While Price's men were hotly engaged with Ord's force, Van Dorn's scouts found another crossing over the Hatchie River. Van Dorn then led his army back to Holly Springs.

Once again, Van Dorn had been forced to retreat; but, his army had avoided capture or destruction.

Many historians, including Ed Bearss, have characterized this October 5, 1862 action as the third day of the Battle of Corinth.

A local group, the Davis Bridge Memorial Foundation, notified the State of Tennessee about the sale of 115 acres comprising a significant portion of the core area of the Davis Bridge Battlefield. The battlefield itself is still agricultural; however, a 10-25 acre residential development is occurring within one-half mile of the site and the landowner had planned to carve 25 acres out of the middle for a modular home dwelling.

The State successfully identified funds available to purchase the site. Unfortunately, the funds won't become available for

LETTERS TO THE 5TH MISSOURI

Dear Friends

I would like to thank the 5th MO for the nice card and lovely flowers I received following my surgery in Columbia. As some of you know I'm taking an alternative treatment for my cancer, in Mexico, and so far I'm feeling Quite Well

Thanks again for your Thoughtfulness.

Judy Riggs

SUTTLERS CORNER

FOR SALE: \$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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NEW ADDRESS & MEMBERS ☆☆

WELCOME TO THE FIFTH MISSOURI ☆☆

Randy & T.J. Bruegger (Family) ☆☆

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913-829-3943 ☆☆

1st Platoon. Membership number 165. ☆☆

Sponsor: Steve Fink ☆☆

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approximately three months and the landowner couldn't promise he would hold the property for that amount of time.

Enter APCWS. In situation similar to Lee's Mill and the City of Newport News, the state asked for APCWS' assistance while the acquisition process moves through the state bureaucracy to insure the property remains available for purchase.

"Your efforts played a significant role in the positive response we received from the Tennessee Lands Committee who have recommended that the State of Tennessee purchase the 115 acres of prime battlefield property at Davis Bridge", said an elated Fred Prouty.

APCWS will assist the state by taking an option on the site for 6 months with an extension, if necessary, for 6 months. We anticipate approval of the transaction from the Tennessee Lands Committee in late April with settlement to take place sometime in July.

"I am most impressed with the resolve of the APCWS in its efforts to continue to assist worthy preservation requests, even though its own financial status is burdened by the recent multi-million dollar battlefield acquisition at Brandy", Prouty stated.

Davis Bridge will become part of the state park system once the acquisition is complete. [The Fifth Missouri Infantry (CSA), Inc. is a Brigade-Level member of APCWS -The Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, Inc.]

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☆☆ **5TH MO CLOTHING ITEMS** ☆☆☆

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☆☆ 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).....\$8.00 ☆☆☆

☆☆ Jackets several styles price range from ☆☆☆

☆☆ \$25.00 to \$55.00 ☆☆☆

☆☆ We have ordered 12 Caps. ☆☆☆

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1997 MCWRA SCHEDULE SET

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.

No. 5.—JOINT RESOLUTION of thanks to Missouri officers and soldiers in the Confederate service east of the Mississippi River.

Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That the thanks of Congress are eminently due, and are hereby tendered, to Brig. Gen. F. M. Cockrell and the officers and soldiers composing the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Regiments of Missouri Infantry, First, Second, and Third Regiments of Missouri Cavalry, the batteries of Bledsoe, Landis, Guibor, Walsh, Dawson, and Barret, and Woodson's detached company, all in the service of the Confederacy, east of the Mississippi River, for the prompt renewal of their pledges of fidelity to the cause of Southern independence for forty years, unless independence and peace, without curtailment of boundaries, shall be sooner secured.

Approved May 23, 1864.

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