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Headquarters
Captain Clay Goser
St. Louis, Missouri

Company G,

Another year has come and past. It seems like just yesterday sitting in the Mueller household passing out the calendars for the year and looking forward to an exciting 2012 campaign season and now we find ourselves looking back and reflecting on what has been a very successful year.

I wanted this year to be a start to rebuilding the company, building participation and investing in our future through new recruiting efforts. We've had an illustrious history to be certain, our path paved by the efforts of many. We pay homage to the original members of the unit, the civilian and military men who served during our nation's struggles, and we remember fondly those people that have been a part of the last thirty plus years of this living history organization, but if we are to ensure that this group moves forward for the next generation, we must not live in the past, but look forward to our future. My goals were threefold when I humbly took command of the company this year; build our participation among the rank and file, concentrate on recruiting to rebuild our ranks, and look to cooperative relationships with other organizations within the hobby to offer new and exciting opportunities for the 11th Mississippi as an organization. It's within the framework of these goals that I'd like to review the past year.

As many know, we've struggled with participation over the last several years. There are many reasons, a bad economy, various priorities in competition for limited time and resources, and perhaps a certain lethargy developed when absence becomes habit forming after missing several events. I believe the last to be the most dangerous. The first two are good reasons and everybody understands, but the last becomes a constant danger, the more years we put in as the body does not always cooperate with age and the shine and exuberance of youth fades over time. This year had several keystone events to prove that we could knock off the dust and still field a strong company in the field.

A key event supporting our initiative for building participation was Shiloh, TN. The Blue-Gray Alliance put on another great event, especially for those who enjoyed getting the full effect of infantry slogging through mud and marching miles everywhere!. Highlights included fielding 25 men in ranks, surprising the battalion with one of the largest companies in attendance. It was a truly a pleasure to see Rick Montgomery and his immersion history class in the

*"11th Mississippi !!! No more disorderly mob of men have ever gotten together to make an army!
Damn'em !! I would not go into battle without them !!"*

Maj. Gen. W.H.C. Whiting, Brigade Commander, commenting on the 11th reputation.

field as we fulfill our mission in education. Watching the fire in his belly as our former First Sergeant broke through the thickets in the Hornets' Nest behind me brought back many memories sharing the field together. It was good having Ron Royer out with us again. We don't get to see him enough and it's always a pleasure to have him with us. Six of us marched somewhere between 17 and 30 miles (or what seemed that distance) from Corinth to the battlefield, arriving to the sound of the guns and falling straight into the fight-wet, tired, and road weary. Spending time with my comrades-in-arms experiencing the real hardship of soldier's life paints the hobby in a very different light. Even those painful experiences are remembered fondly as I reflect back. My hat's off to Barry Barfield, Ted Klos, Pat McDougal, Paul Turnbull, and Mason Goser for the completion of that march. It's not forgotten. While I'm sure I'm missing several other key moments....and there are many, I'll end my recollections with pay call in the Emerald Peacock, the temperance movement and Sunday services, the Rev. Backside presiding. These are the moments that define who we are, the ability to forge friendships through laughter.

May and June both held events where we gained opportunities to work cooperatively with other units. In May, a small contingent fell in with members of the 4th Arkansas. This would prove to be a great collaboration, finding another like-minded confederate unit in Missouri. Our paths would cross again down the road. June would have Travis Wunderlich, Pat McDougal, Mason I finding new friendship playing federal at Kingston. The 7th and 11th Missouri Irish Brigade welcomed us and we've continued to look for new opportunities to cooperate with Captain Kace Christensen and his band of federal volunteer infantry.

August had us at the 150th Anniversary of Lone Jack. I was pleasantly surprised and had fun at this event. I have to personally thank our illustrious First Sergeant, Ted Klos. Confederate field command was granted when I failed to step back fast enough with the other commanders. Ted led the company and I'm grateful for his superb performance as the company 'Top' and his willing flexibility. We also had three members from the 4th Arkansas join our ranks, solidifying our relationship with them. They proved great men and veteran soldiers. We were pleased to see Chris Warren back in our ranks, on leave from the actual military. We're appreciative to have him back any time and thankful for his service to our country. The event was well conducted, stuck to very historic scenarios, and the candle light tours were well thought out and done. I personally appreciate everyone's participation in a progressive event. I had several of the other members of staff and companies commend the boys of company G on their impression. I'm proud of the company to have represented themselves so well to continue and draw the attention of others.

September gave us an opportunity for an additional 150th event, the anniversary of the bloodiest day in American history- Sharpsburg. "Maryland my Maryland" was a well-planned and well executed event from the progressive community. It was not a voted company event but we had eight veteran souls participate; Pat McD, Paul T., Barry B., Mason, Sam Stanford, and I caravanned out to the Maryland together. We would meet Mark Barkley and Ron Feder there. Seven of us started a march (excepting Ron) started a march from Harper's Ferry to the battlefield following the 17 miles taken by General AP Hill's division. That walk in a single day was a hard forced march, leaving most of us completely spent at the end of the day. Highlights were sleeping in Harper's Ferry, wading across the Potomac at the original ford, and the camaraderie developed through hardship with fellow soldiers. The downside -17 miles. A heavy rainstorm curtailed activity on Saturday, but would not derail the event. We waited patiently in the downpour for a break in the weather, protecting our powder and muskets and fought the battle during a lull. That would be the end of the rain. We would spend the rest of the day drying ourselves and gear, preparing for the dawn fight in the cornfield. I cannot begin to describe the heavy fighting as the smoke hung in the cornstalks, units slugging away at 30-50 yards. The sun was literally blocked out by the smoke at times and the opposing army was obscured and indistinguishable as close as 15-20 yards. It was an eerie moment where one could only briefly glimpse the mixed emotions of horror, fear and desperation that must have been felt that day. We ended the day with a pilgrimage to the new 11th Mississippi monument in the cornfield on the park grounds.

included here. I still have mine from what I think was the 145th Perryville. It was a nice bridge from the past to now and was greatly appreciated by all. Thank you all for going above and beyond. research. We're happy for all and after a couple of days, one wouldn't know any of them hadn't been on the march with the company for months. It was good to see Will Whitener, Brady Swift, and Adam Turnbull. With all the young men, we started to look like an authentic company- young, tough and hardened men. I think it a culmination to a great year. Finally, I'd like to say thank you to two people that went above and beyond. The first is Barry Barfield for organizing the letter writing that went into the mail call. The second is to Sherry & Rachel Turnbull for the initialed handkerchiefs. Thank you both for the great pies and handkerchiefs, both were well received and sincerely appreciated.

A couple of miscellaneous event of mention was the educational event "Feeding the Civil War Soldier" and the Green Tree Festival in Kirkwood. Layne Chartrand (former Captain of Company G) has cemented an opportunity ensuring the 11th has a great opportunity with the St Charles County Parks at Towne Park in Foristell, MO. Our first event was a success seeing over 200 people pass through. I have to personally thank John "Dad" Mueller, Layne Chartrand, Sherry Turnbull, Curtis West, and Phil Blanton for coming out at the last minute and making it a great event. The site administrator said it was the biggest event they have had and want to work to do more with us in the future. This is a great opportunity for the military unit and our civilians alike as they want to turn the site into a working living history farm from the 1850s. It has great potential and an organization that wants to partner with us. Barry single handedly got us a last minute invite to the Green Tree Festival in Kirkwood where he and I did some educational discussions with the public. It served as a great interactive recruiting tool. It directly led to our introduction to Dave Schroeder and seven other potential recruits. It's definitely primed for future activity and we got a lot of publicity.

There has been a new addition to the Wunderlich household. Congratulations to Kathy and Travis on the healthy and happy arrival of *Kenneth Leo Wunderlich*, born on 10 June, at 7:31 a.m. weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces. We send our warmest regards and prayers to the Wunderlich family .

I have personal y been very pleased with the entire year and look forward to our next event at Prairie Grove, Arkansas the first week in December, followed by our final drill that's open to the public and recruits the following Sunday. I feel personally humbled to have been elected to lead the company for the past two years. I cannot think of a better group to be associated with. I am proud to call you all friends....to call you Mississippians. I wish you all the very best as we go into the holiday season-reflect on the past year, prepare for the next and stay in touch with your friends. You are the future of the company.

You humblest and sincerest friend,

Clay W. Goser
Captain, Commanding
11th Regt Vol. Infnt'y, Company G

Headquarters
St. Louis, Missouri
17 October

Men of the Company,

It's with great pleasure that I return from Perryville, Kentucky with word of a glorious victory. It was good to be among the ranks of Medich's Battalion where four companies were seen under the flag of the 33rd Alabama. Rain fell hard in an attempt to drown our spirits, but it was not to be as the sun came out on Saturday morning and we fought under blue skies and mild temperatures. There were three spirited fights, one at dawn on Saturday, and two following for the spectators on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. While we did not receive the services of Reverend Backside this event, we did enjoy mail call where we were introduced to Molly, a woman of which we must be vigilant into the future. We were graced with presents from home with homemade preserves, sauces and a small token of civilian appreciation in the form of handkerchiefs from Mrs. Turnbull.

While we missed some, it was certainly a pleasure to see many of the vets in the ranks. Sergeant Klos filled in handily as the First Sergeant with the Second Sergeant being taken by Pat "Running Man" McDougal. It's a different world as the last company in the battalion for a Second Sergeant. Much appreciation goes to Corporal Paul Turnbull and his gentle guidance to the Captain when he needed it. We were pleased to have some faces from the past with us that we haven't seen in a quite a while. Ron Royer made his presence known, doing his hibernating bear impression with Dan and Keegan Stratton sharing quarters. Dan never changes while Keegan on the other hand remains barely recognizable. Weird. We were pleased having Pvts. Barkley and Adam Turnbull to round out the roster of steadfast privates.

Barry Barfield tutored and led Dave Schroeder, our newest recruit. He must have done his duties well, as Dave was barely recognizable as a new comer once the company 'went to work' under arms. Will "Sam Squanch" Whitener made a second appearance and we hope he'll get more opportunities to join us in the future. He may consider not growing more, or I'm not going to be able to outfit him much longer. "Raisin" Brandt Heitgerd made good on his promise, introducing a new face in Gus "Dutchy" Griesse. Between them and Brady Swift, it was lucky any of them ever slept. "What the hell was that!?! Our final mention is that of Andy "Shifty" Mahurin. He joined us on an invite and proved himself a more than capable soldier and a true pleasure to have within the company. We hope opportunities avail themselves, allowing him to join us again.

Finally, I'd like to say thank you to Mrs. Turnbull and Miss Rachel. It is always a pleasure to have them visit, especially when they come bearing pies. To those that wrote letters, and there were plenty of them... you certainly added a special element. Thank you all from our wonderful families...and Mr. LaRue.

Most Sincerely,

Clay W. Goser
11th Miss Vol Inft'y Regt, Company G
Commanding

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Headquarters
St. Louis, Missouri
8 December

Elections and Party

Gentlemen,

We must discuss the annual party and elections for Captain, First Sergeant, Second Sergeant and Corporal.

Lee & Jackson Birthday Party: Sunday, January 13, 2013 location it to be confirmed.

Company Elections: The company annual elections /meeting will also be held Sunday, January 13th, 2013. The location is to be determined, time will be between 12:00 & 2:00. Start time and location will be confirmed and published. Please come comfortable in civilian clothes. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the company staff, discuss company business, and 2013 events. The event is open to all company participants and their invited guests with voting privileges held by company members in good standing. Please bring **\$25 dues** if you are a voted member, anticipate participating in the 2013 year, and wish to exercise a vote.

Most Sincerely,

Clay W. Goser
11th Miss Vol Inft'y Regt, Company G
Commanding

Headquarters
Captain Clay Goser
St. Louis, Missouri
12 December

Company G

The drill at Towne Park went great. I want to thank the men who were able to attend. Pat, Paul, Barry, and Dave Schroeder went through some school of the soldier. While school of the company is severely limited with a single section of four, I want to express my appreciation for these gentlemen and their effort. While there, we accomplished a couple of other activities, the first being a tour of the park and a discussion about an expressed interest from the St Charles Country Park Dept in a joint partnership with the 11th Miss for living history events at the site. I appreciate the discussion and candid comments by the men attending.

The second mention is that we had two prospective recruits attend. Gus (Dave Schroeder's Nephew) and Matthew Cone, ages 13 and 14 respectively both showed some interest in the company and participated by learning drill beats and were both able to march with the company and keep proper time. For those that have played the drum, this is great for the first day touching it. I want to express my pleasure in meeting both young men and should they want to participate further, I welcome any questions they might have. There is a third potential musician, Ben Hanser. He has expressed interest, but could not make the event as it was his birthday. Happy Birthday to Ben and I hope that we have the opportunity to see him in the future.

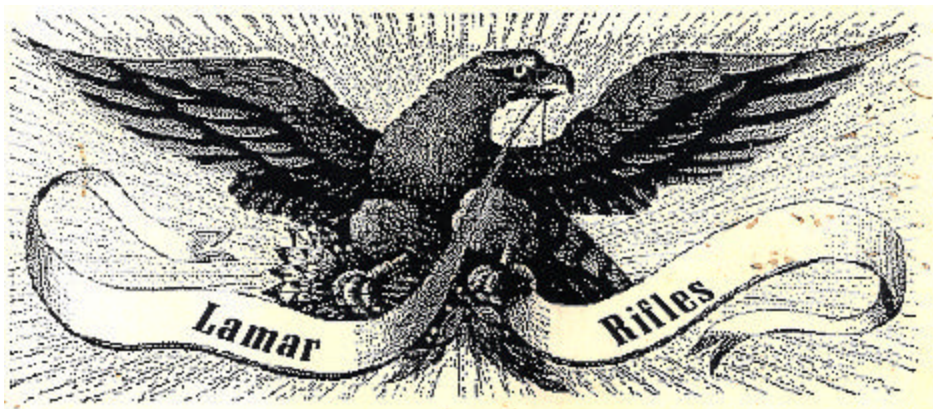
If we have interest in company drums, I would like to see who would be interested in putting together some musician's practices. I am interested in participating (I can always use the practice) and would hope that Ron and Travis would be willing to work as principal instructors. I've already talked to Ron and we would have to do this on Sunday afternoons. I'm thinking no more than once or twice a month. We can do a lot with making training videos, digital wave files, etc for in between. If you have experience with computer videography of equipment for digital recording, I can always use your help. I'm familiar with some of the other musicians in Missouri and eventually, I'd love to be able to think about an amateur Midwest Fife and Drum corps. First things first. Let's start slow.

ATTENTION!: A January date is set for both the company meeting and elections and the annual company party. Instead of two dates, I want to be respectful of everyone's time. John has welcomed us to his home and to host both events on Sunday, January 13th. We'll start the meeting for all men of the company at 2:00 and upon completion, will roll right into the party. All are invited and you are certainly welcome to invite guests that you would like to consider as potential recruits that you would like to introduce to the company. This goes for any of our current potential recruits. If you are a voting member and intend to participate in elections, you must pay your annual dues of \$25 on or before that date. If you intend to run for election, please let someone know that you would like to be nominated for a position and for what positions you would like to be nominated for. That way, we don't find people turning down positions or taking a position they don't really want. It is your responsibility to notify people that you are interested.

John Mueller has also agreed to host a game day at his place on January 6. We will most likely play axis and allies but will leave it open for other games of interest. Please let me know who is interested. As previous, bring drinks and snacks to share. Times will be posted. Probably starting at 9am or so until concluded.

I want to wish every one of you the happiest holidays and hope everyone has a fantastic new year. Please stay in touch with each other. Throw out emails just to say hi, and reply to those who do. Friends first and soldiers after.

Clay W. Goser
Captain, Commanding
11th Regt Vol. Infnt'y, Company



Headquarters
St. Louis, Missouri

Gentlemen,

This letter is to clarify expectations, align procedures and allow for a smooth and transparent election come January 13, 2013.

Nominations Procedures:

1. You must be nominated for a position with one 'second' in order to be considered on the ballot. Nominations will be made at the meeting.
2. In order to avoid putting people on the spot of accepting or declining the nomination, each candidate interested in a position should ensure that somebody attending the meeting knows that they want the position prior and makes the nomination for them. This will ensure that all those nominated both want the position and are willing to fulfill the duties.
3. Each person should also acknowledge which secondary positions they are interested in case they do not win their primary desired position. (i.e.. if a person requests someone to nominate them for Second Sergeant and they do not win, they should explain that they want to be nominated for Corporal)
4. If there are positions that you do not want, please ensure that people know that. (i.e.. You wish to run for corporal, but do not want captain)
5. Please do not nominate a person for a position unless they have requested you to do so, or you have talked with them prior to express your thoughts and they accept.
6. The voting staff positions for leadership of the company will be captain, first sergeant, second sergeant, and corporal. The position of clerk will be appointed by the captain with a vote of confidence by the rest of the newly elected staff.

Voting Procedures:

1. Each voting member must meet eligibility requirements.
 - a. Met all requirements and have been voted into the company.
 - b. Must have paid dues (\$25) for the 2013 season by the time of the election.
2. Votes must be present to be counted with exceptions for proxy.
3. Members in good standing having met the requirements of a) and b) above but living more than 200 miles distant can grant voting privileges by proxy to another voting member in good standing.
4. Ballots will be secret by paper to be counted by the previous year's company clerk as a non-voted position.

Clay W. Goser
Captain, Commanding
11th Regt Vol. Infnt'y, Company G

The following letter is from a reenactor member of the 11th Mississippi - Company G. Dated February 2, 1995 it is a excellent letter to read and has been submitted for this issue. It is my hope that we enjoy it and ponder its message.

February 2, 2005

Why the 11th and Why Co. G

I've been asked to provide as best as memory allows, how and why the 11th reactivated company was formed. My apologies if I get some facts and names wrong, but memories are like the hair on my head. (Quickly fading).

It was 1975 and a gathering of friends was called to meet at Randy Jung's cabin. It was generally to renew old acquaintances because all had started new lives and families, with an underlying agenda of forming a loose knit reenactment group.

Randy had attended an event prior to this at J.B. and enjoyed it so much that he wanted to go with a unit of friends, and slated J.B. of 76 as a target date. Les Bahr (sp) was one of these close friends whom we had attended High School with, and was in attendance at the cabin and was also attending Ole Miss in Oxford Mississippi at this time. Les decided to raise as many students and locals from Oxford who were interested and attend the 76 event as Co. A University Grays. James Cook, who was a History professor at Ole Miss, took the role as Captain of the company. Randy Jung acted as Sgt. Major and he along with Dale (Mickey) Myers and Ross (the Colonel) White, raised as many men in our area as they could.

We all attended the 76 event with the majority of our part of the company being buck skinners and excellent shots with a rifle. We called ourselves (tongue in cheek) The Green River Mountain Boys attached to Company A. Part of this was because our pards were proud to be buck skinners and the fellows from Oxford, though never said, I believe disliked the fact that we weren't students from Ole Miss. and were from the North. It was also difficult to coordinate because of logistics.

After having a good time at J.B., it was decided we needed an authentic name and after some research it was found a second company was formed in Oxford Miss. mostly of townsfolk. We all know now that it was Co. G, Lamar Rifles. It was a great way to stay close to our friends who were attending Ole Miss. and keep our own autonomy. We would join together with Co. A whenever possible and renew old acquaintances.

The company was off to a good start but soon met tragedy when our Sgt. Major died in a plane crash, not long after J.B. It was then that Mickey stepped up and decided to take the Company as a Captain for one year only, to honor

Randy. Needless to say he kept the company going longer than 1 year and it was his foresight to talk the company into purchasing Hardees Manual of instruction. He began whipping the unit into shape. It was this time in the companies history that the company went from a group of men getting together every now and then over a campfire, to a unit that was as authentic as any in the field and one who knew the drill and laid the foundation for the building of the company as we know it now. This was also a time when other units in the area were constantly assailing our company and we were looked upon as the unwanted stepchild. Through hard work and determination we proved our metal and were slowly accepted into the reenacting community. The company took many drill competition awards home and our drawers were full of live fire shooting medals and ribbons. At one particular event we either won or placed in every category available. (Dale Black won best Ball Gown.)

Many things have changed but the one thing that keeps our company strong is the very thing the company was founded upon. Friendship. I wrote most of this before I talked to Mickey over the telephone, and when I asked him what he thought was the most important thing regarding our company, he didn't pause for second and said the very thing I have tried to emphasize in this report. FRIENDSHIP. This is what held the company together in bad times, knowing that you were going to be on the field with your pards. When all the battles are over and we sit around the campfire and talk of our adventures, it's seldom about the number of rounds fired or numbers of men that were there, but it's almost always about the memories of what we did with our pards. This is just a hobby, but we sometimes face real hardships on the field. It's these hardships that cause us to rely on one another and is the glue that cements us together as a company. One of the greatest comments I've heard in the field came from one of our most quiet members. One fresh fish was complaining about how much we had to march, drill, weight of the rifle etc. and Rich McClenagan calmly turned and said "You may have to have the mindset of a little boy to put on the uniform and go play soldier, but it takes a man to stay on the field." I can't think of a better group of men to be on the field with. Thanks for a great ride.

Sincerely your pard

Ron

11 October
Saint Louis, Missouri
Dave Schroeder

Comrades in Arms

As a raw recruit it was with great pleasure that I joined the men of Company G in the glorious fight at Perryville against the blue horde.

I met many of you and remember some of the names, but not all, and for that I apologize. I want to thank you all for making me feel welcome and a part of the company.

There are a few individuals I would like to thank.

Thanks to AWOL 2nd Sgt Pat McDougal for answering numerous questions about clothing and gear and especially for his meteorological report on how cold it can get.

To the Reverend for sharing his shebang and for the privilege of carrying his 'library' thru the mud at 4am.

To Ron for his guidance during drill and on the march.

To the barefoot rebel, Shifty, for information on period clothes, guidance on the field and his entertaining stories during the commute.

To Paul for instructions on rolling blankets, sharing his essence of coffee and knowledgeable advice at the sutlers.

To our brave Capt. Goser for lending me a musket to fight the Yankees and for clothing. However, I don't think it would have been farb if he had omitted including the gray backs with said clothes.

It was also amusing to hear how fellow recruit, Dutchy, took out a Federal Provo after hostilities had ceased on Sunday.

My hope is to come across some supply depots this winter so that I may be outfitted to join Company G in the spring campaign against the tyrannical northern govt. in our fight for Southern Independence.

Respectfully

Private Dave Schroeder

Eagle Scout Keegan Stratton !!!



Keegan Stratton has earned the Boy Scout Eagle Scout badge. The ceremony was held 4 November, 2012 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Posseyville, Indiana . Members of Keegan's immediate family were in attendance, Troop 969, scout leaders of the Native Trails District, and members of Company G, Lamar Rifles.

There are few things in life that can mark a young man as an exemplary citizen. Achieving the Boy Scout - Eagle Scout Badge tops the list. In an age in which we need leadership, integrity, loyalty, honesty, and the willingness to "do a good turn daily". Keegan Stratton has achieved the badge of Eagle Scout. It might be just another rank, but I can assure you it is a badge of honor. It is a badge of respect based on the future conduct of all those previously awarded this same badge. Past Presidents of the United States of America, U.S. Senators, U.S. House of Representatives, Ambassadors, Business CEO's, Astronauts in the NASA program, and untold numbers of military servicemen are in this elite fraternity. As it has been said before and will be again, **"Once an Eagle always an Eagle"**.

In 2010 there were 898, 186 Boy Scouts, and 56,176 Eagle Scout awards presented, approximately 6.2 %. As of 2008 there had been 83,486,083 Scouts since 1911, and 1,880,905 Scouts had earned Eagle Scout, making it 2.2 % for a total.

Mississippi At Antietam: Honoring Those Who Fought.

On Sunday, August 19, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. a new monument to the 11th Mississippi Infantry was dedicated at Antietam National Battlefield. Guest speakers for the dedication included author John Neff, Jefferson Davis's great grandson Burtrum Hays Davis, and park historian Ted Alexander. The monument is located on private property adjacent to Cornfield Avenue where the 11th Mississippi was heavily engaged during the first hours of the battle.

The monument stands 8 foot tall and 2 foot 6 inches wide. Crafted from Georgia light blue-grey granite. It stands alone on a small piece of ground purchased, set in place as a reminder of the sacrifice made by the 11th Mississippi Infantry Regiment.

Following the 150th Antietam National Reenactment on Sunday, 9 September 2012, members of the company visited the park and monument. It was fitting to close out the weekend., expressing our appreciation and respects to all the men who fought and suffered on the Antietam fields.





The following article was submitted by 2nd Corporal Pat McDougal

The following article titled “*Sky Blue Trousers in the ANV*” Sept/Oct 2012 issue “***The Citizens & Soldiers Digest***”. Both senior and junior members of the unit will enjoy reading this article. It only reinforces the level in which the 11th Mississippi Company G has set and strives to hold. Corporal McDougal has established his manner and conduct along these very lines. Please take time to read his contribution to “The Grey Line”, Consider making it part of your personal reference guide for outfitting.

Sky Blue Trousers in the ANV

By David C Burt

In the Ron Maxwell film *Gettysburg, 1950s* virtually every Confederate soldier shown on the screen seems to be wearing sky blue trousers. This film is now widely panned as being far from authentic in terms of uniforms as well as the infamous depictions of costume-quality beards. [1] Additionally, apart from a few incidents of Confederate Soldiers capturing Federal uniforms, just how likely would it be for soldiers in Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia to wear sky blue or royal blue trousers? Conventional wisdom in the hobby seems to be that Confederates were outfitted in grey jeans-wool with matching trousers, which faded to "butternut" with exposure to the sun, since the dyestuffs were vegetable based.

Actually, Confederate Infantry Dress Regulations published on June 6, 1861 specified sky blue trousers over a grey frock coat for enlisted men, since at the time the Union had adopted uniforms of navy blue jackets and trousers. The vast majority of uniforms for the ANV were supplied from the Richmond Depot. Prior to 1862, the Richmond Depot produced a large percentage of the trousers in sky blue and grey broadcloth, per the regulations. However, as time went on more and more of this fine broadcloth was diverted for use in making officers uniforms and it became increasingly rare in enlisted men's clothing.

From early 1862 most of the fabric from Southern mills used for making uniforms was wool/cotton blends or fustians, such as jeans wool (75/25) and cassimere (50/50). [2] However, some fine woollen broadcloth was still manufactured domestically. The cloth was produced by such firms as the Danville Manufacturing Co, and the (Crenshaw) Woollen Mfg Co, both of which were located in Virginia. If the blue woollen cloth was being produced, then it was probable blue woollen trousers were still being produced at Richmond Depot through this period.

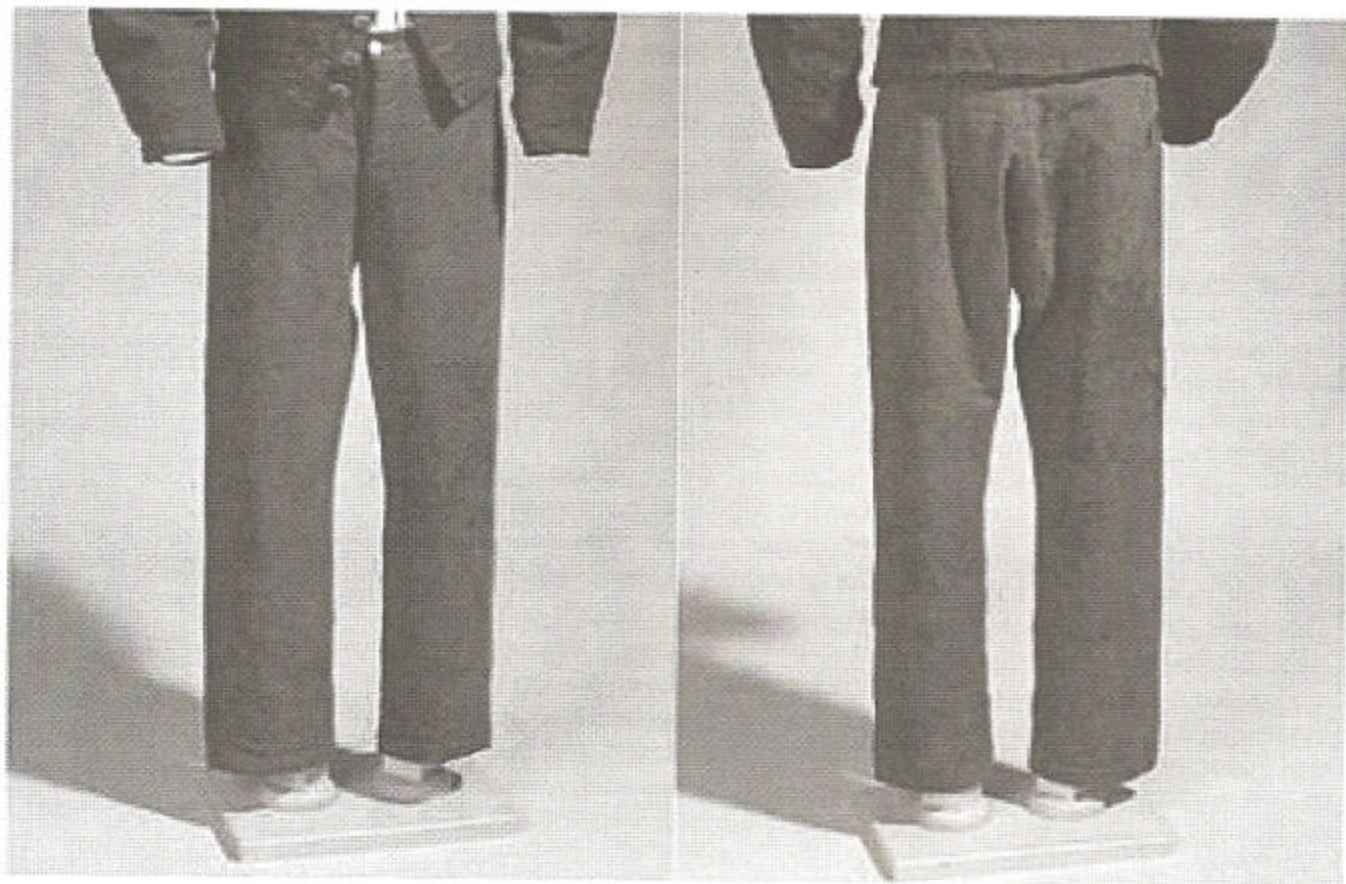
By October 1863, large amounts of imported sky blue and royal blue woollen kersey began to arrive from England. A receipt ledger at the end of 1864 shows cloth from England coming into the Richmond Depot listed as "English Blue Cloth," "Pilot Cloth," "Blue Trowsering," and "English Blue-Privates." In fact, these light blue cloths were the second largest wool fabrics imported from England behind the blue-grey broadcloth. The darker broadcloth was sometimes referred to as British "cadet grey" in period accounts. This should not be confused with the modern army cadet gray as is used by the US Military Academy at West Point, New York. It is unquestionable that the wool imported by the Confederacy and used at the Richmond Depot was a dark bluish-gray or at least this is how it appeared to period observers, especially when viewed at a distance of more than five feet. There are also references in the

ledger to "sky blue" cloth in smaller but still substantial quantities, similar to Federal sky blue and intended mostly for trousers.

Surviving examples of blue trousers from the Richmond Depot include a pair worn by Private Henry Redwood who served in the 3rd Virginia local Defence Troops. They are sky blue woollen cloth, with inner facings and pockets of light brown cotton Osnaburg with japanned tin buttons. [3] Another pair belonged to Cpl T.V. Brooke of the Richmond Howitzers issued to him in 1864. Again, the material is sky blue wool kersey, inner facings and pockets of off white cotton, again with japanned tin buttons. Both of these pairs of trousers are virtually identical. Yet another surviving pair belonged to Private Alfred May of the 61st NC Infantry. The 61st NC only served briefly with the ANV from Oct-Dec 1864. This two month window had to have been when Pvt. May received the trousers, and they have striking similarities to Richmond Depot issue. Again, they are sky blue in colour, crudely made woollen pants with a cloth back belt associated with the Richmond Depot, japanned tin buttons and off-white inner facings and pockets, again virtually the same construction as the previous two pairs.

A pair of "readymade" royal blue trousers worn by General William Dorsey Pender was imported to the Confederacy from the British firm Isaac, Campbell and Co. These trousers were

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Trousers of Private Alfred May, 61st NC Inf.

intended to be for enlisted men with pockets and inner facings of light brown cotton, japanned tin buttons featuring a label marked "Campbell and Co". It is possible S. Isaac, Campbell and Co also exported thousands of such pairs to the South for enlisted men.

An Illinois Infantryman who talked to some pickets of a South Carolina Regiment in 1863 described them as "better dressed than we are, their uniforms being apparently new." D. Augustus Dickert, Co H 3rd S.C. recalled in his memoirs that their uniforms consisted of a "...dark blue round jackets, close fitting, with light blue trousers...the uniforms of the Eastern Troops made quite a

contrast with the tattered and torn jeans of their Western brethren." [4] Another soldier remarked that his newly issued uniform consisted of a blue-grey jacket and trousers that did not match, strongly suggesting that the trousers were a lighter blue colour. A soldier in the 2nd Georgia, Bennings Brigade, (Longstreet's Corps) wrote, "Sometimes the (CS) Govt would get a supply of fine cloth, and we would get uniforms almost to blue." It is documented the ANV got Richmond Depot (type II) just prior to Chickamauga and then new suits again later in the war from the Tait and Hebbert (type) "readymade" uniform contracts, but the later issuance consisted of matching dark blue

broadcloth jackets and trousers. These blue-grey Tait-type uniforms were found on ANV soldiers killed in the trenches around Petersburg, Virginia in late 1864.

It was becoming increasingly confusing for both sides to march out on the battlefield in light blue pants with a darker bluish-grey jacket, even if the style of those jackets were a different cut or fit. On September 21, 1864 a letter written by Quartermaster General A R Lawton, to his European purchasing agent Major James B Ferguson in Britain, stated (in part) "...you need not contract for blue cloth for pants, as the grey makes up to more advantage." [5]

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So unofficially, allowing time for the letter to reach England, as of the late 1864 any additional purchases of sky blue kersey for the CS ended. However, there is generally a lag between purchasing cloth overseas and when the uniform goes out the door. Further, it would be way out of character for the Depot to discard fine wool cloth regardless of the shade, and there is certainly no evidence of that! Therefore, sky blue trousers continued to be produced until very late in the Civil War, but exactly how many more pairs of light blue trousers were made from the existing inventories of sky blue and royal blue cloth is not known. How were the trousers made at the Richmond Depot during the mid-to-late Civil War?

The manufacturing process worked as follows; cloth was cut from bolts at the Richmond Depot. One individual with a pattern proceeded down a table cutting out the front portion of the trousers.

Another employee with another bolt of cloth went down another table cutting out the backside for the trousers. Since cloth dyed in the Confederacy was inconsistent when it came to dye lots, the resulting trousers could be a "two-tone" garment. The leg seams on RD trousers were usually split about one inch from the bottom. With the front and back cloth cut, all of the pieces along with buttons and thread were packaged in butcher paper and outsourced to a piecemeal worker or "outworker" for assembly. Outworkers were civilian women who were paid by the "piece" meaning the garment. Preference for this sort of work from the home seems to have been given to war widows with children to support. If the outworker possessed a sewing machine, the garment was machine sewn, if not the garment was hand-sewn. This is how the majority of domestic garments were assembled. The Richmond Depot employed several thousand

outworkers. The workmanship of the finished trousers obviously varied depending on the skills of the seamstress. This explains the comments made by some soldiers when they wrote of their new uniforms as being "shoddy" while others noted theirs were "well-made." [6]

The materials used for trousers produced at Richmond Depot, from most common down to least were as follows:

1. Jeans cloth, cut to Richmond Depot Pattern trousers.
2. Cassimere, cut to Richmond Depot Pattern trousers.
3. Kersey, cut to Richmond Depot Pattern trousers.
4. Other issue, i.e., wool jeans, kersey, satin or cassimere civilian trousers.
5. Wool civilian trousers. [7]

Buttons for the braces (suspenders) would have been included on issued trousers, one per side, front and back. Since braces were not an item of issuance by either side the soldier was left to his own devices. Replacement buttons were 'catch as catch can.'

Summary and Conclusions

The commutation system operated in the East as well as in the West and TMD. Early in the war, many former state militia troops rushed to enlist and "subserve the cause of the Confederacy," and they wore a variety of different outfits in different shades at different times. Although there was an attempt in the Eastern theater to have a more uniformed approach, it was not widely in place before late 1863. Confederate dress regulations

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published in mid-1861 specified sky blue trousers for enlisted men. [8] The official CS dress policy was not changed or modified until (at the earliest) September 21, 1864 and then only in the defacto sense. Judging from extant pairs as well as written evidence, it seems that many pairs of Confederate trousers issued to troops in the ANV were made from sky blue kersey, or one of several shades of medium to "dark royal" blue kersey or "blue trowsering." These trousers were regular issue made in the Richmond Depot pattern, which copied the popular civilian trousers of the day, including a belt and buckle (on the back) for adjustment. In the last six months of 1864, the ANV received 104,199 jackets and 140,578 pairs of pants. [9]

Were most Confederate trousers made of grey or brown jean-cloths or cassimere? Yes, as discussed previously, for the most part these materials were more common hence, there were more trousers made of these materials. However, to answer the question, the Richmond Depot did produce blue trousers, they did exist and in substantial numbers. Hence, as to the use of sky blue trousers in the ANV, whether fact or fiction—it is definitely a fact. However, it is not quite that simple. One caveat is that if you choose to wear sky blue trousers for a mid-to-late war ANV impression, they should a reproduction made in the Richmond Depot pattern. It is best to avoid the use of the Federal Arsenal reproduction sky blue trousers, which were distinct in various details. For example, the

vast majority of Richmond Depot trousers featured pockets of the "Mule Ear" style, not the diagonal slit found on the Federal Arsenal version. The back of the Richmond Depot trousers had a cloth belt and buckle for adjustment rather than the "yoke" type string adjustment found on Federal issue trousers, and so on. [10] The broader point being, sky blue trousers from the Richmond Depot were in use by the ANV, but they were not the same construction as most of the Federal Arsenal trousers.

NOTES

1. The much discussed fake beards worn by all the major characters in Gettysburg (1993) appeared to be Wal-Mart Halloween costume quality, and provoked unintended hoots of derision in the worst moments. The mostly inferior (pre-quel) Gods 'n' Generals (2003) did have better beards. The Ted Turner film company actually employed a make-up person who was in charge of beards at G n G.

1. "Fustian" refers to twilled cloth such as jeans and cassimere, both wool/cotton blends. With fabric of this type, the warp (threads attached lengthwise to the loom) is wool yarn, and the weft (threads that are weaved under and over the warp) is cotton. It is a stout but respectable cloth used for labourer's garments. Some other fustian fabrics are linen and wool (linsey/woolsey) or linen and cotton.

3. "Japanned" refers to the heavy lacquer coating that dried to a shiny shellac-like finish. When used on metal, it serves as rust-proofing. The name comes from goods imported from Japan (and other Asian countries) with this finish.

4. Augustus Dickert, History of Kershaw's Brigade, Elbert Aull Publishing, (Charleston, SC) 1899, p. 268.

5. The War of the Rebellion, A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, published by the US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, (1900) Series IV vol III p. 674. Note: In that same letter of September 24, 1864, Ferguson was admonished to get the best quality wool he could find, just not sky blue.

6. There is a marked difference between uniforms issued by different CS Depots at different times. Also, states like NC, had their own Depot (in Richmond) to outfit NC troops, regardless of what Army or theater of war they were in.

7. John Nevins. Mid-War Trousers in the Army of Northern Virginia, The Dispatch, Vol XXIII, Issue VI, August 2001, p.4-6


8. Ibid, Nevins, p.5

9. There is always a wider disparity in the ratio of uniform jackets to trousers, in favour of more trousers. Because of the hard use trousers received, they wore much more quickly than jackets, and needed replacement more often.

10. Ibid, Nevins, p.5



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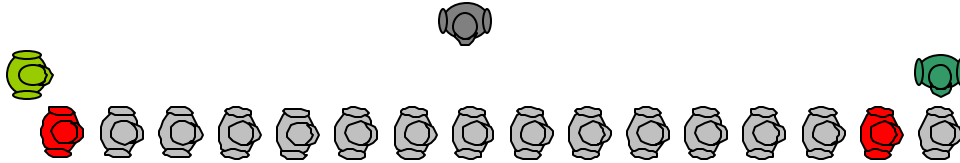
Forming The Company

Over the past few years we have been changing the way we form our Company for the first time each morning. It seems that we did it differently each time we got together. The following procedure will now be used. This is taken from Gilham's Manual and will make us consistent with the Battalion. You will also notice that the 2nd Cpl has been repositioned.

The Captain will command the 1st Sgt. to form the Company at a given spot. The 1st Sgt. will then move to that position and command:

**Company G,
Fall In.**

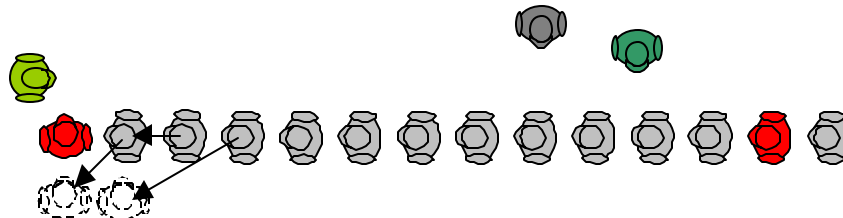
The company will form from right to left, faced to the right, in order of height with the tallest man on the far right. The 1st Cpl. will always be the second man in line next to the man on the right. The 2nd Cpl. will always be the last man on the left. The Sgt.'s will inspect the line and make adjustments, placing new recruits in what will become the front rank (every even man, 2, 4, 6...etc).



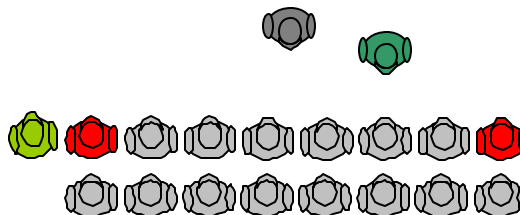
When the line is set, the 1st Sgt. will command:

**Front.
In Two Ranks, Form Company.
Company Left Face,
MARCH.**

At the command "Left Face" the Company will face to the left, still in one rank. EXCEPT for the 2nd Cpl., He will remain faced to the front. At the command "March" the man to the right of the 2nd Cpl. will step behind him and face to the front. The next man, 3rd man, will step next to the 2nd Cpl. And face to the front. The 4th man will step behind the 3rd man and face to the front. The Company will continue to form as such while moving by the left flank.



When the formation is complete, the 2nd Sgt. will take his place as the left guide.



The 1st Sgt. will then command:

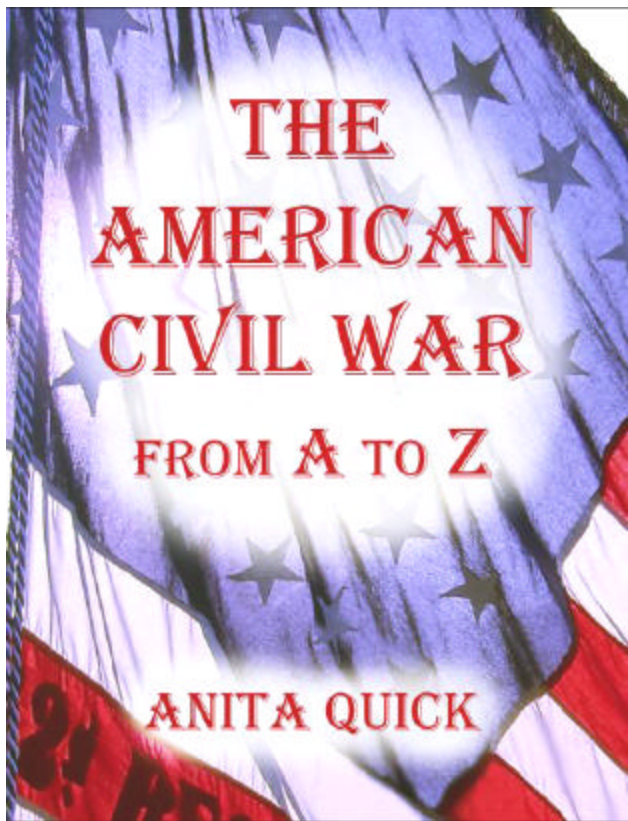
**Eyes Right,
Dress.
Front.
In Each Rank,
Count Two's**

After the Company has counted off, the 1st Sgt. will break the Company into platoons, sections, and comrades of four. He will then commence with roll call.



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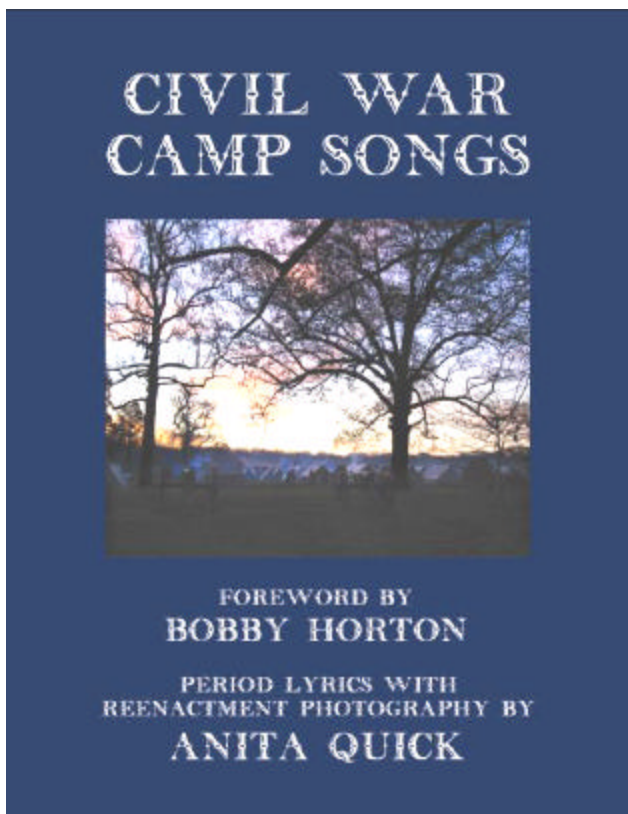


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ESSENCE OF COFFEE

For use in a modern-day encampment; a close copy may be made by combining instant coffee and **Condensed** milk. Condensed milk is the original, thick, heavy-sugar product invented by Dr. Borden in the 1830s. Although other brands may be found, I like to use "Borden's" brand condensed milk. It brings me just a little closer to the original. Do not use *evaporated* milk. It is not thick enough and does not contain sugar. (Might work for a diabetic, though.)

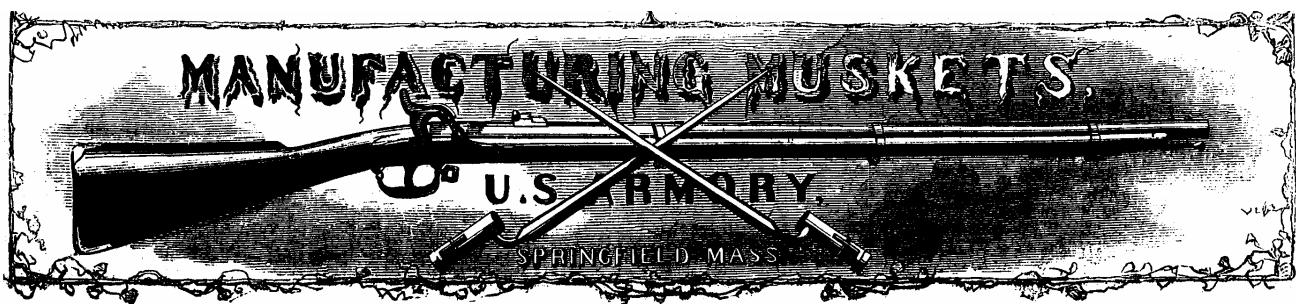
After unsuccessful experiments with liquid coffee and Italian espresso, I tried present day instant coffee mixed directly with Borden's or Eagle brand condensed milk. I think that this mix makes a very close copy of the original.

Place one half cup of instant coffee crystals in a cup and add a few drops of boiling water.

Use as little water as possible, adding just a few drops at a time. It doesn't take much water to break down the coffee crystals. When the crystals have barely dissolved, you should have no more than a teaspoonful of water mixed into the half cupful of coffee powder. You can mix the dry coffee crystals directly into the condensed milk but this makes the extract look spotty and it takes more labor to mix.

Next, empty one can of Borden's condensed milk into a suitable bowl. You may heat the condensed milk slightly in the microwave or on the stove. This is not necessary but will help with the mixing. Now mix the coffee paste into the condensed milk until it is all blended together.

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Its deja vu all over again.....

"As I am sitting in my History of Missouri class, a picture of a man appears on the screen. I couldn't help but notice that the man looked extremely similar to Keith Welch. This has to be a relative of some sort!"

Brady Swift. [bradyswift33@gmail.com] (I believe there was a movie this past summer in which the subject matter could shed some light on the situation. But not to much light so as to cause the individual in question discomfort and or to turn to ashes.)



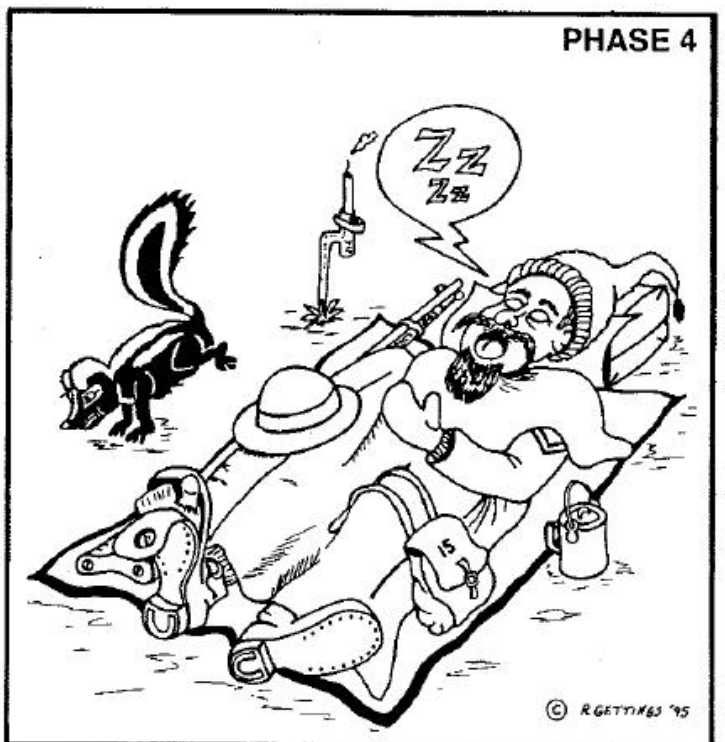
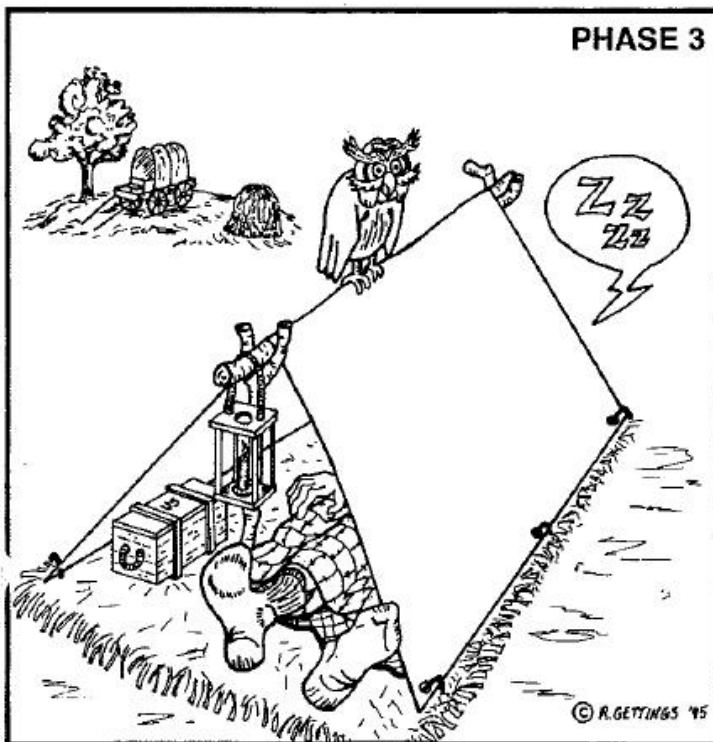
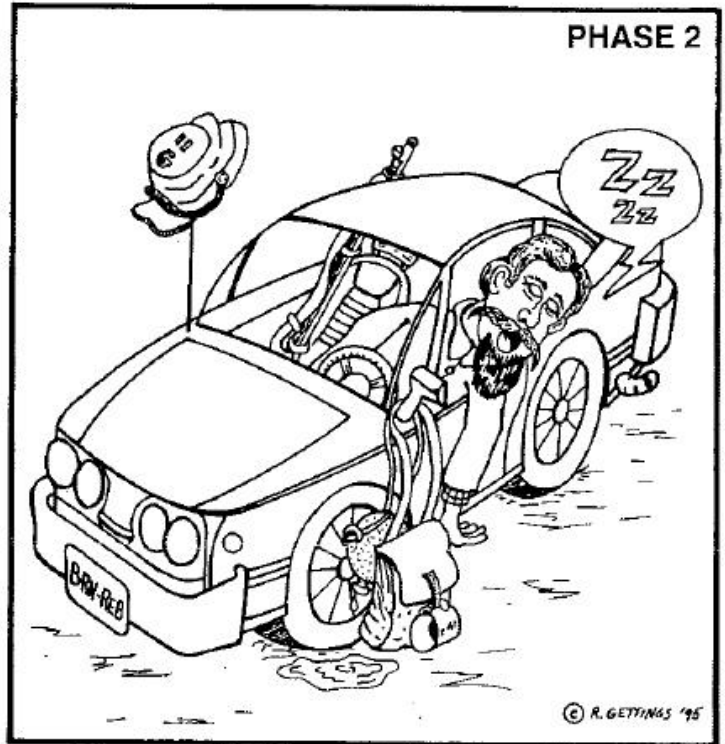
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Some Scouts Troops Try Kilts. Kilts are being tried as a alternate uniform by a few scouting units.

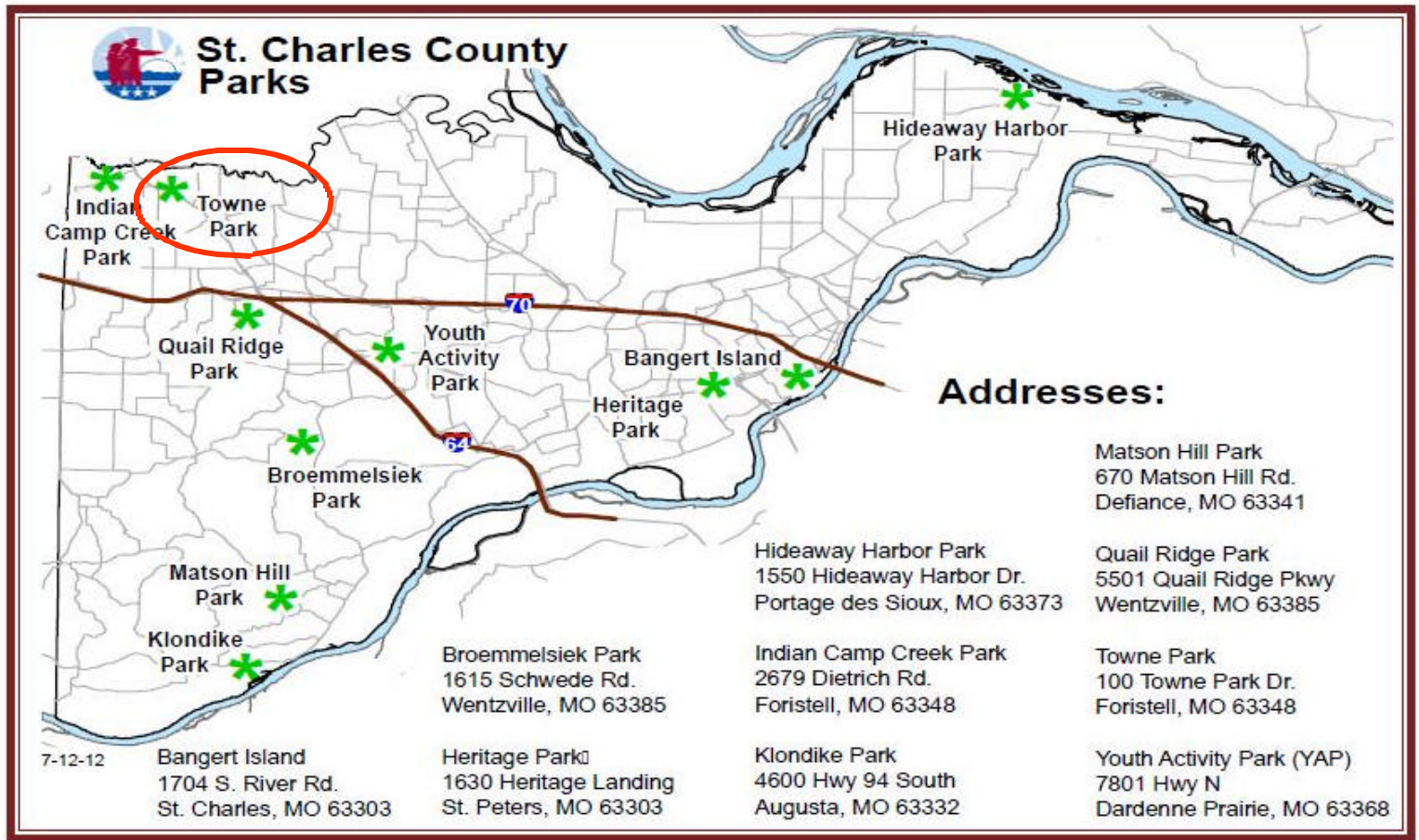


Please forgive if my humor misses the mark, but I came across this information recently. In preparing The Grey Line, I thought this information too absurd not to share it with my fellow scouts. "I, boy'o what will yew dew wilt aught your freedom" Yikes. Who wears the kilt in the family.

The Evolution of a Civil War Reenactor

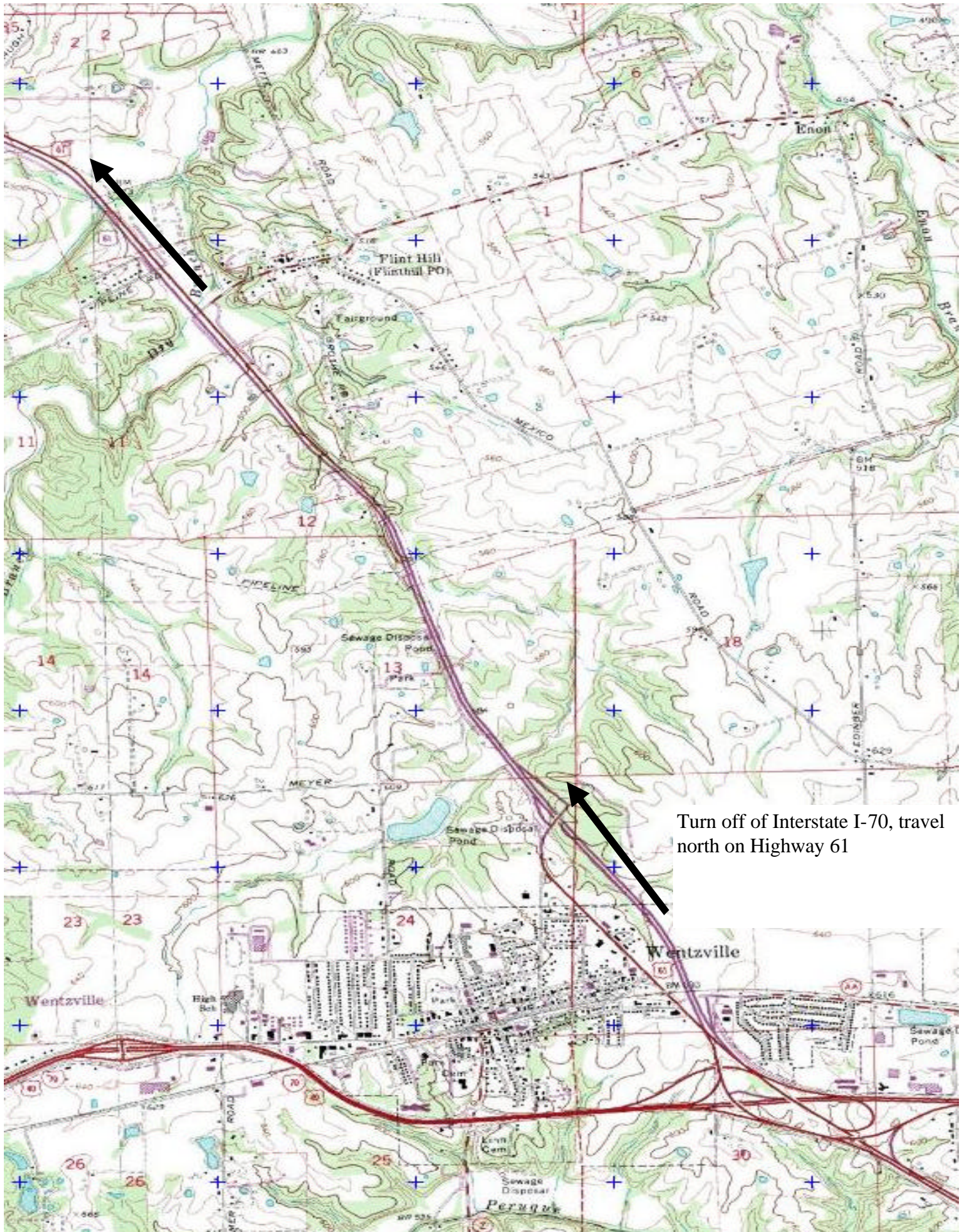


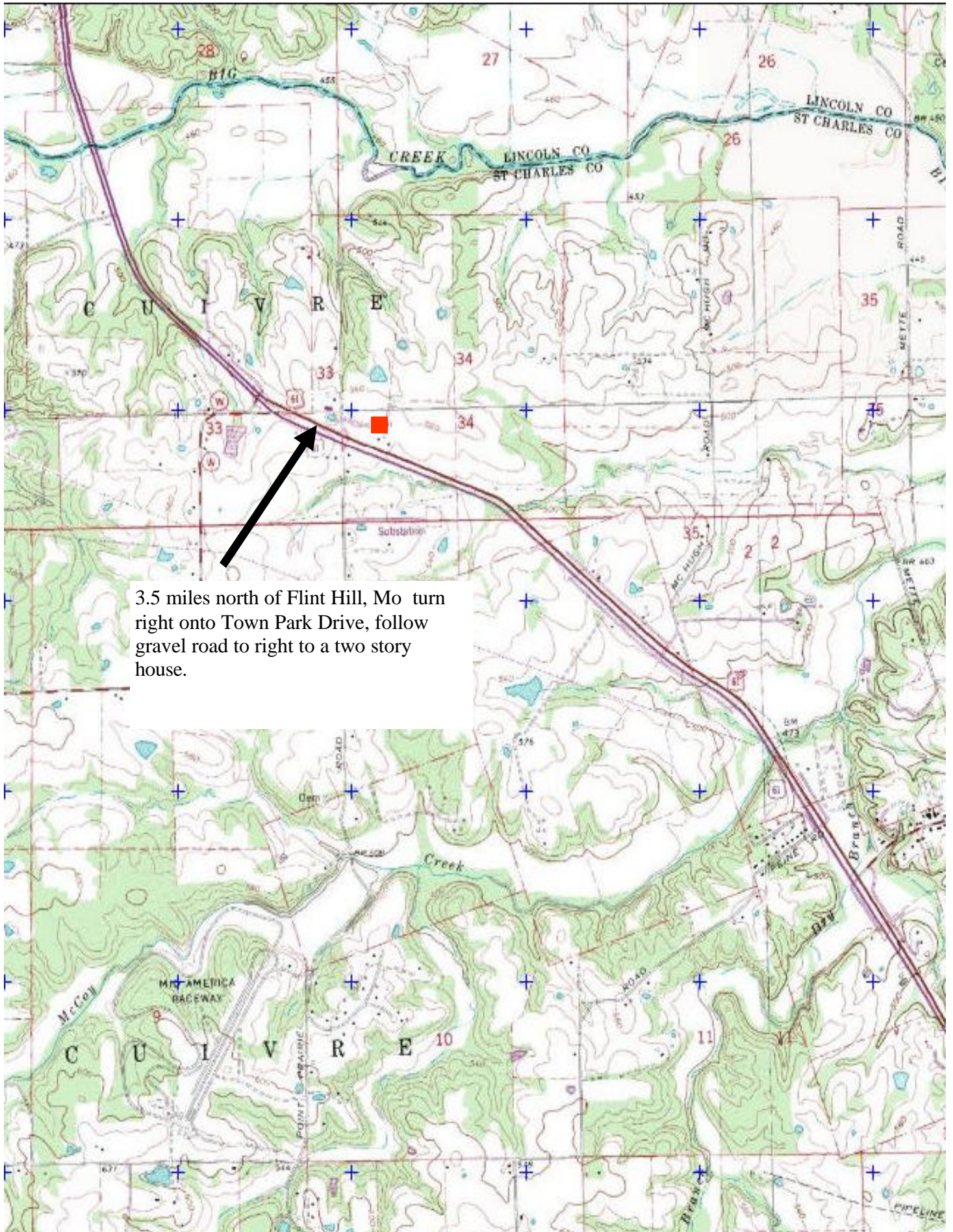
Towne Park Direction Maps



When the time comes again to join your pards at Towne Park in St. Charles County the following map sheets will hopefully guide the reader to the correct location without delay or whatever encumbrance may lay before the traveler.

North on Highway 61, past Flint Hill, Missouri. 3.5 miles north of Flint Hill exit. Turn right onto Towne Park Drive follow gravel road to the right. If you drive past the turn off to County Road W you will have just missed the turn off to Towne Park Drive.





2013 Initial Schedule of Events		
December 8, 2012	Company Drill 1:00 pm	Towne Park Homestead, Foristell, Mo
January 6, 2013	Company War Game and Think Tank	John Mueller, 939 Olde Farm Road, Troy, IL
January 13, 2013 Sunday	Company Elections	John Mueller, 939 Olde Farm Road, Troy, IL
January 13, 2013 Sunday	Lee & Jackson Party	John Mueller, 939 Olde Farm Road, Troy, IL
February 23, 2013 Saturday	Early American Swap Meet	Jeff Brks, Mo Grant Shelter 9:00 am
February 24, 2013 Sunday	Sherman Day Ceremony	St. Louis, Mo Calvary Cemetery 2:00 pm
March 1—3, 2013	Reenact. Battle of Sand Ridge	Sikeston, Mo
Open Date	Company G - Spring Drill	TBD
March 22—24, 2013	Reenact. Battle of Pea Ridge www.pearidgefoundation.com/ event_calendar.html	Pea Ridge, Ark.
April 5 - 7, 2013	Marmaduke's Raid - April 1863 https://sites.google.com/site/ marmadukesraid150th/home	Peidmont, Mo. Clear Water Lake
April 20, 2013	National Blue & Grey Ball http://www.nationalbluegreyball.com	St Louis Mo
April 26—28, 2013	Reenact www.hartvilleareacc.com	Hartville, Mo MCWRA Max
April 27—28	Reenact	Keokuk, Iowa
May 3 - 5	The Chancellorsville campaign	Spotsylvania, VA
May 3—5	Living History	St. Genevieve, Mo
May 3—5, 2013	Reenact Battle of Chalk Bluff	Chalk Bluff, Arkansas
May 18 & 19	National CW Artillery School	Jefferson Barracks, Mo
May 27	Memorial Day ceremony	Jefferson Barracks, Mo
June 1 & 2	Reenact	Old State Capitol, Springfield, Ill.
June 14 & 16	Grierson Days Reenaact.	Jacksonville, Ill.
June 27—30, 2013	Reenact Battle of Gettysburg http://www.bluegraygettysburg.com/	Gettysburg, Penn. 150th B & G Alliance
July	Olde Time Picnic & Parade	St. Peters, Mo
August 31—September 2	Veterans Festival Living History	Forest Park, St. Louis, Mo
September 14—15 2013	Green Tree Folklife Festival	Kirkwood, Mo
September 14 - 15	Reenact	Marshall, Mo MCWRA Max
September 19 - 22	Reenact Battle of Chickamauga http://150thanniversarychickamauga.com/	Chickamauga, Georgia 150th B & G
September 21 & 22	Reenactment	Herman, Mo
October 4 - 6	Reenactment	Ft Leonard Wood, Mo MCWRA Max
October 11 - 13	Reenactment	Columbus, Kentucky
October 18 - 20	Reenact Battle of Fredericktown	Fredericktown, Mo
November 23 - 25	Reenact Lookout Mt - Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Ten.

Event Information

Marmaduke's Raid into Missouri 2013

April 5, 6 & 7, 2013. The Marmaduke's Raid event is an authentic, campaigning, immersive type of event. Participants will only be able to use what they carry in. The event takes place in the highest and roughest terrain in the Missouri Ozarks. Conditions will be rough and austere. Four years ago participants complained about the rocks and the hills. Water will either come out of a well, the Black River, or Goose Creek making iodine or chlorine tablets necessary.

Participation will require prior training and exercise on your part. While all are welcome, each participant must be willing to meet the guidelines, and physical demands this event requires. **If you have any health issues please reconsider your participation.**

<https://sites.google.com/site/marmadukesraid150th/home>



The event site is 15 miles from the original site of Ft Benton (or Ft. Patterson as some primary sources call it) as well as the original roads used by both armies during the raid.

Marmaduke's Raid, was recreated under the auspices of the "The Star of the West Society" and the "Cottonmouth Videttes", will be using the event as a means to raise funds to help with the preservation of Ft. Benton in Patterson, Missouri.

Note on Impression Guidelines: Evidence suggests that the 21st was armed with a variety of weapons. Evidence from various Ordnance reports reveals that the Confederates in the Trans-Mississippi occasionally had muskets of unusual origin.

While mounted, the horses and mules of the 21st took a beating as the raid progressed. While one of the objectives of the raid was to get fresh horses, Marmaduke's broke even on that score and replacing lost mounts would be one of the great challenges of the raid. Therefore, while we would like to get a company of men with mounts, these guidelines will be primary aimed at those serving as infantry.

21st Texas Cavalry Guidelines

All clothing and accoutrements should be of period patterns and materials. Those in need of corrective eye vision wear should use period spectacles, contacts, or go without for the duration of the event. Modern medicine should be stowed in period containers.

Weapons

All reproduction weapons should be "defarbed" with modern markings removed. Originals should be clean and in good working order.

1st Choice: Shotguns, Mississippi and Enfield rifles (There is a difference between the rifle and rifle musket), Squirrel Rifles, and .69 caliber conversion musket (US M1816/22, US M1842, etc.)

2nd Choice: Odd Imported muskets or carbines of unusual manufacture ie: Brunswick rifles, old British muskets i.e.: converted brown besses, Old Spanish Carbines, etc.

3rd Choice: .58/.577 caliber rifle-musket (US M1861, British Pattern 1853 Enfield, Austrian Lorenz, etc.)
Think Cavalry - No bayonets

As noted above, evidence suggests that many men in Marmaduke's army lacked horses. William P. Zuber thought he was going to be left behind when at the last minute he was provided with an army mule. Horses should be within reason a breed that would have been used by the northern or southern armies i.e.: no Shetland Ponies. Obviously the appropriate accoutrements should be carried and saddles should be of proper manufacture.

Clothing

All clothing should be of correct patterns and materials.

Jacket

Little Rock Depot jackets or coats, undyed Huntsville Penitentiary clothing or civilian over shirts, coats and jackets

Trousers

Little rock pattern

Civilian Pattern

Actually any civilian or CS varieties will be fine.

Shirt

Just about any shirt of period manufacture will be fine.

Drawers

Period military or civilian pattern

Go without

Socks

Cotton or wool, hand knit or period machine sewn.

Shoes

Brogans of U.S. or C.S. manufacture

Boots of a period pattern (military or civilian)

Civilian pattern shoes

Marmaduke's Raid into Missouri

Continued from page

Headgear

Any period civilian hat with a brim.
Trans-Mississippi style kepi.

Accoutrements & Waist Belt

Something made of leather with a period buckle or appropriate belt plate

Cartridge Box

Maghee Horter and George
Patterns of 1857, 1861 (both for .58 and .69 caliber) acceptable.

Cartridge Box Belt

Please note: As this is a mounted impression, cartridge boxes may be worn on the waist belt without a cartridge box belt.
Anything of black bridle leather or cloth.

Cap Box

Pattern 1850 Cap Box or anything of appropriate C.S. manufacture.

Bayonet Scabbard

Please note: Again, since this is a mounted impression, you will not need a bayonet if you must: a shovel, small ax, or bowie knife are preferable.

Haversack

Canvass Haversack of C.S. manufacture
Black 1851 U.S. haversack

Canteen

Tin Drum, gourds, wooden canteens.
Pattern 1858 Smooth side Canteen

Ground Cloth

Civilian pattern painted or oil cloth

Blanket

Any blanket, coverlet or quilt is acceptable but Must be of a documented pattern.

Note: Ground Cloths and Blankets should be carried in a blanket roll. If you must have a knapsack, a single bag kibbler pattern is preferred.

Mail in registration: \$30.00 per person on or before March 31, 2013. Money order, cashier's check, or personal check payable to: **Star of the West Society**. Registration form can be e-mailed to

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Paypal payment: \$30.70. Proceeds will go to the Wayne County Historical Society.

All participants must register; please no walk-ons. Your paid registration signals your agreement to abide by all event rules, safety measures, and authenticity guidelines.

Battle of Hartville, Mo 2013

April 26-28, 2013

www.hartvilleareacc.com

The Hartville Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting "The Battle of Hartville Civil War Reenactment" on April 26-28 in 2013. The Reenactment will take place in Wright County, at the Steele Mansion, which is a beautiful historic home built by a Union soldier after the war. The home sits on the property that confederate soldiers camped on during the battle. 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Hartville, and we would like to honor the event by sharing the history with the public. There will a School Day on Friday, a ball and fashion show on Saturday, a free meal for reenactor's, and battle reenactments through-out the weekend, with one battle taking place on the actual battle grounds from the 1863 Battle of Hartville. There will be many other activities planned through-out the weekend. Come and experience a whole weekend straight from the 1860's. History will come alive, and you will go home having participated in an enjoyable and unique experience.

Hartville, MO
Lauren Hughes
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Battle of Chancellorsville, Va. 2013

On **May 3-5, 2013**, the Chancellorsville campaign will return again to Spotsylvania, 150 years after its initial occurrence.

Friday: Special programs To be determined

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Battle at 4 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Battle at 1:30 p.m.
Events Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5, will include historic interpreters, sutlers, speakers and vendors. Parking is located onsite and is free- please follow the parking signs. There is additional parking at schools and government buildings around the reenactment site. Should there be excessive rain, parking will be at Courtland High School (6701 Smith Station Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553) and shuttle buses will take you to and from the site. Onsite food vendors will be selling food.
More detail to follow on this event.

Battle of Gettysburg, Penn. 2013

June 27 - 30 2013. The following is an outline of the scenarios that will be reenacted at the Blue Gray Alliance Gettysburg event. More information will be added to these scenarios as time passes. We are making every effort to present a historically accurate representation of each of the below listed battles. Many of the battles will involve having units enter and leave the battle during any one given scenario which will give a more historically accurate.

Thursday, June 27, 2013 The Great Battle Begins

Friday, June 28, 2013 Culp's Hill
 McPherson's Ridge

Saturday, June 29, 2013 Fairfield Cavalry Battle
 AP Hill's Attack
 Longstreet's Attack
 The Peach Orchard
 The Wheat Field
 Little Round Top

Sunday, June 30, 2013 East Cavalry Field
 Pickett's Charge

Reenactor registration for this event is \$20 per person 14 and older. Any person under the age of 14 will attend Free.

First Corps

General Terry Shelton Commanding (Longstreet's Corps)
Surgeon Major Ransom Autry
1st Division Infantry Gen Barry Woods (Longstreet's Corps)
1st Brigade Gen Bill Russell (Longstreet's Corps)
2nd Brigade Gen Ken Wilt (Jackson's Corps)
1st Battalion Col Duffie Miller

Second Corps

General Joe Way Commanding (Cleburne's Division)
Cleburne's Division General Duane Hamby
King's Division General Jack King
Huckabee's Division General William Huckabee
Southern Division General Chris Anders

Artillery Commander

General Craig McCann (Longstreet's Corps)

Cavalry Commander

General Barry Sheppard (Longstreet's Corps)

Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia 2013

September 19, 20, 21, & 22, 2013

Near Mountain Cove Farm Store: 994 Dougherty Gap Rd., Chickamauga, GA 30707

URL: 150thanniversarychickamauga.com

Sponsor Name: Chickamauga, GA

Admission: Fee

Phone: 706-375-3177

Location: Near Mountain Cove Farm Store: 994 Dougherty Gap Rd., Chickamauga, GA 30707

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1	NORTH			SOUTH
2		BLUE- GRAY ALLIANCE		
3		150TH Anniversary Schedule of Events		
4	<u>2012-62</u>			
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6	Museum of the Confederacy Grand Opening	Mar 31	Appomattox VA	
7				
8	Shiloh	Mar 31-Apr 2	Shiloh TN	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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10	Fort Macon	Apr 14-15	Atlantic Beach NC	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
11				
12	McDowell	May 5-6	McDowell VA	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
13				
14	New Market	May 19-20	New Market VA	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
15				
16	Cross Keys/Port Republic	June 9-10	Cedar Creek	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
17				
18	2nd Bull Run - Manassas	Aug 3-5	Cedar Creek	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
19				
20	South Mountain / Antietam (Anders)	Sept 8th-9th	South Mountain	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
21				
22	Antietam (Lomas)	Sept 14th-16th	Boonsboro	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
23				
24	Perryville	Oct 1 & 2	Perryville, KY	150th Event
25				
26	Vicksburg	Oct 19-29	Raymond MS	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
27				
28	Fredricksburg	December	Fredricksburg	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
29				
30	Goldsboro	December	Goldsboro NC	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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32	<u>2013-63</u>			
33	National Tactical	April	Hershey, PA	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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35	Gettysburg	July	Gettysburg, PA	150th Event
36				
37	Chicamauga	Sept 21-22	Chicamauga, Ga	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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39	Lookout Mountain	Nov		
40	<u>2014 - 64</u>			
41				
42	Spotsylvania	May	Spotsylvania County	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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44	New Market	May	New Market	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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46	Resaca	May	Resaca GA	150 th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)1
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48	Red River Campaign		Hope Arkansas	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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50	Monocacy (Anders)	Aug		150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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52	3rd Winchester (Anders)	Sept		150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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54	Atlanta	Sept		
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56	Wilderness		Spotsylvania County	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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58	Franklin	Nov	Franklin, TN	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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60	<u>2015 - 65</u>			
61	Bentonville	Mar	Bentonville, NC	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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63	Saylers Creek (Anders)	Apr	Saylers Creek	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)
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65	Sayler's Creek /Appomattox	Apr	Cedar Creek	150th Event (Blue Gray Alliance Event)

A Note from the Editor:

My mother use to say "there is no such thing as a seemingly unrelated event", if this is true I have noted something very disturbing of late. By this time of year the "robins" should have already flown south for the winter or what we would normally call winter. As of this morning, December 12th, I am still hearing robins outside calling to one another. This does not bode well for a hard snowy winter.

At the rate things are moving we may not need bridges to cross the Mississippi River. I hate the idea of going through another summer like, or worse than this past summer.

I have been able to get the newsletter back out having suffered the lose of my previous computer in May. A good deal of information has yet to be retrieved, but with this newer system I begun using Microsoft Publisher for flexibility purposes.

I appreciate the response by Corporal Pat McDougal and Private David Schroeder in sending me information for the paper. Captain Goser has set the standard in providing articles and general information for the paper. A special thanks to Private Paul Turnbull for allowing me access to his extensive library of information.

I sincerely request all past, retired, present, new recruits to put their two cents into the paper. Small or large, fun or fact articles are welcome. To the new recruits I sincerely ask you to consider this a open invitation to get busy writing, typing something for print. Everyone associated with the 11th Mississippi ~ Company G needs to step up and play their part.

It should be noted that I should make a distinction between the roll as editor and that of company clerk. Information posted in this paper as clerk are in respect to my duties and obligation to serve the company and its staff. Please refer to "*The Company Clerk*" by August V. Kautz as a guide to administrative responsibilities and duties of a clerk.

Only as editor should I presume to give voice to an opinion, view point, or relay an observation. Still I obligate myself to do so with respect and the decorum I hold for this unit. Put more in line with my normal analogies, two hats, same color, two sizes, worn properly.

Comments of the Editor...

We make a distinction from one year to the next by rolling over the odometer, referring to a fresh start, using symbols of father time and the new year as a new baby. All things being equal or not, I ask the reader to step back for a moment and reflect on the past twelve months. Than overlay that examination to what the next twelve months may bring or hold for you.

Please give serious attention to the event information posted in this paper thus far. I make mention of this for the simple fact there are a few national events that will require proper prior planning and commitment. In addition there are local reenactments and recruiting / retention opportunities that will be beneficial to the company.

We are positioned as a company at the right time and place to have a bountiful recruiting class this coming year. Given our units reputation on and off the field, our active and alumni members are making a positive impression on the public. A considerable amount of the credit goes to our veteran members who continue to serve when and where ever possible. Their experience and knowledge gained through hard campaigning is a valuable resource, inspiring recruits to enlist.

I hope everyone will be able to be with the company this coming new year. There are several pardes that I have come to know and respect and I am eager to rejoin them on the field and on recruiting duties.

Company Clerk

I am asking all members and associates at this time to update their mailing, phone, and email information. It will prove very beneficial in sending company information to the correct location.

Captain Goser would like to update his records concerning company equipment on loan. Please contact the Captain as soon as practical in this regards.

Its not to early to start soliciting family members to write letters. It would be more beneficial if we give them ample time to write a few letters. I have envelopes, paper, and stamps for anyone needing supplies. So please help out by filling the company mail pouch.

Some of my fellow soldiers may recall seeing my small roll up lap desk from time to time. I have constructed several in the course of a few years, and in that time I have been asked if it is "period correct". As I mentioned earlier my previous computers demise caused me to lose some important information. I have been fortunate to locate the attached pictures of a roll lap desk and background information.

I have completed printing recruiting posters, flyers, and a company recruiting banner. I will have recruiting packets prepared for all members attending the annual meeting. I will be maintaining a separate roster for those receiving their packets, and maintain a progress report of their issue and applicable data.

1861 Civil War Roll Up Traveling Desk Portfolio Patented Dec 24, 1861 Made Circa Early 1862 Carried By A Soldier During The Civil War. Used To Write Letters. Contains Period Newspaper Articles



Lamar Rifles

11th Mississippi Infantry Regiment

Company G

Membership Information Form

Please print all information

Date Enlisted into Company: Month_____ Year_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Transportation Status: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

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