



The Adjutant's Call

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the 4th Kentucky Infantry Regiment Company "F"

"CAPTAIN'S REPORT"

April 2006

We had 14 members show up for Shiloh. Absolutely perfect weather. A great time was had by all.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKEND:

- Following the footsteps of the original 4th KY on the 2nd day of Shiloh.
- Doing the demonstrations under the 4th Ky flag
- Alex Thompson firing his gun without orders
- Eating chickens that are on steroids!
- Sleeping in the Sibleys

Next Event...On to Selma

April 14th & 15th- Reenactment
Selma, Alabama
www.battleofselma.com

Uniform: Union (Call me if you need one.)

Tents: A-Frame or dog

Food: George will provide stew & breakfast.

Ammo: Reenactment- bring 60 rounds

Fees: No registration fee, but you have to register when you get on-site.

Other items: The host unit has invited us to a party on Friday night. For those that can take off Friday, it will be fun to be there before dark. Don't forget this is a MAX effort event.

Your Obedient Servant,

C.H. Johnston

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(These are from Mapquest. You might want to bring an atlas or get your own directions.)

You can get tins & lanterns from this place:

Village Tinsmithing Works
Bill & Judy Hoover
P.O. Box 539
Hamptonville, NC 27020
(336) 468-1190
www.csa-dixie.com/villagetinsmith



Kepi's & lanterns can be purchased here:
Trans-Mississippi Depot Co.
209 W. Spur Drive, Cottonwood, AZ, 86326
(928) 649-1395 Hours: 7AM - 7PM Mon-Fri,
Sat by Chance (Mountain Time)
donsmith@trans-mississippi.com

Also sells kepi's:
Confederate kepis by Greg Starbuck
www.reg tqm.com/campaigner

From the Adjutant's Desk:

Most people who watch the movie Gettysburg remember the bayonet charge made by the 20th Maine Regiment, but did you know:

- 1) The triangular shape caused air to enter the wound, which caused sepsis or infection. This made even small wounds often fatal.
- 2) During the Civil War, bayonets were not effective as a weapon due to the rifled musket. Most troops didn't get close enough to use them.
- 3) According to my sources, less than a hundred Union casualties were caused by bayonets at the Battle of Gettysburg.
- 4) Bayonets were used to intimidate and frighten the enemy. Most troops would break and run rather than face an overwhelming foe with bayonets.
- 5) One estimate stated that, of all the bayonet wounds reported in the Union Army, only half were caused by the enemy. Most of these "self-inflicted wounds" were caused by soldiers trying to ram the cartridge home on a bayoneted rifle. The others were caused during soldier fights in the camps. The Confederates did not keep accurate records, but we can assume they would mirror the Union data.
- 6) Around camp, the bayonet was used as a spit for cooking, as a candleholder, and even as a back scratcher.

I just wanted to share some interesting facts that I had gathered. Until next time...

Adair Waggoner

2007 EVENTS

April 14-15th: Selma, Alabama Reenactment

MAX EFFORT

Battalion Event

May 19-20th: Resaca, Georgia

MAX EFFORT

Battalion Event

June 23- 24: Mill Springs Artillery Living History

July 21- 22: Stones River Artillery Weekend

August 25-26th: Richmond, Kentucky Reenactment

September 29-30th: Mill Springs, Kentucky: **2007 NSA Reenactment!!** MAX EFFORT Battalion Event

November 3-4th" Nash Farms, Georgia, Reenactment, Atlanta Campaign MAX EFFORT Battalion Event

December: Stones River National Park

Battalion Event

UPDATED DIRECTIONS! NOT IN HARD COPY OF NEWSLETTER

This email was received from Col. Neel after I already sent out the newsletter. I think these will be the best directions to use. C.H.

Bill:

I owe you some clearer directions to Selma. This is the fastest way by my book (and I've made 8 round trips since January). Y'all will be coming down I-65, so roll on through Birmingham toward Montgomery. Travel down to Exit 219, which is the Jemison exit. Go right, toward Jemison.

You will travel about 3 or 4 miles into Jemison. You will hit US Hwy 31 at a traffic light by a McDonalds. Turn right onto Hwy 31 and proceed to the next red light, which is the intersection with Alabama Hwy 191. Turn left, cross the RR tracks and head out. This is a winding little highway, but lightly traveled. Follow it till it ends in an intersection with Alabama Hwy 22. Turn right and go to Maplesville.

Hwy 22 will take a left hand turn in "downtown" Maplesville. You will be taking Wilson's route to Selma from Maplesville on down to Selma. You'll pass through the Ebenezer Church battlefield at Staunton (don't blink). Follow Hwy 22 into downtown Selma and turn right on 22 toward Orrville. You will note the Live Oak Cemetery to your left; there is a street that passed through the middle of the cemetery. Turn left on that street, pass through the cemetery and then turn right. The street you are on will make a 90 degree left hand turn, and the entrance to the site will be directly ahead of you.

We hope to show y'all a fine time. Remember the Stomp on Friday evening, and y'all bring both uniforms if you want to so you can fight Federal, but attend the ball as Confederates (though you can go as Federals if you desire).

See y'all soon, and travel safe.

Dave