

The Cannon's Mouth

NEWSLETTER OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL ARTILLERY SOCIETY
APRIL 2010

Commander's Call

Alan Ginos

Get your enlistment form and safety tests in. The season is starting, and you may recall your name will be dropped from the roster if not paid up by April 1st.

CAV101 last weekend was memorable for both the students and staff. Thanks to Wes and Mel for the planning and coordination of a first class effort; Carolyn for really great food; Terry Thompson for the PP and ground work. With a professional instructor on board, and excellent feedback from the attendees for future events, we really have some good stuff to build on. In truth everyone who rides or wants to ride horses should have taken this class to build on the fundamentals presented by the instructor.

Work parties so far have been attended by about the same 10 people doing the work for the vast majority. April 9, 10 and 11 will give more of you a chance to participate in various ways:

- ★ Clean horses and load trailers on Friday April 9th to get ready for the PG parade April 10th.
- ★ Attend the parade and see the public unveiling of the 4-up pulling the escort wagon, plus the ambulance, a gun team and outriders and walkers. We will hand out CHAS and Duncans Mills literature.
- ★ After our return to Warhorse we'll do some driver training and work party chores.
- ★ Sunday April 11th will be prolonge training, finish work party stuff, and load trailers for Mariposa.

Mariposa is coming April 17 and 18. How big we go depends upon how many of you are going. One gun team, the ambulance and wagon are going for sure. Number of cannons and forge will depend upon turnout. The ACWA is thrilled to have us attend and is paying special attention to our needs to ensure we have a great time.

By the time you read this, one of our major objectives of moving the cost of upkeep of one team will have been realized. We have entered into an agreement with Roche Winery of Sonoma to station

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Dispatches from the Dog Tent

Ted Miljerich

Spring work parties have been going well. Gear is getting repaired and things are in line for opening events of the year. Hats off to our Captain for leadership and coordination of the work parties. Remember, when your Digital Bugler sends out a call please have the courtesy to respond in kind. A lot of effort and behind the scenes work goes into the planning and running the unit. Your response is needed to make plans. This holds true for all communications.

Spring is the time of year when we start getting the work lists and sign ups for the DM work parties. My trusted assistant Bob Lee will be doing the usual calls to get everyone on board with a date to get projects done at the DM site. This year we will be having extra wood splitting work parties as we need to replenish the supply for the event. Event promotion flyers will need to go out as usual. More details to follow on work party work.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday March 31st, 6:00 PM at Marie Callender's in Concord. As always, any member in good standing may attend or contact your member at large to send along any messages or input.



*Roche Winery in Sonoma
New quarters for our Bay team*

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Lower price for weekend food at CHAS Commissary!

Carolyn Faubel has agreed to work on a lower budget this year to try and save our members some money at events. Starting at Mariposa, the charges for eating with the unit Friday night through Sunday noon will be \$20. The charge to pay for individual meals will be \$5 each meal. To make this work and allow it to continue at the lower price, better and more timely information is needed on who is going to eat and when. PLEASE respond quickly to the call to arms for each event to give Carolyn the best chance to accurately forecast how much food to buy.

Mariposa Lodging Specials!

★ The Yosemite Miners Inn

- Rooms at a rate of \$70 per night based on **Advance Reservations only**.
- Use Group Code: #101603
- A 15% discount on all items purchased at the Texaco Station/Mini Mart, **INCLUDING GAS!**
- They will have to present either their Reenactor Association Card or identify themselves and the group they are associated with to get the discount.
- Formal details will be available shortly.
- <http://www.yosemiteminersinn.com/>

★ Comfort Inn

- Reference Mariposa Civil War/Clayton to receive a 15% on all **advance reservations**
- 1-(209) 966-4344
- <http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-mariposa-california-CA938?promo=gglocal>

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Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the California Historical Artillery Society Board Meeting: February 18, 2010

Present: Mike Johnson, John Boyd, Alan Ginos, Ted Miljevich, Scott Foster, Judith Boling, Roger Boling, Teri Moretti

Guests: Wes Faubel, Donna Schulken

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM

Minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Mike Johnson

Reviewed the Checking and Disbursements,

Increased cost of hoof trimming was due to the increased interval between trimmings. Need to give a calendar schedule to Nancy for the planned hoof trimming time.

There was discussion as to the necessity of maintaining the 831 area code phone number. Teri will determine how much usage it really gets and report back to the board.

The "Commissary Fund" account should be used to track the money paid for rations and their costs. Any overage is to be designated for kitchen equipment.

Safety:

Wes needs the answer keys for the PACWR tests. Ted will try to get them.

Voted to accept the PACWR general camp, battlefield safety, and the small arms safety tests.

We will standardize on using yards as the measure for defining for safety zones.

Ted Stahr has requested that we move the Dun-cans Mills battlefield safety lines further out from the Civilian and Sutler area. We will also look at moving the crossing nearest the spectators out further and use it to define the safety lines in that area.

M/S/P to accept retreat by prolonge procedure.

Fundraising:

Donna reported that Scott Johnson is willing to be a Sponsor for the fundraising dinner. Now is looking for table sponsors and gift donations. A date will not be set until plans are more established.

Verizon does have a program that when someone signs up for local service in California or Virginia using their fiber based system, they would donate \$25.00 to CHAS. This is not applicable to their wireless service.

Donna suggested checking with your employers, as some will give monetary donations for your service to Non Profits. Verizon has this program.

Ted suggested a page on the website describing what programs are available for passive contributions.

Discussion about the use of keywords to improve website hits, and a link and page featuring the Caisson Team.

John presented a list of various fundraising ideas.

Materials and Acquisition:

Carolyn has requested to buy four 7-gallon water containers. Total would be \$55.00. All agreed.

John has a quote from Progressive Insurance of \$4,183.00 for insuring the three unit trucks. It was requested that he get the written information for review before further actions. In addition, we will need to come up with a list of members who would drive the trucks.

Alan reported that Jim Horton is willing to donate a pair of 7EE black lizard skin boots and a Henry 22 rifle.

The plan at Paul's is to put the horse trailer under the cover between the containers and store the tack in it.

Alan has castors and material to build two more supports for moving guns and other equipment around.

He has also designed a mounting plan for putting equipment boxes on the gun trailers. This would provide for the storage and use of heavy duty canvas tarps and safety equipment. M/S/P for \$150.00 for new tarps.

Mark Weston has repaired all the harness except for a valise that needs a new handle.

John will follow up on a new water bucket lid.

New Goodyear tires for horse trailers are \$235 ea.

Public Relations and Recruitment:

Wes passed out a roster of who has already re-upped.

Accepted the following new members:

Crissy Henderson, Sanitary Commission
Maria Huerta, Sanitary Commission

Terry Thompson has expressed a willingness to take on Recruitment and Public Relations in 2011.

By Laws:

Need to review further the definition of a student membership.

M/S/P to adopt the Initiation and Annual Dues procedure.

Elected Donna Schulken for Corresponding Secretary.

Historical Educational

Ted will get the 1861 Artillery Manual to John.

Events:

NCWA Winter Quarters this weekend.

Oakhurst will be a living history event based upon 1860 Elections

Placerville is a tactical style event.

Mariposa is an ACWA sponsored event that we are planning on attending.

Work party, driver and cannoneer training March 6 & 7

Pacific Grove Parade on April 10. Training and equipment loading on April 11.

Duncans Mills: Need to check inventory of DM t-shirts. The policy on reenactor fees will be posted on the CHAS website, and copies distributed to the NCWA and ACWA commanders. We will still have the additional charge for reenactors not belonging to a recognized group.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Goals for 2010:

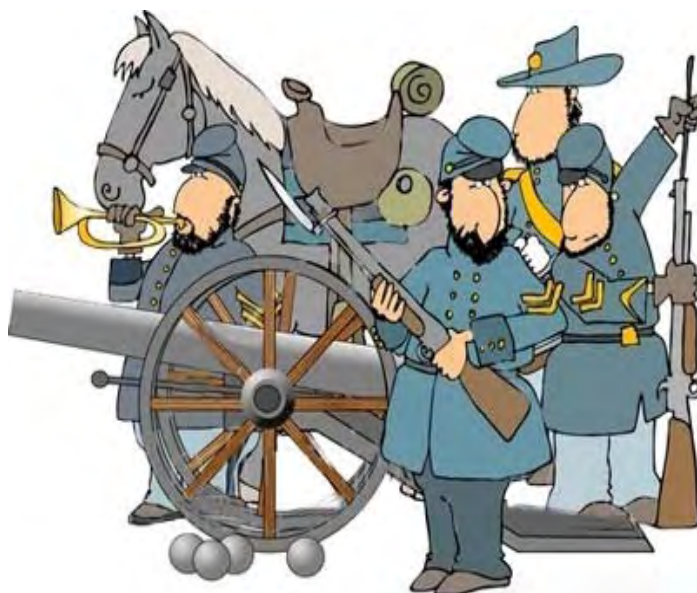
Get marketing materials for D.M. out sooner.

Resolve truck insurance and ownership.

Remove the burden of one horse team.

Next meeting is March 31, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M.



Sent in your reenlistment yet?!

Representing our Regular Army Heritage in Public

by Captain Ginos

As many of you by now have taken the required Camp Safety test for this year, the following rule should be familiar:

“Carelessly hazardous conduct (e.g.” horseplay”) is not allowed on the field or in our camp.”

To expand on this subject before we go out in public this year with the coming PG parade followed by Mariposa, here are some thoughts to help define what is expected of you and what you can expect from the command staff.

Decorum on the field and in public.

During public hours we should look and act military in bearing and behavior. No goofing off in the face of the enemy in battle for example. In camp, ask for permission to enter the command area as there would not have been free intermingling between officers and enlisted in the unit we represent. This is not meant to lead to disrespect from command to enlisted, but to present a more period view of life in the military of 1860's.

This does not give officers or NCOs the right to heckle, berate or belittle anyone. We don't need to be that period correct. Screaming at one another is not called for except to be heard above the noise. Things do get hectic on the field at times, and yes you may be told to do something in a forceful tone. I am absolutely guilty of doing this at times, but hope the vast majority of those times it was correctly interpreted as an officer making a final decision on getting something done without any more discussion to be had.

Have fun but in a way that honors regular artillery. Good natured ribbing and competitions among and between gun crews, team drivers, and taunting the enemy is encouraged.

Respect given and shown between members and what to do when you don't feel it is.

Whether between an officer and NCO or Enlisted, NCO to NCO or Enlisted, or Enlisted to Enlisted, we are to respect one another on and off the field whether public hours or not.

If you feel you are being disrespected outside of the period correct formalities listed in number 1 above, please take the following actions at a minimum:

- Let the person who you feel is disrespecting you know how you feel
- Bring it to the intended arbiter for all enlisted matters, 1st Sgt. Foster
- Bring it to the attention of Lt. Faubel or Captain Ginos
- Do not let it fester or lessen your desire to participate, do something.

A Small World...

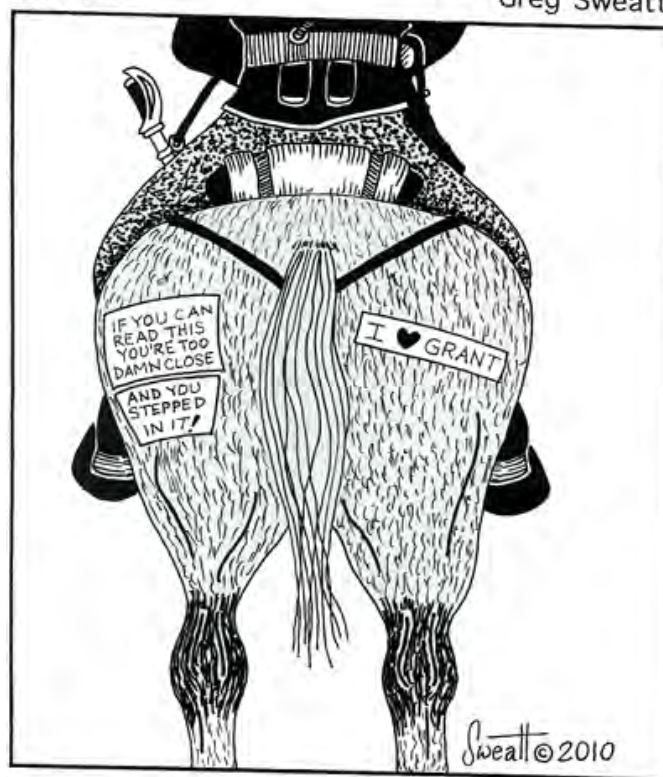
~ Mike Johnson

Roz and I were with some friends this weekend and found ourselves talking to a few people when a young guy walked up and picked up his sweatshirt. When I commented on the “Camp Taji” written on it he talked about his tours and life in Iraq. He also said he was anxious to meet up with his friends at Camp Roberts. Of course, we told him about our connection with an artillery group from the camp and CHAS's participation in their sendoff ceremonies in June 2007. It turns out that he is Army Sgt. Ian Hartsgrove, an MP that was attached to the 1-143rd Field Artillery unit in Iraq! He was on the field that day and remembers us well. A little more talking and we found out that he actually opened one of the “Care Packages” we sent to the unit while they were deployed! He thanked us for our support and caring about the troops, and was still telling others about it when we left.



Co. A

Greg Sweatt



1863 bumper stickers.

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and the American Civil War Association*

Civilian Corner

Judith Boling

Donna Schulken and I supported the crew manning a gun at Mooney Groove. The weather was clear, but cold. Good company, good food, and shopping were the order of the day.

The Sanitary Commission Sewing Weekend in Santa Nella was a great success. Various projects were worked on over the two days, ranging from housewives for soldiers to new dresses and tablecloths. Good conversation and camaraderie, along with great food were also on tap. Thank you, Donna, for hosting the event and everyone who participated in the weekend.



Mariposa is April 16 – 18. Those participating in Friday's School Day may set up on Thursday. Those arriving on Friday may begin setting up after 3 pm.

For other events and activities in April and May, please refer to the Calendar of Events in the back of this issue.



The Recruiting Desk

Wes Faubel

My! My! I don't know how your spring is going, but the weather here is wet. Will the roads ever dry out? The way this is going, it will be July before we can move the guns!

Still, any delay in operations means more enlistments! Currently we have 60 brave and patriotic souls ready to crush the Rebel horde and preserve the Union. Have you gotten your papers in? Remember, names will be dropped from the roster if reenlistment papers are not received by April 1st. Command staff will be preparing the operational roster very soon!

Having no board meeting since our last dispatch, I have no new members to report. However, I do have two new applications to present at the upcoming board meeting and hope to bring you positive results.

Don't delay! Drills have begun and the bugles are sounding the assembly!

Yr Obedient Svt

Lt Casualty



CHAS horses recently had their teeth trimmed" (floated) at Camp Caisson.

Congratulations!!

...to Melinda Faubel on completing her first 100-mile endurance horse race. For information take a look at her blog - "Boots and Saddles" - at <http://bootsandsaddles4mel.blogspot.com/>

Camp Caisson Daily Report

Paul Casini

13, 14 Mar 1863

Sirs,

The following is my report as I remember it in regards to the ordered Teamster training at Camp Warhorse held this weekend last. In attendance were Stable Sergeant Winfrey, teamster pvt Mel Faubel, myself and two laborers. As I am now a nearly certified teamster with the battery I am required to study, drill and earn my TMB (teamster merit badge). Currently, my only training has been on the ambulance under the supervision of our beloved Stable Sergeant during the battle of Fresnoburg some two years ago. Unfortunately, during this training he was laughing so hard that he could only utter a squeak now and again. I remember asking where to go on the battlefield but he just waved and snickering said "out there somewhere". This did wonders for my confidence. You may have read about our escapades in one of my after action novels back then.



Last weekend, Captain Ginos ordered a driver training and work party at Camp Warhorse. A team from Caisson was shipped down and Cpl Moretti went along. I was wisely ordered to stay back here at Camp Caisson and tend to duties. Upon the corporals' return from the detail, I was filled in on some serious problems encountered by Sergeant Winfrey and Pvt Faubel who were working the wagon teams. Particularly with regards to the fine wheel horse Badger. I still have nightmares about him from my fond days as Chief of the Piece of Gun 2. I was told that he broke the pole on the breaking cart. Glad I wasn't there. Thank you Captain Ginos. To add authenticity to the Corporals story, the captain telegraphed me to reiterate the same story adding that something new had come up. Sergeant Winfrey had come up with the brave idea to train a four-up hitch to pull the escort wagon and was making plans to join our gun

team on patrol in the town of Pacific Grove. After regaining my composure, I asked the Captain how much time we had to train this new, never before been thought of idea, hitch before they had to perform without flaw before the townsfolk. He said about a month. I had to go lay down.

But alas, now it was time for me to get some training in and so they say it was "my time in the barrel". After being delayed for one week at the brilliant request of Captain Ginos, I had run out of excuses so I arranged transport south, all the while pondering the fearful information received earlier about the havoc endured during the training a week before. I arrived about noon on Saturday. Somewhat late but that seemed to be expected. Fact is, I think they were surprised to see me. Imagine that.

As I walked into camp I noticed the wagon and ambulance in the front field and the teams tied to them at rest. Harnessed but not hitched. Stable Sergeant Winfrey and Pvt Faubel no where to be found. I looked for blood, bandages and empty bottles of whiskey but saw none. Lots of hoof prints though. I had a warming thought that perhaps the two of them gave up the ordeal and went to the nearest tavern to call it quits. Perhaps I could sneak out un-noticed and make a hasty get away but sure enough they showed up and filled me in on some of the 'exciting details' of the morning. Normal individuals would call them 'unimaginable catastrophes' but to these two - 'excitement'. I was informed that once again Badger was being 'testy' and that they had encountered a bit of issue trying to hitch the new team. I quietly hoped to myself that they had worked some of the kinks out of the horses as I was of course very green at this. While I knew the four horses from my old Team Two days, I wasn't sure what to expect. Of course, I am not totally green around horses. I know some important rules like the pointed end goes first, rider on top and horse on bottom (with all due respects Lieutenant) and watch out for road apples but this was a new twist. As usual, Pvt Mel was all smiles and optimism. Guess the private thought of me as fresh bait to throw to the sharks.

We began trying to ground drive the wheelers. It was interesting but didn't last long. It seems that Sgt Winfrey feels that if no one get maimed, killed or if there is not sufficient blood on the ground to soak up a bed pillow then 60 seconds is enough practice. So it wasn't long before Sgt Winfrey ordered the wheelers to be hitched to the wagon. I nervously glanced over at Mel and it seemed to me that Pvt Mel's optimism began heading south. The private got real quiet like. A bad omen I feared. Badger resumed his antics and the nightmares quickly came back to me. I tried to get on his head and hold him down but he was hopping around like a bronc and I really didn't want to start my day with a sore foot but we managed to move the wagon

around to the other side of the ambulance where the leaders were tied. At that time Dennis ordered the leaders hitched. By then Mel quit smiling and that afore mentioned fading optimism turned to dust. I was starting to feel ill. We moved them a little but to our surprise (and to answer my prayers), Badger, now with a horse in front of him seemed to settle down. A true wheeler. So, before Badger could remember where he was, Dennis turned to me and ordered 'Mount up'. I was about to say 'Are you kidding me?' but Mel sucked in so much air that I got dizzy. Well, when the Stable Sergeant gives an order and points one and a half fingers at you, you best do as you're told. Up I climbed. Not as spry as I used to do honestly but I had so much adrenalin screaming through my veins it didn't seem bad. Then Mel started instructing me on the best way to bail off and not get run over by the rear wheels. That was about as well received as a registered sex offender asking for overnight lodging at a Girl Scout camp. But all was put right when Dennis looked over at Mel and ordered "you too, mount up". If only I had a picture taking device. Mel, I must admit, is fearless (or crazy, no way of knowing) and got right up. Now Dennis said 'just stay there and I'll hitch the ambulance and you can follow me'. Yeah right. I see it all unfolding before my eyes. And me without my rosary.



With a Yee Haw we were off. But amazingly enough they were fine. Griddle and Gringo fell into column and followed the ambulance as if it were a limber. Actually this was not half bad. Mel's optimism was heading back and the private was tell-

ing me how the ride is much smoother the faster you go. Did I mention to you how full of good news you are Mel? We did a few maneuvers in the pasture and Dennis told the ground crew to open the gate. Mel and I looked at each other with mouths open. I asked Mel if the emergency brake was nearby because I had left mine in it's holster at the barracks. Nope, no emergency brake. By now Dennis was heading toward the county road with the ambulance and he was motioning us to follow. Silly fellow. He tells us he's taken the oath but I now know better. But now my courage was challenged and I was going to do what it takes. I figured what it took right now was to tightly close my eyes. Guess all went well because next time I opened my eyes we were up at Old Stage Coach

road. Go figure. Now we had to make a hard about. That's when Mel graced me with another cheery tidbit of information. And to answer your question Mel, NO, I was not aware that the wagon body was not attached to the undercarriage and if we made too sharp a turn the front wheel would lift and toss the body off the side THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!! Once again Mel was just overflowing with good news. I kept grabbing for my emergency brake but it wasn't there. Won't make that mistake again. Why did I keep wanting to yell "To da moon, Alice. To da moon!"?

But, it is said that the Almighty protects children and fools. I didn't see any kids around but we made it back to camp. Guess I know what category we fall in. We unhitched the wagon, hitched the breaking cart with it's new and improved pole and did a little more driving before unhitching and turning the horses out. Dennis and Mel were quite pleased with the improvement of the teams. So much so that the Stable Sergeant turned to me and said " Okay, you're taking the ambulance and I'm taking the wagon to Pacific Grove!". And then he pointed the dreaded finger and a half at me! Oh man, no way out now. Mel had previous orders and cannot attend. More good news thank you once again Giggles (%#&@!).

On Sunday, Dennis and I spent quite some time trying to catch Gopher. I truly didn't know that she was part duck. We had her cornered behind the pond in the Northeast corner when she looked at us and slowly walked out into the middle of the small lake and looked back at us with, I swear, a smile. Geeze. That's when Dennis said to me "I think we taught her something we may regret". Remind you of another horse Captain? We finally caught her (I prefer to think it was our skill and ingenuity and not her just getting tired of screwing with us) and hitched the team to the practice cart. We were doing well and moved them out onto the county road but Griddle seemed to want to stop all the time. I would jump off and get her going and jump back on as the cart passed me with Dennis at the reins. I knew my attempts were numbered. But Griddle kept it up. It seemed to me that whenever she began to slow down, Dennis would yell Go Go Go but I think she thought he was saying Whoa Whoa Whoa. We finally got them turned about and back to camp calling it a day. All in all I think they did well but I wasn't there for the earlier 'excitement'. I know that Mel and Dennis put a lot of hard work into training these teams. I just followed up and enjoyed the ride. An exciting time to be sure.

Why didn't I join the Navy?

Respectfully submitted,
Private P. Casini, Teamster in training
Camp Caisson



CAV 101



DRIVER TRAINING



CIVILIAN SEWING DAY

After Action Report~CAV101

Lt. Casualty

On March 20-21st instant we assembled a group of novice riders for our sometimes Cav 101 event. As many of you know, the event is designed to teach basic horse skills. Past events have featured notable (and very exciting) events. This one, I am pleased to say produced nothing remarkable.

Rather than subject our attendees to the gentle ministrations of the Stable Sgt we decided to bring in an instructor that specializes in teaching new recruits the fundamentals of riding. This professional in conjunction with a dedicated staff of mounted and unmounted instructors succeeded in getting everyone up and performing evolutions almost as veteran horsemen by the end of the weekend..



Saturday our lead instructor, Becky Hart, (who would have taken Grierson's Raid in stride) took our recruits from barely knowing which end of the horse the bit went in to riding with some confidence. An accomplished endurance rider and centered riding instructor, Becky also offered any and all comers a chance at private and semi-private lessons; an opportunity taken advantage of by both staff and students.

Sunday the students were introduced to formation riding, saber, and exposed to gunfire while mounted. One student, Nathan Bricklin, graduated to outriding on a four-up wagon team hitched for a Sunday afternoon "stroll".

The success of this event is heartening and may set the stage for future events of the same format.

Special thanks go out to my mounted instructor staff, the indomitable Cpt Ginos and teamster Mel. They worked very hard to insure that the students



had both an enjoyable and informative time. Also, I cannot fail to mention our ground support staff, Pvt Terry Thompson and (acting) Provisioner Carolyn Faubel. Pvt Terry cheerfully lead horses, set up courses, and contributed to the morale and well being of the event by providing a portable sink adjacent to the bunkhouse that was appreciated by all. Provisioner Carolyn gave us scrumptious and plentiful meals to the point I began to wonder if the participants would be able to haul themselves up onto the back of their noble steeds. All in all, it bodes well for our meals this upcoming season.

The only realistic, and normal, note was sounded by Pvt Karl Thompson who managed to convince her horse to step on her foot. I can only conclude that the maneuver was contrived since Pvt Thompson missed no riding instruction, but did manage to have an instructor tack her mount for the Sunday session. Such competence in the skills of a seasoned trooper bear close watching and bode well for Karl's military future.

Respectfully Submitted,

1st Lt Casualty



THE THIRD REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

By LIEUT. WM. E. BIRKHIMER, ADJUTANT

Submitted by Al Plocher

Part XI

Nothing daunted, the Third was soon again en route, this time by the Isthmus. April 5, 1854, headquarters with B and L, embarked at New York on the steamer *Illinois*, arriving, L at the Presidio, and B and headquarters at Benicia, California, May 5th following. The band, with D, G, I, K, were not so fortunate. They embarked on the steamer *Falcon*, and very nearly repeated the experience of the *San Francisco*. The vessel, though disabled in a storm, managed to make Hampton Roads, where the troops landed at Fortress Monroe. In May, 1854, the steamer *Illinois* picked them up, and they finally, after many tribulations, reached the California stations. H and A marched overland, via Salt Lake, Utah, where they wintered 1854-55, arrive, July 25, 1855, at Benicia.

From 1854 to 1861 the Third was actively employed in marching and scouting over the Pacific Coast throughout its length and breadth. There was not an Indian tribe from the Rockies to the Pacific Ocean whom they did not visit. They became veritable foot-cavalry.

Scarcely had D landed at Benicia when it was sent on an expedition against the Indians of Pitt and McCloud rivers. L marched against the Umatillas, and both B and L, under command of Major G. R. Rains, 4th Infantry, against the Yakimas in October and November, 1855. During the same year D was engaged against the Klamath and M against the Puget Sound Indians. In the action at Hungry Hill, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1855, Lieut. H. G. Gibson, since colonel of the regiment, commanding D, was wounded. In the winter of 1855-56 the Rogue Rivers went on the war-path. B and H formed part of the command sent against them. E. O. C. Ord commanded the former, John F.

Reynolds the latter. Ord attacked a party of hostiles at their village, Mackanootney, Oregon, March 26, 1856, routing them and burning their town. On April 28th, following, he met and defeated them again. Reynolds was fighting the same enemy elsewhere. In June, 1856, the Indians sued for peace. General Scott in orders from army headquarters complimented these officers and their commands for their gallant conduct in this war. In the same order the services of M under Keyes on Puget Sound, and L under Piper at the cascades of the Columbia were mentioned with commendation. It was at the latter affair that Lieut. P. H. Sheridan so distinguished himself. E also, under its indefatigable captain T. W. Sherman was doing good service. The Indians at the Yellow Medicine Agency began to manifest an ugly disposition. Sherman took their breath away by appearing among them with his battery, thus, in the language of the General Order before mentioned (14, H. Q. A., 1857) "by his promptness, judgment and firmness preserving the country from a war with the tribes of the Sioux nation."

The Pacific Slope Indians, having been severely punished all around in 1856, remained quiet during the next year. Not so, however, in 1858. May 17, that year, Steptoe, now a major 9th Infantry, was surprised by Indians at Tohotsnimme 40 miles north of Snake River on the road between the present towns of Almota, and Colfax, Washington. The uprising was entirely unexpected, but the news spread, and the neighboring tribes flew to arms. Safety to the frontier settlements required the chastisement of the Indians. Accordingly an expedition was fitted out for this purpose under Colonel Wright, 9th Infantry. The Third composed the major part of the troops, and they were rapidly concentrated. A, from Yuma; B, Rogue River; D, San Diego; G, San Bernardino; K, Ft. Miller; M, the Presidio, were united at Fort Walla Walla. The Indians were vastly more numerous than the troops, but the latter were armed with rifle-muskets, just then issued to the army, the former with smooth-bores. The superiority of the rifle was at once strikingly manifest. The Indians, waiting until their smooth-bores were effective, found themselves mowed down by troops whom their own projectiles could not reach. They were signally defeated at Four Lakes, September 1, Spokane Plains September 5, and Spokane River, September 8, 1858. Nine hundred ponies were shot in one spot, on the Spokane River, which to this day is marked by their whitened bones. The principal chiefs were captured and hanged, and the tribes so humbled that they have never gone on the war-path since. In general orders from headquarters of the army, General Scott testified his appreciation of the services of the regiment in this campaign in most eulogistic terms.



Benicia Barracks, circa 1850

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The defeats of 1858 had the effect of keeping the Indians quiet in 1859. But the dispute over the boundary-line, and who should own San Juan Island seemed likely to precipitate war with Great Britain. Accordingly, August 8, 1859, A, B, D, G, left Ft. Vancouver and joined other troops at Camp Pickett on the southern, while the British troops occupied the northern end. In this position the forces of the two countries glared at each other for years; but as there was no fear of immediate hostilities after General Scott arranged for joint-occupation, the companies mentioned returned to Ft. Vancouver in December, 1859.

Early in 1860, Indian hostilities broke out in another quarter. A party of prospectors, headed by a Mr. Meredith, was massacred near Pyramid Lake, then in Utah, but now Nevada. Young Winnemucca was the leading spirit in this affair. An expedition was at once fitted out to punish the Indians involved. D, under Lieutenant Joseph Stewart, and a detachment of I, under Lieutenant H. G. Gibson, formed part of this force. The Indians were attacked and defeated near Truckee River, Carson Valley, June 2, 1860, several soldiers and many Indians



Chief Winnemucca

being killed and wounded. On July, 9 that same year A, B & M, left Ft. Vancouver, W. T., to scout through the Snake River country, returning in September. In August they met and routed the Indians at Harney Lake, Oregon. L, during the same year left Fort Umpqua to scout through the Klamath country, the theatre of the Modoc war of 1873,

so often traversed by the Third during its tour on the Coast.

This practically ended the campaigning of the Third on the Pacific. Events soon called for its presence elsewhere. Meantime, to replace C, Co K, (Capt. Ord) left Ft. Vancouver, after the Spokane campaign of 1858, arriving at the Artillery School of Practice, January 1, 1859; and as, by War Department orders in 1858, two instead of one company from each artillery regiment were to be stationed there, F, then at Ft. Yuma, was sent to Fortress Monroe also arriving September 28, 1859. Here they remained, being only called out during the John Brown disturbance at Harper's Ferry, until they joined the army at Washington as light artillery in 1861. In August, 1860, J. F. Reynolds was appointed Commandant of Cadets, West Point, and, in October, Captain E. O. C. Ord transferred to light company C.

From the Deep South

Ric Morrow

Here's some photos from this weekend's 145th Battle of Bentonville. There were 1100 Union and 2500 Confederate reenactors for the event.

For Saturday's battle we were Btry D, 5th U.S., and on Sunday were Reilly's Battery, 1st North Carolina. I've included a photo of one of the F150 batteries that participated, Btry E, 3rd U.S., so you could see one of your sister batteries on the field. Since it's state property and not NPS, they used two different fields where the battle took place for the reenactment and we camped in some of the woods from the original battle ground. Next month we'll be up at Appomattox Courthouse, mostly a living history event. We'll also be doing some artillery demonstrations and a stacking of arms to reenact the surrender.



Ric & Surprise, Bentonville



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Role	Name	Report To	Role	Name	Report To
Commanding Officer	Ginos, Alan		Stable Sgt.	Winfrey, Dennis	XO
Executive Officer	Faubel, Wes	Captain	Teamster	Faubel, Melinda	XO
1st Sergeant	Foster, Scott	Captain	Teamster	Casini, Paul	XO
			Commissary Sgt.	Moretti, Scott	1st. Sgt.

Gun/Team 1

Chief of Piece	Foster, Scott	Captain
Gun Cpl	Alto, Scott	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ahrenholz, Ray	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Hall, David	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Jacobsen, Jake	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lemasters, Michael	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lincoln, Rafferty	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Rejaian, Amir	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Sablan, Scott	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Karla	Gun Sgt.

Team Corporal	Johnson, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Driver	Berry, Mike	Team Cpl.
Driver	Bricklin, Nathan	Team Cpl.
Driver	Burtz, Dan	Team Cpl.
Driver	Faubel, Loreleigh	Team Cpl.
Driver	Miljevich, Ted	Team Cpl.
Driver	Virga, Tony	Team Cpl.

Artificers

Chief Artificer	Griffith, Loren	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Blair, Michael	Chief Art.
Artificer	Boling, Roger	Chief Art.
Artificer	Faubel, Tristan	Chief Art.
Artificer	Johnson, Dave	Chief Art.
Artificer	Lee, Robert	Chief Art.
Artificer	Plocher, Al	Chief Art.
Artificer	Weston, Mark	Chief Art.

Signal Corps

Private	Mosher, Chris	1st. Sgt.
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Gun/Team 2

Chief of Piece	Duncan, George	1st. Sgt.
Gun Cpl	Boyd, John	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Bono, Joe	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Dunne, Cary	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Ebert, Bob	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Gluch, Josh	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lincoln, Barbara	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Sablan, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Terry	Gun Sgt.

Team Corporal	Moretti, Teri	Gun Sgt.
Driver	Christiansen, Jessica	Team Cpl.
Driver	Gilliland, John	Team Cpl.
Driver	Griffith, Naomi	Team Cpl.
Driver	Horton, Jim	Team Cpl.
Driver	Rejaian, Katie	Team Cpl.
Driver	Ruther, Justin	Team Cpl.
Driver	Sullivan, Lisa	Team Cpl.
Driver	Thompson, Doug	Team Cpl.
Driver	Whitehead, Dave	Team Cpl.

Unassigned

Unassigned	Amari, Gary	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Bailey, Wendy	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Bradford, Bryan	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Bradford, Lisa	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Byrne, Jeanne	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Claytor, Kermit	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Ensign, Sue	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Foster, Matt	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Foley, Mike	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Foley, Shirley	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Fulks, Andy	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Hawkins, Bill	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Justiniano, Joe	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Langman, Chip	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Maciver, Al	1st. Sgt.
Unassigned	Martinez, Thomas	1st. Sgt.
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Unassigned	Sims, Ed	1st. Sgt.

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2010 Schedule of Events

Note: "\$" & "\$\$" denotes revenue producing events for CHAS

April

April 9 - 11 "Good Old Days Parade". Pacific Grove.
1 or more teams/wagon. \$.
Need help with parade prep Friday.
Driver/cannoneer training and Mariposa
load out on Sunday. Contact Alan Ginos.

April 16 - 18 Mariposa Civil War Days.
ACWA Battles & Encampment.
School day Friday. Contact TBA.

April 24 - 25 NCWA Tactical. Placerville.
Attend as individuals.

May

May 14 - 16 Gibson Ranch, Sacramento.
NCWA Battles & Encampment.
School day Friday. Contact TBA.

June

June 26 - 27 Duncans Mills. CHAS weekend work
party. Contact Ted Miljevich.

July

July 2 - 4 38th Mohawk Valley Independence Day.
Graeagle, CA. CCWR.

July 10 - 11 Duncans Mills. CHAS weekend work
party. Contact Ted Miljevich.

July 17 - 18 Civil War Days at Duncans Mills.
CHAS Invitational. Battles & encamp.
2 teams, guns & support. \$\$\$\$.
Maximum effort Contact Ted Miljevich.

September

Sept. 4 - 7 Ninth Annual Gold Rush Days. Old
Sacramento. CHAS living history &
encampment. 1 team/gun, support unit.
\$\$\$. Rotating attendance needed.
Contact Mike Sablan.

Sept 18 - 19 Tres Pinos. NCWA Living History.

October

Oct. 1 - 3 Kearny Park, Fresno. NCWA Invitational.
Battles & encampment . 2 teams & guns,
support units. School Day Friday.

November

Nov 13 - 14 Moorpark Farm, Moorpark. Richmond
Howitzers. 2 teams & guns. Battles
& encampment. School Day Friday. \$.

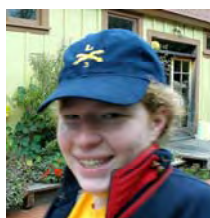
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