

NEWSLETTER OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL ARTILLERY SOCIETY JANUARY 2008

Commander's Call

Alan Ginos

Very short notes this month to first wish everyone Happy Holidays!

For those of you who have not heard, some scripture is in order to explain an upcoming event. First scripture that applies is "the last shall be first". Second is the one explaining "the meek shall inherit the earth". Why has the Captain gone so religious for this once and only time? Well, how else can you explain that of all our horses over the years, and with our many attempts to get in to the Rose Parade, Big Guy has pulled it off. Our lowest horse in the herd pecking order!

The troop of Buffalo Soldiers always in the Parade needs a white horse for an officer to lead them. Oh, and ves they need a white officer as well. And since I ride Big Guv. what the heck they let me come along with him. We will be #89 at the very end of



the 2.5-hour parade, but guarantee we will do well and enjoy ourselves immensely. Hope some of you tape it and that we are seen. A good chance to do behind the scenes work on getting CHAS in to the parade in the future.

Contact Mike Foley at mfsbuell@aol.com if you would like to help tear apart and rebuild some of our gun trailers in January. Mike is setting up at least one two-day weekend and could use some help. A second request is for a qualified team driver to work with the County Workers a day or so to help sort out some of the tack. Other than these two work requests, no maintenance work parties are scheduled until after the annual meeting and the membership has a chance to give some direction.

Dispatches from the Dog Tent

Ted Miljerich

A new year is upon us, and we move onward and upward with this, the 11th year of our great organization. As I always try and point out, we are a very diverse group with many great talents and ideas among us. As always, the Board of Directors is working on many unit projects and ideas. A very high-priority task at this time is to locate a chairperson and leader for our Fundraising committee. We do have members for this committee, but we are lacking a leader. All of our committees are important, but without leadership for the key Fundraising committee, all projects will surely fall behind. We are looking for someone who wishes to take on this important chairmanship. Please contact myself or any of the board members if you can help.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, February 12th, 6:00 PM at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. As always you may attend or contact your member at large with your issues or ideas.

CHAS Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 20th is the date for our annual meeting at Camp Warhorse, Salinas. This is the time for recapping the previous season, hearing from the general membership, receiving reports from your elected officers and giving unit awards. This meeting is open to all members, spouses and guests. However, only members in good standing will be given an opportunity to address any of the subject matter at hand during the meeting.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM sharp, beginning with officer reports, financial reviews and general members discussion. In the past we have had some heated and lively member discussion on various topics. This year I am sure will continue in that tradition as we tackle the much debated unit equipment maintenance issue. Around noon we will take a break for lunch and have some extended social time. Traditionally, our annual meeting is a member pot-luck style affair, with the unit providing a main meat course, prepared once again

by Matranga's own Tom Moore and company. If everybody can just bring a little something to fill out the food table, it will work out fine. People have always asked me what to bring and for how many. Really it just does not matter what you bring, as it always seems to just work out well. Even if you can not bring any kind of food or drink item, please plan on attending as it is more important to have you all attend and partake of the social and membership opportunities. Directions to Camp Warhorse are on the web site at www.warhorse.org/ events.html#map. After lunch we will continue the meeting with election results and awards. We always look to wrap the meeting up around 3:00 PM. The Camp Warhorse bunkhouse is open and ready for anyone wishing to come down and make a weekend of riding horses or working on unit rolling stock or tack cleaning. We have a number of chairs and tables for the meeting. If you have any extra it always nice to bring them along as we sometimes come up short. The meeting is held indoors on the concrete work area of the Matranga flower business. Due to the storage of flowers inside and variable weather outside, it can sometimes get cool during the meeting. So plan accordingly.

Looking forward to seeing all your happy faces!!

Teddy ' EL DUCE ' Miljevich President / Coordinator

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"Ya know, I wish I was an Artillery Driver..."

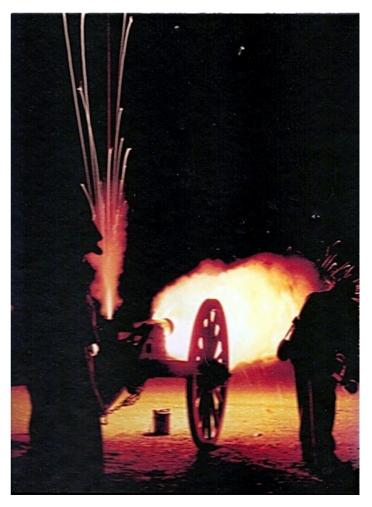
Come to CAV101 May 8-9 and see why!

Safety First!

Mike Johnson

During the off-season we are reviewing all safety requirements, rules and tests. Wes Faubel has been collecting comments and change suggestions for the review, and he welcomes any suggestions you have or current errors you may find. Any changes will be announced as completed. You may continue to use the current tests on the web page. Remember, to be eligible for the drawing at the Annual Meeting you must print your relevant tests, fill them out and send them in with your renewal paperwork.

Anyone who works a gun will appreciate the photo below, sent by CHAS member Neal Jones — currently on detached duty with the Ninth Massachusetts Artillery (aka the Idaho Civil War Volunteers). The photo is from a recent night fire and exhibits the importance of safe firing practices and attention to duty. The power coming form the muzzle is awesome, but there is quite a flame shooting from the vent, too. Numbers 3 and 4 (and all positions really) need to be aware and extremely cautious when working the gun. This shows why the 1st Sgt. is so insistent on the use of gloves!



~ 2007 Board Election ~ Candidates' Statements

President Ted Miljevich

This is your incumbent President, Ted "EL DUCE" Miljevich, asking for your vote and support to be your President for another term. Those in this great organization know me and that I have been your President for a lot time. I have said before if somebody wants the job more than me, just let me know and I will step aside. Well that has not happened as of yet. So I am stepping up to the plate and saying I will be happy to do it again. I have really enjoyed all the memberships support over the years and I, along with the rest of your hard working board members, intend to do the best job that I can do for you. There is a long board list of on going and unfinished projects that need to be completed. So with your vote and support, I will continue to work with the board to get things done. Thank you again, and looking forward to another great year for CHAS!!!!!!

Vice-President John Boyd

Hello my name is John Boyd and I have been with CHAS since Fresno of 2005. I am currently the Corporal on Gun 2 with Sergeant Duncan. I am interested in supporting the organization in what ever way I can and try to attend as many events as I am able. I have also attended board meetings and work parties. I would like to have the opportunity to do more.

It is my understanding that there is an opening on the board for Vice President. I am interested in serving CHAS on the board in this position. I ask for your support and vote for this important post

Treasurer Mike Johnson

I've enjoyed serving this year and would like to continue as treasurer for 2008. I would appreciate your vote and continued support. Thank you.

Recording Secretary Scott Foster

I am running for the Board position of Recording Secretary. I have served in this position for the last 6½ years, and ask for your continued support. This has been one of the ways that I have been able to contribute to the organization, by keeping accurate minutes as well as representing the general membership in board matters. Going forward, I see some of the challenges as improving our impression, recruiting and training new



"I'm gonna be an Artillery Captain when I grow up!"
"Dude - ya gotta learn to ride first! Better sign up for
CAV101 on March 8th & 9th!"

members, and encouraging member participation in CHAS activities and work parties. Please continue to support me in this role with your vote.

Thank You, Scott Foster

Corresponding Secretary Norm Roger

I have enjoyed my past years of service to CHAS as corresponding secretary and hope that it has been of some benefit to the membership as well. If the membership would like, I am happy to offer my small abilities for another year in your service.

Norm Roger

Members-At-Large Teri Moretti

I am running for the CHAS board position of Member-at-Large. I have been an active member of CHAS since 2004. I have had the pleasure of serving as one of your Members-at-Large for the past year. I have worked with many of you at our various work parties and events, participating as Corporal for Team 2 for the past season. I have also served as a cannoneer and cook. I would like the opportunity to continue to represent you to our Board of Directors for the upcoming year. I am always available to forward any of your concerns, questions or kudos to the Board. I can be contacted either by email, phone or snail mail. I would appreciate your vote and support.

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Captain

Alan Ginos

With an expected reenacting life for most people being 3-5 years, and my command tenure at 5 years, it seems I've been the commanding officer for more years than the majority of our members have been in the 3rd U.S. With my own 15-year membership anniversary approaching, and our current celebrations of CHAS' 10-year anniversary bringing out many memories, it seems a good time for some perspective on this position.

Unlike most artillery units where gun owners are typically unit heads and NCOs, in CHAS we elect our officers and they appoint all leadership positions. This is always subject to change pending membership wishes, but for now that is the way it is and tests true leadership qualities to put good people in positions that allow them to contribute positively for the long term growth of the unit and the individual. I've enjoyed the majority of what commanding this unit means, but by no means expect to be the Captain forever. For now I'm willing to do it again but recognize the need to have new blood in the position to keep ideas fresh. Anyone out there interested in interning for a future Captaincy? In the meantime, I will keep the position covered to the best of my ability should you wish me to do so.

In your service, Alan Ginos

Executive Officer

Wes Faubel

My name is Wes Faubel and I would like to announce my candidacy for Executive Officer for the upcoming year.

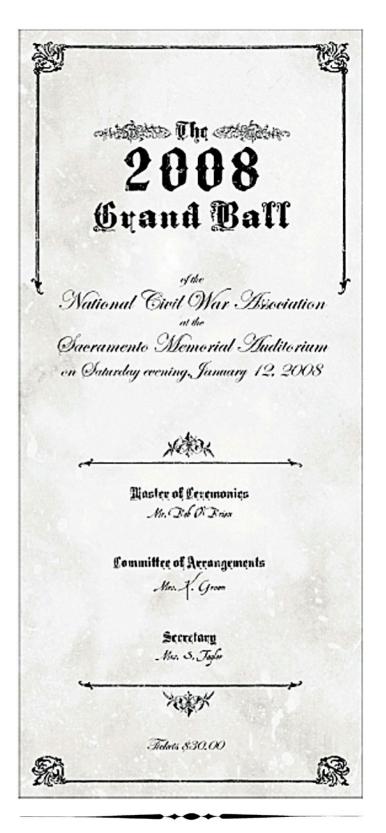
I have enjoyed this last year of getting to know my position and learning what the Captain expects of me and look forward to improving my impression in the upcoming year.

Thank you, Lt Wes Faubel

Commander of U.S. Sanitary Commission *Judith Boling*

It has been my honor to serve as U. S. Sanitary Commission and Civilian Commander for the past three years. I would appreciate your vote for me for Sanitary Commission and Civilian Commander for 2008.

Judith A. Boling



Missing from Action:

The Quartermaster box is missing numerous loaner items including three (3) of the confederate gray jackets we use when we galvanize. Hard to believe but we are also missing one of last year's new A tents as well. If you have possession of unit gear, or know its whereabouts, please let your NCO or the Captain know of it.

The Recruiting Desk

Wes Faubel

Reenlistments proceed apace, although it is early to post results. It does seem from the applications that I am getting back that the reenlistment bonus does influence our membership's timeliness in getting the paperwork back. As seasoned troopers, I expected no less!

Please join me in extending a hearty welcome to Kay Allen whose membership application was approved at the Dec 13th Board meeting. Kay will join the lovely, compassionate members of the Sanitary Commission is succoring the troops. Kay brings out total membership strength up to 112 for the close of the calendar year.

And, for those of you who may have inadvertently thrown away the insert in your reenlistment package.....

Remember that all it takes to qualify for the \$25 CHAS shopping spree is to submit your completed Safety test(s) by the drawing at the annual meeting with your paid reenlistment. Let me know if you have questions as to where the tests can be located or which tests are applicable to your role.

Respectfully Submitted

Lt Casualty

Unit "Wish List"

Roz Johnson

Do you have any of the following items you'd be willing to donate to CHAS? As you know, maintaining our large arsenal of "toys" takes considerable people-power and the equipment to do the job. Donors will receive a letter for tax purposes. Stay tuned to this space for other suggestions.

- 1. Gasoline pressure washer, nominally 5 hp or more and 2200 or more psi.
- 2. Jack stands tall enough to fit under axle trees of limbers and guns, battery wagon, forge etc. to hold them up when he wheels are removed.
- 3. Saw horses to hold equipment being worked upon.
- 4. Lockable storage cabinets or trunks for tools, supplies and equipment storage.
- 5. Cleaning rags and supplies.

Fresno Photos

In last month's issue we included an excellent photos taken at Fresno by Michael Sharps ("Officers" shown below, along with a couple more of his great photos). However, we neglected to include proper credit for the prints.

Michael and his 14 year-old son had just joined the 7th West Virginia Infantry and reenacted for the first time on Sunday.

We want to thank Michael for his gracious permission to reprint the photos and look forward to more in 2008!

To see all of Michael's Fresno event photos go to: http://www.flickr.com/photos/michaelsharps/ sets/72157602787597853/







MELF SUPPORT WIND TRUES

Due to heightened security, individuals cannot send letters and packages marked for delivery to "Any Service Member." Through our contact, Major Craig Sandman of the 1-143rd Field Artillery, you can send a care package that will be delivered to deployed service members.

At this year's Annual Meeting (January 20th) we will be collecting items to send to the troops in Iraq.

For suggestions on what to send, we asked local Association of the United States Army chapter president Lucie Titus:

"I would suggest anything we take for granted here... Gatorade, snacks, socks, coffee, and personalized notes are always well received. I always have white socks (because they work better than the Army issued khaki ones) hard candy, depending on the time of year chocolates (when it gets to hot over there, they melt,) personal hygiene items (although they can buy that in the PX but they are not always around a PX,) everything in tubes or plastic containers – no glass, and always, ALWAYS, pre-paid phone cards so our guys and gals can call home without incurring too much of a debt. You can get them at any denomination.

I also send them newspaper articles about things happening in California or even their hometown and a personal letter from all of us or just from me. Writing materials are good, pens especially, since they run out of ink or lose them, T-shirts (again white for off duty stuff,) hand lotion (in plastic,) hand sanitizer in plastic chewing gum and breath mints. Think of what you would take with you into the field when you go hunting or fishing and are miles away from a store. DVD's and CDs are always good, especially if it is something from the family. Another very popular item is the Camelback drinking container cleaning kits. But don't forget the telephone cards."

Please bring whatever you can to the meeting. We will package them up after the meeting is over and get them sent out on the next Monday.



ALCATRAZ LIVING HISTORY DAY

Are you ready to do time on Alcatraz?

The American Civil War is returning to Fortress Alcatraz on Saturday, February 23, 2008. This will be the islands very first Living History Day.

During the war, Fortress Alcatraz was the keystone fortification on the West Coast. It literally bristled with over 100 coastal artillery guns.

The event is hosted by Friends of Civil War Alcatraz in cooperation with the National Park Service.

Alcatraz Island is an incredible experience in and of itself. Public attendance on Saturday's routinely runs from 3,600 to 4,000, so you're not going to run out of people to interact with.

This first event will be limited to fifty participants. Those attending will be guests of the National Park Service and Friends of Civil War Alcatraz.

Transportation to and from the island will be provided at no cost. Lunch will also be provided for participants.

Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm. The last boat leaves the island at 4:30pm.

Military impressions will be limited to units that were stationed on the island during the war:

REGIMENT/UNIT	COMPANY/BATTERY
3 rd U.S. Artillery	A, B, D, E, H, I, K, L,
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9th U.S. Infantry	F, G, H, K
U.S. Engineering Det. A	
1st Dragoons	Recruits
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2nd California Vol. Inf. G 2nd California Vol. Cav. F 5th California Vol. Inf. H, K 6th California Vol. Inf. A

8th California Vol. Inf. B, E, G, H, M

Military Prisoner N/A (see below)

Uniforms

This is a garrison impression.

Required uniform for artillery and infantry:

- 1) Frock coat with appropriate buttons. Hardee hat with appropriate insignia or kepi with appropriate insignia.
- 2) Sack coat with appropriate buttons. Kepi with appropriate insignia.

Weapons

M1842, M1855 or M1861 Springfield Rifle depending on the unit.

Sword if appropriate to the impression.

There is a 24-pound Howitzer in the Guard House available for gun drill and other demonstrations. Implements on the island include: one staff with sponge and rammer, one worm staff, "hoist bar", one dummy friction primer, one canister, one grape, one (dummy) shell.

NO POWDER, NO CAPS

Cavalry

Cavalry shell jacket and kepi with appropriate insignia.

M1859 Sharps Carbine or appropriate issue weapon.

Appropriate revolver (Colt pattern 1851 or 1860). Saber appropriate to the impression. NO POWDER, NO CAPS

U.S. Army Prisoner

Sack coat (no buttons) with white letter "P" sewn on back (9" high, 5" wide [centered]) and kepi (no insignia).

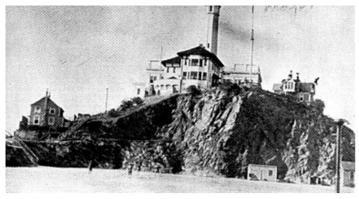
Civilian impressions may include:

WOMEN Wife Laundress Cook (for officer's family)

Contractor Laborer Mason Carpenter

Secessionist Prisoner (limited number)





A secessionist prisoner may very well be the most difficult impression. Since there is no documentation of anyone wearing a Confederate uniform in California during the war, CIVILIAN ATTIRE is required. This impression will require answers to questions such as: Where are you from originally and what did you do there? Why are you in California? How long have you been here? Where do you live? What is your occupation? If you are a miner (for instance), how do you do that job? Why are you a prisoner?

As a Secessionist prisoner, you may be philosophical or somewhat indignant about your situation, but keep in mind that this is the Civil War. Your rights have been suspended and corporal punishment is acceptable. So it would be very unwise to antagonize your captors too much.

ADDITIONAL IMPRESSION INFORMATION

It is our intention to move living historians around during the day (unless you want to stay where you are) to provide for breaks and changes of scenery.

Attire for the most versatile impression would be a frock coat. In this uniform, you are free to adopt / portray many personas. You may post yourself (or be posted) as a guard in a variety of locations on the island, including the Dock, Guard House, China Alley and Tunnel, as well as strolling the island. The impression will allow for interpretation on the road above the Gardens where the ladies will be having tea in the afternoon.

U.S. Army Prisoners may be utilized as "time portal hosts". Meet the public as a prisoner and re-direct their mind set from the Penitentiary years to the Civil War era. It would be a good idea to decide "what you're doing time for" ahead of time. AWOL in San Francisco would likely be a minimal sentence. Striking an officer might get you shot. Keeping in mind that you'll likely have to explain your situation in front of children, rape or sodomy (while authentic) would be inappropriate.

This is the FIRST Living History Day on the island. We know we'll run into glitches, we just don't know what they'll be. Having experienced living historians like you involved will allow us to get through whatever problems we encounter.

With that said, your participation and observations are foundational to the future living history days on Alcatraz. During and certainly at the conclusion of the program, we very much want your take on the event. What worked; what didn't; what we should enhance; what we should scrap – in short, we want your ideas on how to make the future events better for the public and living historians alike.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN TOURS OF THE CITADEL.

The first floor of the Civil War redoubt that was known as The Citadel still exists. It is located under the infamous Cell House at the top of the island. Participants will receive an exclusive guided tour of this facility that is "off limits" to the general public.

Alan Ginos and Scott Foster have taken a preliminary tour of the island and can supply you with further details.

Please sign on early to avoid missing out on this adventure.

Additional information will be sent to those signing on for the event.

I am the reenactor point of contact. My information is below, along with some informational web sites.

John Nevins

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Cell: 916-599-6642

Email: scss1co@comcast.net

WEB SITES

Friends of Civil War Alcatraz: www.friendsofcivilwaralcatraz.org This is a new web site. It is just getting up to speed, so please be patient.

National Park Service, Alcatraz: www.nps.gov/alcatraz

Fortress Alcatraz: www.fortressalcatraz.com
This is John Martini's web site. John is the
historical consultant for Friends of Civil War
Alcatraz. He was the National Park Service's
Historian for the island for many years and has
written two books on the military history of the
island.

California Military Museum:

www.militarymuseum.org

Good histories about the units stationed on Alcatraz as well as some information on the island itself.

Alcatraz Cruises (Hornblower Ferry): http://www.alcatrazcruises.com

CAVALRY 101

Do you want to learn to be more comfortable around the horses?

Think you might want to become an Artillery Driver or Outrider?

Just want to have a fun weekend with fellow members at the ranch?

Then CAV 101 is the event for you!

This "beginners" class is for all members who want to learn more about our horses and equipment. It's also a great refresher for all current horse people to help get you in shape for the coming season.

In addition to learning how to be a proper "horse holder" You will learn:

* How to properly groom the horse.

* What the different parts of the tack are and how they are used.

* How to saddle and bridle the horse.

* How to properly mount and dismount the horse.

* How to ride at the walk, trot and canter, depending on your skill and confidence levels

This event is scheduled for March 8 & 9, 2008, rain or shine. The event is free but there is a \$20.00 per person cost for meals.

If you are interested contact Teri Moretti by February 29th for reservations at tlmoretti@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Do you like to be in charge and are you the type of person that can get things done? CHAS is looking for a Fundraising Committee Chairman. Raising funds is crucial to help keep our unit events and horse rescue program running.

The Fundraising Chairman should:

- * Lead and organize the fundraising committee
- * Appoint committee members to direct projects.
- * Inform the Board of all planning and organizing details.
- * Motivate and inspire all members to promote and participate in the events.
- * Direct the planning processes in cooperation with the Board and the Fundraising Committee.
- * Delegate the implementation of decisions

If you are interested in finding out more about this important position, contact any member of the Board! You can find contact information on the website and Cannon's Mouth.



MIKE JOHNSON

TREASURER



Please put this in a Conspicuous place.

Dispatch from the Idaho Territory

Port. Neal Jones

On 8 December, the Idaho Civil War Volunteers (ICWV) had the opportunity and extreme privilege of live firing one of the original 12# Napoleons that are at it's disposal. This particular gun is a 12-pounder, registry number 56, manufactured in 1862 by the Revere Copper Company in Boston, Massachusetts. The gun was last fired with live rounds during the Civil War.



The Revere Copper Company manufactured 443 guns, out of a total of 1156 Model 1857 guns made for the USA and 338 for the CSA. The second gun at our disposal is registry number 120. The live firing took place at the Blacks Creek Public Shooting Range in Kuna, Idaho.

We fired 6 canister rounds. Harvey Dietz of our unit manufactured these rounds per specifications of the original ordnance manual. The photo in this article is "Yours Truly" firing a 12# canister, backed with a fixed, full 2 pound powder bag. Cannoneer positions 1, 2 and 3 stood clear for safety. As you can see, it packs quite a punch. We have video of the shoot proving that the gun does recoil 6 to 7 feet with a live, full scale projectile and a full 2 pounds of powder.





3rd US members might remember Harvey Dietz falling in with us at this year's Gibson Ranch

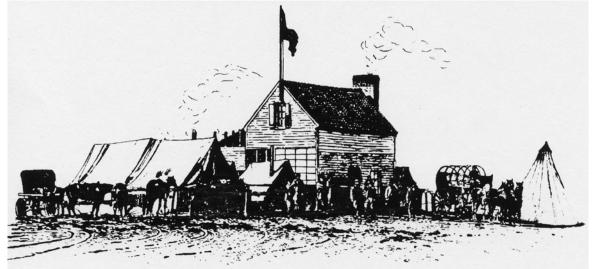
Needless to say, this was an awesome experience. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to fire an original gun like this. ICWV members can now attest, first hand, to the devastation that a live 12# canister round can cause.

I hope all of you have a great and safe New Year and I hope to see you at Gibson Ranch and Duncans Mills in 2008. Take care.

Private Neal Jones Idaho Civil War Volunteers



Neal firing Number 56



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YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING YOUR OWN PERIOD CUP, PLATE AND UTENCILS FOR MEALS

Meal Tickets, Training Material and Waiver Release Forms provided at check-in, Friday, Feb. 15th, 5:00 p.m. **PLAN TO CAMP & DRESS IN PERIOD FOR THE WEEKEND. PERIOD TENTS PLEASE!**

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After Action Report, Moorpark Crossing, Virginia

Put. Dizzy

November 1863 Gentlemen

I pray that you forgive the late submission of my report. As you are aware, Camp Caisson is a remote post, therefore the courier is faced with a long and arduous trip. He oft times finds it necessary to stop by some of the seedier parts of San Francisco to reinvigorate before continuing on his mission, thus causing some delay in my report. I hope that you accept my apology and if not I pray that I am demoted down to position of messenger.

After the warm reunion this long, lost artillerist received from his beloved comrades during the battle of Fresnoburg, I felt it was my duty to volunteer for this special detachment on its dangerous voyage south into Rebel territory. The report I received here at Camp Caisson was that the battery was to dispatch one artillery piece and two teams to work in concert with another artillery piece already arrived at a place called Moorpark Crossing. Captain Ginos and Corporal Hell both pleaded with me to stay on duty at Caisson and tried to reason with me about the cost of passage and length of travel that I would have to endure on this long journey but I would have nothing of it. After all, there were Rebs to destroy. Little did I know that once again the Captain was planning a secretive ruse by infiltrating into enemy ranks



posing as Secessh artillerists in order to glean important and valuable information. Seems we once again had to don those dirty, vermin infested rags the enemy calls a uniform in order to degrade ourselves enough to resemble men of their rag tag battery. I knew I was up for the job as Caisson ran out of soap some days ago. Figured I'd fit in right nice.

I assembled my things and secured passage on the North Coast Railway bound for Warhorse where I was to rendezvous with the detail of other volunteers and equipment to be loaded for the remainder of the voyage deep into Reb land. Yes the voyage was long but fortunately the railroad allowed us a few stops along the way for food and refreshment. Mr. Carl must be quite proud of his son to give him is own eatery. Time however was of the essence and we moved along quickly. After unwittingly taking a couple of wrong sidings we arrived in camp just at dark. Much to my surprise, the Captain had arranged for us to begin our ruse immediately by actually camping within the Reb camp! Guess he knew best but it was a worrisome thought. One thing though, those rebs do know how to have a fine time of it. Where they acquired all the delicacies they brought to the table I do not wish to know. Scoundrels undoubtedly raided them from our lush and bountiful lands of the north. Oh well, as they themselves would say, "Dang, this here's plumb good eats!"

Private Boling and his lovely wife quickly set up a fly to protect us from the southern sun or capture rain water. Either way, we were ready for whatever the gray skies were to bring us. Horses picketed, we bedded down, and soon all were sound asleep after a long day of travel.

The next morning started off busy as the teams needed to be hitched. Ah the memories of To Horse and the rush to prepare the teams for travel. Our secret seemed to be holding and we hid our proper blue jackets in the trees while donning the Rebel rags. Every once and a while though, we had to rush back and get in uniform to aid our comrades in the fight but we kept up the secret mission while the Captain gathered information for our command.

On one occasion when we were preparing to move one of our own guns, I as wheel driver was mounted and holding the team while the lead and swing drivers were making their adjustments. The decision was made to mount cannoneers so privates Justiniano, Martinez and a fresh fish, private Bauermeister, cautiously and uneasily volunteered. I overheard the First Sergeant drilling them on how to mount and what to do but I didn't hear him explain what they should expect. I assumed that the veteran privates were coaching the new artillerist. I did however turn and mention to them while hiding

my smile, that in the rare occasion the ride got bumpy, to simply lean forward and absorb the bumps with their legs. I also mentioned to the nervous Pvt Bauermeister that things would seem better once the private made it through the "What the Hell did I get myself into?" phase of the self-preservation instinct.

Quick as a wink we were off with Corporal Hell shouting at the lead and the fresh fish asking "Wha...what did he say?!?". All was going fairly well until we reached a slight hill approaching an old equipment barn. So as is usual we moved the pace up to a trot. Well that's when the plan changed. Seems that unnoticed to me, the quarterstrap on my saddle had broken loose from the crupper strap and slid down over my horses rump landing on the back of his legs. To put it mildly, he didn't like it. So Bart, the almost normal horse that he is, began bucking and kicking as we hit the hill. Now to those of us that are veteran limber rats, this may all be taken in stride but we had a fresh fish aboard. With a three foot wide horse kicking, bucking and flailing its tail in quite close proximity to your face, I understand where ones nerve could begin to unravel. Added to the unraveling I am told, was the developing situation whereas the two outside limber rats leaned forward as they should. But being broad shouldered fellows, they closed the gap between themselves thusly squirting the center seated, afore mentioned fresh fish, out the back. The combined experience of hoof dirt being flung in your face, complete loss of balance and control, and the menacing sound of a clattering artillery piece rattling just behind you with nowhere to go but down, not only unraveled the private's nerve but tore it to shreds! Next came the screams of "Stop, Stop, please Stop!!!"

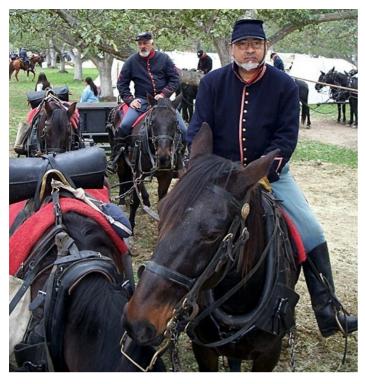
Well, I haven't been away from the team so long as to have forgotten the drill. Fearing the worse and having my hands full as it was, I quickly began to shout "All Stop!" and put on the brakes. Bart and Brutal were all to eager to comply and they have good brakes. So the next things I see are the trouser bottoms of the swing and lead drivers as they are thrown forward becoming intimately acquainted with the pommels of their saddles. Once we stopped, Corporal Hell spun around in his saddle and shouted in his best Civil War angry voice "Who The H%&# Called All Stop On This Once again my training kicked in. immediately dropped my off horse rein, looked down at my horse and with my right thumb pointed rearward. Not my first Bar-b-que! I glanced back and out of the corner of my eye I saw both outside limber rats looking down at their limber pointing inward at the center rider. Not theirs' either! Corporal Hell then proceeded to passionately explain to the private why we should not be stopping on a hill. Sounded like death threats to me but hey, I'm just an artificer!



The remainder of the day went without much mishap and that evening we enjoyed a fine festival complete with a grand meal and ball.

The next morning brought gray skies and the chance of weather coming in. In fact it did begin to drizzle but just enough to settle the dust. Private Martinez arrive into camp just in time to distribute cup fulls of much appreciated hot coffee that he foraged from a local hotel. He now holds a permanent position on my Christmas Card list. And as we are in mention of private Martinez, I feel it important to bring up the exciting display of horsemanship he offered us during one of the days battles.

It is difficult to recall the details as I have tried feverishly to blot the scene from my memory, but I do remember dropping off our piece near a Union fortification and the Captain ordering us to bring the team in battery. Off we sped to make our loop and bring the team around to the piece. remember Corporal Hell shouting commands and ordering HARD LEFT ABOUT. I recall thinking to myself, as Corporal Hell was passing me about 6 feet to my left and traveling in the opposite direction!, "Did he really mean THAT hard??" Next I tried to recall the page of the manual where it explains just how to keep the tugs tight when the lead team is going the opposite direction. From then on the next events were slow motion. Sort of like swimming in a pond of molasses but in this case it was more like manure!!! The swing team was getting pulled off their feet by the tugs as they tightened up the horse shoe bend so in response they began to hop side ways. Private Martinez, who was a veteran Cav trooper in his day, was doing his best to stay centered and in the saddle. Wasn't happening! I watched in horror as pvt Martinez began to slip in-between the team. He put out his hand to try to catch Bad Boy's rump, his off horse (we'll talk about him later), to hopefully stop his fall to certain doom, but... By this time, Bad Boy, who



also didn't like anything touching his hind legs, began to squat. So much for Toms landing pad. Down Tom went and disappeared underneath my off horse. But that was not the best trick. As pvt Martinez was going over he held tight to the reins and actually displayed tremendous strength by pulling a 1400 pound off-horse over backwards onto himself. As I was jumping off my mount to help, all I could think of was the Stable Sergeants constant referral to being 'juiced'. I just knew that poor Tom was under this mess. But his angel was working overtime. I grabbed the near swing horse and saw the off swing laving in a tangled heap under him. I thought for sure that Tom was under that train wreck but when I peered underneath I saw to my amazement, pvt Martinez scrambling out from this mess like a worried squirrel out from under a speeding school bus. He survived! But I fear his trousers will never be the same.

Now that Tom was safe and trying to stand on rubber legs, we took to the dangerous task of freeing the horses. The biggest problem was that the coupling strap was tangled and holding Bad Boy down. I was trying to break the nearly torn stitching of the strap which would have made an easy repair of it, but Corporal Hell, a veteran train wreck de-scrambler, pulled his trusty knife and started to saw. I tried to explain that horses heal but the strap would have to be fixed by the artificers but too late. Next thing I knew, the horses were up, the crowd was cheering, and Corporal Hell handed me a cut harness to fix. C'est-la-vie!

All in all I think we dodged a bullet. Everyone else thought it was quite a show. Young infantrymen came up and said things like "dude, you guys are awesome!" and "how long have you

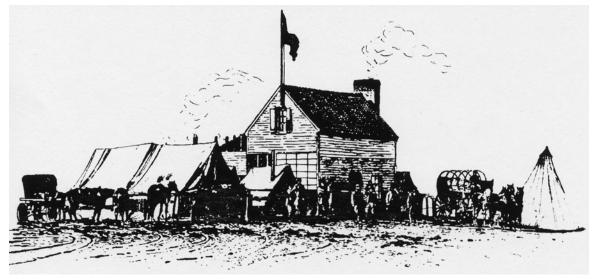
dudes been practicing that show?" and the like. Cavalry troopers were riding by scratching their heads and smiling. It actually went well afterwards. We even found some baling twine to make a new connector strap. "Go ahead and cut all of those you want Ted!" Pvt Martinez did however ask if he could stand camp watch that afternoon rather than ride swing again. When I told him that I thought it would be okay he held out his arms like a big bird and ran through camp singing "Weeeeeeeeeee". I think he was pleased.

Now, back to Bad Boy. I have been away from active service for some time now but I have heard that this gelding has a reputation as a bully around the other horses. I think that this day was his come-uppins day. While the horses were being fed it seems that Bad Boy picked on the wrong team mate. I was standing on the other side of the picket line speaking with some visiting townsfolk about the wonderful attributes of these fine horses when in the blink of an eve one of the other horses turned and kicked Bad Boy directly in the chest. Bad Boy raised his head and keeled over like he was shot in the head. Landing like a sack of rocks he lay there not breathing or moving with eyes rolled back. Well, needless to say, all of us stood there with mouths open. Once again I was scanning my mind for the page in the manual where I try to explain to surrounding townsfolk about one of the many ways a horse is killed in this war, but for the life of me I couldn't recall the page. I broke out in a sweat and wondered if I should walk over and kick him but as suddenly as he went down, he awoke and stood up. With a shake he went back to eating. Imagine that! Someone in the crowd broke the silence and asked me "was he sleeping or something?". I answered "Uh, yeah, sure, it's early and maybe he just needed a little more rest. They normally do that you know!?!?" With a couple of "Huhs" the crowd moved on. I had to go to my tent and lay down.

With all of the secretive information gathered, we broke camp before we were discovered and headed north for home. Unlike the Fresnoburg campaign, our train suffered no malfunctions. I'd like to thank command for allowing me to once again ride the team and reopen old wounds and sores. The battle will give me memories and aches to last the winter months through.

Once again, please forgive the late submission of my report. I tried to convince the messenger to make his stop in San Francisco a short one. I even went so far as to go with him to help him along. I entered establishments that would no doubt make a sailor blush but I felt is was my duty. Good thing winter is here. Take that long to heal up.

Respectfully submitted Private Dizzy Camp Caisson



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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	Burgin, Chris	XO
Company Clerk	Faubel, Bethany	1st. Sgt.	Commissary Sgt.	Moretti, Scott	1st. Sgt.
Bugler	Doug Thompson	1st. Sgt.	Provisioner	Foley, Shirley	CommSgt.
Gun/Team 1			Gun/Team 2		
Chief of Piece	Hawkins, Bill	1st. Sgt.	Chief of Piece	Duncan, George	1st. Sgt.
Gun Cpl	Abraham, Ricky	Gun Sgt.	Gun Cpl	Boyd, John	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Barber, Garret	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Ebert, Bob	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Foley, Mike	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Lewis, Thom	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lemasters, Michael	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Lincoln, Barbara	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Lincoln, Rafferty	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Long, Richard	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Maurier, Bruce	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Marsh, Sherry	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Morrow, Richard	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Martin, Steve	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Sablan, Scott	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Sablan, Mike	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Springer, Timothy	Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Thompson, Terry	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Courtland	d Gun Sgt.	Cannoneer	Weston, Mark	Gun Sgt.
Cannoneer	Thompson, Karla	Gun Sgt.			
Team Corporal	Johnson, Mike	Gun Sgt.	Team Corporal	Moretti, Teri	Gun Sgt.
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Driver	Byrne, Jeanne	Team Cpl.	Driver	Bauermeister, M.	Team Cpl.
Driver	Faubel, Loreleigh	Team Cpl.	Driver	Ensign, Sue	Team Cpl.
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Driver	Mossman, Charlene	Team Cpl.	Driver	Gilliland, John	Team Cpl.
Driver	Schug, Matt	Team Cpl.	Driver	Horton, Jim	Team Cpl.
			Driver	Meacham, Ann	Team Cpl.
Artificers			Driver	Schoenberger, Erik	Team Cpl.
Chief Artificer	Lee, Robert	1st. Sgt.	Driver	Whitehead, David	Team Cpl.
Artificer	Blair, Michael	Chief Art.	Unassigned		
Artificer	Boling, Roger	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Bailey, Wendy	1st. Sgt.
Artificer	Casini, Paul	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Bradford, Bryan	1 st . Sgt.
Artificer	Faubel, Tristan	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Creighton, John	1 st . Sgt.
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Artificer	Ruther, Justin	Chief Art.	Unassigned	Justiniano, Joe	1 st . Sgt.
			Unassigned	Maciver, Al	1 st . Sgt.
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~ Neal Jones.

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January		July		
Jan 12	NCWA Grand Ball. Memorial Auditorium, Sacramento.	July 4	4th of July Parades. Redwood City and Danville. \$. CHAS. Contact Alan Ginos.	
Jan 20	CHAS Annual Meeting. Camp Warhorse, Salinas. 10:00 to 3:00. General membership meeting,	July 12 - 13	Duncans Mills. CHAS weekend work party. Contact Ted Miljevich.	
	elections, food & fun!!! Contact Ted Miljevich	July 19 - 20	Civil War Days at Duncans Mills. CHAS Invitational. Battles & encampment. 2 teams, guns & support.	
Jan 26	ACWA living history & gun demos. Ft. Point National Monument, San Francisco. Contact John Boyd.		\$\$\$\$. Maximum effort Contact Ted Miljevich. One of the largest annual events west of the Mississippi.	
February		July 06 07		
Feb 2	Live fire. Contact Scott Foster.	July 26 - 27	Duncans Mills. CHAS after event clean up work party. Contact Ted Miljevich.	
Feb 9	RACW Winter Ball. Red Bluff.	August		
Feb 9-10	NCWA Winter Conference. Benicia.	Aug. 28 - Sept. 1	Seventh Annual Gold Rush Days. Old Town Sacramento. CHAS living history & encampment. 1 team/gun, support unit.	
Feb 23	Alcatraz Living History Day. Hosted by the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz and the National Park Service. San Francisco.		\$\$. Rotating attendance needed. Contact Wes Faubel.	
	Contact Alan Ginos.	September		
March		Sept 19 - 21	Tres Pinos. NCWA Battles & Encampment. 1 gun,	
March 3 - 4	Mooney Grove Park, Visalia. CWRS Battles & Encampment. 1 gun, no horses. Contact Ted Miljevich.	October	no horses. Contact Ted Miljevich.	
Mar 8-9	"CAV 101". Camp Warhorse, Salinas, CHAS. Beginning Cavalry and horse skills. Contact Teri Moretti.	Oct. 19 - 21	Kearny Park, Fresno. NCWA Invitational. Battles & encampment . 2 teams & guns, support units. School Day Friday. Contact Alan Ginos.	
April			One of the largest annual events west of the Mississippi.	
April 12 - 13	CHAS spring team driver practice week end. Camp warhorse, Salinas. Time to work drivers and horses. Contact Wes Faubel.	November		
		Nov 10 – 11	Moorpark Farm, Moorpark. Richmond Howitzers. 2 teams & guns. Battles	
April 25 - 27	Mariposa Crossroads. NCWA Battles & Encampment. 1 team & 1 guns, Support units. School day Friday. Contact TBA.	Nov 11	& encampment. \$. Contact Alan Ginos. Veterans Day Parade, Fairfield.	
May				
May 16 - 18	Gibson Ranch, Sacramento. NCWA Battles & Encampment. 2 teams & guns, Support units. School day Friday. Contact TBA.		GIVIE WAS DATE	
June				
June 21	NCWA Summer Social. Tres Pinos.	a	No action	
June 28 - 29	Duncans Mills. Weekend work party. CHAS. Contact Ted Miljevich.	\$15 (plus shipping)		

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