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Dispatch From the Board

2002 is drawing to a close. Our last get together is Prairie Grove. Located in NW Arkansas this bi-annual event is one of the best regional events you could ever attend. Anytime you can sleep and fight on the actual battlefield it makes the experience that more memorable. Plus there is just something special about reenacting in December. Crisp cool days, cold nights, and a chance for those who have a great coat to actually wear them. (For those of you who don't have one of these, not to worry. I don't either. A pair of long johns under everything works just fine.) This is a Brigade level event and traditionally has a good turnout. For those of you who still need another reason to come out and play I'll offer up Don Gates cooking. For those who were at Perryville you know what I'm talking about. For those who haven't yet partaken of Don's cooking abilities you are in for a pleasant surprise. This is also an "official meeting" so we can vote on the proposed amendments to the by-laws as described in the last newsletter.

There was a nice turnout for the Veterans Day Parade in Fort Worth. There is something special about a Veterans Day parade that's different from other parades – it's a chance to honor those who've served in our nations defense, past and present. We were about half way back and got a good view of the organizations in front of us, including what looked like all the Jr. ROTC units from the eight Fort Worth high schools marching as one unit. The color guard looked good all in frocks and everyone looked sharp with bright brass and white gloves. Next year though we'll have to make sure we have our own drummers. Between the Shriner Band and then the Liberty Bell in front of us, the modern bands a few spots, and the TCU AFROTC detachment

calling a different cadence staying in step was a challenge to say the least.

It's time to start thinking about the schedule for next year. We'll start off the year with drill in Arlington. Other activities on the table are: a return to Ft McKavett, Brigade Muster in April at Prairie Grove, Beaumont (first time event, 20 miles south of Fort Worth with good terrain and a potential for some good scenarios) in March. Other possible events might be Port Hudson (May), Pleasant Hill/Mansfield (April), and a tactical in October. To date events for consideration as Brigade Events are: Glorietta Pass (NM) 3-4 May; Carthage (MO) 3-4 May; Gettysburg (PA) 4-6 July; and Middle Boggy (OK) 26-28 Sept. By now you all are aware of the potential site and scenario problems with Gettysburg. We will be discussing this at Prairie Grove. The brigade is looking into alternative events if we do not go to Gettysburg. Brigade events are voted on with each company getting one vote.

Finally the bi-annual elections are upon us. Elections for the Board of Directors (and military ranks) will be held in February. If you haven't submitted you name to Steve Sanders to run for something its not too late. Qualifications for rank were posted in the last newsletter.

Have a happy and safe holiday season. See you in the field.

God Bless The Regulars

Don Gross

Prairie Grove Reenactment December 6th – 8th

Directions: North on Hwy 75 which then merges with Hwy. 69 in Denison. Stay on 69 to I-40, go east on I-40 to Sallisaw, OK, and then north on Hwy. 59 to Hwy 62. Go east on 62 about 15 miles to Prairie Grove State Park.

1st U.S. Calendar

2002

DECEMBER

6-8 Prairie Grove Reenactment,
(Prairie Grove, Arkansas)

JANUARY

18 Drill, Arlington

Recruiting action

Saturday Nov 16th and Sunday the 17th we were posted at the North Texas Gun and Militaria show at the Dallas Convention Center. Not being fit for duty on Sunday I can't attest to the turnout, but Saturday's affair wasn't bad at all. Kip Bassett, Brook Thomas, Ed Prejean, William Ray and that lout, 1st Sgt. Prendergast were present in uniform to try and sway southern sympathizers to the cause. The gun show didn't seem well attended as a whole, but we still got some nibbles. We did see some faces of old, rankers that "the owls got" over the past years. My apologies to those who haven't had the good fortune to meet any or all of these gentlemen. Mark Cadigan was there getting equipment for his United States Marine uniform (mumbled something about fighting in the Japango...must have been with Perry on the south seas trip). The vets of our war with Mexico will recall Cardigan's bravado about having "tossed them kids off the walls at Chapultapec". Roger Olszewski was there buying "wings" (must have volunteered for the Balloon corps!) and Miguel Ondina was there buying weapons "for his wife". Some of our current troops showed up in "sly-villan" attire of course. And the usual number of fellows wandered up just to ask if we were recruiting for the south since they're sainted great grand something's would roll over in their graves if they bore arms under the Stars and Stripes. Errrr.... Yes, I'm sure.....

Pete "Burn Powder!" Graham was running the show on Sunday, possibly by himself! I haven't received a report from him, but I'd wager he held the position as long as he could even if he was alone. That boy is positively dangerous. Thank God he's on the side of the right!

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A. McFuddy

Prairie Grove Reenactment December 6th – 8th

Prairie Grove, Arkansas
A Frontier Brigade Event

LAST CALL for this regional event. This is an outstanding event that most Trans-Mississippi events are measured by. Prairie Grove is located 16 miles due west of Fayetteville, AR on Highway 62. There is a nominal \$3 charge upon check-in to help defray event costs. Bring an extra blanket, greatcoat, gloves, and scarf. A-tents and Sibleys are allowed. The site is on an original battlefield nestled in the hills of NW Arkansas. So if you are still hesitating, call a pard and join the 1st for the last 2002 event!

Gods & Generals – Recruiting

The much-anticipated "Gods & Generals" movie release is scheduled for late January, early February. As with "Gettysburg," members of the First are asked to visit with the manager at your favorite theater and inquire about recruiting in full uniform when "Gods and Generals" is shown. Civilians are also encouraged to participate. It is probably best not to bring your rifle in order not to violate any local firearms' ordinances. Recruiting brochures will be sent for your use. Contact George Hansen if you successfully secure a recruiting opportunity, as other 1st US members might be available to assist you. George's e-mail is beast1st@attbi.com and his phone number is (972) 529-534.

Lessons From Lincoln

Lincoln used to say, and insisted, that American humor was marked by grimness and grotesqueness, and told these stories to illustrate his viewpoints. There was a soldier in the Army of the Potomac carried to the rear of the battle with both legs shot off, who, seeing a pie-woman hovering about, asked, "Say, old lady, are them pies sewed or pegged?" And there was

In Garrison

Dallas-Fort Worth
1 October 2002

Mark Dolive
G'nerl, Commanding
1st Federal Division

My Dear Sir,

It is with great pleasure and admiration that I forward to you the following resolution by the North Texas Reenactment Society at their September quarterly meeting.

In appreciation for his long and faithful service, the Board of Directors of the North Texas Reenactment Society hereby confers upon Mark Dolive the Rank of Sergeant Emeritus in the 1st US Infantry. And is entitled to all the respect and authority due this position. His years of service to this unit are deeply appreciated and we congratulate him on his pending promotion.

Let me add my own congratulations and I look forward with pleasure to serving with you in the upcoming campaigns. Suitable documents will be presented to you at the earliest opportunity.

Don Gross
Capt, Co A
President, NTRS

Camp Ford Prisoner

submitted by Blair Rudy

Albert M. Glenn, 4th Sgt of the 26th Indiana Infantry is my maternal great-grandfather and was a prisoner at Camp Ford, Texas. He enlisted August 1, 1861 for a 3-year term. His regiment participated in the Fremont campaign from St. Louis to Springfield, Missouri, and fought at Newtown, Missouri, and the Prairie Grove and Van Buren, Arkansas, battles. On June 1, 1863 the 26th Indiana joined forces with General Grant in the battle for Vicksburg, Miss., until its surrender on July 4th, 1863. Sgt. Glenn's diary starts on September 1, 1863 at a staging area in New Orleans. Subsequently, they went up the Mississippi River, captured Yazoo City and Port Hudson, Louisiana. At the following battle of Camp Sterling, near Morganza, Louisiana, at the Atchafalaya Bayou, his regiment was defeated, with nearly half of its men either killed or captured. The diary also covers the period of captivity at Camp Ford at Tyler, Texas, release and honorable discharge at Indianapolis, Indiana on September 21, 1864. Sgt. Glenn died Jan. 7, 1928, at age 88. Below are excerpts from his diary and for more entries contact me at bcrudy@charter.net. I will be at Prairie Grove so feel free to discuss with me my relative's internment.

OCTOBER 1863

Captured and on the march to Camp Ford)

- 21 - we left camp early past thru the town of Marshel an inland town in Texas, very nice little town,
- 22 - marched 24 miles passed over some very ruff country so today we camp with 4 miles of the town Tylor a place or a barix mad by the United States before the war - there we found some 70 more prisoners all officers held for retaliation some of them has been prisoners 6 months. they look very ruff on the night of the 22 it rained all night and we like to froze to death.
- The 23 - we like to froze to deth last night. It froze ice last night. we are laying in camp today there are 525 of us at this place we have plenty to eat such as it is, we have to lay in the cold we can't sleep much in the night.
- 25 - lay in camp nigh Tylor all day we have dug great holes in the ground and set up forks and poles and covered them with brush to shelter us

from the night wind and cold from us . So we build up good log fires in front and sleep very comfortable. We have flower and beef for our rations, we get about half enuff to eat.

- 27 - this morning we went to the woods some half a mile from camp and got some pine tops to cover our house with. Thars 10 in our mess and it keeps us buzsy all day. Frank Marsh and myself covered the house - it will turn any rain so we have a very comfortable house to shelter us from the cold and still have scant rations.

NOVEMBER 1863

- 3 - lay in camp it has been cloudy for 2 or 3 days. The boys think we will have to stay here some time yet, some of them has tride to get away and some have gon and some have been caut and brought back. I am weak and to stay in prison almost killes me.
- 5 - lay in camp all day. I have done up some washing today. It has bin cloudy today and rained some as we lay in camp in the smook my eyes is geting dim so that I can hardly see to read or wright. Today Sargeant J.G. Dall, Corporal B. McBride, Nathan Carr of Co. H got them a butternut suit of close and at dark they broke through the guard of the camp to try and make there escape to the Union lines.
- The 9 - lay in camp. late in the evening their wer 11 more prisoners to camp, some that had tried to escape and some that had been lately taken. They called the roll of the prisoners and found 50 or 60 was missing. Today was very cold and suffered very much. I didn't feel very well all day.
- 12 - lay in camp so about 12 o'clock one of the guards shot one of the 26 men (*26th regiment ?*) and wounded another while 12 feet from the guard line. The 26 men was saying nothing to the guard. He just drew up and shot him in cold blood. The killed mans name Thomas Moorhed and wounded a man by the name of Veach both of Co. D 26 Regiment Ind. Vol. there was a great stir in camp. They string the rest of the guard around camp to keep us from killing the man that did the shooting but all camed down after awhile.
- 13 - lay in camp so late in the evening we wer called into the line & just as we got into line to have the roll call thare was a fresh brake out in camp. There was a fire broke out in camp among the pine branch houses that the prisoners had built to keep them from the hevvy dewes in the North East corner of camp. Burnt several brush shanties and all the bedding in some of them. So late in the evening I went to the buriel of Thomas

Moohead. It was a sad thought to think the day before he was as healthy as any of us and the next day was under the ground.

The 14 - lay in camp, no news but 3 or 4 days ago the enemy commenced building a stockade around a lot of about 4 acres the piece of ground where we are camped. They have got it nearly done they worked at it today. We have to lay in camp all day and nothing to do, only to cook and eat. The prisoners health is generally good.

18 - went to work again to putting up our house, got the house up and the roof on and slept in it. During all this time we would hear that we would start for the union lines in a few days.

The 20 - we got tools and built our chimney and chinked and dobed it, we worked very steady all day and our house is nearly complete so we have something to shelter us from the weather. So late in the evening Sergeant W.S. Tompson, Jesse Hutton, & I. Merrel was brought back to camp. They made their escape some time ago, got 70 miles a way and retaken near Marshall, Texas, was put in jail and kept 3 days, then brought back with 8 more from the 26 Regiment.

21 - I went to work and made a door for our shanty. The rest of the day lay in camp. We have roll call every day now to see if any escapes.

22 - all came in camp but all anxious to return to the union lines.

23 - lay in camp, late in the evening had roll call and the Colonel said it would be the last roll call that he would have and he separated us from our officers and to keep all communications from us.

24 - lay in camp so in the afternoon they commenced parolling some of the prisoners, the camp became all alive today thinking they were going to the union lines where they will be treated as white men.

25 - lay in camp, in the evening I went with a squad and got parolled, there were three hundred all ready parolled and the rest will be today. Our officers will have to stay here.

27 - lay in camp and it rained nearly all day. The commander commenced parolling this morning, late in the evening they got through. The weather is much changed it is turning very cold and blustery.

28 - lay in camp and baked up some corn bread to take along on the march.

(Released from Camp Ford)

29 - Just 2 months ago we were taken prisoners and today we took up our line of march from the stockade near Taylor Texas. We left at 10 o'clock and marched 21 miles to the Sabine River. Got to camp at dark, the boys were all so tired they could hardly get to camp and it was very cold

The ground was frozen and several of the boys were barefooted.

30 - took up our line of march on the frozen ground and marched 20 miles and went into camp like men with wooden legs, couldn't hardly get one foot after the other. They run us the 20 miles and only rested 10 minutes in the time, all we had to eat that night was corn bread and not half enough of that.

(Sgt. Glenn and his fellow prisoners were marched to a spot about 10 miles from Shreveport which he does not identify. From December to mid-July his diary contains the same complaints - cold, idleness, rain, damp, mud. He mentions log cabins were built so structures over his head were available. His diary picks up below)

JULY 1864

From this time on I will have to write from memory

as my book and pencil gave out, we lay here in camp near Marshall (Marshall, Texas) for some time.... We stayed near Marshall (Marshall, Texas) it is about the middle of July. Then we were parolled for exchange. Sure we finally left camp for Alexandria (Alexandria, La.) . There we took the boats on Red River, there we in all about one thousand of us (when we last left the stockade, we left about 3500 three thousand five hundred prisoners in the stockade captured from Banks & Steeles army while Banks was making his ride up the Red River) so we gently & slowly steamed down the river to its mouth, there we was exchanged. When we got near enough the Mississippi to see it there was one of our gun boats with the stars and stripes floating over it. Our joys new no bounds, everything was let loose in the way of voices, everything that could hollow did hollow and some of us was so overjoyed that we could not hollow, oh what a sight those stars and stripes. I never saw any to compare with them in beauty but the rebels never opened their mouth to hail their dirty old rag of a flag. They all had on good clothes while one half of us was half clothed and the other had some rags on while half was barefooted and some had pieces of blankets to cover their nakedness. The enemy wanted some of the boys to enlist in the rebel army - no Sir, we'd starve to death first, that was our love for our Country. Then we changed boats, went to New Orleans, marched about a mile through city to General Canby headquarters, he said, well boys you look tuff, but shall have new close tomorrow. We gave him a hearty cheer, then marched to barix. We staid there several days & took in the city

Then took boat up the river to Donansonville (*Donaldsonville*) where we joined the rest of the regiment and command. Here we state some time guarding the place and other duty. Our time of enlistment haven expired while here we had to stay sometime over, our time waiting for transportation. Finely took boat for Caro, Ill. then took trane for Indianapolis, Indiana. Stayed there about a week, was discharged on the 22 of September 1864

_ pound raisins chopped
_ pound currants chopped

Mix the flour, sugar, salt and spices together. Melt shortening, butter and molasses and mix into the dry ingredients. Mix the soda in the sour milk and add it and the brandy to the mixture. Add the fruit and beat thoroughly. Pour into a large baking pan and let cook at 325 (low) for 2 _ hours.

FOR SALE

- Brogans, 10 1/2 to 11 size, good condition, w/heel plates - \$50.00
- Original Enfield bayonet, bright polished, excellent cond. Not a Repo!! \$100.00
- Parker Hale 3-band Enfield, w/sling. Excellent shooter, perfect cond, low serial nbr. Glass bedded barrel, refinished (oil) stock, period correct sling and swivels - \$650.00. (Bayonet fits this rifle, if interested, they can be bought as a package for \$700.00)

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Holiday Recipes – Civil War Style

Heavy, alcohol laden cakes were the most suitable for surviving the long and arduous journey necessary to get boxes of gifts to the soldiers. Here's one that fits the holiday season.

PLUM CAKE

5 cups all purpose flour
2 cups sugar
_ tsp salt
1 tsp ground clove
1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup molasses
_ cup shortening
1 cup of butter
1 tsp of soda (baking...)
1 cup soured milk
2 tbsps brandy (or more....2 tbsps is their idea of alcohol laden? What army was they with?)

Egg Nog

The recipe below for egg nog would have indeed been special treat for a soldier even at Christmas. Unfortunately; they often had to make do with a far less rich mixture.

4 eggs yolks
4 Tbsps sugar
1 cup cream (whipping)
1 cup brandy
_ wine
4 egg whites
a little ground nutmeg

Beat the yolks until light, then slowly beat in the sugar, cream, brandy and whine. Whip the egg whites separately and then fold into the other ingredients. Sprinkle with the nutmeg to serve. (consult your local saw bones to see if that amount of alcohol will kill off possible salmonela in the eggs!)

Roast Turkey and Oyster Sauce

During the war, Christmas meant a desperate struggle for both soldiers and citizens to find something special for the occasion. Turkeys were of the wild variety, not the rather bland birds of today, and oysters were an everyday ingredient. Surprising as it may seem today, oysters were readily available and not something a soldier would have considered a special treat.

1 large turkey
Butter (or olive oil)
10 Oysters, shucked
1 _ cups milk
Piece of butter the size of an egg (about 4 tbsps)
_ cup flour
salt and nenner

1 tbsp herbs

(The book recipe calls for wrapping the turkey in something called Aluminum foil...begawd...must be some Continental invention or other....my frenchy descended wife assures me it makes the bird much less dry. A real ROASTING pan with a lid ought to work about the same!)

Put turkey in a roasting pan and cook at 350 for about 20 minutes to the pound.

Baste the turkey with butter (or olive oil if available).

When the bird is about due (20 minutes) out of the oven, strain the oysters and mix the juice with the milk; set aside. Melt the butter slowly, remove from the heat and add the flour. Return to a gentle heat for a minute. Slowly add the milk/oyster mixture stirring constantly. When the sauce has thickened and the turkey is almost ready to be served, add the oysters, seasonings and herbs to the sauce. Simmer just enough to heat the oysters. Server the turkey for carving with the sauce alongside. (In theory this serves 10-12 people.)

All the recipes and most of the “commentary” can be found in “The Civil War Cookbook” by William C. Davis, Published by Courage Books of Philadelphia Pennsylvania copyright 1993.

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King Henry the Fifth, Act IV, Scene III

...“This day is call’d – The feast of Crispian:
He that outlives this day, and comes safe home,
Will stand a tip-toe when this day is nam’d,
And rouse him at the name of Crispian.
He that outlives this day, and sees old age,
Will yearly on the vigil feast his friends,
And say, To-morrow is saint Crispian:
Then he will strip his sleeve, and show his scars,
And say, These wounds I had on Crispin’s day.
Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot,
But he’ll remember, with advantages,
What feats he did that day. Then shall our names,
Familiar in their mouths as household words , -
Harry the king, Bedford and Exeter,
Warwick and Talbot, Salisbury and Gloster, -
Be in their flowing cups freshly remember’d.
This story shall the good man teach his son;
And Crispin Crispian shall ne’er go by

From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remembered, -
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me,
Shall be my brother; be he ne’er so vile,
This day shall gentle his condition:
And gentlemen in England, now a-bed,
Shall think themselves accurs’d, they were not here:
And hold their manhoods cheap, whiles any speaks,
That fought with us upon saint Crispin’s day.”

Saint Crispin’s day is October 25th. It is also the date of the battle of Agincourt, immortalized by William Shakespeare in the Saint Crispin’s day speech from the play Henry the Fifth. At Agincourt the English army soundly trounced a larger force of French nobility in a deadly demonstration of long range fire power courtesy of the English Long Bow. Long range fire power was demonstrated again courtesy of Brig General James G. Blunt and his Union batteries at the battle of Prairie Grove on December 7th, 1862. While the battle was a tactical draw, the nighttime withdrawal of Southern forces by Maj. Gen Thomas C. Hindeman left the Union forces in control of Northern Arkansas and resulted in a Union Strategic victory.

McFuddy and I wish a Merry Christmas to you all... “band of brothers”... ed.

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Yearly Membership Dues

Yes, it is that time again for everyone to pay their yearly membership fee. The annual \$25 cost is applicable to individuals/families and is now due. Please make your check payable to **NTRS**, not the 1st U.S. Any check payable to anything other than the NTRS will be returned, as our bank will only accept items payable to NTRS. Please use the below 2003 Dues Form as this form serves a valuable tracking device.

Thank you.

George Hansen
NTRS Treasurer

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
To all members of the
1st U.S.

SEMPER PRIMUS

PRAIRIE GROVE, Dec. 6th-8th

JANUARY 18th DRILL, Veteran's Park in Arlington

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