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From the field:

Gentlemen of the 1st.

We're just a bit more than 2 weeks away from the Westport event which will be the major event for the spring re-enacting season. At present I am aware of only 13 men registered to go to Kansas City. Regrettably a couple of our stalwarts have been detailed by higher command to work on billeting and will, very reluctantly, be unable to accompany us. At present the plan is for the 1st to form the 1st company of the right wing, which is the 'static camping' wing of the battalion. The right wing will be composed of the 1st under Bvt Captain Doughtie and the 77th Pennsylvania under Captain Rex Griffin. Captains Doughtie and Griffin will no doubt have opportunity to practice 'wing commanding' during the event as the right wing will need a commander and as yet I don't see we have an officer surplus. The 1st Sgt would be well advised to make sure he can recognize the battalion commands I think (this assumes of course that the Battalion commander is properly issuing them, but I expect to be ready for that need) as he may find himself in command of a small company. I don't think he'll be fazed by this. The only thing I might caution him about is I generally won't expect anyone to hold until relieved during the coming engagements so a re-enactment of the forlorn hope at Bentonville won't be in whatever plans I might come up with during the fights.

The Second Colorado and Eighth Kansas will form the core of the two companies of the campaigner wing, with Captain Cal Kinzer acting as wing commander.

The Battalion will form as normal Friday night, with all 4 companies in the same area, the campaigners in lighter(or no) tentage, but nevertheless in company streets consistent with a battalion formation in proximity to the color line. Cross over between static and campaign companies will be possible to attempt to satisfy the desire, or need, of men who wish to participate in either style of camping.

The battalion will form for Saturday drill/battle/etc as normal. On Saturday evening anyone from the Static wing wishing to move out

with the campaigners for picket will need to have made arrangement for temporary transfer to an appropriate company and have their gear packed and ready to move out by 21:00 hours. Once in that area the Campaign wing will establish picket lines and reserves and remain in an active state between 01:00 and 06:00 Sunday morning. The Static wing will move sometime before 06:00 Sunday morning to join up with the campaign wing in the field. The advice from higher command in at least one communiqué I have seen related it may be advisable even for the Static camps to keep pickets posted and alert. The battalion will evaluate that suggestion on the scene and as needed. However, be aware you may be standing picket for a while in the evening.

Meal arrangements will be made in the next week, and we'll begin to seriously organize the 'wagon' assignments for those wanting to share the cost of the trip.

In case you haven't heard I'm the battalion commander, so I'm sure you can expect a weekend of entertainment on multiple levels. Please run a basic review of the manual of arms, and standard company drill, along with skirmish formation. I'm relying on the 1st as Senior company to set the example for the battalion. I will suggest to Rex that both units bring their regimentals and nationals and we'll alternate colors for Saturday and Sunday as 77th will be the color company.

This weekend is Ft Chadbourne days for those interested in making the drive to Abilene. Chadbourne, as anyone knows who has been, is a very nicely restored fort and 'Fort Chadbourne days' is, I believe, their premiere event. And, surprisingly, given that it's a West Texas Fort, the governor didn't feel it necessary to billet Mormon women and children in the barracks for the weekend, but nevertheless if *you* can get into the barracks they really are nice (at least by period standards).

The weekend of the 12th those not going the Westport have an opportunity to recruit and do living history in that interesting venue, the Fort Worth Stockyards at the Frontier Forts Muster. As yet I haven't determined if I will be able to attend but Cpl Martin, ably assisted and advised by Pvt George Hansen is planning on being there. We humbly request those attending give us a heads up so we can make plans accordingly (as much as there is ever a 'plan' at the Stockyards).

The last event this month was a requested event at the April drill and that is the Memorial Day salute at the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinny. We'll form part of an honor guard for fallen veterans along with some of our pardes from the 9th. Time and duration for the event will be forthcoming, but the expectation would be brass polished, leather blackened and best appearance for remembering and honoring those who have served our country and now gone to their last post.

Finally, your captain would like to extend his thanks to those who made the Farmers Branch event, and feels it necessary to apologize for 'assuming' that when he heard the word Scouts, that the word 'Boy' was the natural word that came before it. In fact, the proper term should have been 'Girl'. Nevertheless I think the camping went well Friday evening, and it was nice to see half a company street formed along the fence line at the park. Next time we camp there I think we'll amble closer to the tree line to be a little less close to the new fangled streetlamps they have set up there in the park. I never saw the lamplighter come by once, and for a gas lantern I must say it gave off enough light to read by comfortably at a distance! Remarkable. We were joined at the park by new members Tate Landin and new prospect Chad (my apologies to Chad for not remembering his last name). Tate has already done quite a job of talking up the 1st, and the hobby, amongst his friends at school and while I love you old guys (now speaking as an official member of the 'senior' set myself, as AARP reminds me about once a month)...let's face it, these guys were the true face of the Civil War. Young, thin, and ready to overrun a battery. Tate and Chad will be joining us at Westport, and I've heard there is another young man eager to come, so I trust the old hands will welcome them all with open arms, give them kind but firm instruction, and inspire

them to join us every chance they can in the future.

As a double check, I have the following noted as going to Westport – A. Prendergast, K. Doughtie, Paul Mattoon, Don Gates, Beck Martin, Neal Rudy, Pete Graham, the Powers boys, Tate Landin and Chad, Brook and Julie Thomas. 1st Sgt, if you know of anyone else please advise me. I apologize for any who have posted to me at work that I might have missed here on this list. Unfortunately I don't cross pollinate the work mails with the home mails as often as I sometimes should.

Till I see you in either at Fort's Muster or Westport, take good care.

Semper Primus!

I remain,
YMOS
Cpt A. Prendergast,
Co D, 1st US commanding



1st U.S. Calendar

2008

May

3rd and 4th Fort Chadbourne Days (Living History)

10th – 11th Texas Frontier Fort Days, Fort Worth Stockyards, Recruiting Event

17th- 18th **Battle of Westport (Stands of Colors) K.C. Missouri. Battalion Event**

June

14th Flag Day at Fort Worth Civil War Museum (Living History/Recruiting Event)

July

Nothing planned (stay cool)

August

9th Bingham House, McKinney, Texas

September

27th and 28th **Battle of Honey Springs, Oklahoma. Battalion Event**

October

(Tentative) Drill or Camp Ford, Tyler Texas

November

8th Veterans Day, Dallas Heritage Village (OCP) Living History, Recruiting & Battle

December

6th and 7th **Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Battalion Event**

*Note: **Bold** are scheduled maximum effort events. Italicized dates are available events or recruiting activities. **See website for full event calendar***

Texas Fort's Muster

Members of the 1st,

May 10th and 11th the annual Texas Frontier Forts Muster and Living History Event will be held at the Fort Worth Stockyards. This is a great occasion to mingle with the public and possibly pickup some new recruits. For those who are not attending Westport (May 17th – 18th) this is a great opportunity to support the 1st at this very local event. To sweeten the pot, there will be free lunch served on Saturday provided by the Fort Worth Visitors Bureau. How can you beat that! At the Board Meeting last week we discussed making Saturday May 10th the official day for the 1st U.S. (*We understand kitchen passes can be hard to come by in the spring and as a Unit we voted for Westport as a Max event. Please do not jeopardize attending Westport if you had already planned to attend. We would love to have everyone at the Forts Muster, but sometime two weekends in a row can limit "the pass" in the future*)

If you are planning on attending try to arrive around 8am. We should be setting up in our normal spot in front of the Exchange Building on the lawn. I hope to get there by 7:30am to mark our spot. There is a chance I may set my dog tent Friday evening. An A frames tent would be nice as well; if someone would like to volunteer to bring one let me know. I am unsure who has the fly, but it is always nice to have some shade from the Texas sun. I have not seen a schedule yet, but I would assume the flag raising would be at 9am like the past years. Also, I would encourage us to dress more like regulars/early war. SHINE THAT BRASS!

Please let me know if you plan on attending and a tentative arrival time.

Beck.martin@eds.com It is nice for the Officers and NCOs to have a general idea who will be showing their smiling faces.

I will send additional information as needed. See you at the Stockyards!

YMOS,
Francis E. Marshall, Cpl. Co. D.

William J. Worth

William Jenkins Worth (March 1, 1794 – May 7, 1849) was a United States general during the Mexican-American War.

Early life

Worth was born in 1794 in Hudson, New York, to Thomas Worth and Abigail Jenkins. Both of his parents were Quakers, but he rejected the pacifism of their faith. He received common schooling as a child and moved to Albany where he was working as a merchant when the War of 1812 began.

Early military career

During the war he served as an aide to (then brigadier general) Winfield Scott, and developed a friendship with him. Worth later named his son *Winfield Scott Worth*. He distinguished himself at the battles of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane during the Niagara campaign. In the latter battle, he was seriously wounded by grapeshot in the thigh. He was not expected to survive, but after a year's confinement he emerged with the breveted rank of Major--though he would remain lame for the rest of his life.

After the war he was Commandant of Cadets at West Point and would rise to the rank of Colonel in 1838 when he was put in command of the newly-created Eighth Infantry Regiment. Using his own tactics he successfully prosecuted the Second Seminole War in Florida and was made a brevet brigadier general in 1842. Eventually, he convinced Secretary of War John C. Spencer to allow the remaining Indians in the territory to confine themselves to the region south of Peace Creek, and declared an official end to the war in August of that year.

Mexican-American War

When the Mexican-American War began Worth was serving under Zachary Taylor in Texas and negotiated the surrender of the Mexican city of Matamoros. He next commanded the 2nd Regular Division, Army of Occupation at the Battle of Monterrey. In 1847, Worth was transferred to his old friend Winfield Scott's army and placed in command of the 1st Division. During the amphibious landings at Veracruz he jumped from the landing craft into shoulder deep water and

waded ashore to become the first American to make an amphibious military landing. He took part in the siege of Veracruz and engaged in the following battles of Cerro Gordo, Contreras and Churubusco. In Mexico City Scott ordered Worth to seize the Mexican works at the Molino del Rey. Worth and Scott's friendship came to a head when Scott refused to allow Worth to modify the attack and the battle caused the 1st Division severe casualties, much to Worth's dismay. Worth later renamed his son Winfield Scott to William. He next led his division against the San Cosme Gate at Mexico City. When U.S. forces entered Mexico City, Worth personally climbed to the roof of the National Palace and took down the Mexican flag replacing it with the Stars and Stripes.

Postwar service

For his service at the Battle of Chapultepec, the United States Congress awarded him with a sword of honor. He was in command of the Department of Texas when he died of cholera in 1849 in San Antonio. His remains were reinterred in a monument on Worth Square on an island of land between Fifth Avenue and Broadway at 25th Street in New York City's borough of Manhattan.

The cities of Fort Worth, Texas and Lake Worth, Texas, the village of Worth, Illinois, Worth County, Georgia and the Lake Worth Lagoon in Florida, and consequently, the city of Lake Worth, Florida on its shores, are named in his honor. Worth was married to a woman named Rebecca C. Goodman.



**Weststport Missouri, (Stand of Colors)
May 17th – 18th, 2008**

Members of the 1st,
As the Captain has stated we are just a few weeks away from what looks to be another great event. If you are planning on attending and have not told 1st Sgt Mattoon, paulmattoon@verizon.net please let him know so we can plan for food and travel appropriately. More travel (directions) and cost of food will be sent out in the very near future.

Thus far we have the follow folks attending. If you are not on this list and should be please let 1st Sgt Mattoon know ASAP.

Prendergast
Doughtie
Mattoon
Gates
Graham
(Gray)
Rudy, Neil
Martin
Powers, B
Powers, A
Tate Landin
Chad (can't remember his last name)
(possibly another guy Tate knows)
Brooke & Julie

From Mrs. Julie's Receipt Box:

It has a lovely receipt for Calf's Head Soup, to wit:

40 Calf's Head Soup

Let the butcher open the head wide. Take the brains from it and lay into clean water with a little salt. Leave the tongue in the head when put on to boil; when the tongue is tenderly boiled or done, take it out of the pot and let it get cold for making tongue salad. Two gallons of water to a calf's head; boil to one gallon; straining it off clear for soup to one dozen guests. Take two quarts of this liquid and pit to boil; two tablespoonfuls of flour and brown it; one tablespoonful of butter; rub into the brown flour till it comes to a cream, then add to the soup gradually, and stir will while adding. Season with salt and pepper and a little red pepper. While cooking, boil a small piece of thyme and the half pf an ordinary sized onion tied tight in a clean linen rag and to be taken out of soup when done. One teaspoonful of mustard mixed with one tablespoonful of wine, to be put into the tureen before pouring in the soup hot, also one glass of sherry wine. Pick all skin from brains; beat two eggs light and add to the brains, then beat the eggs and brains together to a batter; take one-quarter tea cup of powdered cracker, one tablespoon of flour added to the brains and egg batter well beaten together. Then make this brain batter in cake the size of a hickory nut, and fry then brown in hot fat just before taking up soup, and send to table on separate dish. Serve them with the soup, two cakes to a plate of soup.

P.S.--Chop parsley very fine, and boil it into the soup. You will find the calf's head soup the most delicious soup in the cookery. Study the recipe and remember it well.

Regards,

Julie Thomas



Forming The Company

Ever wonder why we fall in and size the company the way we do? It is not written anywhere in Casey's or the Regulations. As reenactors are we just making stuff up to get the job done? During the war BG August Kautz wrote a nice little book called "Customs Of Service". Much of the little details of running the army while based on regulations were just stuff that taught on duty in the old regular army. The regular officers and NCOs knew how to do the job. The big influx of volunteers during the war had to be taught. Kautz complied Customs Of Service, putting in writing routine procedures.

The below is taken from the duties of the First Sergeant section. The 1st should follow these procedures each time the company is formed. Note the differences in odd and even numbered companies.

426. There should be a uniform method of forming the company; and there is no reason why there should be a difference in the different corps or in different regiments. The company should be sized. In all the odd-numbered companies the tallest men are placed on the right, diminishing in size to the left, and in the even-numbered companies the tallest should be on the left, diminishing to the right, - the principal being that in each division the tallest men should be on the flanks, and the shortest in the center; the regimental front will thus present a level line, and there will be an apparent uniformity in size of the entire regiment.

427. At roll calls the first sergeant takes his place six or eight paces, according as the company is small or large, in front of the opposite the center of his company, facing towards it. If the company is forming without arms, the men fall in and take the position of parade rest, and the first sergeant takes the same position. (Reg. 335.)

428. They should fall in two ranks, whether with or without arms. With arms they fall in at the shoulder arms instead of parade rest. The company is formed in the interval between the musicians' call and the last note of the assembly, when every man should be in ranks; and those who fall in afterwards should be punished for being late.

429. When the music has ceased, the first sergeant commands, "Attention!" whereupon the company, if at parade rest, take the position of the soldier, and if with arms, the sergeant adds, "Support arms." The roll is then called, commencing with sergeants, Adams, Smith, &c., in the order of rank, until all are called; Then "corporals," Brown, Jones, &c., then "buglers or musicians;" and finally "privates," Ames, Brown, Cox, &c., in alphabetical order. As each name is called, they answer, "Here;" and if with arms at a support they come to a "shoulder" and finally to "order arms," immediately on answering to their names; if with sabers or pistols drawn, they return them to their scabbards.

430. After the roll has been called, the first sergeant turns to the officer superintending the roll call, and reports the absentees by name. If none are absent without authority, he reports, "All present or accounted for." If the officer should then take command of the company, the first sergeant takes his post on the right of the company, and acts as right guide.

Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 3rd (Frontier) Brigade

April 23, 2008

SPECIAL ORDER: 2008 #2

Personal duties preclude me taking the field in the upcoming campaign in SW Missouri. My daughter is graduating from college and I must remove myself to Richmond, VA.

Capt. Alan Prendergast, 1US will assume the role of Battalion Commander in my absence. As such all rights, duties, and responsibilities for the 1st battalion accrue to him. He will be assisted by Lt (brevet Capt) Kinzer who will command the advance pickets. Additional staff may be selected by Capt. Prendergast as necessity dictates.

Having full faith in Capt. Prendergast and the men of the battalion I wish you god speed and may you finally drive the seceech hordes back where they came from.

Donald Gross

Major 1st US,

Commanding 1st Battalion, Frontier Brigade

Old Soldiers

(if they never die....where do they go?)

By: Don Gross

Every now and then old documents come to light. Recently I came across an old Orderly Sergeants field book. Below is a copy of the first two pages.

Co A, 1st US Infantry Rgt

Formed from members of Co D in March 1997. Lt Carl Stang, Commanding; Don Gross, 1st Sgt; Dave Anderson, 2nd Sgt; Kevin Doughty, 1st Cpl. All elected in February 1997. Corporals recommended for appointment and approved: Don Gates, Alan Prendergast.

Initial Event. Samuel Farms; March 15,16 1997

Dave Anderson

Jim Bonfiglio

Chris Crozier

Mitch Davenport

Jason Delezen

Jerry Delezen

Kevin Doughtie

Tom Fingar

Don Gates

Steve Gibbs

Adam Gross

Don Gross

Glen Haggis

Frank Molinets

Andrew Nejtak

Charles Oglesby

Don Marshall

Alan Prendergast

Mike Rhodes

Andrew Schultz

John Schultz

Carl Stang

Mark Stone

Sandy Peterson

John Stoneypher

Mark Talar

Fred Wilbarne

Paul Grisham

Don Kessler

Harry Ketter

Jim Kirkendall

John Kreider

A quick count reveals that Co A fielded 32 men at their initial event in '77. That would lead one to believe that Cos A and D of the 1st put into the field about 60 men on that spring weekend. To put those numbers in perspective that's more men than the entire Battalion fielded at Muster. Eight men from the original Co A are still part of the 1st, most active, some come out when they can.

From a later page; "*Due to small numbers present for duty formed one company with members from Co D.*" This was from Bellmead in May of that year.....where Co A fielded 16 men!

Next time when you're gathered around the campfire and the old timers get to reminiscing about the massing of arms and great battles, give them some slack. Some of them were there.



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