

# Company C 53rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry

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Newsletter of The James Creek Guards



"Clubs Are Trumps!"

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*I am always looking for newsletter content, so please forward your articles, book reviews, event summaries/photos, stories, etc.) to me for inclusion in a future edition of “The Sentinel”. – Matthew Steger, editor*

## **MORE PARADE PHOTOS**

In the June edition of The Sentinel, I included a photo of the men of the 53rd at the Hummelstown Cemetery. After the newsletter was emailed out, Mike provided some more photos so they are posted below. Doug, Rusty, and Braden weren't present in the original photo but they are included in this newly obtained photograph.





Mike also provided a photo of him giving his speech from the speaker's platform. Sadly, due to audio issues with the PA system, the men of the 53<sup>rd</sup> PVI couldn't hear Mike's speech. Maybe he can present his speech again for us at Landis Valley?

## **BOOK REVIEW - "4 YEARS ON THE FIRING LINE"**

*Author: James Cooper Nesbit*

*Edited by Bell Irvin Wiley*

Reviewed by Mike Espenshade

Hardback; 1963; McCow At-Mercer Press, Inc.; 256 pp.; in addition: 11 pp pictures, 11 pp index. \$3 used.

James Cooper Nesbit (1839-1917) writes his story of serving for the Confederate cause. He became Captain, Co H (which he raised in 1861) 21<sup>st</sup> Georgia Infantry Regiment (ANV); and Colonel of both the 66<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry Regiment and 26<sup>th</sup> Georgia Battalion (Army of Tennessee) – having raised both units in 1863.

This is a relative and interesting read because of his relating his personal interactions/conversations with other soldiers, detailed descriptions of the conditions creating these experiences, and his close-up view of combat. Nesbit was usually in the thick of the fighting in many engagements.

The narrative is enlivened by Nesbit's delightful humor. He tells of trying to stop a soldier whom he observed running for the rear during the Atlanta Campaign. "Halt! What are you running for?", Nesbit shouted. "Bekase I kaint fly," the terrified Reb yelled back.

Nesbit's exceptionally frank account reveals he is an admirer of those who marched under the Confederate banner, but he felt no obligation to portray them all as spotless knights in shining armor. He shares his views about skulkers, stay-at-homes, hypocrites, politics, drunken superiors, and inept leaders such as General Braxton Bragg. The soldiers all regretted that Bragg narrowly escaped capture at Missionary Ridge.

Colonel Nesbit was captured in battle at Peach Tree Creek on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1864. He was a guest at the Johnson Island prison camp until mid-September 1865. (which makes him having served "on the Firing Line" for only 3 years, not 4.)

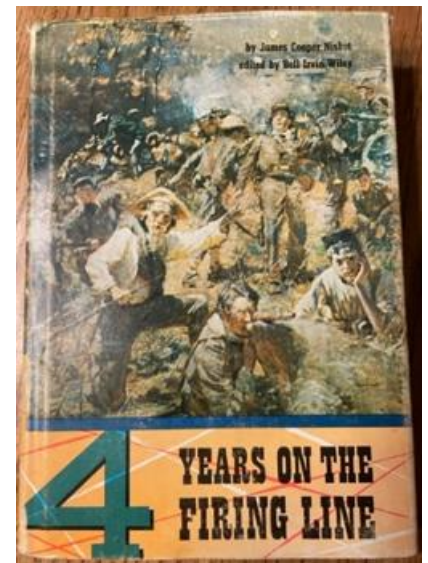
I encourage this book especially to those who mostly read about the Union-side and may wish to broaden their knowledge by learning the comparative similarities/variances of the Rebel experience.

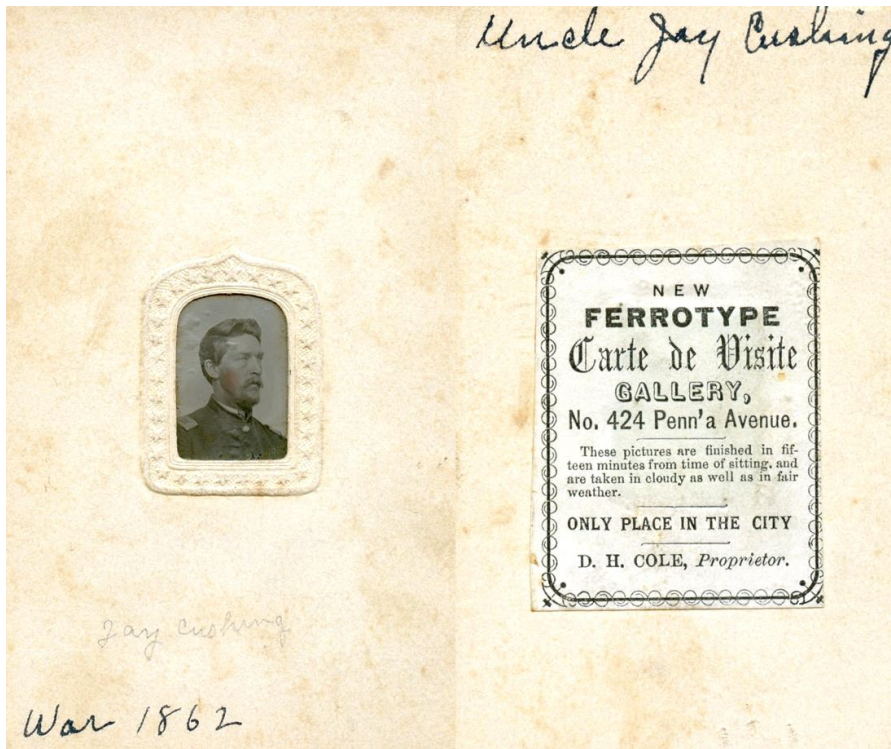
## **EXPERIENCES OF THE CIVIL WAR**

By Benjamin Jay Cushing (a member of the original 53<sup>rd</sup> PVI, Co. G)

(supplied by Tom Kear, a decedent of Cushing)

[Note – any grammatical and typographical errors were kept intact as they are original to the letter - editor]





This is a ferrotypes CDV of Cushing and apparently it was once owned by his nephew since "Uncle Jay Cushing" is written on it.

Tom Kear forwarded me a transcription of Cushing's diary/journal and I will post some by month:  
Benjamin Jay Cushing, 53<sup>rd</sup> PA Volunteers, Company G

1863 (Both Benjamin and his brother Leavitt were wounded at Fredericksburg in December 1862)

Jan. 1 – Armory Square Hospital, Washington D.C. Through the goodness and mercy of God, I am blessed with health, life, and strength on this New Year's morning. In Hospital all day.

Jan. 2 – Got a pass and went with Doc. Blakesler to the Paymaster's Office, visited the Washington Monument in the afternoon, and also the Museum of the Smithsonian Institute. The Dr. carried in my name for a furlough.

Jan. 3 – Forenoon busy reading and talking with the patients. In the afternoon go up to the Corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and G St. to get transportation on a furlough for an Indiana boy but could not get it. Came back by the express Office but found no box there for me.

Jan. 4 – In the Hospital add day as no passes given Sunday. Have a very quiet pleasant day. Have a few words addressed to us in the afternoon by a Minister who came with the regular Chaplain. Plenty of good books to read here had a call in the evening. Lieutenant Horton and Brother.

Jan. 5 – A beautiful warm morning. Have warm pleasant weather here most of the time and no snow yet, stay in the hospital all day, And busy myself reading, writing, mail one letter to Ulysses.

Jan. 6 – Still in the Hospital where remained all day. This confinement is very tiresome. Read a package of letters from the Regiment by Lieutenant Baker, which are very acceptable to me in this lonely place. Write to Wilson.

Jan. 7 – Have a call this morning from Lieutenant Baker. Remain in the hospital as usual, reading and writing as usual. Cold weather has come at last.

Jan. 8 – Got a pass and went up to the 149<sup>th</sup> Boys. Went to the Capitol in the afternoon and listened to a speech from the Senator from Delaware on the suspension of the Habeas Corpus by the President.

Jan. 9 – Reading and writing and visiting with old messmates who called to see me.

Jan. 10 – In Hospital all day. Time passes quietly and pleasantly in spite of absence from friends and comrades. Doctor Galen carried in my name today.

Jan. 11 – Busy reading most of the time. Have good singing in the afternoon by some ladies who came with the Chaplain.

Jan. 12 – Went before Doctor Bliss for inspection for a furlough.

Jan. 13 – Got a pass and went up to Co H’s quarters, and also to the Government workshop to see B. Horton, and around, back at 5 P.M. Sent a letter to Wilson.

Jan. 14 – Received my furlough today and went and tried to get my transportation and could not get it til next morning.

Jan. 15 – Went in the morning to get my papers and succeeded, started at 3 o’clock P.M. and reached Baltimore at 5 o’clock, started at half past 8 for Harrisburg, reached there at ½ past one in the morning.

Jan. 16 – Reached Sunbury at daylight and Elmira at 12 o’clock A.M., waited for the 5 o’clock train til 5 o’clock Saturday morning.

Jan. 17 – Started at 5 o’clock A.M. for Wellsville reached there 10 o’clock, took the stage for the Forks & got a ride from there with the mail boy to Chancy. Reached home just at dark, absent from home 10 months and 11 days.

Jan. 18 – Went to meeting t Lewisville and enjoyed meeting with Christians once more although unworthy to be numbered among them.

Jan. 19 – Took M down to her school, called at Mr. Bennett’s on my way home and also at Marks, got home about night.

Jan. 20 – At home visiting with Elder Scott and Mr. And Mrs. Merrill. Was into Mr. Olmstead’s a short time in the evening and also at Chanceys.

Jan. 21 – Went down to Harrison Valley to the funeral of Johny Harrison. Saw Martha, took her and Sarah R and went up to the Elders and staid all night. Snowed hard all day.

Jan. 22 – Got home from the Valley at 12 A.M. found Mr. Olmstead’s folks here, and visited with them all the afternoon. Write to Wilson in the evening.

Jan. 23 – Went down to Lewisville visited with Mrs. Lewis and family.

Jan. 24 – Took Em to the Teacher’s Institute in Bingham, at home in the evening.

Jan. 25 – At home til noon then took Em home. How different from the noise and strife of camp is a quiet home with its cheerful scenes, and pleasant associates. “Home thy joys are passing lovely.”

Jan. 26 – Took Em to her school in the morning, visiting at the neighbors all day. Stayed at Mr. Bennett’s all night. Had a good visit.

Jan. 27 – Went over to C Barnabys and Mrs. Parkers found Putnam very sick. Went out a hunting in the afternoon, killed one partridge, went home after dark, found old acquaintance there.

Jan. 28 – Started for Coudersport with Chancy and wife and child, reached Coudersport noon found the folks all well.

Jan. 29 – At Coudersport all day. All visiting at Henry’s in the evening, Playing on the melodian and singing.

Jan. 30 – Left C. at noon for home, stopped at David Olmstead’s and made an evening visit. Herbert took us all home.

Jan. 31 – Went over to Mr. Parkers found Putnam still very sick. Went to Lewisville in the afternoon and to Mr. Bassett in the evening.

## **LIVING IN ATLANTA WITH THE LEGACY OF SHERMAN**

By Steve Davis, May 30, 2022 (originally published June 5, 2020)  
[blueandgrayeducation.org](http://blueandgrayeducation.org)

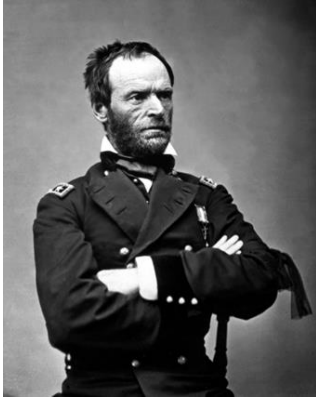


*Battle of Atlanta | by Kurz and Allison 1888*

Big fires in American history spawn legends. Mrs. O’Leary’s cow may not have started the Great Chicago Fire, but William T. Sherman is said to have burned down all of Atlanta. The old legend has it that Sherman allowed his soldiers to burn the entire city. In front of the State Capitol today is a plaque declaring that before they left, the Federals “reduced the city to ashes.” (It was placed there by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1920.) Union forces occupied Atlanta from September 2 to November 16, 1864; most of the residents were kicked out by

Sherman's order. During that time, he got approval to lead 60,000 troops across Georgia to the sea. Before they left, the Northern commander ordered his engineers to tear down, blow up, or burn all shops, warehouses, railroad roundhouses, and freight depots, plus pry up all track in the city. Sherman wanted nothing left for the Rebels to use when they returned.

The demolition began after the last northbound train left Atlanta on the morning of November 12. The big passenger depot was knocked down by big battering rams; a railroad freight depot was blown up with 700 pounds of powder. On the 13th, engineers started setting fires to designated facilities. "Of course the fires have spread considerably among the residences," observed a Connecticut captain. This arson may have been accidental, but other fires were intentional. Whole blocks of the business district were marked for burning; these went up in smoke on the afternoon of November 15. That was when much of downtown was aflame. Seeing that "the pioneers were having all the fun," Sherman's men set their own blazes, especially in the residential suburbs.



*William T. Sherman | National Archives*

Atlantans today can't agree on how much of our city was burned by Sherman's men, but a good estimate is around 40 percent. We got over it, as everyone knows, when citizens began returning to rebuild. "At present, all is life, and energy, and enterprise," Atlanta's Daily Intelligencer boasted in early April 1865; "Onward seems to be the motto of our people."

When Sherman visited Atlanta in January 1879, the Atlanta Constitution beamed that the general would find "a proud city, throbbing with vigor and growth." During his three-day stay, Sherman warmed to the hospitality shown him by dignitaries and citizens. Atlantans could even joke about the fires of fifteen years before. "Ring the fire-bells!" someone cried when Sherman's train rolled in; "the town will be gone in 40 minutes!"



*Ruins of Atlanta's Union Depot after burning by Sherman, 1864 | [unc.edu](http://unc.edu)*

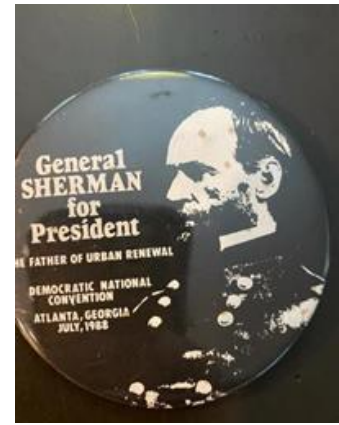
The mood was different a few years later, when Sherman again visited Atlanta. While he was touring the International Cotton Exposition, the *Constitution* reprinted a wartime account of the Yankees' extensive destruction of the city. It also reprinted a passage from Jefferson Davis' memoir that criticized Sherman's expulsion of the city's residents. The newspaper went further, quoting Davis' outrage over Sherman's March: "the arson of the dwelling houses of noncombatants and the robbery of their property, extending even to the trinkets worn by women, made the devastation as relentless as savage instincts could suggest." Sherman got the hint, and left the city the next day.

So Atlantans have had a love-hate thing for Cump. "Oh, that was the best thing that ever happened to us," exclaimed one Atlantan several decades after the war. "Why, we've built a good deal better town, and if Sherman had not destroyed it as he did it's likely the old dingy buildings would have been standing yet." It was in this vein that in 1976 *Atlanta Magazine* put forth an article titled, "Thanks, 'Cump' for his encouraging start to the city's urban renewal.

Which brings up the political button I bought in the summer of 1988 when the Democratic National Convention was held in downtown Atlanta.

But there's an obverse. In 2001 the Constitution printed a generally favorable article on Sherman by the historian Lee Kennett that sparked a lot of reader response. Boy, did it. "May you soon join your hero, Sherman, for eternity," snapped one reader; "burn with him, you hypocrites." "Lee Kennett's effort to sell Sherman as a nice guy is about as effective as selling a skunk as a perfume factory. After 157 years Sherman still smells!" The same reader added, "he was a terrorist, plain and simple." One Constitution reader offered that "if on Earth in 2001, Sherman would be on trial in The Hague and would make a great war criminal.

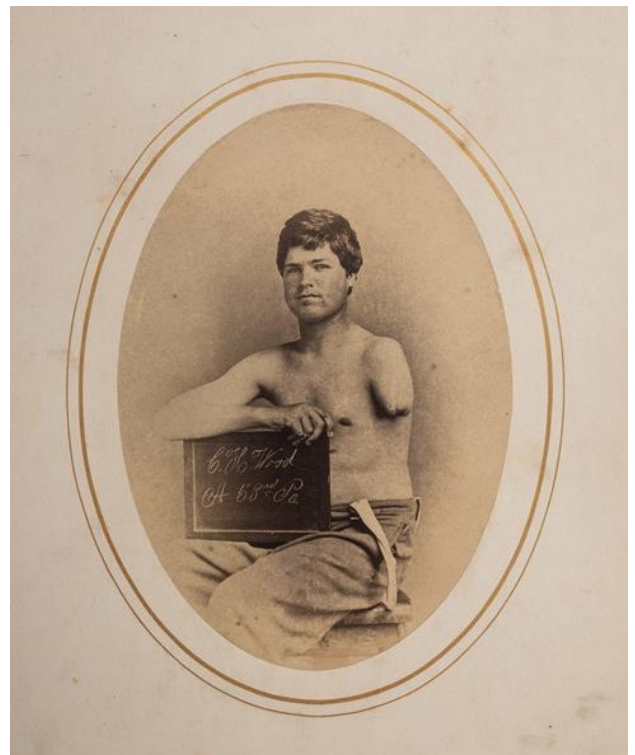
"Down here in Georgia, the discussion continues.



Sherman's march to the sea | LOC

## ORIGINAL 53<sup>rd</sup> SOLDIER

Marc shared this image of an original 53<sup>rd</sup> PVI soldier, Charles H. Wood. The slate says Co. A, but Bates says Co. D along with Pennsylvania records. Charles Wood was born in Bensalem, PA. He was a 19 year old 5' 7" farmer when he enrolled in Coudersport, PA on March 21, 1864 and mustered in at Harrisburg April 4, 1864 as a private in the 53rd PVI for 3 years. He was wounded at Five Forks, VA on March 31, 1865. He died on Feb. 28, 1929 and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA.



## GRUBER WAGON WORKS EVENT SUMMARY

On 11 June, the unit held its Gruber Wagon Works event in Reading with our friends of ELF. In attendance were: Capt. Tom Carlson, Sgt. Dan Seibert, Private Bob Smedley, and myself, Corp. Matt Steger. I was the only 53<sup>rd</sup> member in attendance. Visitation by the public was very light all day but we had approx. 20 people show up for our 12pm firing demo and talk to the public. I asked some of the visitors how they heard about the event and they said via the site's Facebook page. We were the only activity going on that day. None of the normal activities (crafts, ice cream making, music etc.) from prior years were happening this weekend. In talking to one of the site coordinators, he stated that they planned to go back to a more regular event next year.

## THE CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF LEVI J. FRITZ

(thank you to Rich Sauers for providing this series)

*[Note – any grammatical and typographical errors were kept intact as they are original to the letter - editor]*

Levi J. Fritz served in Company A, 53rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted in 1861 and was mustered out with the regiment in July 1865. During the course of the first three years of the conflict, Fritz wrote a number of lengthy missives to the *Montgomery Ledger*, a Pottstown newspaper.

Head Quarters 53d Regt. P. V. V.  
Camp Near Shepards Grove, Va.,  
Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 1864.

Messrs. Editors:—We should have written you ere this, but really we have not had the time. During our short visit home, business accumulated to such an extent that it required the constant use of several pens to straighten matters.

The Regiment arrived here on the 6th inst.,—a three days journey from Harrisburg. The first thing done after our arrival was to issue rations, of which there was a scarcity among the men. The camp was laid out, and the boys went to work with a will to construct quarters. By this time we have things fixed up comfortably and in the best army style. It was the general impression that on our reporting to Harrisburg at the expiration of the thirty day furlough, that the Regiment would be retained in the State, for the purpose of recruiting our ranks to the maximum strength, but this presumption proved erroneous. A small detail of two officers and ten enlisted men (one man from each company excepting “A”) was made for the purpose of recruiting for the Regiment. On our arrival here, three more officers were detailed. Quite a number of recruits enlisted in the different companies while we were home, and the aggregate of the Regiment is increased to nearly five hundred men. Our entire regiment is now together. For one year previous to our re-enlistment Companies A, B, and K, were detached from the Regiment and were doing Provost Guard duty at 2d Corps Head Quarters. Since these three companies have re-joined and with the recruits received the Regiment makes a very respectable appearance on parade.

We arrived here just about twelve hours too late to participate in General Sedgwick's reconnoissance across the Rapidan. There is no news here of any moment. And it is somewhat difficult for us to collect sufficient subject matter for a letter, occupying as we do, an isolated camp. Lieut. Col. McMichael is commanding the regiment. Out of thirty-one officers, there are but twelve present with the regiment, the remainder are all on some ind of detached service. Col. Brown of the 145d Pa. Vols. is commanding the Brigade. Col. McMichael is the next senior officer, and has several times been in command of the Brigade during the temporary abasence of Col. Brown.

The great event of the day was the Grand Ball of the 2d Corps, that came off on the 23d inst. Quite a number of notables were present, several Senators and members of Congress, Mr. Governor Curtin, Mrs. Governor Sprague of Rhode Island and other distinguished ladies. Everything passed off with the usual eclat. As so many of the officers were absent from their commands, it was deemed policy to re-enforce the picket—and that was the soldiers' ball.

Yesterday there was a grand review of the 2d Corps—for the benefit of the ladies I presume—our Brigade did not participate. I did not see the review, but I understand that the appearance and movements of the different battalions was superb and reflected much credit on the officers and men.

The weather for the last few days has been beautiful and springlike, and if it continues so much longer we may expect the preparatory orders to “hold ourselves in readiness” &c.

While in Harrisburg we received favors from Capt. Opdyke, the gentlemanly Provost Marshal of the Post, which we are desirous of publicly acknowledging. Capt. Opdyke is a member of our Regiment, but for a year and half has been Provost Marshal of Harrisburg, a position that has manifold and disagreeable duties, but which he has filled to the satisfaction of the military and the citizens.

We append a list of names of the men of Company “A” that have re-enlisted for three years as Veteran Volunteers.

Charles L. Geiger,	Tobias Schmearer,
Wm. H. Graham,	James McFarling,
Wm. Penn Johnson,	John Ayres,
John S. Weand,	George Beard,
Evan Fryer,	Josiah Godshall,
John Fryer,	David Houck,

Eli K. Nagle,  
Joseph Spang,  
John S. Heft,  
George W. Rahn.  
George W. Holt,  
Samuel H. Campbell,  
Israel W. Jones,  
David Robeson,  
George W. Shingle,  
Jonas W. Bickhart.

Isaac Spots,  
Richard Gable,  
Jonas W. Burns,  
Franklin Detwiler,  
Thomas Clark,  
David Hoffman,  
Benniville Harp,  
Christian Lessig,  
Enos D. Longenecker,  
Levi J. Fritz.

The following enlisted in the Company on January last.

J. Latta Detwiler, John Henry Fryer,  
Prestley Smith. Henry F. Fryer,  
Francis Garber. Mahlon Engle,  
Henry A. Holt.

[*Montgomery Ledger*, March 1, 1864]

The kind librarians at the Pottstown Public Library photocopied Levi Fritz's letters for me while I worked in Harrisburg during the 1980s. The next bound volume of the *Ledger* is missing, which is unfortunate because more Fritz letters would provide details of the regiment's battles from the Wilderness to Appomattox. Levi Fritz was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant of Company A on October 8, 1864, and then to 1st Lieutenant on October 30, 1864. He was discharged from the service on May 15, 1865. He died in 1872 at age 32 and is buried in the Pottstown Cemetery.

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Hey All,

**Landis Valley! Landis Valley! Landis Valley!** Who's going? (I still haven't heard from several of you) This year's event will welcome the National Regiment for the Camp of Instruction. Let me know ASAP so I can update the Col.

Thanks.  
Eric

## **THE CIVIL WAR MERCHANT**

*(if you have something for sale or are looking for something, email me to include it in a future edition of "The Sentinel")*

### **For Sale –**

(1.) Listed by Rick Kramer for a friend. All items are in good shape unless noted otherwise. Contact Rick directly for any inquiries/questions - [auktion8@comcast.net](mailto:auktion8@comcast.net)

Keune McDowell Kepi - some brim cracking \$20.00  
Grey Blanket with black stripe \$35.00

(2.) Dave Towsen, a fellow pard of mine in the old 83<sup>rd</sup> PVI, is selling off most of his CW gear. You can contact him directly at: [grumpydave58@comcast.net](mailto:grumpydave58@comcast.net) with any inquiries about items, pricing, etc. He lives in Mechanicsburg and he has only quality gear.

(3.) Kerry Williard is handling the selling of Dave Swigert items for Dave's wife. Marc and I met several months ago to look at the items, give them descriptions, and give approx. values. Several of the items have been sold yet some remain. The list is current as of 24 Jan. 2022. Contact Kerry directly with any and all inquiries: [shamokin71@aol.com](mailto:shamokin71@aol.com) (see the updated list below)

Uniform Clothing	Item Description	Detailed Description	Price
1	Trouser - Steel Blue each with suspendors	34 min waist/27" inseam-avg. condx and a little dirt w/ braces no watch pck	\$25.00
1	Dk Blue Vest Size 42	3 pockets - light wear	\$20.00
1	Colored Pattern Shirt	blue plaid with white china buttons - sun faded - good condx	\$10.00
1	White muslin Shirt	19" at shoulder 14" neck - very short in body length	\$5.00
1	White muslin Shirt	20" at shoulder 16" neck - very short in body length - cuffs are stained	\$5.00
1 pair	Woolen Grey Gloves	modern - right hand is fingerless	\$2.00
1	Underpants - Night Pants - White	36" waist - knee stains - 25" inseam white muslin - rear repair	\$3.00
1	Lt Brown Scarf - Acrylic - Modern		\$1.00
1	Havelock - White - VG condx		\$2.00
3 pairs	Grey Wool Socks - Modern		\$2.00/pr
2	Hats - Union & Confederate for cchildren		\$1.00
<b>Accoutrements</b>			
1	Scabbord - Late war 7 Rivet		\$15.00
1	Gum Blanket	some cracking with oversized grommets	\$20.00
1	Shelter Tent - Both Halves - Heavy Canvas w/Loops w/Mildew		\$35.00
1	Bag of 7 wooden Tent Stakes w/Rope		\$3.00
1	Grey Smooth Face Canteen - Leather Sling Satinette Cover w/ Corded Stopper		\$20.00
1	Haversack - Tarred Black - Brittle Strap w/opwn seam		\$5.00
1	Haversack - Tarred Black w/Liner - Paint peeling Holes @ Strap Connection		\$10.00
1	Grey Smooth Face Canteen - Leather Sling Satinette Cover w/ Corded Stopper		\$20.00
<b>Misc Items</b>			
1 can	sno-seal (half full)		\$1.00
1	Wood Mirror - Haversack filler	sliding cover	\$3.00
1	Wood Comb - Haversack filler		\$1.00
1	Wooden button board		\$1.00
2	Coin Purses - Made from Tic Material		\$1.00/ea
1	Bag with Coffee	brown coffee	\$1.00/ea
1	shoe lace - undled		\$0.25/ea
2	Soap Bar		\$1.00/ea
6 1/2	Wax Candles		\$0.25/ea
1	pocket sharpener stone	new	\$2.00
1	box rifle cleaning kit	pads, steel wool, rags, etc	\$5.00
3	match boxes w/ matches		\$0.25/ea
1 Pair	shoe tree		\$3.00
1	Green Army Duffel Bag		\$3.00
1	drawers for use as patches		\$1.00
<b>Armaments</b>			
1	1861 Springfield Rifle - Armi Sport		\$900.00

## 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ~~15 January - Holiday Party - Gettysburg~~  
~~5 February - Winter Drill - Landis Valley (ELF and Sykes Regulars invited)~~  
~~26-27 February - NR School of Instruction (Gettysburg)~~  
~~23 April - Robesonia~~  
~~21 May - Cartridge Rolling Party (Kleinfeltersville)~~  
~~30 May - Memorial Day Parade (Hummelstown)~~  
~~11-12 June - Gruber Wagon Works Living History (Reading)~~  
 16-17 July - Landis Valley Civil War Days (Lancaster) - NR Camp of Instruction **MAX EFFORT**  
 16-18 September - 160<sup>th</sup> Antietam Reenactment (NR) **MAX EFFORT**  
 8 October - Millersville Parade  
 15-16 October - USAHEC Army Heritage Days - Carlisle **MAX EFFORT**  
 5 November - Adopt-A-Position (tentative)  
 19 November - Remembrance Day (Gettysburg) - NR Annual Meeting and Parade  
 3 December - Annual Meeting (Kleinfeltersville)



### Secondary schedule -

- ~~1-3 April - Shiloh (as the 22<sup>nd</sup> LA) - Cancelled~~  
~~21-22 May - Old Town, MD - ANV/USV~~  
 5-7 August - Slaughter on the Mountain (Culpepper, VA)  
 15-16 October - Cedar Creek Reenactment (NR)

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