

53rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Company C

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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

ORIGINAL LETTER - 1862: JOHN MCLAUGHLIN TO HIS AUNT

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The only thing I know for certain is that this letter was written by John McLaughlin. There were numerous Union soldiers by that name and several alone from the state of Pennsylvania where I believe this soldier was from. Since the author wrote the letter to an aunt who seems to have been on the cusp of moving from "Old Mifflin" [Mifflin County, Pa.] to Indiana, I looked for McLaughlins in that county and found a McLaughlin family residing in McVeytown. This was the family of Daniel M. McLaughlin (died 22 April 1857) and his wife Mary Catherine (Hedler) McLaughlin (1802-1881). In the 1860 US Census, Catherine was enumerated as the head of household with two sons, John (b. 1838) and Daniel (b. 1841).

I was able to confirm that Daniel enlisted in Co. K, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry who became ill during the Peninsula Campaign in June 1862 and was in the hospital at Savage Station when he was taken a prisoner of war on 29 June. Before he could be returned to his regiment, he died at Richmond on 27 November 1862. It isn't clear where Catherine's other son, John, was at the time—whether he was serving in the army or not. In any event, I don't believe he was the author of this letter. My hunch is that Catherine was the recipient of the letter. [David's pension record informs us that his father and mother were married on 18 December 1823 in Waynesboro, Franklin county, Pennsylvania.]

At first I thought the author might be the John McLaughlin of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania who enlisted on 23 September 1861 at the age of 20 in Co. G, 95th Pennsylvania Infantry (Gosline's Zouaves) to serve three years. This soldier was a miner before the war. But in the third paragraph of the letter, he mentions receiving new uniforms that were *not* Zouave uniforms and though Gosline's Zouaves replaced their baggy pants with trousers, they maintained their Zouave jackets throughout the war.

Though I cannot confirm it, I'm inclined to believe this letter was written by the John McLaughlin who served in Co. C, 53rd Pennsylvania. Following the Battle of Antietam, this regiment drew new shoes and clothing to replace the faded blouses, coats and trousers worn by most since the previous winter. While it may have been rumored they would be given Zouave uniforms, they were not. Unfortunately I cannot find any evidence that this regiment was encamped near Alexandria in early October 1862, however. The regimental history implies they were still in Maryland.

[Transcribed by Stacy Cookenour/edited and researched by Griff]

Transcription

Camp near Alexandria, VA

October 4, 1862

Dear Aunt,

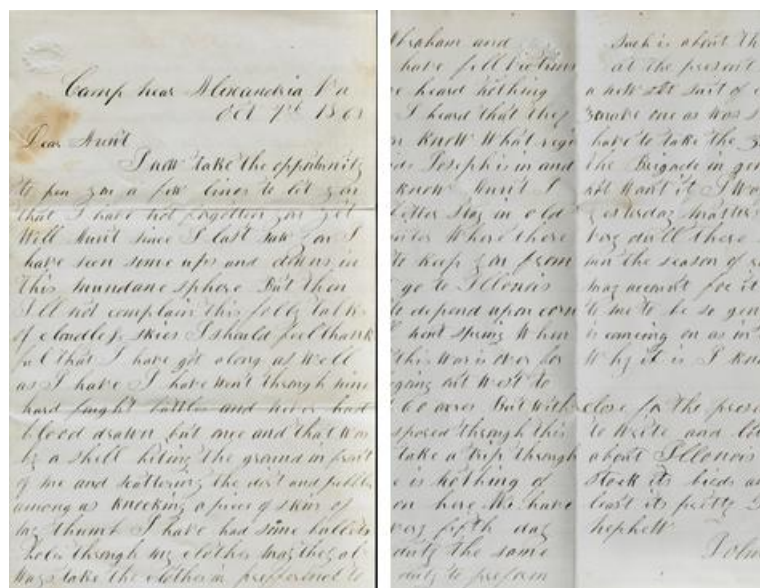
I now take the opportunity to pen you a few lines to let you [know] that I have not forgotten you yet. Well, Aunt, since I last saw you I have seen some ups and downs in this mundane sphere but then I'll not complain. This folly talks of cloudless skies. I should feel thankful that I have got along as well as I have. I have. I have went through nine hard fought battles and never had blood drawn but once and that was by a shell hitting the ground in front of me and scattering the dust and pebbles among us, knocking a piece of skin off my thumb. I have had some bullets through my clothes. May they always take the clothes in preference to the flesh. Both Abraham and George McLaughlin ¹ have fell victim in this war. I have heard nothing about them since I heard that they was dead. If you knew what regiment Uncle David's Joseph is in, and what company, let me know. Aunt, I think you had better stay in Old Mifflin this winter where there is plenty of coal to keep you from freezing and not go to Illinois where they have to depend on corn cobs for fire till next spring when I may go along if this war is over, for you know I'll be going out West to look at my 160 acres. But without joking, if I am spared through this war, I am going to take a trip through the West.

There is nothing of importance going on here. We have to go on picket every fifth day and on working duty the same and some camp duty to perform, such is about the routine of our life at the present time. We have got a new suit of clothes but not a Zouave one as stated, but we may have to take the Zouave dress yet. The brigade in general, I believe, do not want it. I was at Alexandria yesterday. Matters and things are very dull there but then tis Autumn—the season of rapid decay, which may account for it. People never seem to me to be so genial when old winter is coming on as in the month of May. Why it is, I know not.

But I must close for the present. I want you to write and let me know all about Illinois—its soil, its stock, its birds and last though not least, its pretty girls.

Your nephew, — John McLaughlin

¹ I believe that George and Abraham McLaughlin are the same two by that name who both served in Co. C, 105th Pennsylvania—a company that was recruited in Clearfield and Clarion Counties, Pennsylvania. George McLaughlin (1826-1862) died on 11 July 1862 of wounds he received at Fair Oaks, Virginia, on 31 May 1862. Abraham died at Philadelphia on 25 June 1862.



BENJAMIN CUSHING DIARY -

A few years back, I had started reprinting diary entries (month-by-month) of Benjamin Jay Cushing's diary. I am now picking it back up again... this is August 1864. He was in Company G. [Note - Typos and other grammatical errors were left in place.]

- Aug. 1 - Slept quite late in the morning. Draw one days rations after breakfast. Laid down and took a nap. Went and backed poles and rebuilt our-bunk, and make another table. The Officers Baggage and Co. Boxes came up and tents were put up so that it looks more like staying. Drew 1 ds. beef at dark. Were waked up in the night to draw clothing.
- Aug. 2 - Worked about two hours, fixing, and cleaning up around the tent. There was an inspection but I did not go out. Writing in the afternoon to Emma, and also, Geo. Davidson. Not as-much firing as there used to be, The Officers are having shades put up over their tents. They make it very cool and nice, but enlisted men can hardly afford to back brush for shades.
- Aug. 3 - Busy drawing rations in the forenoon. Drew Mackerel for meat instead of the usual ration. Got 1 lb. to the man. Feel weary, tired, or lazy in the afternoon and tried to sleep. But the flies are so troublesome & it is so warm that I cannot. Adelbert Heggie called in the afternoon.
- Aug. 4 - Get breakfast, wash the dishes, and sweep out the first thing. Put in a special return for nine men recently returned to the Reg. Drew 1 days beef just at night. There is not much firing going on lately. Saw one of the Eng. Corps who said that they were counterrunning & building forts. Divine Services were held at dusk in compliance with the request of the President for the observance of a day of fasting and prayer.
- Aug. 5 - Drawing rations in the forenoon. The Paymaster of our Brigade has come, Signed the pay rools for four months pay. Built a cellar in our tent to keep our breadstuffs and various other articles of diet in. Was paid in the afternoon by Major Evans. I reed. \$136.00. The Brig, fell in and double quicked over to Burnside's Head Qts. Came back in an hour or two.
- Aug. 6 - Busy getting breakfast and washing dishes and cleaning up. Sent some money left with me by soldiers to their wives as _ had got tired of carrying it. Have a very hot day & I never felt the heat so badly when doing nothing. Grows cooler and looks showery at night. No great amount of firing lately, but an occasional shell fired or a few picket shots interchanged.
- Aug. 7 - Attended Divine Service at the Hed. Qts. of 6 Reg. A Chapter Sunday read and a few good remarks made by a Captain in the Reg. Busy reading or writing during the day. Drew 1 ds. Soft Bread. The Brigade is called together at twilight to hear a sermon from the Chaplain of the 4th Reg. Drew 1 days beef after dark. Reed. a letter from Emma.
- Aug. 6 - Sent a packag of money to City Point by Lieut. Geo. D. Pifer to be expressed. It contained \$605.00. 300 of which was my own. Reed. of A.S. Orr 200.60 which I lent him July 1st. Busy writing and reading most of the day. The weather is extremely hot. Reed. my Express recpt. at night.
- Aug. 9 - Tues. 9th nothing particular going on, reading in forenoon. Drew two days bread in afternoon, and three of Sugar and Coffee. two of salt beef. Get orders to move just at night, just to change position in the Brigade. Pack up but finally stay all night. Reed. a letter from Sister Charlott.
- Aug. 10 - The Regs. were all moved back to their old places, and put up tent's only widening the streets a little. Moved our tents in the afternoon and put up in better style. Drew one days fresh beef just at night. Lieut. Mann got his discharge papers just at night.
- Aug. 11 - Drew 2 ds. Sugar and Coffee in the morning, and 1 lb. of codfish per man, get through with the rations about noon, and get dinner. Write to Sister Charlott Pratt and also to Capt. Jones. Nothing particular going in these parts. Rees notice that I have been recommended for a 2nd Lieutenancy in Co. G. Attended _ meeting in the evening, an exhorter out of the 64th gave us a short discourse.
- Aug. 12 - Cleaning and policing an hour or more in the morning. Get orders to pack up and get ready to move. Get ready and start for City Point at 5 oc P.M. reached there at about 10 oc. Lie down behind the stack and go to sleep.
- Aug. 13 - Drew two days rations the first thing in the morning. Sug, Coffee & H. Bread, also Pork. All went down to the river and wash. Saw several of the boys at the Hosp. Reed, many convalescents, Heard that Wilson had been seen in R-d by one of Co. I boys. Went to the landing and went on the boat at 4 oc, anchored a little below the landing, 10 oc we moved up the river to deep bottom. Where we were on the 27th of July.

- Aug. 14 - Found ourselves at Anchor in the river at daylight. Landed at Sunday b oc A.M. moved a short distance and halted, stacked arms. The Brig. moved out after noon to the front. Reed. a letter from home, also one from Emma. Had a very hot day of it. Write home, did not go out to the front with the Reg.
- Aug. 15 - Lay all the forenoon in the woods where I first stopped with the Hospt. Dept. Went out to the Brig and drew One days beef at dark, and two days sugar and coffee and Hard Bread in the night.
- Aug. 16 - Considerable skirmishing and Arty firing goin on in the forenoon. The Brig, went out two miles to support the 10th Corps. After I went to the front with the cattle was up nearly all night. Drew beef and f ration of whiskey. Got through at 4 oc and laid down and slept til b oc.
- Aug. 17 - Went to the Reg, and found a letter from Emma with the glad: tidings of Wilson's escape from the rebs and was in western Va. There was a skirmishing and the Brig. fell in. I went back to where the cooks stopped. Went two miles to draw rations, but the waggons came up close to the Brig.
- Aug. 18 - Got through with rations at three oc this morning and laid down to sleep. Went over to the 8th Reg. Colored (or Colosed) to see Seth Liewis and had a long visit with him. Came back to the Corps camp and moved up into the woods. Sharp fight at night, the rebs were repulsed, the Brig. were moved back to the old ground.
- Aug. 19 - Drew 1 ds, beef in the morning. Sleeping during the day or reading, Harper's Monthly. Drew two days coffee, sugar, and Hard bread, one days meat. Lowry, cool weather. Had the teeth ache and could not sleep at night. Set up late reading. Smoked a few minutes which made me dizzy, sick, and sleepy.
- Aug. 20 - Sleeping til late in the morning. There is no picket firing lately. Nothing particular going on during the day. Sick are sent back before night. Thing look like going back to Petersburg. Packed up and went back to the river. Crossed and started for P-g. Laid down and slept three times during the course of the night, got back to our old camp about 9 oc Sunday Morn.
- Aug. 21 - Get a large mail the first thing. Very heavy fighting on the Sunday left, the rebs made three charges and were repulsed every time. Saw about 300 prisoners go by that were taken. Reading, resting, & washing. There has been heavy rains while we were gone & part of the camp is submerged. At zaoorr. the corps is marched off to the left and front. Load the rations on pack mules and take them out about 6 miles to the Reg.
- Aug. 22 - Got to the Reg. at 2 oc this morning. The roads are very bad and the ground soft in the fields or woods so that a mule or horse will sink and mire in many places. Drew one dso beef. Gave out the rations at dawn. I wqs up all night long in getting here. Laid down after daylight and went to sleep. Waked at 8 oc, very warm hot day. Packed up at noon and marched to the left about three miles. Stopped at the Welden RR and tore up the track, burning the ties and bending the rails. Have a tremendous thunder shower at night. One ds. Hard Tack brought; out after dark.
- Aug. 23 - Got notice to go to the Wiliams House for a ration of Whiskey, got there after noon and waited til 4 oc. Got back to where we had left the Brig, and found they had gone down the RR to Reams Station. Found them about 10 oc and just got laid down to sleep when rations came, got through about 2 oc and slept awhile. The Cav, had a hard fight out 1 mile.
- Aug. 24 - The 2nd Div. joined us at b oc and the 1st Div moved to the left still farther and tear up the track for about 3 miles. Came back at dark and all stopped at Reams Station. Formed in line and bivouacked for the night in the rear of the stacks. Slept all night for the first time in a week.
- Aug. 25 - Skirmishing commenced soon after light- and grew thicker and heavier til 10 oc when the rebs made a charge and were repulsed. Constant skirmishing and Arty, firing going on. The rebs made two more charges, and broke our lines about 5 PM and we were obliged to fall back. Got to the Wiliams House about 11 oc at night.
- Aug. 26 - Laying around in the forenoon reading and writing. Drew 3 ds. Coffee, Sugar, & H. Br and 1 ds. Beef. Writing in the afternoon. Recd. a letter from Wilson. I have reason to praise God for his goodness in sparing his life and aiding him to escape from the rebbels, & permitting him to visit home & more.
- Aug. 27 - Moved back to our old camp before Petersburg.
- Aug. 28 - Busy reading and writing in forenoon. Got a horse and rode Sunday back to the Park in afternoon and took supper with Davis and the Q.M. for the first time since we broke camp in the Spring. Drew 1 days beef at night. Cool pleasant day, and the nights are much cooler than hereto fore.

Aug. 29 - Drew two days rations in the morning. Put in a Provision Return for 10 days from Sept 1st to the 10th. No. of men 167. All are busy making out pay and muster rolls. Busy reading or writing. There was a lively mortar shelling going on in the evening. It was a strange sight to behold.

Aug. 30 - Slept rather late in the morning. Busy either reading, writing, or reading off the names out of the pay rolls. Sergt. Brown came just at night. Drew 1 ds. beef at night. The Brig. fell in ready to march but did not go out. Sitting up quite late visiting with Sergt. Brown til quite late in the evening.

Aug. 31 - Busy in the forenoon drawing rations. The Reg. was mustered for pay. We begin to have cool nights but the days are as hot as ever. Sergt. Brown cannot get mustered and is going back to the Div. Hospt, and stay awhile. Write to Emma in the afternoon. All quiet with the exception of the usual amount of Picket firing.

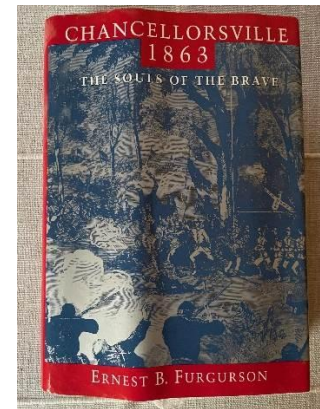
BOOK REVIEW: CHANCELLORSVILLE - 1863

Ernest B. Furgurson

Reviewed by Mike Espenshade

Hardback; 1992, Knopf N.Y.; 350 pp text; 26 pictures; 18 maps, 2 Appendices [Order of Battle and Casualties]; 12 pp notes, 13 pp sources, 23 pp index. Military Book Club for \$11.95 (1994).

It was a landmark engagement in the history of warfare. It served as the single greatest display of Robert E. Lee's tactical genius and Stonewall Jackson's troop leadership. But while it was the high point of battlefield success for the South, Chancellorsville turned out to be a devastating blow to the future of the Confederacy.



Author Ernest Furgurson, a Marine Corps veteran and descendant from four Confederate soldiers, demonstrates why soldiers in America and abroad have studied the campaign as a classic for more than 160 years. Furgurson aptly builds the backgrounds/characters of the main generals involved and their scenarios. Basing his work on extensive research, unpublished diaries and letters, Furgurson presents Chancellorsville not as a single episode, but clearly as the series of distinct and geographically separate bloody clashes it really was.

He shows how Lee countered Union General Hooker's brilliant opening stroke with one risky move after another – no other Civil War general would improvise such daring maneuvers. In the face of almost 3 to 1 odds, Lee divides his force, not one, not two, but three times to counter Hooker's masterfully designed offensive – always ATTACKING Hooker with more muskets at the point of attack than Hooker could manage. VERY heavy fighting occurred at many points of Lee's assaults on 4, yes 4, fronts.

In the opening days of the campaign as Hooker compellingly outflanked Lee, the average Union infantryman knew this, and was so hopeful of a first victory. Many of Hooker's troops ended up a few days later feeling cheated out of contributing in the battle and feeling demoralized - as many Union regiments ended up slightly or not involved in the actual fighting. Yet another loss, but not their fault. Union Cavalry Commander Stoneman's heavy raid towards Richmond, which scared the Rebel capital, did little to affect Hooker's campaign.

Furgurson examines why Hooker folded in a glaring display of moral weakness, describes in detail how Jackson was struck down by his own troops in the darkness, explains the indecision (and frustration of Union Corps commanders) at Hooker's headquarters, and all the while excellently describing the bravery and terror of the individual soldiers in the field – on the multiple fronts.

Total casualties totaled about 14,000 CSA and 17,000 USA – a very high cost for the Confederacy when combined with Jackson's loss. The author deftly explains how this battle laid the precursor for Lee's defeat at Gettysburg 2 months later, by virtue of the loss of Jackson and Lee's over-confidence in his troops that resulted in ordering frontal attacks – that were devastating.

The author combines relevant military analysis with wrenching eyewitness narratives ... very absorbing for this reviewer! If you only ever read one book on Chancellorsville, read this one!!!

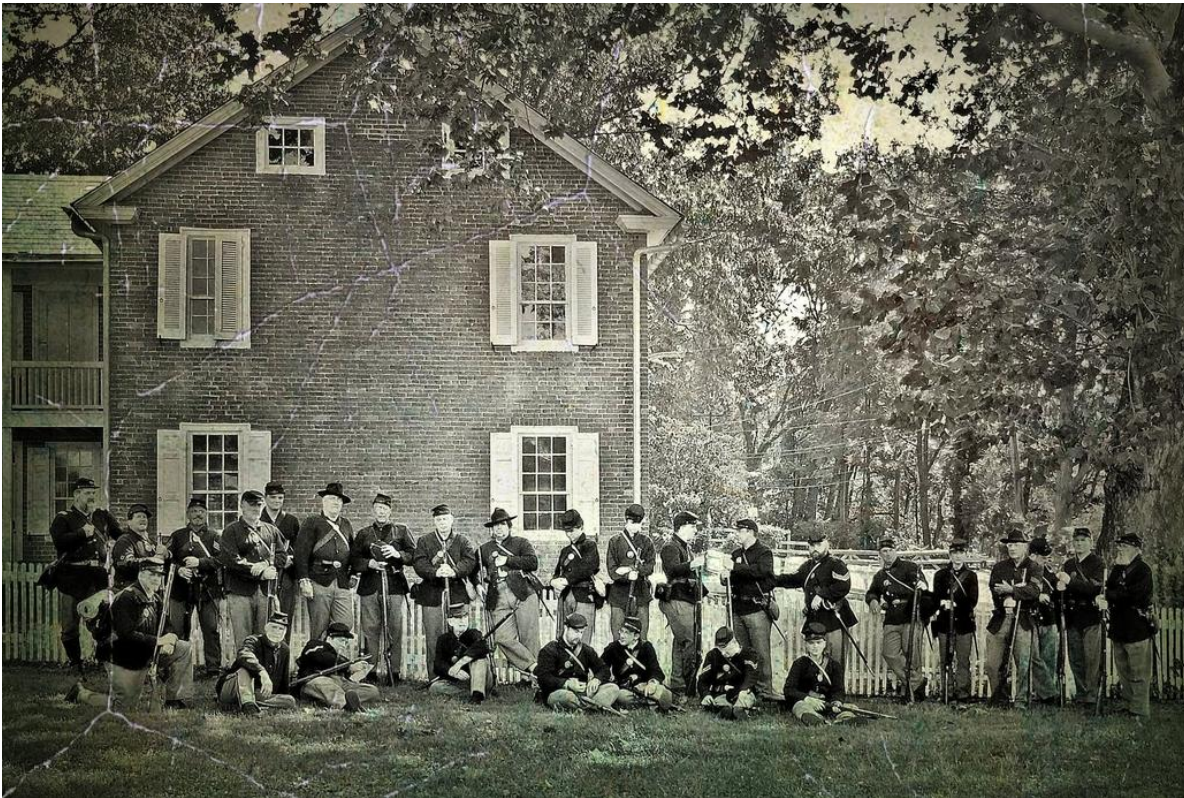
LANDIS VALLEY EVENT SUMMARY

On August 8~9, the 53rd PA participated in Landis Valley's "America 250 Celebration: Military Days" event. We played host to some of our National Regiment (and some non-NR) parades who fell in with us. We had one firing demo on Saturday and then the rain came around noon which wiped out the 1pm firing demo but, at least, brought some lower humidity levels for the rest of Saturday afternoon. Captain Jason

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McConnell of Sykes Regulars was our officer on Saturday. I commanded the company on Sunday.

We had our regular 2 firing demos on Sunday. Due to weather events back in early July, the site had numerous damaged trees and minor damage to some of the buildings and actually just re-opened a weekend before. Many large trees either were taken down and others had limbs removed as part of the response to the July storm which cut back on shade in places but we adjusted and made the most of it. We had excellent Sat. night and Sunday morning meals courtesy of Tony Albright, Dan Seibert, Jonathan Psotka, and Eric Ford. Photos are courtesy of Chip Smith, Bruce Milligan, and Mike Koehler. Attending from the 53rd PA were: 1st Sgt. Steger, Sgt. Benedict, Corporals Brumbaugh and Espenshade (as an injured soldier from a recent battle), Hospital Steward Klee, Privates Ford, Bohnenblust, Dicks (Jacob), Thomas. Rusty Dicks participated as a WW2 MP. Kerry Williard served as our surgeon. We were joined by our pards in the 1st MD, 3rd MD, 1st PA Res. Co. K, Sykes Regulars, 7th PA Reserves, and the 1st MN. The 2027 edition of the Landis Valley event is poised to return to its regular mid-July calendar slot and will remain a military time-line event like this year.





I created an event page on the 53rd PA website where you can see a much larger quantity of event photos:
<https://www.53rdpvi.org/landis-valley-2026/>

BAKER MANSION EVENT SUMMARY

On August 29~30th, the 53rd participated in a living history event at Baker Mansion in Altoona. The scenario was members from the volunteer army training local militia so about half of the men in the ranks were portraying militia members. Period photography, music, etc. were also portrayed as part of the event. I was the 1st Sgt. and lead the men in drill both days including bayonet drill (with Sgt. Benedict's assistance) on Sunday. We also did 2 firing demos each day. On Saturday night, we were led by Dr. Jared Frederick on a Civil War history tour of Altoona which included numerous buildings as well as people or events that happened in these buildings. The tour ended at a period building where John Brown supposedly stayed at some point in 1859; a new historic marker sign was unveiled as the closing item of this tour. Attending the event from the unit were: Sgts. Steger and Benedict, Corporal Espenshade, and Privates Bohnenblust, Dicks, Hinceman (Ben and Oskar), and Thomas, and Hospital Steward Klee. We were joined by members of another unit from near the Altoona area.

Below are a few photos that I took.





UPCOMING EVENTS

19 September – **3rd MD's Antietam Living History** – One day living history at the Maryland State Monument across the road from the Dunker Church (corner of Dunker Church Rd. and Smoketown Road). 3 firing demos are planned so bring sufficient rounds (generally 7~9 rounds per demo). Be set up and ready for some drill no later than 9AM. Parking is in the grass field across from the NPS visitors center; you can drop off your gear at the camp site before parking your car in the grass lot. Any and all questions should be directed to Jimmy Thomas of the 3rd MD (jatjr424@gmail.com).

3~4 October - **Seminary Ridge Living History** – Our initial living history weekend on the grounds of the Seminary Ridge Museum in Gettysburg. Plans are still being worked out but please put this on your schedule to attend as a good showing from the 53rd is important. Some drill and a medical display are planned. **53rd MAX EFFORT!**

Extra Event -

12~13 September – **USAHEC (Carlisle)** - It was decided to take this event off the official 53rd schedule since we have other events a few weeks before and afterwards. Several of us have expressed interested in still attending, however. Email me ASAP so I have you on my list for parking passes, schedule, etc. that you will need prior to the event. Since this is not a 53rd event, what we get paid will be split amongst attendees. Since this is an extra, non-official event for the 53rd, please prioritize official 53rd events. In other words, please don't attend USAHEC if doing so will cause you to skip the Altoona and Antietam events.

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. Kerry Williard is handling the sale of Dave Swigert items for Dave's wife. Marc and I assembled an inventory list with approximate values. Some items remain. The list is current as of April 2025. This is not the unit's quartermaster, but a separate list of items that Kerry is selling for the Swigart estate. Contact Kerry directly with all inquiries: shamokin71@aol.com (see the updated list below)

Quantity	Item Description	Detailed Description	Price
Uniform Clothing			
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	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
1 pairs	Grey Wool Socks -Modern		\$2.00/pr
2	Hats - Union & Confederate for children		\$1.00
Accoutrements			
1	Scabbord -Late war 7 Rivet		\$15.00
1	Gum Blanket	some cracking with oversized grommets	\$20.00
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
Misc Items			
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
2	Soap Bar		\$1.00/ea
1	box rifle cleaning kit	pads, steel wool, rags, etc	\$5.00
1 Pair	shoe tree		\$3.00
1	Green Army Duffle Bag		\$3.00
1	drawers for use as patches		\$1.00

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7 January – Annual Party/Banquet – Dobbin House (Gettysburg)
 21~22 February – NR School of Instruction – Gettysburg – 53rd Max Effort
 14 March – Cartridge Rolling Party – Kleinfeltersville
 17~19 April – NR Camp of Instruction (Ft. McHenry) – 53rd Max Effort
 15~17 May – Bull Run Re-enactment – Brandy Station (NR)
 25 May – Hummelstown Memorial Day Parade
 14 June – Hummelstown – America 250th Living History
 8~9 August – Landis Valley “America 250 Celebration: Military Days” – 53rd Max Effort
 29~30 Aug. – Altoona (Baker Mansion)
 19 Sept. – 3rd MD Living History at Antietam
 3~4 October – Seminary Ridge Museum Living History – 53rd Max Effort
 7~11 October – Bulltown, WV. Organized by the 116th PA (NR)
 17~18 October – Cedar Creek Re-enactment
 14 November – NR Annual Meeting and Remembrance Day Parade (NR)
 TBD December – 53rd PVI Annual Meeting



For updated event info and other news, please check out the Facebook pages of the 53rd PVI and/or the National Regiment (links below) and check your email on a regular basis.

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