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 except July, August and December.



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THE BORDER STAR

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Now is the
 time for
 all good
 people and
 loyal mem-
 bers to pay
 their 1995
 dues.

March
 will be the
 last news-
 letter to be
 mailed out
 to those
 who have
 not paid.
 The dues
 money is
 what pays
 for the
 newsletter
 and the
 handouts
 we pass
 out.

Mail to
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 17313 E.
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 64055 or
 bring it to
 the next
 meeting.

FROM THE PRES.....

The Christmas Party is over but its memory
 lingers on. The total expense was just under 150.00.
 It was definitely money well spent.

Special recognition must go to Bob Benson who
 took the reins and made things happen.

Thanks also to Fred George and Ed Harris for
 their help in getting things started.

And to the bunch who showed up early to help set
 up the tables and decorate the room.

Congratulations to the door prize winners and
 thanks to all who donated items for the drawings.

For all those who like to plan aheadthis year's
 party will again be the second Saturday in
 December--same place--same time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

Since Christmas I have had contact from three
 separate groups concerning desecration of Civil War
 era cemeteries, only one of which we may be able to
 do anything about.

It seems "Progress" is destroying our historic sites
 much more quickly than they became historic sites.

1995 RE-ENACTMENTS

May 6,7 Pea Ridge, Ark. Big one
 27-28 Maysville, Mo. MCWRA
 June 10-11 Columbia, Mo. Local
 July 15-16 Fulton, Mo. Local
 Aug. 5-6 Glasgow, Mo. MCWRA
 12-13 Lone Jack, Mo. MCWRA
 Oct. 7-8 Centralia, Mo.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WED FEB 8 CWRTWMO Meeting
 The Centrailia Massacre
 WED FEB 15 BOARD MEETING
 WED. MAR 8 CWRTWMO Meeting
 The Battle of Lone Jack
 WED MAR 15 BOARD MEETING
 WED APR 12 CWRTWMO Meeting
 Open Round Table & Show and Tell
 WED APR 19 BOARD MEETING
 WED MAY 10 CWRTWMO Meeting
 WED MAY 17 BOARD MEETING
 SAT MAY 20 BLACKWATER TOUR

1995 Dues due NOW

Vol. 1, No. 9 of the Soldiers Letter (on the back of this)
 was published on 3 Jan. 1865, at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The battle described in columns 2 and 3 we now call
 the Grinter Farm Ambush.

The site is just North of TMC East on the west side
 of Lee's Summit Road.

The monument mentioned in column 3 is in Woodlawn
 Cemetery on Noland Road. It is commonly known as
 the Second Colorado Memorial.

Camp Smith, mentioned near the top of column 2, must
 have been near Rock Creek or present day Hill Park.

The direction of travel may be slightly off. The Grinter
 Farm is East and South of the campsite not Northeast.

This battle, Captain Wagoner and the monument are
 mentioned in several of the 54 editions of the paper.

Soldiers



Letter.

THE FLAG WE FIGHT UNDER.

SECOND COLORADO CAVALRY

Vol. 1

"THE UNION MUST AND SHALL BE PRESERVED."—JACKSON.

No. 9

OLIVER V. WALLACE,
Editor and Proprietor.

THE NEW YEAR.

Welcome! welcome! glad new year
Welcome with thy gladning cheer!
With thy coming, dawns the day,
Freedom's universal sway:
Far away, 'neath Southern sky,
Comes the shout of victory—
Vict'ry o'er our country's foe!
Vict'ry for those bound in woe!
Vict'ry for the "Stripes & Stars!"
Vict'ry o'er the Stars and Bars!
Brightly dawns the day of peace:
Day, that brings the Slave's
release!

Day of peace, whose happy reign,
Will our country bless, again
Free from War, and strife's alloy.—
We its blessings shall enjoy:
When the din of battle's o'er—
With our Union as of yore—
Save the dark, and cursed stain
Of Slavery—ne'er again
To divide the Union band!
Not United—ever stand—
Till the heavens shall pass away!
May blest peace hold gentle sway.
Welcome! then, with gladsome
cheer.
Welcome! welcome, glad New
Year

DAYS THAT ARE FLEET.

Soft as rays of twilight stealing
O'er the dying day;
Sweet as chiming of low bells peal-
ing—
When ere fades away;
Sad as winds of night whose
moaning
Through the Mountains loce;
Come the thoughts of days whose
brightness
Is forever gone. L. R.

—Col. FORD and escort
leave this morning, for Ft.
Lyon, via Larned, on a tour
through the District.

—Saturday, at 12, M, a
Federal salute of 13 guns,
was fired at this Post, on re-
ceipt of the news of Thomas's
and Sherman's late victories.

COMPENDIUM OF HISTORY.

(Continued from No. 8.)

ON the 10th of May, Lt. Gooning, with 20 men of Co's H, and G, started from Pleasant Hill, after night had set in—on a scout of three days duration; on the night of the second day out, while scouting 20 miles north east of Pleasant Hill, they drew up to a house, owned by one Webb; upon entering, although past eleven o'clock, the table was found ready "set," and every necessary preparation made, for a meal; upon inquiry, our party was informed that there were no *Bushwhackers* in the country, but—being inclined to give credence to the smooth-tongues, and unqualified assertions of the "war-widows" who were so numerous in that portion of the country, and who could live there unmolested, while depredations were being com- mitted all around them—our boys kept a sharp look-out, and, after leaving the house, and proceeding cautiously along the road some three miles, they were met by a party of four men, who were just emerging from the brush, and could barely be discern- ed in the darkness of the night: "Who are you?" chal- lenged their leader: "Who are you?" demanded Goon- ing, while every man grasp- ed his revolver with a firmer grip; without deigning to give answer, the four men wheeled about, put spurs to their horses, and fled through the thick under-brush, amid

a shower of bullets from the well directed fire of the ad- vance; the next day, the dead bodies of two of the *Bundits*, "give them death boys," and were found near the scene of the rencountre. During the campaign, a portion of the troops were forced to fall back, and surrender the field to the enemy—with the loss of their valiant Captain, and seven brave men killed, and one wounded: the loss of the enemy were nine men killed and fifteen wounded; they took the arms and what money was on the persons of our boys, and left their bodies lying as they fell, where a strong force of our troops from the latter mentioned place: here, they saw four men, who immediately took to flight, and while pursuing them, our party was charged upon, by nearly one hundred *Bushwhackers*, who were lying in ambush awaiting their approach; unconscious of the presence of so large a body of the foe, until they rushed forth from the dense thicket, with savage yells, and poured a deadly volley into the midst of the scout, who, nothing daunted, firmly stood their ground, and with their brave Captain leading them on, re- turned the fire, although out- numbered four to one, by the foe, who came rushing on, until the combatants were mingled together, fighting a hand to hand encounter, midst the fallen dead, and dying, until the gallant WAGONER was mortally wounded, and dragging himself a few feet to one side, he gave a fire- well shot, that sent an enemy

"Brave heroes rest beneath this sculptured stone:
In unfair contest slain, by murder- ous hands:
They knew no yielding to a cruel foe—
And thus, this tribute to their memory stands—
Our country's honour, and a Na- tion's pride;—
'Twas thus they nobly lived, and bravely died."

Captain WAGONER was a brave man, of which his surviving followers can testify, and his loss, and that of the brave men who fell with him, cast a gloom o'er the