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"CAMP OF INSTRUCTION"



Victorian groups, "Rowan Artillery" and "62nd NYSV Co. B" will host a "Camp of Instruction" at Holey Plains (VIC) over the June long weekend. Organiser, John Couzens has sent the Company the following message, detailing the event.

"The Camp Of Instruction will be held on June 6th to 9th at Holey Plains near Rosedale (VIC). Please make an effort to attend. For further information please email me or phone 03 51552040 or 0427 500 506.

"As it is a long weekend Australia wide it is anticipated that all attendees can arrive on the Friday or early Saturday and return home on the Monday. Dinner will be provided on the Saturday Evening".

The proposed program and sequence of events;

Thursday - Early arrivals set-up tents and establish campfires

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Saturday Morning - Welcome and Registration, First Drill Period, Morning Tea, Second Drill Period, Game with Prize, Lunch.

Saturday Afternoon - First Bayonet Drill Period, Cannon Discussion and Drill, Afternoon Tea, Second Bayonet Period, Final Parade and dismiss for dinner.

Saturday Dinner - Louisiana Chicken and Andoulie Sausage Gumbo with Pico De Gallo and Corn Bread : Sweet will be Mother Bickerdyke's Panada and Mint Juleps. Short Musical Interlude. Talk by Ross Brooks (Member of the Honourable Society of Military Historians) entitled *Shamrocks on the Altar of Dixie*. Music.

Sunday Morning – Morning Parade, Church Parade, Basic Musket Drill, Morning Tea, Musket Team Competition, Horseshoe Throw with Prizes, Lunch.

Sunday Afternoon - Cannon Firing, Skirmishing, Final Parade.

Sunday Dinner - a surprise meal courtesy of Co. F cook, Nick Potts. Prize Presentations. Music and Entertainment.

Monday Morning - Break Camp.

“This is a very rough program but hopefully gives you the idea that the organisers want everyone to return home feeling that they are better re-enactors, are tired out but have had a bloody good weekend!

“Comments would be hugely appreciated and if you plan to attend could you please make contact. There will be a small camping charge which will depend on numbers. So welcome one and all”.

ASTUTE “COL” DWIGHT!



This editorial from the Syracuse Daily Courier and Union (NY) attacks the anti-Irish and anti-Democratic party attitudes of a certain Colonel Dwight.

“—Lieut. Col. Dwight, of the 122d Regiment, who is now at home, made a speech before the dis-Loyal League last Friday evening, upon which occasion he so far forgot his duty as a soldier and a man, as to malign and vilify the 62d N. Y. Volunteers—a very worthy, tried and true regiment, and one that has seen much service in the field, and always acquitted themselves with gallantry and distinction. He said, in substance, that the Sixty-second was raised principally in the "Bloody Sixth" Ward of New York, that they (the men) never knew but one political party, and but one nomination for any election, and their system of election was "a Democratic ballot or down goes your house," and that when they left their homes, they were so thoroughly wedded to the Democratic party they believed that Andrew Jackson was still living to be voted for President! Astute "Col." Dwight! smart "Col." Dwight! "loyal"

"Col." Dwight! eloquent "Col." Dwight! genteel "Col." Dwight, had better go to the field, where he belongs, than to be lounging around home vilifying an old and faithful regiment. The gallant Sixty-second was made up principally of Irishmen; perhaps this is the reason for the "Colonel's" animadversions.

Syracuse Daily Courier and Union (NY), Monday, April 4, 1864.

Contributed by John Tierney

62nd NYSV LINE ZOUAVE UNIFORM



The picture (left) is of Private William Caldwell, who served in Co. H of the 62nd NYSV, Anderson Zouaves.

He wears the line uniform of the Anderson Zouaves. This differs from the uniform of 62nd NYSV Advance Company I. Primarily, the difference is that the Co I uniform features the traditional baggy red “pantaloon” of the French service. The line uniform features light blue “chasseur” breeches with a white stripe down the seam.

Further, the jacket does not feature the yellow “lozenges” on the jacket face with the stylised “A” and “Z” initials. The line uniform also does not have the elaborate fez and turban combination of the Co. I. uniform, but a flattened down red fez, with blue tassle, or dark blue kepis.

Private Caldwell is shown wearing a flattened down red fez. Whether individual companies adopted

the fez or cap or a mixture of both, we are not sure at this stage.



An early war colourised photograph of Private. F.V. Lewis (62nd NYSV Co. E.) clearly showing the line company uniform jacket. Notice the absence of the yellow “lozenges” on

the face of the jacket. He wears a blue kepi.



Private Isaac Cooper, Co. A (left) in the 62nd NYSV line Zouave uniform. A number of features of the line uniform can be seen in this photograph. Note the dark blue double-fronted collared shirt. Private Cooper has a sash and belt in which seems to hold a knife of some type.



A surviving example of the 62nd NYSV Co. I jacket (held at the Smithsonian Institute in the United States). Note the yellow

“lozenges” on the jacket front, which are absent from the line uniform.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



May 3rd – Living History Resource Group AGM. German Club (Tempe NSW) 12 noon.

June 6th to 9th – “Camp of Instruction”. Holey Plains (Rosedale VIC).

June 28th – Company “Muster Dinner”. The Briars (Camden NSW).

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