

ZOUAVE!

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(Re-enactment and Research Group)

Welcome to the first issue of the Company F newspaper. ZOUAVE! is envisaged as being a vehicle for information about group activities, as well as articles about the history of the 62nd New York Volunteers.

Website Does it Again!

The Company F website has been up and running now for about 2 years and it is always great when we get contact from descendants of 62nd NY soldiers.

These contacts are invaluable, as they provide much information and material that are new to our researchers. Below two of the contacts that have come our way since the website was published are presented.

Charles H. Travis

Sherrie House, the great-great granddaughter of 62nd NY veteran, Charles H. Travis, provided the information below. She found our site following a "Google" search!

Combined with the information we already had on Charles Travis, we are able to

"flesh out" our picture of Charles Travis. Sherrie has also informed us that her mother has a number of letters and amazingly a CDV (photograph) of Charles Travis! We look forward to receiving this further information.

Born c.1838, Charles Travis was a schoolmaster in Whitehall, New York prior to the War. Charles enlisted in the Army on the 1st May, 1861 and mustered into Co. C., 62d NYSV on the 3rd July, 1861 as a Sergeant. On the 31st August, 1861 he was transferred as a Private to Co. D. Charles was reinstated as a Sergeant on the 1st October, 1861. He was transferred to Co. I on the 22nd November, 1861. Charles H. Travis mustered out with the rank of Sergeant on the 29th June, 1864 at New York, NY.

After contracting dysentery sometime in 1862, Charles H. Travis spent much of his service as a clerk in the Office of the Provost Marshal Patrick. He seems to have also been at one point assistant chaplain of the 62d NY. Charles Travis was eventually blinded by the effects his illness.

After the War, Charles became a Methodist minister. He married Jane Padgett of Alexandria, VA. Jane was the daughter of the watchman at the

Marshall House in Alexandria, who had warned the proprietor of that House of Colonel Ellsworth famous intrusion.

Richard Hohsfield

Anna Maria Lavin, the great great granddaughter of Richard Hohsfield, contacted us last year after a "Google" search. Again, combined with the basic information we had on Richard Hohsfield we have been able to bring this veteran's story to life.

Interestingly, Anna Maria Lavin states that her ancestor's correct name was Hohsfield. He is variously recorded as Hohsfeld and Horsfeld. The entry below appears in the Company F Biography Project, published on our group's website.

Richard Hohsfeild served in Company F as a Private throughout the war. Alternative names that appear for Richard Hohsfield are Hohsfeld and in the CWSS Record Horsfeld. Richard was a German immigrant who was wounded at the Weldon Railroad in Petersburg, VA, and returned to marry his fiancée, Theresa and have several children. The family legend is that when he returned to Brooklyn, NY and showed up at Theresa's home, she could not recognize him. She thought he was there to beg for food. It was only after showing her a birthmark on his back that she knew it was Richard.

ALHF Delay

One of the most vexatious issues in re-enactment scene in Australia

at present, is the issue of insurance.

There has been an ongoing discussion about this subject within the 62nd NY Co. F and the Living History Resource Group (LHRG) generally. How and with whom we should obtain this insurance is the question. Our member Mr. William Lincoln has looked at insurance through the Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS) and the Muzzle Loaders Association (MLA).

Though the LHRG has affiliated with the RAHS, insurance through them is expensive and they have no experience with re-enactors.

The MLA does have experience with re-enactors, is relatively inexpensive and is recognised as a peak body by government in NSW to represent shooters. To affiliate with the MLA, the LHRG would need to become an association.

As an interim measure, our member Mr. Dave Sanders undertook with the assent of the membership of the LHRG, to undertake to obtain insurance through the Australian Living History Federation (ALHF). The application was put together and submitted to the ALHF in September, 2006.

Besides informal confirmation in October, 2006, that the executive of the ALHF had approved our affiliation, we have had no word whatsoever in the preceding five months! Our member Mr. Dave Sanders has attempted to contact the Committee of the ALHF via email

and telephone, but has received no replies. He has communicated informally with ALHF President, Dr. Stephen Gapps, on a number of occasions about this matter and has still received no credible information.

Seven months since the LHRG's application and still no official word has been provided by the ALHF. Dr Gapps has stated that the ALHF will provide cover notes to any of our members who may need them, but this is totally inadequate and a further example of what seems like "ad hocery" from the ALHF!

At present a proposal will be put to the inaugural meeting of the LHRG, to begin association moves to allow the Group to affiliate to the MLA.

Company I Website

Company F and LHRG member, Mr. John Tierney, has finished his re-editing of his excellent 62nd NY Company I website.

Mr. Tierney's site is well worth a visit. He presents a wealth of information applicable not only to Co. I, but to the history of the 62nd generally.

You will find the Co. I Website at:

<http://web.mac.com/strangeplanet/iWeb/Anderson%20Zouaves%20Company%20I%20/Company%20I%20Home.html>

Anderson Zouaves Re-enactors in Germany

Recently, 62nd NY Company F member, Mr. Dave Sanders, paid a short

visit to Mr. Fabian Sausmikat of Waldfuecht, Germany. Mr. Sausmikat is a member of the 62nd NY Co I in Germany.

Mr. Sausmikat and his wife showed our Mr. Dave Sanders and his father Mr. Brian Sanders, great hospitality and a correspondence that had begun before Mr. Sanders' visit, continues. Mr. Sausmikat is also involved in a re-enacting a French Zouave in the 1870-71 Franco-Prussian War, as well as a WW1 and WW2 New Zealand soldier!

These contacts are valuable and a great feeling of camaraderie was established between Mr. Sanders and our brother Zouave, Mr. Sausmikat.

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