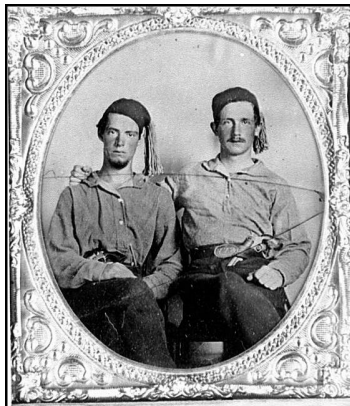


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Two unidentified New York Zouaves

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## SCHOOL OF THE SOLDIER GREAT SUCCESS

from our special correspondent



**The Inaugural Co F. "School of the Soldier" was held over the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March. The School was attended by 35 people.**

Groups and individuals came from NSW and Victoria to attend. Besides our Company, Co. A and Co. B 62<sup>nd</sup> NYSV, NC Rowan Artillery and the Blue and the Grey were represented.

Sgt. Bill Lincoln (Co. F) and Sgt. John Couzens (Co. B) acted as drill sergeants and took the troops through Hardie's company drill. Trooper Phil Oliver took the cavalry through their paces and later the infantry and cavalry combined in co-ordinated fire and movement drills.

A decided highlight of the weekend was the excellent cookhouse, run by our inimitable Commissary Sergeant, "Professor" Nick Potts (Co. F). Sgt. Potts had undertaken weeks of research to present a wholly authentic

civil war repast. His famous "artificial oysters" were served, along with such dishes as "Commissary Poole's Scouse" a breakfast dish of crushed hardtack, potatoes and butter, "Hotch Potch", army "Beef Stew" and "Chicken and Rice Broth".



Pvt. Argent (Co A.) and Sgt. Lincoln (Co F.) on guard at the camp, ably assisted by Vivandiere Miss "Devilish" Terri Lawrence (Co A.)

The School provided a great opportunity for folk to catch up and share their hobby, as well as introduce a number of people to a living history event. It was agreed that the School should run again next year.

Now we look forward to Co. B and the Rowan Artillery's School of the

Soldier in early June and our Muster Dinner, tentatively we are looking at the 28<sup>th</sup> June for the dinner, but watch this space for more information.

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## ANDERSON'S GIFT



Anderson, shortly after Sumter

**On Thursday, August 8, 1861, the Anderson Zouaves were presented colors on Riker's Island as a gift from General Robert Anderson. An article from the New York Times of the same day said:**

"This afternoon a splendid American Flag will be presented to the Anderson Zouaves, on Riker's Island, where the regiment is presently encamped. It (the flag) is the gift of Major Robert Anderson, and will be presented to the regiment on his behalf by Dr Crawford, who was in Fort Sumter during the bombardment. Col. J. Lafayette Riker will receive the flag for the regiment, and the Chaplain, Rev. John Harvey, will invoke a blessing upon it. All who wish to witness the ceremony can do so, as the Steamboat Major Anderson leaves Peck-slip for Riker's Island at 2 o'clock P. M., and returns same afternoon."

A week later, on Thursday, August 15, 1861, an article appeared on the back page of the *New York Times* describing the presentation...

"Presentation of Colors.

An interesting ceremony took place on Riker's Island yesterday. The colors destined for the Anderson Zouaves, the gift of Gen. Anderson, were presented to the regiment, in the presence of numerous spectators, by Dr. S. W. Crawford, the medical officer of Fort Sumter... The regiment was drawn up in line of battle, numbering 700 muskets; a guard of honor escorted Dr Crawford, with the colors, to the front of the regiment, who, holding the colors, addressed the regiment as follows :

'Col. Riker and Soldiers of the Anderson Zouaves: I stand before you for no common purpose today. I come in behalf of that patriot and soldier whose name you bear, to give into your keeping as patriots, and intrust to your fidelity as soldiers, these colors. In every case, and among all nations, the emblem of their nationality is sacred and beloved; but to the soldier it is doubly dear. Around it centres whatever is glorious and renowned; for its safety and honor he stands ever ready to yield his all, and life itself becomes of no value to him when danger threatens it.

To you, soldiers of the Anderson Zouaves, this banner bears a peculiar relation, coming as it does to you from one whose unwavering devotion to his country's flag in the hour of its danger has become part of that country's history. I[n] his name I intrust [sic] it to your keeping. Take it with you as you go forward to join that army of patriots on the distant Potomac, and as your eyes rest upon it in the bivouac and on the march, by the camp-fire, or when it becomes your rallying point amid the shock of battle, let the firm and unfaltering resolution be taken by each on of you that it never shall be lowered in dishonor or disgrace. The eyes of your fellow-countrymen are upon you, their hearts will follow you, for your very designation will make you a conspicuous regiment. Let that thought animate you as you go onward; let it strengthen and support you on the day of battle, and when you return may it be with this banner borne proudly

before you, an eternal witness to your patriotism, fidelity and valor.’

The colors were then handed to the Color Guard, and Col. Riker replied to the address in a few remarks. He alluded to the formation of the regiment, to the high honor they esteemed it to be called after so illustrious a patriot, and that the name they bore should be an incentive to him and them to devote themselves to the cause of their country. Words were wanting on his part to convey all he felt on behalf of his regiment, at the magnificent present thus made to them. Let Gen. Anderson feel assured it would be dearly prized, and that dishonor or disgrace should never stain it. They felt that much would be expected of them, but they felt only the more determined to devote themselves to duty. He again thanked Gen. Anderson for his gift.

The Chaplain then invoked the blessing of God upon the colors thus presented, and prayed that strength to sustain them nobly and honorably might be given the regiment who received them.

The regiment was then reviewed by Dr. Crawford, and Lieuts. Hawkins and Marston, who acted as his Staff on the occasion. The regiment leaves in a few days for Washington. Dr. Crawford, like all the officers at Fort Sumter, has been promoted, and is now Major of the Thirteenth Regular Infantry’.

Contributed by John Tierney

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## LHRG INSURANCE AND AGM



**Our insurance dues are coming up for payment again in April from the RAHS.**

We haven’t as yet received the invoice, but it will probably be about \$70 cheaper this year, which will probably translate to being about \$23 per adult member.

If you could get this to the LHRG Co-ordinator, Dave Sanders this month, it would be greatly appreciated. Remember, members may also make an extra contribution voluntarily, to cover our less active members. Thank you to the members who have already made their contribution.

A date in May has also to be set for the LHRG’s AGM. Agenda items for the AGM can be sent to Dave Sanders at:

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If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish for another member to exercise your voting rights by proxy, please make your wishes known to Brother Sanders at the above email address. You may also call him on:

0425 319 857 or 02 4889 9823

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