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ANDERSON ZOUAVES AT TAMINICK

from your special correspondent



The Company made a strong showing at the recent 15th Anniversary Taminick Military Encampment.

The Encampment was ably hosted by the North Carolina “Rowan Artillery”. Rebel Captain Couzens cut quite a swath in his red trimmed frock coat and sash. His boys and he ran a trim camp and the victuals were real down home North Carolina.

Privates Charlie Lincoln, Billy Lincoln, Nick Potts, Dan Daley, Wagoner Davey Sanders and Vivandieres Miss Ricarda Reeck, Miss Juleigh Sleigh, Miss Anna Hobson and Baby Adam made the trek south. Private Billy Lincoln had camped in the rude wilderness for weeks and with the help of Pvt. C. Lincoln and Miss Juleigh, established the HQ encampment.

It was grand to sit in camp, whilst our Company planked the strings and sang over the fire, hearing the rising music from other encampments. Sadly Miss Anna, Baby Adam and Mr Daley had to repair to the nearby town before the Dinner to find warm lodgings as baby Adam took a chill. As a consequence we were deprived of two of the Company’s finest musicians.

Company A (62d NY) camped up Dead Horse Gully from us and both

Companies mingled and sang and shared coffee and bacon. At the Saturday night Dinner, a scratch band from both Companies and some rugged hillbilly types, planked out a few Kentucky tunes for the edification of Captain Couzens and his guests.



Miss Jacquie (Pike and Musket Soc.), Colonel Davey Sanders (62d NYI, Co F.) and Private Stephen Gapps (62d NYI, Co. A.) work on some Kentucky tunes.

On the Saturday morning, the Company unrolled its “Officers Impression”. Private Potts turned out as a Staff Major General, assisted by his Aide, Colonel Sanders. These two “gentlemen” attended General Wheaton (portrayed by Private Billy Lincoln) HQ. Private Dan Daley turned out as a very fine and wild looking Infantry Colonel, complete with Bowie knife!

Private Charlie Lincoln was elected Corporal of the Day and attended the Officers as the Zouave guard. With Corps and Camp flags flappin’ and the HQ signage and tentage in place, the Officers lounged about,

smoking segars, playing cards and taking lazy glances at maps and orders.

At morning parade, the Officers stood and watched the review and duly noted that only the Rebel sailors of the CSS Shenandoah presented arms and “eyes righted” the General’s party! Bravo to the Rebel Sailors! Thank you Lt. Duff for you and your men’s courtesy.

The Company mounted its regular guard duty on the Gate and sat about camp watching the afternoon drift away to the sound of rifle and cannon fire at the bottom of the gully.

We repaired to Dinner. Pre-dinner mint juleps got the hundred and twenty or so guests jumping and sampling the Rowan Artillery’s Southron treats. The Hog Jowls was a particular favourite, like crackling at Christmas. It turns out to have been fifteen yards of pig intestines, deep fried!

The Chitlens were a treat. Green and sour and rubbery...mmm. Apparently these were pig’s arteries. Very good.

Lastly, the Grits...these were like a cross between lard and semolina flour. What they actually were escapes this writer, but pop a letter along if you know.

As the scratch band swelled and Corporal Charlie Lincoln led the dancing, both Johnny and Billy sat at their cups and Redcoat and Froggy sat arm in arm in song...

During the Dinner, the Company won “Best Historical Campsite” for our impression of General Wheaton’s HQ. The Company now has a small silver Cup in a handsome red box to mark this award.

At the time of writing, this correspondent is pretty damn sure that Billy and Charlie won some of the shooting prizes, but by the time of the Awards the mint juleps were getting the better of me. Boys, you can confirm this?

Sunday saw the Officers gone and Privates Potts, Lincoln (Billy and Charlie) and Wagoner Sanders appeared in camp. Mr Potts was elected Corporal of the Day and watched on paternally as the boys began rolling about on the ground, poking fires...making endless rounds of coffee and burning the bacon.

Billy, Charlie and Davey trooped out for morning parade, all resplendent in their NY State jackets, bayonets, eagle cross belts and SNY buckles flashing. Handily manoeuvring the field, these NY veterans swaggered about, cheering raggedly and incline right, incline left, marched past the review stand...present arms and eyes right.

Sunday involved more coffee, singing, grubbing around on the ground and a dose of musketry. Later, we visited the nearby Glenrowan Hotel for fried and roasted meats and a few beers. Sunday night was a quiet, but pleasant affair at Company A’s campfire. On Monday we broke camp and returned north.

THANKSGIVING DINNER PLANNING



The Company will be holding a Thanksgiving Dinner this year as an end of year function.

To avoid the usual “silly season” rush, discussion throughout the year has indicated that a Thanksgiving Dinner would be apt.

At present two dates have been put forward, 10th or 17th November. The venue is yet to be confirmed, it may be at Camden at the Oliver Farm or at a pinch, Wagoner Sanders’ billet at the Astoria Saloon at Hill Top.

Any queries can be made via the Company contacts below.

COMPANY F CIVIL WAR WARGAMING GROUP



Over the last few months a number of Civil War wargames have been “fought” by the Company’s wargaming group.

General Sanders (US) and General Tierney (CS) fought a bloody 1864 western engagement (using *Johnny Reb* rules) in which General Sanders’ shot-up cavalry were decisive.

The following games were test games of the *Horse, Foot and Gun* rules.

In an 1862 Peninsula battle, Generals Sanders and C. Lincoln (CS), under Gen. Sanders’ command, but led by the bold Gen. C. Lincoln prevailed over a Union attacking force. The Union, led by General Potts advanced boldly before Union reinforcements under General B. Lincoln arrived, but an uncoordinated attack on the Rebel held town saw the effective loss of a whole US Division. Artillery played a decisive role throughout the day, Union artillery causing high casualties on defending Rebs in the town.

US Gen. B. Lincoln’s Corps showed up and pressed forward, the battle held in a balance...but CS Gen. C. Lincoln’s bold deployment beyond the cover of hills and rivers drove the Union flank in and won the day.

In a refight of 1st Bull Run, US General McDowell (played by Brother Sanders) and CS General Beauregard (played by Brother Potts) played out a dreadful, bloody draw. General Beauregard, to his great shame, fled the field after becoming embroiled in the desperate hand to hand and close combat.

General McDowell himself was killed in the same combat that saw Beauregard flee. A Union Corps commander was slightly wounded by Rebel cannon fire.

An interesting outcome for Bull Run!

At present we are now going to start an ACW Campaign. It’s an early western (1862) campaign. If you’re interested, contact us below.

RE-ENACTORS PERMIT



Brother Billy Lincoln has applied on behalf of the LHRG to obtain a NSW Re-enactors Permit.

These permits apply to public displays which involve the use of firearms, either blank firing or display. The Zouave! will keep members informed on this front.

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