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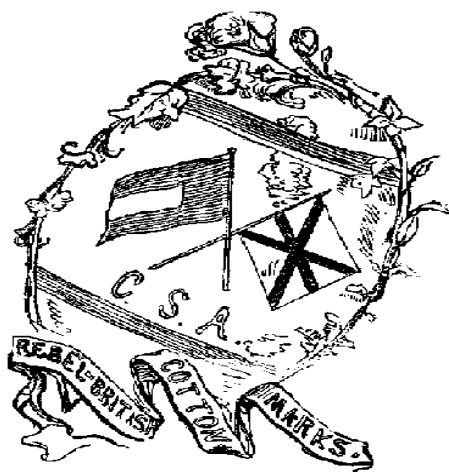
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PALMETTO BATTALION

PARADE REST!

I want to talk a little about preservation. The other night at our local SCV meeting a visitor from another camp stated that he had a Great Great Grandfather to fight for the Confederacy. I waited to hear what followed but that was it. What struck me odd is that he had "A Great Great Grandfather" that fought. That got me thinking and the next night I started going through my files and research papers just to see how many grandfathers I had that fought. Given my age I know that I would not have any great grandfathers to fight but I probably would have several gg and many ggg grandfathers to fight. There was the potential that I could have had 8 gg and 16 ggg grandfathers to fight. I have verified that the following ggg grandparents fought for the South: William Walker, John Sinclair, Albert Stack (killed), William Baker (killed), John S. Crenshaw (killed), William Prescott (killed), John Marion Copeland (killed), and Burrell Hancock.

That means that I have identified and proven that 8 of my 16 ggg grandfathers fought for the South. Some of my other ggg grandfathers were too old to fight. Many of these grandfathers had brothers, cousins, uncles, and sons that also fought. My research shows that my first cousin 5 X removed signed the Ordinance of Secession. I am now up to over 100 relatives that fought for the South.

Much too often we get so tied up in



preserving tangible things that remind us of the Confederate Soldier that we lose sight of where we come from. A person whose ancestors were in the South during the early 1800's is doing a great disservice to his family and to the soldier if he can only think of one ancestor that fought in the WBTS.

Yes, I am proud of the Confederate monument in front of the Lancaster Court House (hey, that's my uncle standing proud on the top of the monument) but I think that knowing who your ancestors are and handing down and sharing that information is equally if not more important than a monument. I have a potential of 16 ggg grandfathers that could have

fought and that means that my son has the potential of 32 gggg grandfathers that fought. My grandchild has the potential of 64 ggggg grandfathers. I take that back. My grandchild's maternal grandparents are from the North. I have written down a hard copy of this research and have put it on the family tree for those that I leave behind. I have compiled a book on each of my line of ancestors for future generations to keep their memory alive. Isn't that what the Charge is all about?

The point of the previous two paragraphs is while it is important to preserve the physical reminders of our past it is just as or if more important to preserve who you are. I have found many hero's by studying my heritage.

Battalion Staff

I receive the newsletter from Hampton's Legion and I have asked Major Terry Gatch of the Cavalry to write articles for the Vindicator. Every branch of service in the Palmetto Battalion should be represented in the Battalion Vindicator. I have been keeping a record of event attendance for the last three years. This year we had 33% more members to attend The Columns than last year. The numbers were also up for Aiken, Rivers Bridge, and

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Upcoming Events

- Its not too late! You can still register for Resaca! Details inside.
- Battle of Cheraw, April 4-5
- Battle of Charleston, April 18-19
- Battle for Columbia/Confederate Memorial Day, May 2,-3rd.

FROM THE ADJUTANT

Major Archie Kennedy
Battalion Adjutant

In September of 2008 I was asked about accepting the rank of Major. I pondered this idea for several weeks, and in October I informed the Colonel of my decision to not accept this promotion. I gave him the reason of I was somewhat apprehensive of how others may see this. I simply didn't want to do anything that might negatively affect my relationship with the members of our organization. He said he would accept my decision, but disagreed with my concerns. This came up again after the Battle of Aiken, except this time treasures were promised by the Colonel and Lt Colonel. I was informed that I would have an unlimited supply of whiskey and tobacco delivered to my tent at Officer's Call on Friday night at the Columns. Also, I was promised that on Saturday no less than 5 ladies would come by my tent to escort me to the Period Ball. I will refrain from telling you how much Confederate money was promised, but I will tell you it was to be delivered promptly at 12n on Sunday at the Columns. Well low and behold the Columns event comes around and not one bottle of whiskey or one pouch of tobacco was ever delivered. I was informed the Confederate mail system must be severely behind due to the war effort. I accepted this explanation knowing that on Saturday night that there was still the promise of at least 5 lovely ladies just waiting to come by my tent to escort me to the Ball.

Well ladies and gents Sunday morning came and never did even one lady come by to take me to the Ball. I was informed by the Colonel and Lt Colonel that as it turns out not enough ladies attended the event for me to get my 5. They went on to explain that there were just enough ladies at this event for them. Well I figured no need to get to upset; I still had these huge bags of Confederate money to look forward to. Oh my, how I looked forward to sitting around counting my fortune. Well, you want to guess what I didn't get when high noon rolled around. That's right....no MONEY. You know I'm beginning to wonder if these two guys are fibbing to me. Well enough of the complaining. I do thank Colonel Sinclair and the Battalion for the opportunity to serve. I love this organization, and I hope in some small way I can give back to it.

It is getting to be that time again when Battalion dues should be collected by the individual units. Your unit is required to have their dues mailed by July 1st. Please remember that there was a revision of bylaw #6. It now states "The dues for membership in the Palmetto Battalion are \$20.00 per adult, \$10.00 for children under 16, and \$50.00 max for a family in the same household. This is payable on or before the 1st of July of each year."

Also, elections are still several months away, but I have already received several nominations. They are as follows:

Col- Claude Sinclair

Lt Col- Bruce Blackmon

Major of Artillery- Eddie Killian, Bob Wolf

Sgt Major- Ernie Black

Color Sgt- Brian Sharpe

Steve Bert Soldier of the Year- Gerald Goins, Roy Cloninger, Barry Turner

Burt Miller Service Award- Archie Kennedy

If you would like to nominate anyone for these positions, please email me.

On a final note, I would like to remind everyone about the Battle of Resaca scheduled for May 16th & 17th. The Palmetto Battalion needs to have a maximum effort for this event. Please join me in encouraging as many as you can in your unit and your battalion to attend. Remember to send \$6.00 to the Colonel at this address:
Claude Sinclair, 4573 Old Church Road, Lancaster, SC 29720.

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FROM THE ADJUTANT

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Listed below are the upcoming events. Please try and attend and encourage others to attend:

Apr 4-5	Battle of Cheraw
Apr 18-19	Battle of Charleston
May 2-3	Battle for Columbia
May 2	Confederate Memorial Service- Columbia
May 16-17	145 Battle of Resaca- Resaca, GA

The following is our accounts activity since my last report:

Checking:

Date	Check#Description	Amount	Balance
10/3/08	Deposit Donation Bee Camp BOA	\$600.00	\$7,114.22
10/29/08	Deposit Battalion Dues	\$240.00	\$7,354.22
11/3/08	Deposit Battalion Dues	\$40.00	\$7,394.22
11/17/08	Deposit Love offering/Christopolo	\$642.00	\$8,036.22
11/18/08	1049 Donnie Christopolo	\$642.00	\$7,394.22
11/19/08	Deposit Battalion Dues	\$100.00	\$7,494.22
11/19/08	1050 Refund 27 th SCVI	\$20.00	\$7,474.22
1/23/09	1051 NRA Insurance	\$3,543.75	\$3,930.47
1/23/09	1052 Prize Trophies/Treasures	\$169.22	\$3,761.25
1/23/09	1053 Barnhill Porta-lets/NCO	\$100.00	\$3,661.25
3/17/09	Deposit Battalion Dues	\$180.00	\$3,841.25

25th Anniversary Savings:

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
3/17/09	Deposit 10 th SCVI Donation	\$100.00	\$1,100.90
3/17/09	Deposit 13 th SCVI Donation	\$100.00	\$1,200.90
3/17/09	Deposit SCV Gen Gary Camp	\$100.00	\$1,300.90

Total Checking Balance **\$3,841.25**

Total 25th Reunion Savings Balance **\$1,300.90**

If you need anything from me my email address is archiedkennedy@yahoo.com and my cell number is 843-307-4150. Your Most Obedient Servant,

Major Archie D. Kennedy

THREE CHEERS FOR ME BOYS!

A few days before the battle of Seven Pines Kershaw's South Carolina Brigade was moving to take position on the right of Semmes Georgia Brigade. As the South Carolinians came in front of our brigade they gave three cheers for the gallant Semmes of Georgia. Not to be outdone in courtesy we gave lustily back, "Three cheers for the chivalrous Kershaw of South Carolina!" The last lingering notes had hardly faded on the breeze when a voice from far down our line was faintly but distinctly heard, "Three cheers for me boys and I am damned drunk at that !" This was but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous The South Carolinians were soon out of sight but not out of hearing of the laughter following the burlesque upon the scene between the mutual admiration societies

WHO THE DEVIL ARE YOU?

During the war General McLaws afterward Postmaster at Savannah was riding down his picket line and encountered a genuine son of the Old Pine Tree State on duty who had taken his gun apart with the intention of giving it a thorough cleaning. The general halted in front of him when the following conversation ensued.

"Look here my man are you not a sentinel on duty?" said McLaws.

"Well yaas a bit of a one." said the soldier.

"Don t you know it is wrong to take your gun apart while on duty?" said the General.

" Well now who the devil are you?"

The general saw his chance and with a sly twinkle of the eye replied, "I ma bit of a general ."

"Well ginerel you must excuse me You see thar is so many damn fools ridin round here a feller can t tell who's ginerel and who ain t . If you will jist wait till I git Betsey Jane fixed I will give you a bit of a s'lute."

The general smiled and rode on firmly convinced that that sentinel would prove equal to any emergency.

BURNED UP A REGIMENT OF HOME GUARDS

During the retreat of the Confederates through South Carolina at the time of Sherman's advance Sergeant McDowell of Western North Carolina was sent on detail to the town of Marion where a regiment of home guards was stationed. These valorous heroes seeing a soldier from the front gathered around him eagerly inquiring the news. "News?", says Mac . " I believe there is none.... Yes there is a little too but it's not of much importance. Old Hardee burned up a regiment of home guards at **Florence** the other day to keep them from falling into the enemy's hands." No more questions were asked.

A THOUSAND SHIRTS?

During the memorable campaign from Dalton to Atlanta in 1864 a few days before reaching the Chattahoochee, General Johnson ordered a Sunday morning inspection of the whole army and staff officers were directed to perform the duty and report to their respective chiefs. On Hardee's staff was a dapper little lieutenant who wore a uniform for which he had just paid \$1,100 in Confederate money and whose previous service was confined to office duty in some city. There was in the command assigned for his inspection an Arkansas regiment more famous for its fighting qualities than for its soldierly appearance on dress parade. The fact of the matter was clothing of any kind was growing alarmingly scarce at this time in Dixie. However the aforesaid lieutenant in the course of his inspection came upon a soldier of the before mentioned regiment whose upper garment consisted only of a coffee sack with holes cut for his head and arms. Whereupon he asked the soldier, " Is that all the shirt you have?", to which the soldier naively replied, " Do you expect a fellow to have a thousand shirts?"

These stories are from: Camp Fires of the Confederacy A Volume of Humorous Anecdotes, Reminiscences, Deeds of Heroism, Thrilling Narratives, Campaigns, Hand-to-hand Fights, Bold Dashes, Terrible Hardships Endured, Imprisonments, ... : Confederate Poems and Selected Songs By Benjamin La Bree, 1898

EVER SEE A DEAD CAVALRYMAN?

Major Terry Gatch

Well ..no! Seen a few dead cow's though! Fact is it's getting harder and harder to see a few "Live" cavalrymen these day's. Missing in action! Absent Without Leave! Victims of the economy, of the same ole, same ole year after year, the expense of just being a cavalryman, or maybe that dad gum squad killer, that ole "Type A He Man I'm All Of That and You Ain't Even Close To My Intellect" syndrome. Better known as TAHMIAOTYAECTMI. It's a spit personality. The Type A part is one who loves to fight and argue with everyone about everything. A real mans man G.I. Joey individual who can be described as impatient, excessively time-conscious, insecure about their status, highly competitive, hostile and aggressive, and incapable of relaxation. The other is, well ..an individual whose profession solely involves the dissemination and/or production of ideas, their ideas you dummy!

If you get the proper mix of one or the other of these in a unit it works great! If you get one that posses both trait's, well...O.K. pray that you never get one of these folk that is known as a TAHMIAOTYAECTMI! Cavalry, Infantry, Artillery, Civilian, Medical we all have seen our share of splits and "parting of the way's" over the years. The grass is NOT greener over yonder, they just got a new tractor and disk harrow. It won't shine long and if man is involved in it you can bet it'll break down the exact same way your ole tractor did no matter what field you plow in.

I put out a call for more cavalrymen or even any kind of interest in cavalry on the battalion discussion board some time back. Only 150 viewed it 0 replied to it! Dang! No interest, O.K. that's cool! Then I spoke with some infantry and artillery folk at Broxton Bridge. They have the same problems with the same symptoms I just talked about! Now it's not just missing cavalrymen it's missing infantrymen and artillerymen as well. Dang, I thought it was me!

The fact of the matter is it's all of the aforementioned reasons plus more, lot's more. Have we lost touch? Has so much of these things taken so much of a toll on us that we just throw up our hands and walk away? Can't do it ya'll! I know this world is in a mess and it's gonna get worse. Why are YOU worrying about it? God NEVER sleeps nor slumbers and HE knows just what he's doing so again, why are YOU worrying about it? Ain't no need for me to stay up and worry about it! He's got it I'm going to be .

So, what now? Keep recruiting. Keep pressing toward the mark. Keep the

negative folk at bay. Fall down? Get your butt up! There's a battle to be won and an enemy that's gaining ground and numbers. The men whom we once so fervently sought to emulate still deserve our reverence, our undying devotion as the SCV charge states and our respect.

"Thinking about starting your own...new better faster unit? Don't."

Their sacrifice still stands as a testament to the greatness of a mans character as it parallels Gods men of the Old Testament. When my and your bodies lie cold and still as theirs, you can bet that these timeless attributes will live on and on. That's why you recruit.

That's why you get up off your butt. That's why you do it week after week and year after year in heat and ice and cold driving rain. For Them! For Them!

Thinking about splitting off and starting your own new, better, faster unit? Don't. Hold your ground. Keep them together and facing the true enemy. Remember why you do it and find a way to keep it fresh.

And if you know of anyone who is good looking like a cavalryman, ride's a grand southern charger, has more money than sense, loves the timid smiles of a fine southern lass and is a patriot like his great grand, then give him my e-mail address. please!

I'll close now in the words of that great evangelist the Reverend Billy Ray Collins,
"Ya'll Keep'um Straight Up Par"!

Major T.M.Gatch
Hampton Legion Cavalry, Commanding

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PARADE REST!

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Secessionville.

I have used these statistics to show members that we are becoming more active rather than our numbers falling off. We have grown for three years straight. We are becoming more active in out-of-state events. We do have three out-of-state events that we can attend as a battalion. The Battle of Resaca is coming up mid May and we still need more to register. Each company commander, each unit representative, and each man in the ranks should be pushing this event for their company. Information regarding registration can be found in the Resaca headings in the Event section of the bulletin board.

Right after Resaca the big push for The Battle of Atlanta will be happening. Between Resaca and Atlanta is Bost Grist Mill. We have been invited by the North Carolina boys to come and fight. Bost Grist Mill is a laid back little event that the battalion has attended during the past. We need to support those who support us.

If not for the Georgians the Battle of Aiken would not be as exciting to attend and especially for the spectators. The same can be said about the Columns and the NC boys. Many of our recruits come from the spectator line and seeing large numbers on the field is more impressive than having several companies firing at each other. Please get on the phone and let us go out and represent the State of South Carolina. **Break Ranks, MARCH.**

Your Humble and Obedient Servant,

Claude Sinclair

Colonel

Palmetto Battalion



Headquarters Division
Fredericksburg, Virginia
April 29th 63 Tuesday

My dear Sweetheart:

The enemy suddenly crossed below my position about one and half miles, last night—surprising a North Carolina regiment, capturing nearly a hundred men and succeeded in establishing themselves on our side, building two or three bridges and crossing a large body of men, before Genl. Lee was apprised of the fact. Of course I was ignorant of it for the North Carolinians not only allowed themselves to be surprised and captured, but failed to notify anyone on either their right or their left of their circumstances. Fortunately a Georgian regiment was on their right which gave such stubborn resistance the enemy were driven back and kept at bay until ten o'clock this morning when our troops got into position.

To day Genl. Lee came to our position and we had a long conversation with each other, he was very confident of his ability should our troops behave as well as they have usually done, and 'General McLaws', he said. "Let them know that it is a stern reality now, it must be, Victory or Death, for defeat would be ruinous."

The enemy have crossed above us and below us and the combinations of our movements are very intricate. Who is to blame is useless to inquire now, all we have to do is keep firm and confident and rely upon the God of battles as our shield and we will pluck safety and honor from the very jaws of danger.

Upon the eve of great and stirring events; my dear wife, the mind turns from war and its desolations and seeks consolation in the thoughts of home, of wife and children, and no one in the world I do not think, has a sweeter wife to think of and to love nor dearer children than I have. But the thought of them nerves me to be more worthy of them.

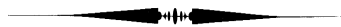
Your last letter I keep in my pocket and read it over and over, and at every reading I can but think how good and how estimable I should be, to be worthy of you.

I have been riding all day and must be in the saddle before day in the morning...so I must try and get some sleep.

Give a thousand kisses to our dear children and my dear wife know how my heart beats for you. Ever yours,

McLaws

From: A Soldier's General: The Civil War letters of General Lafayette McLaws, edited by John Oeffinger



FIELD NOTES

Bruce Blackmon
Lt. Colonel

Greetings!

I have enjoyed this years reenacting schedule more than any I have attended in recent years. Overall attendance has been up, the troops have been well drilled and the battle scenarios have been very good. Its hard to believe that there are only a few more events before the summer doldrums set in.

We are looking toward future events. As you hear me say, the '150th' events are right around the corner. Fortunately, we have choices and we want to reenact with those out of state folks who can give the Battalion good camping and good spots in the battle.

In the early days of the Battalion, the staff put on most of the events in-state. I don't know how they did it without suffering from a complete mental breakdown and total burnout. Today we rely on individual units, SCV camps and others to do the footwork for the event, so most everything is in place when we arrive. It is a good system and helps divide the work. With that said, I encourage all event hosts to look at their events and find ways to keep things fresh both for the re-enactors and the public.

I encourage you to think about the kinds of things that you would like to see. What kind of battles, living histories do you want to do? We're in the birth place of Secession...we should be setting the standard. Sure, there are many historic sites where South Carolinians fought up in Virginia and Maryland, but you know what? We've got our own sites in South Carolina. We should take advantage of them.



On another note. I was approached recently by a dear lady of the Battalion who was offended by some adult conversations that took place around the fire in her presence. She was offended that the gentlemen in question did not think enough of her to alter their conversation until she left the fire.

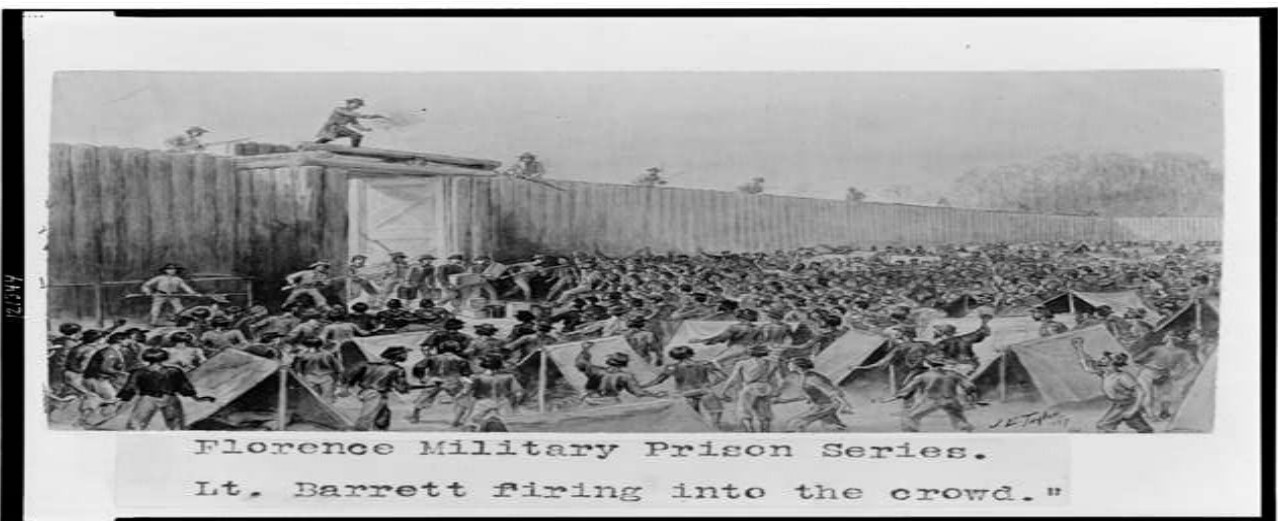
As Southern men, we should not let our modern society rob us of the respect and gentility that is due our good women. Hollywood and modern music says that anything goes, but we should know better. I have been guilty of not knowing when to shut up a time or two myself. Just a word of caution to be mindful of who is around the fire.

We covet your ideas and suggestions. Without your involvement and participation, there is no Palmetto Battalion. Please don't hesitate to call me if I can be of service. (910) 318-4773 (cell) or at home at (910) 276-8150. I remain, for the Battalion,

Bruce Blackmon

Lt. Colonel

Palmetto Battalion



Florence Military Prison Series.
Lt. Barrett firing into the crowd."

FOR OUR BOYS

Heather King
PSRS President

Nothing gives a better view into the past than their own words. The following is from a book titled "Trials and Triumphs (The Women of the Civil War)".

....while men are making a free-will offering of their life's blood on the alter of their country, women must not be idle. We must do what we can for the comfort of our brave men. We must sew for them, knit for them, nurse the sick, keep up the faint-hearted, give them a word of encouragement in season and out of season. There is much for us to do, and we must do it! ----Judith Brockenbrough McGuire

" I could not wish you away from the place of danger, for *duty* and *honor* demand that every true man should" take his life in his hand" & stand ready to defend his family & his country, but I pray God may be with you all, and shield your dear heads from harm. If I were only a man, how gladly I would take my place with you. Have no fear or anxiety about home – the women will manage at home, while the men are doing their part in war." ---- *Julia Fisher, November 1861*

(Emma Holmes described her pleasure in attending the Ladies' Gunboat Fair in Charleston on May 10, 1862.) *Almost everything at the fair is raffled and today there is to be a grand lottery of all the silver, jewelry, watches, china sets, etc. which have been given. 4000 chances at one dollar each and 200 prizes. Some of the articles are very elegant—an entire pearl set and a diamond ring among others....I attended the grand raffle which was admirably conducted. The pearl set was won by a Miss Broadie, a Baptist, a respectable women in the lower walks of life [but] one certainly who will never make any use of it except to sell it. I don't know who got the other handsomest prizes.*

(Columbia, South Carolina, was engaged in planning a large bazaar for the benefit of the hospitals just weeks prior to Sherman's rampage through the city. Grace Elmore, in a seemingly pensive mood, commented on the preparations in her diary.) *How strangely is the serious and the gay intermingled in our life, one moment gloomily considering the many chances of Yankee rule and next looking with equally anxious earnestness after the pleasures and interest of the Bazaar. For with the Yankees almost at our doors, we still think of, work for and cheer our soldiers, sick and wounded in the hospitals. Money is scarce, so we will have a Fair to which the whole State is contributing. Each house has its corner to which tobacco bags, cloth babies, cushions, all odds and ends that can be raked or scraped from our needs, is cosigned, there to rest until the great day when they shall appear in the State House to tempt the fancy of every true Confederate. Since early in November we've been ransacking the house for scraps, and bemoaning our extravagance in the first years of the war, in using up most of our material in foolishness for the soldiers. I remember cutting up two pretty dresses, and spending a lot of money on tassels, to make a lot of smoking caps for Capt. Hokes' company. I presented them myself and was immensely pleased when the men whirled them around their heads and gave three cheers for "the ladies." If I only had those dresses now, how many cute things I could make for the Bazaar and our sick soldiers would be much better served by the money than the well ones were by the caps.*

(From "When the World Ended: The Diary of Emma LeConte"

In Columbia, South Carolina, with the city in turmoil, a bazaar was being held at the State House on January 18, 1865 despite rumors of invasion by Sherman. The House and Senate chambers were used to set up booths, and each were named after one of the states in the Confederacy. The tables were covered with damask and lace curtains, and decorated with evergreens. Emma LeConte described the scene at the bazaar :)

"To go in there one would scarce believe it was war times. The tables were loaded with fancy articles-brought through the blockade, or manufactured by the ladies. Everything to eat can be had if one can pay the price—cakes,jellies,creams,candies---every kind of sweets abound. A small sliced of cake is two dollars—a spoonful of Charlotte Russe five dollars, and other things in proportion. Some beautiful imported wax dolls, not more than twelve inches high, raffled for five hundred dollars, and one very large doll I heard was to raffle for two thousand.....How can people afford to buy toys at such time as this!"

(From "Women of the South in War Times") *"The ladies of Alexandria and all the surrounding country were busily employed sewing for our soldiers. Shirts, pants, jackets, and beds, of the heaviest material, have been made by the most delicate fingers. All ages, all conditions, meet now on one common platform. We must work for our country. Our soldiers must be equipped. Our parlor was the rendezvous for the neighborhood, and our sewing- machine was in requisition for weeks. Scissors and needles were plied by all. The daily scene was most animated. The fires of our enthusiasm and patriotism were burning all the while to a degree which might have been consuming, but our tongues served as safety-valves. Oh, how we worked and talked and excited each other!"*

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FOR OUR BOYS



ARTILLERY NOTES

The Palmetto Battalion Artillery consists of the following batteries: (1) Brooks Battery fielding a 3 inch Ordinance Rifle; (2) Ferguson's Battery fielding a 10 pound Parrot Rifle and a 12 pound Mountain Howitzer; (3) Marion Light Artillery fielding a 6 pound bronze Napoleon; (4) Santee Light Artillery fielding a 3 inch Ordinance Rifle, a 3 inch Parrot Rifle and a 6 pound Howitzer; and (5) Zimmerman's Battery fielding a 3 inch Parrot Rifle, a 3 inch Tredegar Rifle, two 12 pound Mountain Howitzers and one Coehorn Mortar.

The Batteries are commanded and crewed by well-trained and competent members. Many of the members have taken the time to attend training conducted by the National Civil War Artillery Association where they received national certification for the drill employed by the Association. Card bearing members of the NCWAA are accepted as participants at national as well as regional events. The members who have undertaken this extra step of preparation are to be commended. Some of our members are qualified and certified by the NCWAA as instructors for the drill which is an indication of the level of competence we enjoy in the Battalion Artillery.

At the River's Bridge event: Zimmerman's Battery was present with its ordinance and crew. At Aiken: Brooks Battery, Ferguson's Battery, Marion Light Artillery, Santee Light Artillery, And Zimmerman's Battery were present. At the Columns: Marion Light Artillery and Zimmerman's Battery were present.

Also, at attendance at the Aiken event were the following guest batteries: The Citadel, Culpepper's Battery, Boyce Battery and the First East Tennessee Battery B. Guests at the Columns were: The Citadel, Harrington's Battery (NC) and Adam's Battery (NC). We were honored to have these guns and crews join us at these successful presentations of artillery power and ability. There are several batteries who are considering become part of the Battalion and at least two who have mentioned getting a gun back into the field or forming a new battery around a purchased piece of ordinance. As always, we look forward to the possibility of growth. The Batteries of the Battalion have worked on some basic marching drills in addition to the cannon drill. The members of the Battalion Artillery and guests have done well in attending parade and exercising skill and safety in the performance of their duties when the cannon are in action.

It is certainly an honor to be associated with this group of dedicated men and women and we look forward to the remainder of the events for this season.

At your service,

Lt. Ken Moore, Aide-de-Camp for Major Bob Wolf, Palmetto Battalion Artillery

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(The following two verses are from "The Southern Women's Song," originally published in the Confederate Scrap Book)

*Stitch, stitch, stitch,
Little needle, swiftly fly.
Through this flannel, soft and warm;
Though with cold the soldiers sigh,
This will sure keep out the storm.
Set the buttons close and tight,
Out to shut the winter's damp,
There'll be none to fix them right
In the soldiers' tented camp.*

*Stitch, stitch, stitch,
Swiftly, little needle glide.
Thine's a pleasant labor;
To clothe the soldier be thy pride,
While he wields the saber.
Ours are tireless hearts and hands;
To Southern wives and mothers,
All who join our warlike bands
Are our friends and brothers.*

Heather King

President

Palmetto Solders Relief Society



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