

The Old Hickory Chronicle

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You're In the Navy Now

by Mike Fox

On October 3-5, a unique event took place aboard the former USS North Carolina, which is now a museum in Wilmington, N.C. For the first time since 1947, a "crew" of Reenactors and history buffs manned the battleship and lived aboard the ship for the weekend. There were about 90 total participants, mostly navy with a few marines and a few army MP's set up at the base of the ship. Everyone slept and ate on the ship and learned a particular skill such as operating a 40mm or 5 inch gun, fire control, navigation, or administrative services.

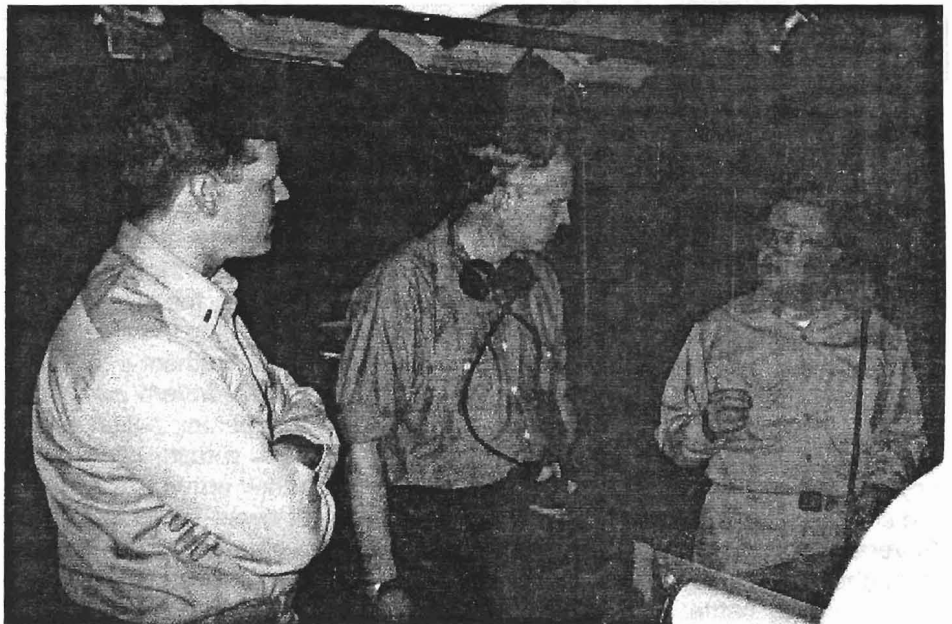
One of the best aspects of the weekend was going in parts of the ship that have never been open to the public, such as the fire direction control tower, which is 10 stories above the main deck, what a view! Of course, I would not want to be up there in rough seas! HA! It was also nice to have the whole weekend to explore the public areas of the ship when you were not on duty. How many of us ever get the time we really need to look at things when we visit as tourists? After living on board the ship for three days I now have a much greater understanding of shipboard life and an appreciation for the engineering and design features of the ship that I had never noticed before.

It was also a great opportunity to examine the way certain machinery and equipment really work such

as the gun mounts, the radar in the Combat Information Center and the launching and recovery operations of the Kingfisher scout aircraft on board. I liked the way one participant described the ship as the "ultimate military vehicle!" It was also great to get to sleep in the actual crew quarters and eat good food in the crew's mess area.

Personally, I had never really had much interest in U.S. Navy uniforms and equipment before this event but now my interest has been raised. Plus, now I have a whole new set of equipment and uniforms to find! HA!

Seriously, one of the greatest things about this event was that the basic uniform was both inexpensive and easy to find! All you need for the basic seaman's impression is a set of navy dungaree trousers, a long sleeved light blue cotton chambray shirt, a white Dixie cup hat, black leather low quarter shoes, white socks, and a black web belt with a black close faced buckle. All of the above items are manufactured new, today and can be purchased new for approximately \$75. Greg Bondurant, who is currently an active duty navy Chief Petty Officer and a member of



Mike and Howard listen to Chief Radioman Charles Paty, an original crewmember of the USS North Carolina, as he explains the Combat Information Center.

OHA was very helpful to several of our unit members in obtaining uniforms for the event. The only equipment that you would want otherwise would be a white navy seabag to carry your gear on board and a white navy blanket to put on your bunk. Serious naval buffs will probably try to put together the optional dress and undress blues and whites as well as other accessories

such as a hammock. If you ever want to see the complete layout, ask Chuck Fraley who has been collecting navy stuff for a couple of years to show you his stuff. We are also lucky to have among our membership several people whose relatives were WW2 navy veterans, including your newsletter editor, Don Shupe, whose father was a sailor in WW2 and his

grandfather was a sailor in WW1! Don was born with his sealegs! All in all the museum staff did a great job and really worked hard to make it a successful weekend. They plan to make this an annual event for the last weekend of September, if this is a good weekend for most people.

I think that this event is a nice complement to do once or twice a year in conjunction with our regular army living history displays and battle reenactments. At this event we had over 20 OHA members participating, most as naval personnel along with a nice contingent of Army MP's. Many ideas to improve the program are being considered so it should continue to get better and better in the future! Judging from the turnout and the reaction of our membership there is a lot of interest in this program. I plan to start a regular column in the newsletter entitled "The Seabag" which will discuss naval related items and information particular to the Battleship North Carolina and her crew during the war. If you have any questions you would like answered about naval uniforms, equipment, the North Carolina or the program, please drop me a line and I will try to address them in future columns.



Motor Sargent Dawkins instructs MP Dave Curtin in the fine art of tightening lug nuts while performing vehicle maintenance. Jeff Barlett is behind the wheel. BB-55 can be seen in the background.

Another View *by Sean Foster*

On the weekend of October 3-5, 1997, there was a living history event aboard the USS North Carolina in Wilmington, NC. Portraying the time before the US entered W.W.II, this October 1941 scenario was the beginning of what is expected to be a yearly event. Sailors roamed the ships in Dungarees, Navy work clothes. Navy officers had the khaki uniforms, and there was even a contingent of Marines to assist in policing the ship.

Several demonstrations took place throughout the day, with sailors scrambling to battle stations whenever "General Quarters" was announced over the speakers. One turret of 5 inch guns fired gas bursts

to simulate real fire. Underneath, one quad 40mm AA mount was manned with a crew, going through the motions as if engaging enemy aircraft. Marines were stationed at the 20mm AA guns on the aftdeck. As an added touch, there were US Army soldiers guarding the ship from the shore. A few authentic W.W.II vehicles and their drivers accentuated the visitor center parking lot, giving spectators a taste of W.W.II from the time they arrived.

It was a great event for W.W.II enthusiasts. Some veterans came aboard and enlightened us all to the way things were. Their experience is a priceless treasure, and opened the doors to imagination with much more detail than is usually possible.

It is quite common to learn more from a veteran than can be read from a general book.

During the evening, an elaborate dinner dance was held on the aft deck of the mighty battleship. The theme was "A night in the Orient." Re-enactors could be seen mixed in with residents of Wilmington and benefactors of the ship. After going through the buffet line, a series of fireworks lighted the night sky as people began to eat. Afterward, music and dancing began. It was an excellent opportunity for re-enactors to wear their "best dress" uniforms. And for others, it was a chance to wear 1940's clothing and imagine a different time.

There were a few new faces at the event, but most of the re-enactors

aboard had some previous encounters with one another. Re-enactors who commonly participate with the 30th Infantry Division (US), the German IR 226, the British King's Own and 15th Scottish Division (to name a few) all joined together to serve as the crew of BB-55. But in this atmosphere, rivalries still emerged between divisions of the ship, like Fire Control, 5 inch gun crew, Marines, 40mm crew, and others. Of course, this was all in good fun. Members of the 30th Division could be seen throughout the ship, from officers to seamen to the infantry on the shore.

Thanks to all the re-enactors who contributed and made this event worthwhile. I look forward to serving with all of you again next year!



Courtney Johnston and Sean Foster inserting clips during the 40mm gun drill

The Last View: The Grunts Prospective

While all the little sailor boys were lounging around in their little cotton sailor suits, the real men of the OHA were patrolling the shoreline in their wools. Many a bead of sweat fell that weekend while we walked our post, listening to the jeers of the sailors on board the USS North Carolina.

Those of us that elected to portray the soldier of 1941 found there wasn't much to do around a battleship. We decided to do an impression of an MP unit assigned to guard the docks.

There was a grassy area just to the right of the entrance of the visitors center and it was jointly decided that this would be the ideal location to set up a command post for the MP's, but like most great plans this tended to stray away from perfection.

We had originally intended to bring one of our command tents down to use for the CP, but were told there was no need as they would supply a tent. We also intended to bring down a M1917A1 water cooled and sandbags



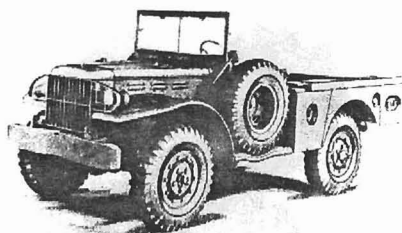
Mike Burek and Ron Gragg trying to stay cool in the MP command post which was set up next to the Visitor's Center entrance

to set up an emplacement. Well, the tent that was supplied was a modern GP small and they had forgotten to bring the center pole. Do too extremely long maintenance requirements for driving two period vehicles down we didn't have the M1917A1 or the sandbags. We managed to construct a center pole and set up our CP. BUT, they had closed off a section of the parking lot due to the fireworks planned for that night and we were set up just on the wrong side

of the cones. The people coming to the battleship had no idea who we were, why we were there, and didn't know if they could cross the orange line to find out.

Although we didn't pull off the impression we had hoped we still all managed to have a real good time, and since it was the first event it was an learning experience and it will only get better.

Thanks to all that made the trip down.



From The Motorpool

If you were asked how many different model half-tracks there were during W.W.II what would be your best guess? Not too long ago I probably would have guessed three maybe four.

According to TM 9-2800, Standard Military Vehicles, 1 September 1943 there were 18 models of the half-track and that doesn't include several experimental models that were never standardized or were

given to the British only.

See the table below for the different models.

Model, type	Manufacturer	Crew	Armament
Car, M2	Autocar Co., White Motor Co.	10	1- .50 cal. Pedestal 1- .30 cal. M1919A4
Car, M2A1	Autocar Co., White Motor Co.	10	1- .50 cal. Ring 1- .30 cal. M1919A4
Carrier, Personnel M3	Autocar Co. Diamond T Motor Car White Motor Co.	13	1- .30 cal. M1919A4
Carrier, Personnel M3A1	Autocar Co. Diamond T Motor Car White Motor Co.	13	1- .50 cal. Ring 1- .30 cal. M1919A4
Carrier, Personnel M5	International Harvester Co.	13	1- .30 cal.
Carrier, Personnel M5A1	International Harvester Co.	13	1- .50 cal. Ring 1- .30 cal. M1919A4
Car, M9A1	International Harvester	10	1- .50 cal. Ring 1- .30 cal. M1919A4
Carriage, Motor, Multigun M13	White Motor Co.	5	2- .50 cal. Turret
Carriage, Motor, Multigun M14	International Harvester Co.	5	2- .50 cal. Turret
Carriage, Motor, Multigun M15	Autocar Co.	7	1- automatic 37mm 2- .50 cal.
Carriage, Motor, Multigun M15A1	Autocar Co.	7	1- automatic 37mm 2- .50 cal.
Carriage, Motor, Multigun M16	White Motor Co.	5	4- .50 cal. Turret
Carriage, Motor, Multigun M17	International Harvester Co.	5	4- .50 cal. Turret
Carriage, Motor, 75mm gun M3	Autocar Co.	5	1- 75mm M1897A4
Carriage, Motor, 75mm gun M3A1	Autocar Co.	5	1- 75mm M1897A4
Carrier, 81mm Mortar, M4	White Motor Co.	6	1- 81mm Mortar 1- .50 cal 1- .30 Cal
Carrier, 81mm Mortar M4A1	White Motor Co.	6	1- 81mm Mortar 1- .30 cal 1- rocket launcher M1
Carrier, 81mm Mortar, M21	White Motor Co.	6	1- 81mm Mortar 1- .50 cal Pedestal

IMPORTANT REENACTMENT INFORMATION

Ft. Eustis, VA, November 21-23, 1997

This event was originally planned for Ft. Pickett this year but was moved back to its original site, Ft. Eustis, because of scheduling conflicts with Ft. Pickett. This is traditionally a great event in which the opposing forces operate in a tactical mode 90% of the weekend. It is literally the only event of its kind where the sponsors let the participants determine the tactical action and outcome. They basically provide the training area, camp set-up and food and let us go at it!

The registration fee this year is \$25 and includes all meals for the weekend (Friday dinner, three meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast). We will register again as a unit so individual registration forms are not absolutely necessary. If you have attended this event before and they mail you a form in time for you to fill it out and send it to me, do so. If not, do not worry about it, just send me a check (\$25 made out to "HRHR") and your home address and phone number. **YOU MUST SEND YOUR REGISTRATION CHECK TO MIKE FOX BY NOVEMBER 14, 1997 TO ATTEND!!!!!!**

I always register us as a unit anyway and attach any individual forms that I receive. You may be asked to sign an additional liability waiver when you register on site, which is not uncommon.

I anticipate a large turnout for our unit (15-20 men) for this event because it will end up being the only "tactical" event this fall since the Battle Group event was cancelled. Tactically, we will work together with other "Co. K" G.I. units to form a full strength Rifle Platoon at this event. If we have the 40-50 men from Co.K that I anticipate we should be over 50% of the Allied forces again. Total attendance has ranged from 120-

150 with the Germans usually having about 30-50 men. A large German group from the mid-Atlantic (the Gross Deutschland) plans to attend this year and should boost the German attendance considerably.

This is a tactical camp-out in the field event so bring the appropriate camping gear and clothing. As always, our authenticity rule is that if it is not WW2 period, then we do not want it visible. If you want to hide a more modern sleeping bag in your dog tent, it is ok, just do not let anyone see it. It is typically moderate temperature-wise in Tidewater Virginia at that time of the year with daytime highs ranging from 50-65 degrees. At night it can get down in the 30's and it can get really damp since we are close to the river. Clothing needs to be the fall 1944 period. This means that '43 clothing and buckle boots are ok for the 30th Division. Of course, given the temperatures, you will want to wear your wool uniform underneath! HA! If you have any questions about gear, clothing or the event, please call Mike Fox at 910-856-7797.

Battle of the Bulge at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA, January 30-February , 1998

This is traditionally the biggest event of the year with approximately 1000 Reenactors and the biggest flea market you have ever seen! There is usually a nice collection of U.S. Armored vehicles present and rumor has it that the Germans plan to have a couple of pieces of armor there this year. Traditionally the tactical has been less than superb but last year it was awesome. I know the people in charge this year and am confident that it will turn out well again. Generally, most people will tell you that the flea

market alone is worth the drive, but I think people also enjoy seeing the large number of men and vehicles that is unique to this event.

Once again, we will fight as part of "Co. K" the full strength rifle company that we helped found two years ago. This alone is also worth the trip, since it is the only time of the year that you can be a part of a full size rifle company, with a functioning headquarters, three full rifle platoons, and a supporting weapons platoon with the appropriate heavy weapons and vehicles. Anyone present at last year's battle can attest to the surprise the Germans had when our 150 man company held their entire force of 300+ men, supported by armor, for over an hour. It was a true testament to the virtues of teamwork and the concept of a "defense in depth." This year Mike Fox will be the Company Commander and Howard Hendricks will command our platoon.

If you have attended this event in the past you should receive an information packet and registration form by mid November from the Federation, the group that sponsors the event. If you have not attended before and want to receive a packet and form, please contact the newsletter editor (Don Shupe @ 919-467-3119) so that he may put you on a list be sent one when they arrive. In any event, if you have not received one by November 15th, call and we will send you one. As always, we will register as a unit for this event. Send your completed registration forms (fill out the unit space as "3rd Platoon, Co. K, U.S. Infantry") and checks to Mike Fox BY DECEMBER 3, 1997 IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!!!! You will receive a postcard back in the mail confirming the receipt of your registration form. The postcards will be mailed

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out on or before 10JAN98, please allow 4-6 days for these to arrive. If you do not receive your postcard by 13JAN98 please call Mike Fox and let him know.

IMPORTANT!!!! As a member of "Co. K" you will not have to pay the extra \$15 to join the Federation in order to attend this event. There are no separate "dues" for "Co. K," your OHA dues cover this. Likewise, you will not receive a membership "card" for "Co. K," instead, we will provide the Federation with a list of dues paid OHA members to substitute for a membership card. For this reason and to make sure you are in the correct barracks, it is vital that fill out the unit blank on your registration form as instructed above.

You may arrive after 1300 hours, Friday, January 30, 1998. Registration will open on Friday January 30th, 1998 at 1300 hours and will close between 1730 hours to 1830 hours for Diner. Check in will close for the evening promptly at 2400 hours and reopen at 0600 hours Saturday, January 31, 1998 and close at 0800 hours.

Fees for the event are as follows:

Option A: With meals! The registration fee for this option is \$40.00 per person which includes two meals (breakfast and dinner on Saturday), an evening of period entertainment, barracks cost (which includes opening and closing: per capita fee and heating) and event operation costs (which include general operating expenses, printing and postage, registration nibbles and coffee, vehicle gas and phone) and barracks cleaning costs.

Option B: No meals! The registration fee for this option is \$20.00 per person which includes same as Option A except for NO breakfast and dinner on Saturday.

NEW this year there will be a pay as you go mess hall open for your eating convenience, this will be in area 12 the mess hall will be operated by the A.U.S.A., they are the same group that operated the mess hall open during the 50th Commemoration. There will also be a mobile food wagon in the Flea

Market area and near the battle field area, just as last year, the wagon is operated by the C.A.P. So now you have three options for meals, either eat at the Community Club with the Federation or buy your meals as you go at the mess hall in Area 12 (this is pay as you go), or fend for yourself.

Saturday breakfast will be served in the Community Club. Breakfast will be a buffet line. Uniform is not required for the breakfast on Saturday. Saturday Lunch in the field is your own field rations. Provide your own and make sure they are authentic to the rations actually provided to the impression you are portraying! The evening meal Saturday will be served in the Community Club on the base. Dinner will be a buffet line. You **MUST** be in complete World War II uniform (no web gear, no weapons or packs for the evening meal) or you do not eat!

Machine-guns: the Federation will inspect for correct machine-gun paperwork! You must have a copy of your "Registration of a National Firearms Act Weapon" form that shows the tax stamp (You do not have to bring the original; a Xerox copy will do fine). If you live outside of Pennsylvania you must also have a copy of an approved "Application to Transfer Interstate a NFA Weapon" form. You must have the form(s) with you at the safety inspection or they will turn you in to the proper authorities. For the purposes of filling out the ATF form 5320.20 "Application to Transport Interstate NFA Weapons," this event is located at:

Fort Indiantown Gap
U.S. Army Garrison
Route 443
Lebanon County
Annville, Pa 17003-5011

Emergency: If someone needs to call you at the event with a medical emergency, they should call the Fort Indiantown Gap general phone number:

(717) 861-2444 Staff Duty NCO or
(717) 861-2727 Federal Law En-

forcement Agency Station.

The Federation says this is for life or death situations only.

As this is a barracks event, you will need a set of twin sized white sheets, a white pillow case (bring a pillow just in case) and a WW2 army wool blanket to outfit your bunk. As usual, our authenticity rule is that if it is not WW2 period, keep it out of sight in a locker or period container. We are trying to present the appearance of a 1940's army barracks, not a hotel for Reenactors. You are welcomed and encouraged to bring and display period personal items and footlocker displays to enhance the "atmosphere." Likewise, anyone with a period record player or reproduction radio is encouraged to bring it. There will be mail call in the field, if you want to get your sweetheart to write you a letter or send you a package of cookies to be delivered. Just bring it and turn it in to the Company Commander at the event. You jokesters may also want to write some prank letters to your buddies!

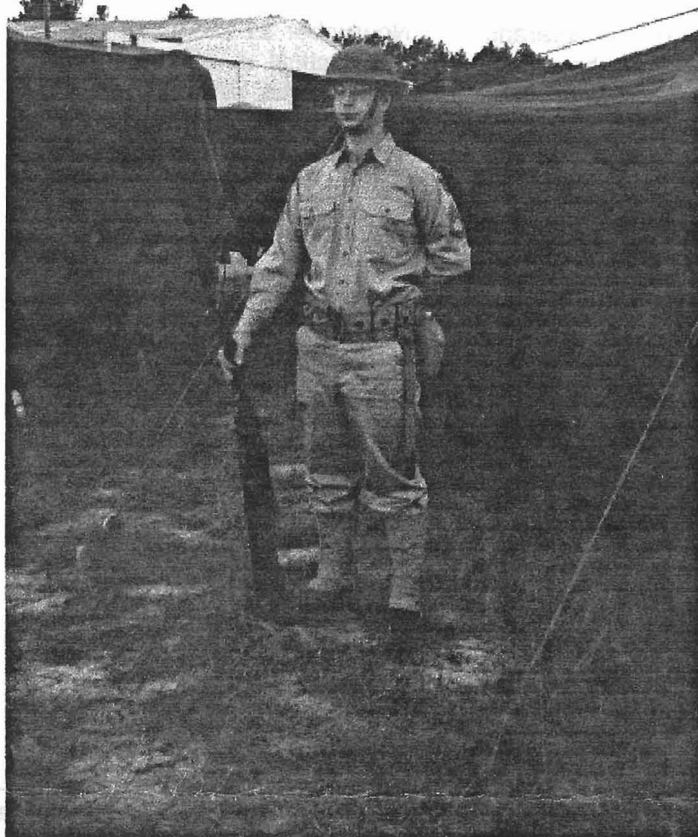
This period barracks impression concept also applies to clothing. We understand if you will want to load and unload your stuff from your vehicle in modern clothing, but change into your uniform as soon as possible thereafter. Nothing ruins the mood more than a bunch of guys hanging around the barracks on Saturday afternoon and evening in blue jeans. As for clothing at the event, the time period is winter, 1944-45 so that '43 clothing and buckle boots are ok for the 30th Division. Of course, given the temperatures, you will want to wear your wool uniform underneath! HA! You will also want to plan for wet or damp weather with period waterproof footwear and clothing if you have it. If not, waterproof your boots and outer clothing and bring extra dry socks to change frequently. If you have any questions about gear, clothing or the event; please call Mike Fox at 910-856-7797.

UNIT NEWS

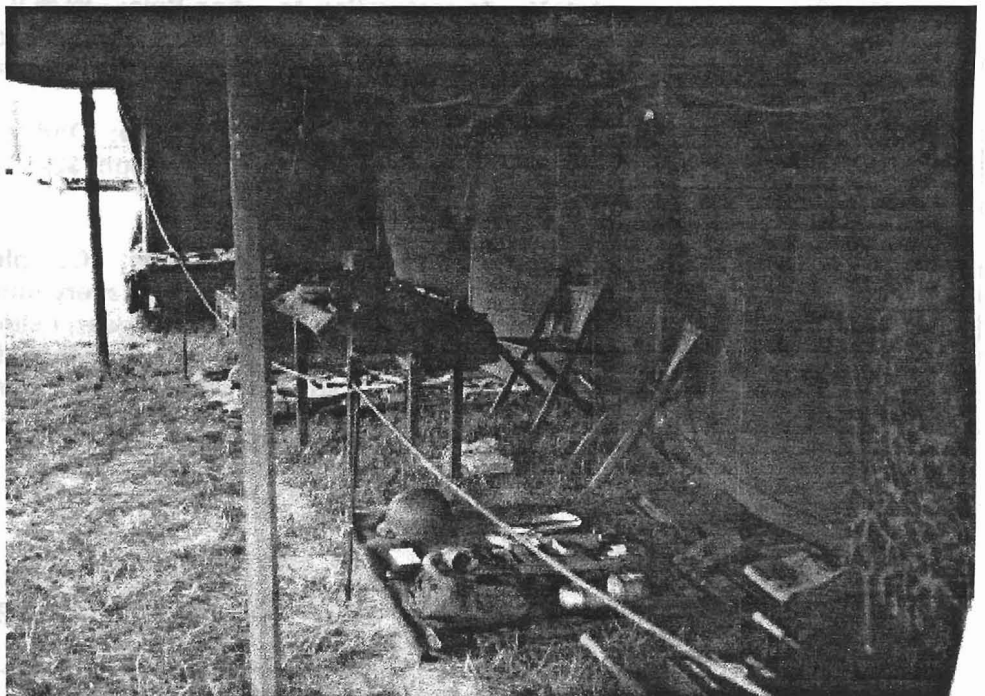
CAF FLY-IN Review

On the weekend of September 20/21 we presented a display at the fly-in sponsored by the Confederate Air Force at the Moore County Airport in Southern Pines, NC. Mark Burfete and I drove down Friday night in a fully loaded Weapons Carrier towing an equally loaded 1 ton trailer borrowed from Russell Pratt. We arrived just before dark to find that our set up location had been moved and was partly blocked by an car dealer's display of new cars. We also discovered that our support team for getting the GP medium set up had gotten considerably smaller. Thomas Amato was the only one there and he was limping on a badly sprained ankle. As the darkness overcame us we were faced with the task of setting up the GP with 2 1/2 people. Suddenly a blast from the past came to our rescue, Gerald Lee. With Gerry's help we got everything laid out and the tent stakes driven. Then we drafted Tim Sloan from Sloan's Surplus who was set up next to us, to erect the tent.

We set up the display under the GP on Saturday morning. This is the first time we used the GP for a display and it worked out real well, keeping the display and us out of the sun. Russell Pratt and John Hedgepeth brought down their jeeps on Saturday to add to the display. Thomas, Gerald, Steven Crane and Chuck Eatman also showed up on Saturday. At the USO show Saturday night, Mark Burfete won a award for "Best Enlisted Man's Uniform." Another first at this event was we put out a donation bucket and received \$89. We had a good crowd both days and the sponsors have already invited us back next year but to continue with these types of displays we need to see more support from our members.



Thomas Amato stands guard at the entrance of the display



A partial view of the display inside the GP medium

Coming Events

November 11, 1997 - Veterans Day Parade, location to be determined, possibly, Asheboro, NC. Contact Don Shupe at 919-467-3119 with any ideas or if you are interested in participating.

November 11(?) 1997 - Bedford, VA. In June of 1999 they planning to dedicate a "D-Day Memorial" in Bedford VA. As you all probably know, the 29th Division was the first to hit Omaha Beach at Normandy. Company A, from Bedford, of the 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division was the first to hit Omaha Beach and suffered more casualties than any other company in the invasion. They are planning a kick-off ceremony around Veteran's Day. Contact Mike Butler (540) 236-3134

November 21-23, 1997 - HRHR Fall tactical event, moved back to Ft. Eustis, VA this year. See article for details. You must send your \$25 registration check made out to "HRHR" to Mike Fox by November 14, 1997 in order to attend this event.

January 30-February, 1998 - Annual Battle of the Bulge at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. See article for details. You must send your registration form and check to Mike Fox by December 3, 1997 in order to attend this event.

January-February, 1998 - 2nd Annual Bastogne event sponsored by the Battle Group at Ft. Pickett, VA. The Battle Group

had to cancel their planned October "Kall Trail" event because of difficulties with getting Ft. Pickett scheduled but promised to put all their energy into the Bastogne event instead. No date or details at this point but call Mike Fox at 910-856-7797 if you want to be notified when the information becomes available.

September 25-27, 1998 - 2nd Annual Living History Weekend aboard the Battleship North Carolina in Wilmington, N.C. Go ahead and put it on your calendar,

Missing Item:

At the Battleship event FJ Hale lost a Carolina Blue blanket. If anyone at the event mistakenly picked it up or knows of its whereabouts please contact FJ at (919) 787-4965

Marketplace

For Sale: Dodge 3/4 ton command car. Runs, has current tag and clear title. Surplus from the Swiss army and is still in gray paint. Needs restoration to US OD. Has been under cover and has no rust areas, only a few minor fender dings. No top bows. Price includes 5 new military tires. \$8,000. Luther Sowers (704) 633-4170

For Sale: 1945 GMC CCKW 2 1/2 ton with winch and full canvas. All correct military tires. \$6200. Anthony Dawkins (919) 575-4622

For Sale: Four Pocket Tunic. Phoenix Clothes Inc., Dated 5/4/42 size: 40R, excellent condition. \$40 to

OHA members only. Don Shupe (919) 467-3119

For Sale: W.W.II dated shelter halves (need repair) \$5.00, W.W.II dated folding shovel covers, Mint \$5.00, Mess kits \$3.00. Ray Oakes (804) 822-5370

For Sale: Dodge 1/2 ton, WC-10 Carryall. Needs restoration. \$2750. Russell Pratt (919) 479-1384

For Sale: Complete W.W.I American uniform, Large size and every thing needed to do W.W.I re-enacting. All web gear, helmet, overseas cap with disks and .303 Enfield included. \$450. Tony Bean (910) 292-3000 ext. 249 Daytime M-F.



Tent Fund

Since our last newsletter we have doubled the number of members that have contributed \$5.00 to the tent fund but that still puts us at half of our goal of \$200 and less than half of our total membership has contributed.

BUTNER: FALL 1997

We held our annual meeting and live fire shoot at Camp Butner on October 11th & 12th. The advance group arrived Friday afternoon to get the camp established and the Registration tent set-up. Some of our friends from the 226th IR that had too long of a trip to do Saturday morning also came in Friday evening and after the work



Clint Yarbrough on the field phone in the Pits. NO he wasn't the one that tried to electrocute one of the King's Own.

was completed we had a good time cooking up dinner and B.S.-ing.

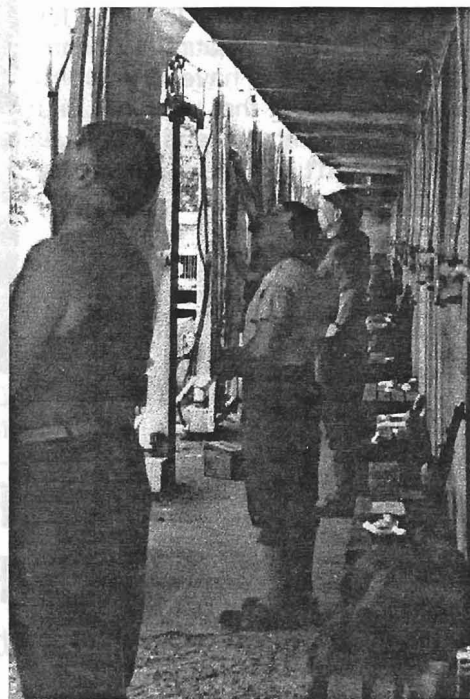
As people began to arrive Saturday morning we formed work details to get the GP medium up and the Immersion heaters filled and ready to go. While the King's Own and 226th IR were getting settled in, we called for OHA members to prepare for their field inspection. While the field inspection was going on, Anthony Dawkins headed up a work detail including members of all the participating units to prepare the range for the live fire shoot. All members of the OHA on the work detail had already

been inspected and had been released for the work detail. The inspection was completed with only minor bloodletting and all troops were transported to the range in period vehicles.

After a short refresher course on range procedures and target scoring the match proceeded with only one minor incident. When the field phone communication between the firing line and pits was suddenly broken, Bill Brocker of the King's Own noticed that a splice in the wire on the firing line had come undone. While Bill was attempting to twist the wires back together an un-named person in the pits began to crank the ringer on the phone in the pits, sending a pleasant 90 volt charge through the line and Bill.

We completed both relays of the shoot in about three and half hours and moved back to the camp for weapons cleaning and preparing for dinner. Of the OHA members that participated the shoot, Ray Oakes came in first scoring 396 of a possible 500. Chuck Eatman shot a 394, closely followed by Russell Pratt shooting 391. We are considering an award or prize at future events so everybody get out there and practice.

Following dinner the members of OHA held their annual business meeting. Only 12 members of the group were present and I'm sorry to say this but that's pretty sad when you have a membership of 46 people. A financial report was given and we discussed upcoming events and where we want to see the group go in the future. We accepted the following nominations for the Board of Directors election which will take place in January : Mark Burfete, David Curtin, Anthony Dawkins, Mike Fox, Paul Gill, Courtney Johnston, Howard Hendricks, and Don Shupe. (A short bio on each candidate will be included in the January



Chuck Eatman, Dave Curtin, and Paul Gill (l to r) scoring targets during the live fire shoot.

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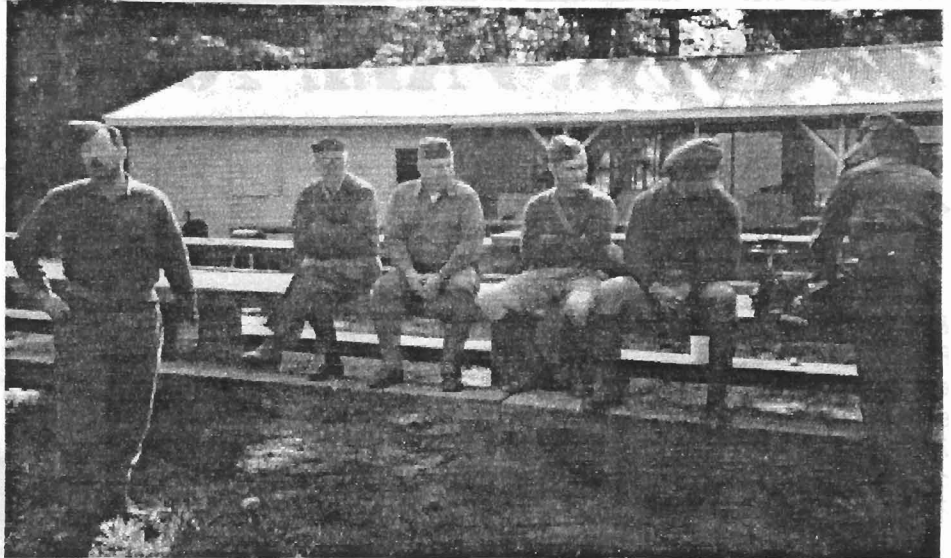
After the meeting we had planned on showing a couple of videos but due to a serious space shortage in the back of the weapon's carrier there wasn't room for a TV and VCR. With a lack of any other planned events we loaded everybody that wanted to come into a jeep and two weapon's carriers for a blackout light trail ride which lasted about two and half hours getting back to the camp around 2300 hrs.

We all slept in late Sunday with a breakfast of SOS being brought in at 0900. After we cleaned up from breakfast we had a demonstration of British and German field gear and equipment thanks to our friends from the King's Own and the 226th IR. We had originally figured on about one half hour for this demonstration, but everyone found it so interesting that after an hour and forty-five minutes, we had to cut it off to get to the range.

We definitely plan on building on this for future Butner events.

We then broke down the camp, cleaned up the kitchen area, and went to the range for those that wanted to shoot.

Thanks to Anthony Dawkins for dealing with the National Guard which allows us to have this event, and thanks to all that attended and made this a great weekend. And to all you that didn't come, you missed a good one.



Bill Brocker of the King's Own (l) discusses the equipment worn by Sean Foster (r) while Ray Oakes, Mark Burfete, Jeff Bockert, and Pat Morton look on.



From the Foxhole

by Mike Fox

NEW MEMBERS

Scott T. Burnett - (540) 337-1559, Stuarts Draft, Va.

Has been participating in American Civil War reenacting last 10 years, Marine Corps Living History Association 2 years and Museum of American Frontier Culture for 6 years.

John Hedgepeth - (919) 438 - 4401, Henderson, NC

Has been a vehicle collector for many years, has a W.W.II jeep and is currently completing the restoration of a 1945 WLA Harley Davidson.

Larry Neal - (704) 630- 9117, Spencer, NC

Curator at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer. Worked at Fort Fisher Historic Site as interpreter. Helped interpreter Civil War Medicine at Bentonville Battleground. Certified Safety Officer in 19th Century Small Arms.

Brandon Scott - (919) 284-4706, Kenly, NC

American Civil War reenactor for four years and has done presentations on Military History at schools.

INPUT NEEDED! Your OHA Board of Directors needs your help! As the Board, we are charged with running the affairs of the group for the benefit of the members. As of last count our membership has grown to almost 50 people! In order to plan events and activities that you want to attend we need to know what you are interested in doing. When our membership consisted of 15-20 people, it was rather easy to personally talk to everyone on a fairly regular basis. With 50 people, we sometimes go six months without seeing some of you. As such, it is important to get your input on a more regular basis regarding OHA activities.

We are planning another survey similar to the one mailed last year, in which we list potential events and ask if you are interested in attending. We also want to ask some more open ended questions about how many displays, reenactments, parades, etc.. that you are interested in attending and at what time of the year.

What needs to be different from last year's survey is the number of responses we receive. Out of approximately 35 members, we only got a dozen responses last year! We need to do better than that this year! We plan to send the survey out with the January newsletter which will also include a ballot for the Board elections and a membership dues renewal form. Please return all three at the same time and help us plan the kind of events you want to

