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### NEXT ISSUE

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

The next events for the company on the 2005 calendar are:

September 9-11 2005

Engagement at Burkittsville  
Burkittsville, MD

<http://maincav.org/eab/>

- See page 3-4 for more details -

October 8, 2005

Army Heritage Day  
Carlisle, PA.

October 28-30, 2005

March & Living History  
Payne's Farm  
Locust Grove, VA

<http://www.stonewallbrigade.com/paynesfarm.html>

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED !

The organizers of the Burkittsville event need help with inspections and check in on Friday, September 9, 2005. Interested parties should contact James as soon as possible.

### Army Heritage Day

US Army Heritage & Education Center,  
Carlisle, PA.

Based on the responses received, the living history event to be held on October 8th has been added to our schedule. This event will be held on the grounds of the US Army Heritage & Education Center outside Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A detailed schedule with maps will follow in a special mailing.

This event will highlight daily soldier activities. Our activities will be centered on their newly built replica winter huts. We will be joined for this program by the 83rd PA, 1st ME Cavalry, Liberty Rifles, and South Mountain Battlefield Artillery Crew. Our new US Sanitary Commission detachment will be present also.

USAH&EC was opened in the spring of 2004. The first of what will be a five building complex is Ridgeway Hall, which houses the US Army

Military History Institute

(USAMHI), formerly housed on the post at Carlisle Barracks. Eventually the complex will include a museum, conservation facility, and artifact storage space. Also included will be outdoor exhibits that will include a 1750's Blockhouse, Revolutionary War Redoubt, WWI Trench line, and WWII Barracks.

### **HARDTACK**

#### **1863 SPECIFICATIONS**

From: Notes on Preparing Stores for the United States Army and on the Care of the Same, etc, with a few rules for Detecting Adulterations, LTC C.L. Kilburn, ACG of Subsistence - 1863

Should be made of best quality of superfine, or what is usually known as extra superfine flour; or better, of extra and extra superfine, (half and half). Hard bread should be white, crisp, light and exhibit a flaky appearance when broken. If tough, solid and compact, is evident the fault is either in the stock, manufacture or baking; it should not present the appearance of dried paste. If tough and pasty, it is probably manufacture from grown wheat, or Spring wheat of an inferior kind. In all cases it should be thoroughly cooled and dried before packing. Kiln drying, where practicable, for long voyages, is particularly desirable; but if really and thoroughly dried in the oven, hard bread will keep just as well and its flavor is not destroyed. To make good hard bread, it is essential to employ steam; hand work will not do.

The dough should be mixed as dry as possible; this is, in fact, very essential, and too much stress can not be placed on it. Good stock, dry mixed, and thoroughly baked, [not dried or scalded] will necessarily give good hard bread. If salt is to be used, it should be mixed with the water used to mix the dough. Both salt and water should be

clean. Bread put up with the preceding requirements should keep a year; but as a usual thing, our best bread as now made for army use, will keep only about three months. Good, bread, packed closely and compactly should not weigh, net, per barrel, more than 70 or 80 pounds; should it be heavier that 80 it indicates too much moisture. The thickness of the biscuit is important; it should not be so thick as to prevent proper drying, or so thin as to crumble in transportation. The quality of stock used for hard bread can be partially told by rules mentioned in the article 'Flour,' as far as they apply. The term 'sprung' is frequently used by bakers, by which is meant raised or flaky bread, indicating strong flour and sound stock. The cupidity of the contracting baker induces him to pack his bread as soon as it comes out of the oven, and before the moisture has been completely expelled by drying. Bread of this kind hangs on breaking; it will also be soft to the pressure of the finger nail when broken, whereas it should be crisp and brittle.

The packages should be thoroughly seasoned, (of wood imparting no taste or odor to the bread,) and reasonably tight. The usual method now adopted is to pack 50 pounds net, in basswood boxes, (sides, top and bottom [ ] inch, ends 5/8 of an inch,) and of dimensions corresponding with the cutters used, and strapped at each end with light iron or wood. The bread should be packed on its edge compactly, so as not to shake.

Bread thoroughly baked, kiln dried, and packed in spirit casks, will keep a long time but it is an expensive method. If bread contains weevils, or is mouldy, expose to the sun on paulins, and before re-packing it, rinse the barrel with whiskey.

## ENGAGEMENT AT BURKITTSVILLE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2005

TIME: SATURDAY 10:00AM- 5:00PM

SUNDAY 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

REGISTRATION: PRE-REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ONLY - ABSOLUTELY NO WALK ONS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005 - 12 NOON TO MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2005 - 6:00 AM TO 8:00 AM

DETAILS: OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE ENGAGEMENT AT BURKITTSVILLE, IN AND AROUND THE TOWN OF BURKITTSVILLE, MARYLAND, BETWEEN FREDERICK AND HARPERS FERRY. THIS WILL BE A RECREATION OF SOME OF THE FIGHT FOR CRAMPTON'S GAP, PART OF THE BATTLE OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN, SEPTEMBER 14, 1862. THIS WILL BE A CAMPAIGN STYLE EVENT IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD. BOTH SIDES WILL MARCH TO THE BATTLE SITE ON THE EDGE OF BURKITTSVILLE. THE FEDERAL TROOPS WILL HAVE A 4.5 MILE MARCH OVER ROLLING TERRAIN, SKIRMISHING WITH CONFEDERATE CAVALRY ALONG THE WAY. BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE TO LIVE FOR TWO DAYS ON WHAT THAT CAN CARRY WITH THEM. IT WILL BE BOTH FUN AND CHALLENGING FOR ALL INVOLVED AND GIVE A GREAT APPRECIATION OF WHAT THE SOLDIERS WENT THROUGH DURING THE 1862 MARYLAND CAMPAIGN.

BE SURE TO PACK CAREFULLY FOR THIS EVENT. THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC HAD LOST A GREAT DEAL OF EQUIPMENT ON THE PENINSULA AND FEW SOLDIERS HAD A FULL ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT. BLANKET ROLLS ARE ENCOURAGED FOR THIS EVENT ALONG WITH BATTERED (BUT FUNCTIONING) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT. BESIDES YOUR BASIC MARCHING ORDER, YOU WILL NEED 60 ROUNDS OF AMMO AND AT LEAST ONE EXTRA PAIR OF SOCKS. A TIN OR TALC OR CORN STARCH MAY BE IN ORDER FOR THOSE SUBJECT TO CHAFING.

MAKE SURE YOU WEAPON IN CLEAN AND IN SOUND WORKING CONDITION. THERE WILL BE A WEAPONS INSPECTION AT REGISTRATION.

EVERYONE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT JAMES OWENS WILL BE THE FEDERAL COMMANDER FOR THIS EVENT, AND SEAN FOSTER WILL BE SERGEANT MAJOR. THE REMAINDER OF THE 1ST MINNESOTA MEMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B, COMMANDED BY DAVE GRIEVES OF THE 122ND NEW YORK.

GO TO THE EVENT WEBSITE [www.mainecav.org/eab](http://www.mainecav.org/eab) , AND CHECK OUT THE UPDATES. THERE WILL BE MUCH NEW INFORMATION ADDED BETWEEN NOW AND THE EVENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JAMES AT [jdo@npmhu.org](mailto:jdo@npmhu.org) ,OR (301) 681-7462.

LOCATION: EVENT REGISTRATION AND PARKING

3417 ROHRERSVILLE ROAD

ROHRERSVILLE, MD. 21779.

PARKING: BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE FROM PARKING TO THE CAMP, WE ARE REQUESTING THAT YOU BRING ONLY WHAT YOU CAN EASILY CARRY FROM YOUR VEHICLE. ALSO, FOR THE SAME REASON, WE REQUEST THAT PARTICIPANTS BE PREPARED TO STAY ON SITE FOR THE ENTIRE EVENT, AND NOT ATTEMPT TO VISIT LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS AFTER PUBLIC HOURS.

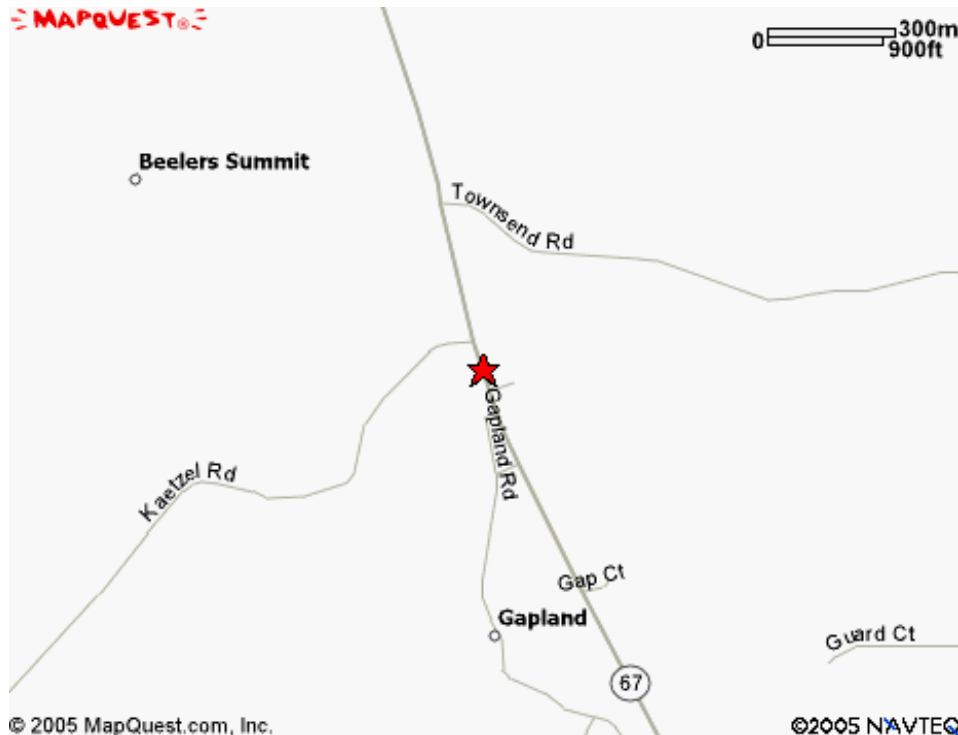
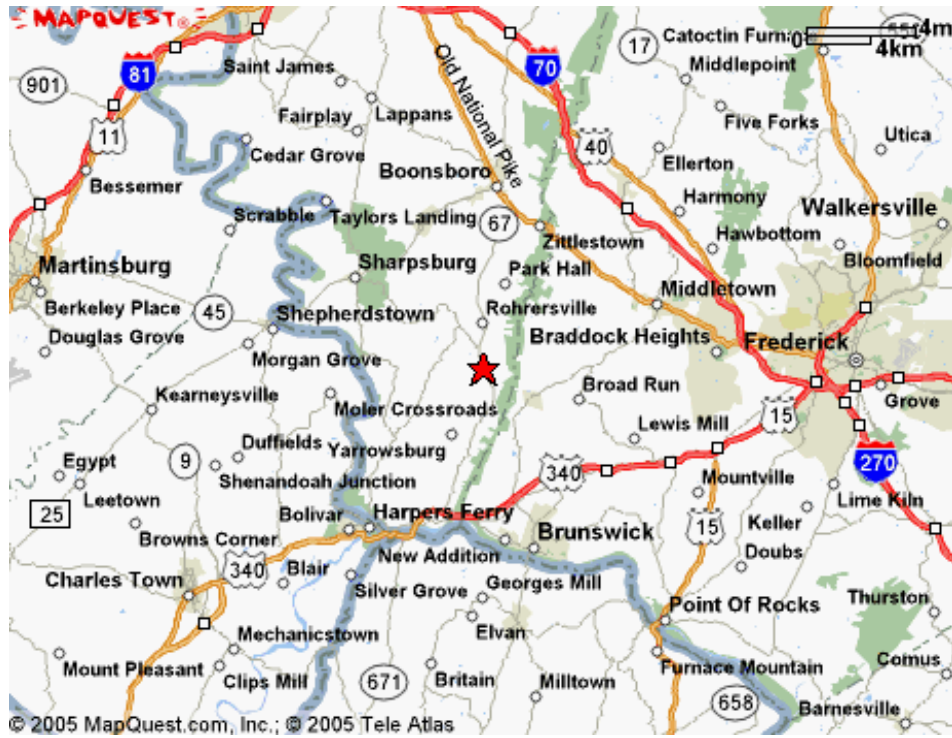
RATIONS: ALL RATIONS WILL BE PROVIDE EXCEPT FOR MEAT.

FIREARMS: THE FIREARM FOR THIS PROGRAM IS A THREE BAND RIFLE MUSKET. ALL FIREARMS MUST BE CLEAN AND IN SOUND MECHANICAL CONDITION. WE WILL BE DOING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF FIRING, SO ALL MUSKETS WILL BE INSPECTED BEFORE YOU WILL BE PERMITTED TO GO TO THE CAMPSITE.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA: TAKE I-270 EAST TOWARD FREDERICK. MERGE ONTO I-70 NORTH TOWARD HAGERSTOWN. MERGE ONTO US-340 W VIA EXIT 52 TOWARD CHARLESTOWN - LEESBURG. MERGE ONTO MD-67 ROHRERSVILLE RD. FOLLOW MD-67 ABOUT 5.8 MILES .THE REGISTRATION SITE IS LOCATED BETWEEN MILLARD DRIVE AND KAETZEL ROAD.

FROM THE SOUTH: TAKE US 15 NORTH TOWARD LEESBURG. MERGE ONTO VA-7 W (WINCHESTER). TAKE THE VA-9 EXIT TOWARD HILLSBORO- CHARLESTOWN. TURN RIGHT ON THE CHARLESTOWN PIKE VA-9. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO VA-671, HARPERS FERRY ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO JEFFERSON PIKE US-340 E. FOLLOW US-340 E UNTIL IT INTERSECTS MD-67 ROHRERSVILLE RD TOWARD BOONSBORO. FOLLOW MD-67 FOR ABOUT 6.2 MILES. THE REGISTRATION SITE IS LOCATED BETWEEN MILLARD DRIVE AND KAETZEL ROAD.



### Bargains

For those who still don't have copy of Hardtack and Coffee, by John Billings, you can now purchase a copy from discount book dealer Edward R. Hamilton, Falls Village, CT. 06031-5000. It is stock number 5132096, and sells for 10.95, plus 3.50 shipping.

Or, visit them at their website <http://www.hamiltonbook.com/>

### C. J. Daley Overcoat Sale

During the month of August, C. J. Daley is having a sale on Federal Overcoats. Normally \$425, if ordered during the month of August, the price will be \$385, a savings of \$40.

Mr. Daley's goods are well known for their quality, as well as reasonable prices. By comparison an overcoat from C & D Jarnigain is \$240, and to have the buttons sewn on is \$35 extra. While that sounds remarkably cheap you have to factor in all of the added work needed to bring a Jarnagin coat up to the level of one of

Mr. Daley's creations. This alone makes the coat a bargain.

Trigger finger mittens are also on sale. These replicas are based on an original pair in the Don Troiani collection. Normally \$45, the sale price is \$30. A true bargain not seen often.

Although you may not be thinking of winter clothing now, the Payne's Farm event is only two months away. Don't get stuck there without a good overcoat or pair of mittens!

### Fatigue Blouse Kits

The Jersey Skillet Licker has announced that he is now offering unlined fatigue blouse kits. These garments are complete except for flat felling of the seams, buttons, and buttonholes. Buttons are supplied. This is a good way for folks to get an extra blouse as well as learn about period sewing.

The price on these kits is \$95, plus \$10 postage, which is a very good deal. For more information, go to

<http://www.skilletlicker.com>

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