



The Fugelman

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fu gel man - A well-drilled soldier placed in front of a military company as a model or guide for others.

LETTER FROM CAPT. ELY.

We are permitted to make the following extract from a letter written in Washington Sept. 20th by Capt. Ely to his wife and received here today.

"I reached here last night from Keedysville, Md. I was wounded in the left arm just above the hand by a piece of a shell on Wednesday, just as the regiment a was being taken from the field. The wound is not very serious though exceedingly painful.

The regiment is nearly annihilated. We went into action Wednesday with 150 muskets and 90 men are either killed or wounded of these.

Of my company Asahel Gage, Andrew Bean and Stewart Marton were killed in the battle of South Mountain on Sunday and Charles H. Cheebney wounded in the arm; Bela W. Bebee in arm and hand severely, but not mortally; John N. Eble wounded in leg, since amputated, doing well; John M. Kellogg wounded slightly in head. On Wednesday, Sergeant Jamison was slightly wounded in the leg; Charles E. Marsh, severely in the knee; Clark E. Thomas, in leg; Jeremiah G. Burdick, in shoulder; none of these fatally:- Andrew Waggoner is, I think, wounded also. Capt. Gibson, Lt. Hill; Lt. Jones and Lt. Col. Allen were wounded and Lt. Sandford killed. Capt. Colwell was killed and Capt. Parsons wounded, Sunday. There are eleven officers left with the regiment. Col. Fairchild was sick Wednesday, and after Lt. Col. Allen was wounded, I was left in command, and took the regiment off the field after it was relieved. I was wounded by a stray shell when all supposed us out of danger.

The regiment behaved gloriously. It had never yet broken before the enemy or failed to hold a position assigned to it till relieved or ordered off. Glorious Old Second! Its banners are torn by bullets, but those tattered colors are dear to the heroic men who defended them. Wisconsin has no cause to be ashamed of the 6th and 7th; their ranks are thinned almost as badly as the 2d's They are heroes who remain, as were those who have fallen before the foe, wounded always in the front.

Thank God, Sunday and Wednesday were days of victory.

GEO. B. ELY.



Pass in Review

Our reenactment season is really passing quickly this year.

Before you know it Antietam, Wade House, Waukesha, and Norskedalen will be memories of 2002. So, what can we do to make our off season interesting?

Have you checked out our website lately? Jim, our webmaster, has done quite a bit of work upgrading and rearranging the site.

There is a feature of our website called, 'The Campfire' that allows our members a forum. It could and should be used to give our Association an online Civil War Round Table.

Our website is the one place where all our members from coast to coast can get together regularly.

If spending time on the computer isn't your cup of tea, how about getting into Civil War collecting?

There are many areas of collecting that do not have to cost a small fortune. You can collect books, trading cards, game cards, post cards, stamps, first day covers, patriotic envelopes, letters, coins, currency, actual Civil War artifacts, ect. In fact, if there is enough interest maybe we can find out if it is possible for our webmaster to create a secure area on our website for member collectors to get together to trade or sell items.

If collecting isn't for you how about trying out for or going out to support the Association's skirmish teams. Fall and winter should not stop you from enjoying your hobby fully, there are always plenty of related things you can do.

*Your obedient servant,
Lt. Col. Gary Klas*

CALENDAR 2002

- Sept. 14 Living History
Dozers Days
Sussex, Wi
- Sept. 13-15 Lone
Company H
- Sept. 13-15 Antietam,
National Tier 1 event.
Note:: register through Doug Pettit.
- Sept. 21-22 Skirmish,
Bristol, Wis
- Sept. 27-29 Wade House, ,
Regimental Tier 1 event.
Note: register through Doug Pettit.
- Oct. 6-7 Fresno
Company H
- Oct. 12-13 Norskedalen,
Company B tier 1 event.
- Oct. 12-13 Days of Glories Past
Battery B Tier 1 event.
Cutler Park
Waukesha, Park
- Oct. 19-20 Los Banos
Company H Tier 2 event.
- Oct. 19-20 Battle of Cedar Creek
Company C Tier 2 event.
- Nov. Christmas Ball
Company H
Tier 2 event.
- Nov. 15-17 Gettysburg
Remembrance
Day,
Company K
Tier 2 event.
- Dec. 7 Antietam, Battlefield
Illumination Day,
Company C

"Remember those that fell"

Editor's Note

In order to get this to you prior to the event it's going mildly unedited . Apologies upfront...

Remember, upcoming events for which we have not received info are coming up - your company commanders should be able to update you.

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YOUR WEBSITE
<http://www.secondwi.com>

Videos from the 2001 National Railroad Museum Event in Green Bay are now available....

If you are interested in acquiring a video please contact David Dresang at 920/338-5048 or e-mail "tdresang@milwpc.com".

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per video and shipping would be \$2. If you are not familiar with our videos from past events, they run about 2 hours long and are not a profit making venture for Company E but a special opportunity for the reenactors. Thanks Theresa

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Skirmish team standings from Statistics Officer Patrick Camus:

Musket Total Rank	Revolver Total Rank
1st USSS 2980.4 1	2nd Wis 1098.5 1
56th Vir 3648.5 2	66th NC 1194.4 2
2nd Wis 4044.8 3	8th Wis 1705.1 3
6th Wis 4247.8 4	15th Wis 2345.0 4
66th NC 4336.5 5	
IBG 5089.2 6	Aggregate Time Rank
15th Wis 5098.8 7	1st USSS 8278.5 1
8th Wis 5755.5 8	2nd Wis 8782.8 2
10th Illinois 5909.0 9	66th NC 9928.0 3
66th NC B 6585.8 10	56th Vir 10267.0 4
2nd Wis B 7130.5 11	15th Wis 11051.6 5
	8th Wis 11949.9 6
Carbine Total Rank	1st USSS B 14862.2 7
1st USSS 2633.1 1	6th Wis 15883.1 8
15th Wis 3607.8 2	IBG 16724.5 9
2nd Wis 3639.5 3	2nd Wis B 17068.1 10
56th Vir 3953.5 4	10th Illinois 17544.3 11
66th NC 4397.1 5	66th NC B 17685.3 12
8th Wis 4489.3 6	8th Wis B 18265.8 13
1st USSS B 4566.7 7	
2nd Wis B 7272.6 8	
8th Wis B 7970.3 9	
66th NC B 8434.5 10	

Schedule and battalion structure for Antietam.

Greetings to everyone,
You may have received this information already but here is the schedule and battalion structure for Antietam.

ONE IMPORTANT NOTE: Since the Cornfield is being done on Saturday morning, I would suggest that anyone planning on participating in this scenario camp in military camp on Friday night.

The schedule says that we are up at 4:30am and moving by 5:30 but we may move out earlier and I don't want anyone to miss going through the corn.

OK guys here it is
Antietam September 13th-14th
Note this event starts on Friday.
Please try to be there.

Schedule

Military Schedule Federal Forces
Antietam Campaign 2002

Friday:

September 13, 2002

7:00 A.M. Reveille
8:00 A.M. Morning Colors (all troops are to be formed on their color lines for this)
8:30 A.M. Division Commanders Meeting
9:00 A.M. Artillery Demonstration
10:15 A.M. Troops to form for battle, weapon inspections
11:00 A.M. Battle Tactics Demonstration
1:30 P.M. Division Commanders Meeting
2:00 P.M. Cavalry Demonstration
3:00 P.M. Troops to form for battle, weapon inspections
3:30 P.M. Troops move to start positions for Battle
4:00 P.M. Battle: Fox's Gap
8:00 P.M. Division Commanders Meeting
10:00 P.M. Tattoo
11:00 P.M. All Quite

Saturday:

September 14, 2002

4:30 A.M. Reveille
4:40 A.M. Role Call
5:00 A.M. Troops to form for battle, weapon inspections
5:30 A.M. Troops move to start positions for Battle
6:00 A.M. Battle: "The Cornfield"
8:00 A.M. Company Morning Report due at Battalion.
8:30 A.M. Battalion Morning Reports due at Division
9:00 A.M. Division Morning Reports due at Army HQ. Posting of Guards. Company Drill, Commanders Meeting at Army HQ
3:00 P.M. Troops to form for battle, weapon inspections
3:30 P.M. Troops move to start positions for Battle
4:00 P.M. Battle: "Bloody Lane"
6:00 P.M. Posting of Guards and Pickets
9:00 P.M.
10:00 P.M. Tattoo
12:00 M.N. All Quite

Sunday:

September 15, 2002

6:00 A.M. Reveille
6:10 A.M. Role Call
7:00 A.M. Troops to form for Grand Review, weapon and general inspections (capping only, do not firing inspection round)/Company Morning Report due at Battalion.
7:30 A.M. Troops move to start positions for Grand Review / Battalion Morning Reports due at Division
8:00 A.M. Division Morning Reports due at Army HQ. (To be presented on Field)

Grand Review

Memorial Service
Raising of the Commemorative Flag
10:00 A.M. Church call
11:00 A.M. Division Commanders Meeting
12:00 M.D.

1:00 P.M. Troops to form for battle, weapon inspections
1:30 P.M. Troops move to start positions for Battle
2:00 P.M. Battle: A.P. Hill's Attack
Each Division will be responsible to organize and maintain a guard and provost. This guard and provost is to forward a report each morning to Divisional HQ on the activity of the Guard. Divisional is to review these reports and send them on to Army HQ with their Morning Reports. A daily Watch Word will be issued by Army HQ. Each Division will be responsible to organize and maintain a guard and provost.

In light of recent occurrence, it is important that the

"Special Instructions to guards and outpost"

be followed.

Special Instructions to guards and outpost:

1. No CSA personnel shall be permitted within the Union camp areas without a pass, passes are to be issued and recorded with copy of record sent to Army HQ with Morning Reports. Pass will include the name of the person issued to, the nature of their business within Union lines, and the date and time duration for which they are valid.

2. US civilian personnel shall be issued a pass by their respected companies for the duration of the event, stating their name and attached unit.

The guard shall challenge all civilians not in the company of military personnel.

3. No one shall be permitted to pass the Army's lines between Tattoo and Reveille without a pass or the Watch Word. The Federal Camp shall be closed to all coming and goings of all personnel, except those on official business who will present to the Guard the Watch Word for the day.

(exception: Those individuals returning from the dance Saturday night)

4. Personnel violating this conditions

shall be detained and presented to the Officer of the Day, who upon examining these individuals shall make a determination as to their passing or not.

The Officer of the Day shall report any such cases within his Guard Report, to include the names of such persons, their business within our lines, their unit, the time they past, and final disposition.

5. The Guard shall insure that the All Quite is enforced until Reveille

Historical assignments

(please note that we will still be doing the 17th mich for AP Hill's attack even though some other brigade was designated as such.)

FEDERAL:

FOX'S GAP UNIT'S ENGAGED

IX Corps: Gen. Jesse Reno,
Commanding

1st Division - Valsuka

Welsh's Brigade: 1Div/2Brigade - Daley 45th New York, 46th New York and 100th Pa.

Ferrero's Brigade: 1Div/1Brigade/ - Wolffe

51st New York, 51st Pa., 21st Mass. and 35th Mass.

Nagle's Brigade: 1 IDv/3Brigade - Shackelford

9th New Hampshire and 48th Pa.

2nd Division Daniels

Scammon's Brigade:

2Div/1Brigade/1Regt Waffler

12th Ohio, 23rd Ohio and 30th Ohio

Crook's Brigade: 2Div/1Brigade/ 2&3Regt Laimo (minus 79th NY)

11th Ohio, 28th Ohio and 36th Ohio

Christ's Brigade: 2 Div/2Brigade - Washburn (plus 79th NY)

28th Mass. , 8th Mich., 17th Michigan, 79th NY

Corn Field

1st Division - Valsuka

Iron Brigade

(2nd Wis&19th Ind.) 1 IDv/ 3Brigade - Shackelford

Duryee's Brigade

(97,104,105NY&107Pa) 1Div/ 1Brigade/ - Wolffe

Tyndale's Brigade (5,7,66 Oh, 28Pa) 1Div/2Brigade - Daley

2nd Division Daniels

Pa Reservers (9,11,12,7,4,8 PaRes)

2 Div/2Brigade - Washburn

Phelps Brigade

(22,24,30,84NY&2USSS) 2Div/

1Brigade/2&3Regt Laimo

Hartstuff's Brigade

(12,13Ma,83NY,11Pa) 2Div/

1Brigade/1Regt Waffler

Gordon's Brigade (2Maine,

3 Wis,27Ind) 2Div/1Brigade -

Laimo

Sunken Road

French's Division - 1st Division - Valsuka

Weber - 1Div/1Brigade/ - Wolffe 1st De, 5th MD, 4th NY

Morris - 1Div/2Brigade - Daley 14th Conn, 130th PA, 108th NY

Kimball - 1 IDv/3Brigade - Shackelford

14th Ind, 8th Oh, 132 PA, 7th WVA

Richardson's Division - 2nd Division

Daniels Meager - 2 Div/2Brigade -

Washburn 69th NY, 29th MA, 63rd NY, 88th NY Caldwell -2Div/1Brigade

- Laimo 64/61NY, 7th NY, 5th NH

AP Hill's Counter Attack

1st Division - Valsuka

Fairchild's Brigade - 1Div/2Brigade - Daley & 1 IDv/3Brigade - Shackelford

(Daley) 9th NY, 103rd NY, 89th NY Harland's Brigade - 1Div/1Brigade/ -

Wolffe (plus 3rd Regt USV)

8th Conn, 16th Conn, 4th RI

2nd Division Daniels

Christ's Brigade - 2Div/1Brigade -

Laimo (minus 3rd Regt USV)

28th Mass. , 8th Mich., 17th Michigan,

79th New York and 50th Pa

Welsh's Brigade - 2 Div/2Brigade - Washburn

45th New York, 46th New York and

100th Pa.

Battalion formation

(1st battalion Giffin / 3rd Brigade Shackelford / 1st Division Valsuka)

Colonel: Terry Giffin

Lt. Colonel: Travis Lowrie

Major: Scott Sonntag

Adjutant: Pat Vogel

Sgt. Maj: Jim Williamson

Bugler : Kevin McDonald

1st Co. 24th Mich (35)

2nd Co. 19th Ind (25)

3rd Co. 17th Mich. (30-40)

4th Co. 2nd Wis Co B, C & F (20)

5th Co. 2nd Wis Co A (23)

6th Co. 2nd Wis Co E (20)

7th Co. 2nd Wis Co K (30)

Color company will be 4th company

Scott please assign one of your companies as designated color company for the Cornfield fight.

17th Mich color company for AP Hill's assault & Fox Gap if we have enough for a battalion on Friday.

19th Indiana will be temporarily assigned color company of the Cumberland Guard battalion during the corn field battle so that they can honor the 19th properly. I have cleared this with Colonel Shackelford.

Captain DeCrane please bring our generic colors (no 24th on them) for the Sunken road battle.

Who ever is 4th company at that time will carry the colors unless someone has a better idea or unit that we could honor.

See you all there

"The Colonel"

If you have any questions please let me know.

Scott Sonntag

Acting Major - 2nd WI

Correspondence of the *Herald*
**LETTER FROM
ALF. THOMAS
CAMP ON THE
BATTLEFIELD
of ANTIETAM**

near Sharpsburg, Maryland,
Sept. 24th, 1862

THE WESTERN BRIGADE of which so little has been mentioned through the press of the east is here in camp awaiting orders to march, where and when none can tell, except those in the confidence of the General in command. The temporary rest which this brigade is now enjoying is refreshing to the veterans of this branch of Hooker's corps. It is a sad and sorrowful sight to one who knew these gallant regiments composing the brigade in their balmy days, to see them now with not enough men to form one good regiment, all their field officers, with the exceptions of two or three, have been either killed or wounded since the 20th of last August. From the time of the advent of the brigade into Virginia up to the 20th day of last August, the campaign had been, comparatively speaking, an easy one on our western boys with the exception of the 2nd Wisconsin, which took an outdone part in the ill fated battle of Bull Run on the 21st day of July, 1861.

From the official records, we find that on the 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th of August and Sept. 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, this "Iron Brigade of the West" as it is termed, met the enemy on the field of battle. During those several hard fought engagements, the number of this gallant command has been reduced from nearly five thousand to less than one regiment of fighting men. In all of these terrible conflicts where the battle raged the fiercest, our gallant western volunteers have displayed indomitable courage and unparalleled endurance, never flinching from the stern and arduous duties required of them to perform. The fighting men of the West, wherever they have met the foe and crossed bayonets with them, have estab-

lished for themselves a reputation for undaunted bravery not to be excelled by any people or nation. From prisoners captured at the last great battle in this state. I learn that the "Black Hat brigade," as Gibbons' pets are termed are the terror of "Secesh." A rebel officer remarked to me that if the western men would stand back from the fight the South would whip the "D—D Yankees" in three months. I do not make mention of this with any intentions upon my part to detract from the tried valor of our eastern troops as they are a brave, courageous and gallant set of fighting men as any country need have to defend it against any attack of the most formidable foe, but merely for the purpose of giving your readers an idea of the estimate placed in the fighting qualifications of our western troops. Upon the lines of the Potomac, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana have every reason to be proud of the noble and daring deeds performed by their sons in "my Maryland," and upon the "sacred soil," of Dixie," the remnants of this veteran brigade capable of shouldering a musket are eager still for the fray and ready whenever the command is given to "up boys and at 'em," as they did at Bull Run, South Mountain, and Antietam.

7th Wisconsin Camp near Sharpsburg, Md.,

Sept 21st, 1862

I forward to your columns a list of the casualties our our regiment in the battle of Sept ember 17th and a list of my own company in the battle of South Mountain, Sept. 14th.

I would be glad to forward the list of the regiment, but cannot get it. The battle of South Mountain was a very severe one and our brigade was ordered to force the Gap.

The position of our regiment was on the right of the turnpike, and after fighting 3 hours and firing 69 rounds of cartridge, we silenced the enemy and drove him from the field but for want of ammunition were compelled to lie down and hold our position with the bayonet until about

midnight when we were relieved by the 15th Massachusetts regiment, and retired to the rear to get a fresh supply of ammunition.

The rebels left their dead and many wounded upon the field. They had every advantage of us and I hear it said by men in high places that no other brigade has as yet made so noble a stand. Gen. McClellan has given us the name of the Iron Brigade

The loss of our regiment in killed and wounded that night was 113 men, out of 300 taken in

A. Gordon, Jr.

Capt. of Company K.

PS- Lieut. Shirrell sits on the ground by my side and wishes to be remembered to all.

He has been in every fight always standing up to the rack.

He has had command of Co. E. almost all the time since he left me.

He has not been touched during any of the fights.

In the battle of South Mountain I had a narrow escape.

A bullet passed through my coat and cut my sword from the belt so that it dropped at my feet.

But I did not lose it; I expect to bring it back again.

A. G. Jr.

In this battle our regiment suffered the least of any in the brigade as we were very much protected by a ledge of rocks, which we used as a breastwork.

Our fire was very destructive, as it came into the enemy's flank. Our regiment was the last of our brigade which retired from the field. We were relieved by a regiment of General Patrick's brigade, but instead of going to the rear, held our position and fought until ordered to retire by General Patrick. when his brigade left the field.

I think our brigade did more damage to the enemy in the fight than any other.

A. Gordon, Jr.

War Correspondence

Fredericksburg, Va.

Aug. 1st

Editors Crescent:- The recent expeditions for Gen. King's division towards Gordonsville, Culpeper and Orange Court Houses, it is evident from prisoners captured and general information obtained, have been of no small advantage to the government.

The cavalry went out in the direction of Beaver Dam Station the 19th; succeeded in destroying quite a number of cars, a large amount of flour and ammunition and capturing a Confederate Capt., and four men. On the 22d another expedition for the same Reg't. was sent out towards Culpeper Court House. Within a few miles of the place they surprised a body of the enemy, a hundred strong, killed seven, took four prisoners and forty of their horses without the loss of a man on our side. On the afternoon of the 24th inst. three reg't's of Infantry, parts of two reg't's of Cavalry and Gen. Gibbon's old battery started out toward Orange Court House. The 2d Wis. was one of the three, having taken the place of the 6th Wis in consequence of the delicate health of the Col. for some days past. The 6th was to move early the next morning to act as a reserve corps and to guard the Gordonsville road out about 15 miles so that the force that had gone ahead might not suffer from having their retreat cut off.

Through the kindness of Capt. Mason, Brigade Quartermaster, your correspondent gained permission to join the Co. of which he was once a member and "go for a Soldier." After stopping at the place designated, pickets were sent out in several directions. About 4 o'clock a squad of men brought in four confederate deserters who had been trying to get to our lines for the past two weeks. They were well dressed and intelligent. They told Col. Cutler where there was one of Jackson's spies supposed to be an officer in the Confederate army. Maj. Dawes of the 6th with some forty men proceeded to the house after dark and caught the bird in his nest. The spy was as firm as the rock of ages. When Col. Cutler said he would

let him go if he would take the oath of allegiance he replied promptly "that he might lead a horse to water but couldn't make him drink".

Saturday morning, one of the deserters went as a guide to a detachment of Cavalry for the purpose of capturing a small body of rebel pickets. At noon they returned with three soldiers and a citizen who belonged to the Engineers Corps of Richmond and who had on this person draughts of the fortifications about the rebel capitol. So much for deserters. On Saturday, about dark, we learned that the force ahead had seen a body of the enemy 20,000 strong and had commenced falling back. An hour later confirmed the report and that the secesh cavalry had followed them up. Early Sunday morning the 6th was ready to move; it was to march as the rear guard, this whole force having passed us in the night and the enemy's cavalry within a mile of us. This is looked about as much like fun as anything they had seen and the boys seemed to enjoy it hugely. On the return trip Col. Cutler called for a Lieut. and twelve volunteers from Co. "E" to go out on a foraging trip.

The "brave twelve" and Lieut found it rather inconvenient to keep up with the mules with double quicking, but we soon came up to a house a short distance from the main road where the boys soon loaded the wagon. About five barrels of nice ham and bacon was taken besides a few chickens. Again we turned our faces toward Fredericksburg thinking that something's could be done as well as others.-

ARMY CORRESPONDENCE

Culpepper, Va., Aug 9th 1862

Dear Brick:

"The shriek of shot and burst of shell, And bellowing of Mortars," Are now plainly heard, Tis 4 o'clock P.M. and the contest which has been but dimly recognizable since early dawn has now grown fierce - even the volleys of musketry with their peculiar twang now enlivens the scene and the brave troops that have been standing in line of battle as

reserve for five hours past are now preparing to meet the enemy - many of the regiments having already moved forward. The battle field is about five miles distant from here. Our headquarters presents a scene of agitation! Gen. Pope, Banks, Sigel and McDowell, with their respective staffs and escorts, are assembled on the lawn in front of the residence of Mayor Wallach of Washington who is also present - his first visit to his family and whom with in 18 months. His family consists of a wife, son and two lovely daughters.

The General and Company have departed. I see them traversing the road leading to the front. Pshaw!

I must discontinue writing for the present for we are ordered to pack up and I don't wish to see my Press suppressed by the enemy advance; but will tell you all tomorrow morning.

August 10, 6 A.M. The weather is intensely hot. We have our teams all loaded awaiting orders which direction to move. Cannonading ceased last night at 10—the night was bright as day.— The battle is again raging but not quite so near us—the enemy having fell back 3 or 4 miles during the night. Sigel and Banks troops are both engaged with one of McDowell's Divisions— Gen. Ricketts, also Gen. Bayard's Cavalry Brigade.

I have just visited the hospitals and ascertained that Lt. Col. Crane of 3rd Wis was killed yesterday at 4 o'clock P.M. while the Regiment was making a "charge" and Maj. J. W. Scott and Capt. Hawley of Co. K of the 3rd Wis were wounded—both of the latter I had the pleasure of serving— by writing and sending telegraphs to their families—the Mayor was wounded quite seriously in left shoulder blade; and the Capt. in the ankle. The 3rd Wis suffered very severely.

I am now writing in the Provost Marshall's office, 27 rebels have just been brought in; among them are two or three officers—one is Col. Diermont of Va. militia.

I have but just learned that Capt. O'Brien of Co. I, 3rd Wis., is seriously wounded - with but little hope of recovery. Hundred's of rabid secession civilians

are running at large through the village. There are no nurses to care of the wounded; only in one of the Hospitals can be seen the cheering smile of the fair sex. She is the wife of Capt. Forbes of Bayard's Cavalry; and while her husband is faithfully serving his country, she is faithfully bathing the wounds of our volunteers. I see her distributing her little store of blackberry wine among the faint ones. God bless her.

Headquarters train has just passed moving to the front and I must accompany them, I will write again.

Hawkeye.

In Camp on the Battle Field August 11, 1862

Friend "Brick", there was no engagement yesterday worth of notice. - Our forces were ordered to fall back, which they did about 1 1/2 miles, and are now encamped among the woodlands principally that skirt the valley east of the Blue Ridge about one mile distant from Slaughter Mountain where the enemy, 75,000 strong, lie. They have a magnificent position - from the base to midway the mountain - where they can be seen in innumerable numbers. Gens Ewell, Longstreet and Hill are in command of the forces, while Jackson acts as Commander-in chief of the field. Notwithstanding Pope, Sigel, Banks and McDowell are all here, hastily conversing with in twenty feet of me, of the predicament in which we are placed. Our troops are again to meet the enemy - Brick, Jackson has out-generated us thus far in this affair for he had every thing his own way. We have been sending flags of truce continually since yesterday's engagement, that we might be able to gather out dead for burial and bring within our lines the wounded - many of whom have been lying without assistance for 24 hours. One Captain O'Brien of Co. I, 3d Wis. Reg., was brought in to-day at one o'clock on a litter, by his men, as he was unable to ride in an ambulance having been wounded in the leg, back and breast most severely. - The enemy hold the field and some of the 3rd Wis. that were on the field say that a rebel General met them and in fact stood over them while they were gathering their friends together; and one of our boys

picked up a saber when the General told him to "drop it"! Our dead were all stripped of clothing by the rebels.

This morning an armistice was agreed on by the opposing Generals - that hostilities should cease until 2 o'clock today. At the hour many of our teams were ordered back to Culpeper and everything prepared for another hour's wholesale murder; but another agreement, to extend the armistice until 6 tomorrow morning was entered into.

Culpeper, Aug, 12, 1862

As the trains were ordered back to this place yesterday and we had nothing to subsist or sleep on, we followed the train. Then, about mid-way to Culpeper, we met Lieut. Gen. Burnham of Harris Light Cavalry, (Gen. Burnham use to clerk for Johnson of Yankee Notion notoriety in your place) who belongs to King's troops would be on the field that night as they had been marching two-days from Fredericksburg in this direction. (good). An Orderly has just arrived from the field and tells us that King is there and we have orders to pack up..

Tis now 7 o'clock but no firing had been heard; we are going to the fields soon, and will endeavor to give you more particulars.

We have visited and revisited the hospitals here and are positive that at least 1,200 are wounded. The death are upwards of 500. How many prisoners we have taken we know not - probably 200. We have captured four cannon and lost two, but the enemy have certainly 1,500 of our small arms.

The wounded officers at the the Virginia Hotel of this place are as follows:

Gen. C. C. Augur, Commanding Division - shot through right side.
Col. D. Donnelly, 28th N.Y. V. - shot through the abdomen, and reported dead this morning.
Lieut. Col. F. Brown, 28th N.Y. V. - shot through right arm - amputated.
Col. J. F. Knipe, 46th Pa. Vol.
Maj. Matthews, do do
Maj. Armstrong, 5th Ohio.
Lt. A. S. Spier. do
Lt. R. Kirkass do
Lt. T. B. Rogson, 2nd Mass.

Lt J. I. Grafton, do
Lt. J. R. Oakley, do
Capt. F. E. Trotter, 102 N.Y.
Capt. L. B. Stegman do
Capt. Wm. M'Quintey, 12th Reg't U.S.A.
Sergt. B. O'Connor 8th Reg't-U.S.A.
Gen Geary wounded in right arm, partaking of the hospitality of Mrs. Ward.
10 o'clock and no firing; but it isn't possible all will be quiet the remainder of the day.
Yours,

Hawkeye

Correspondence of the Herald **LETTER FROM** **ALF. THOMAS** **CAMP ON THE** **BATTLEFIELD of** **ANTIETAM** **near Sharpsburg, Maryland, Sept.** **24th, 1862**

BATTERY B, 4TH REGT., **REGULAR ARTILLERY**

Which is attached to Gen. Gibbon's brigade is the crack battery of the army of the Potomac.

The Rebel Gen. Lee swears that he will capture that battery if it costs him ten thousand men—this I am told by one of our wounded prisoners.

The artillery men of this institution are, with the exceptions of fifteen of the old company, dedicated members from the various regiments of the brigade.

At the battle of the 17th, Gen Gibbon who is acknowledged to be the best artillerist in the service, paid especial attentions to the workings of this battery.

The execution done to the enemy from this engine of destruction is said to have been truly terrific

Wade House September 27-29, 2002

Wisconsin at Gettysburg

Saturday, September 28

Time	Event	Location
9am	Civil War grounds, camps and sutlers open	All locations
9-11am	Pancake breakfast with the soldiers (\$5 per person)	Civil War building
9am-1:30pm	Full tours of Wade House (house closes for afternoon battle reenactment, reopens 3:15-5pm for abbreviated tours of the first floor)	Lower historic area
9am-1:30pm	Herrling sawmill and Wesley Jung Carriage Museum open for tours (buildings close for afternoon battle reenactment, reopen from 3:15-5pm)	Lower historic area
10:30am	Regimental Volunteer Band of Wisconsin concert	Information tent
10:30am-noon	Narrated infantry, cavalry and artillery drills	Various locations
11am	Vivandiere in Cushing's Battery, Civil War-era musical presentation by Sandy Hauman	Women's activity tent
11am	The Story of the 2nd Wisconsin Infantry, presentation by Gary Klas	Presentation tent
11am-1pm	Book signing by Civil War authors	Information tent
11:30am	Women on the Home Front, historical vignettes by the Lamplighter Society	Women's activity tent
Noon	New Recruits by Bill Daly (drilling and marching for youngsters)	Information tent
Noon	Jewelry of the 1860s, presentation by Wisconsin Historical Museum Director Ann Koski (public invited to bring their jewelry for identification)	Presentation tent
Noon	Nurses of the Civil War, presentation by Beth Strauss	Women's activity tent
12:30pm	Dressed for the Weather, presentation by Glenna Jo Kristen	Women's activity tent
1pm	Honor Ceremony for the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry	North end of battlefield
1:30pm	Camps close to public	All camps
2pm	The Battle of Gettysburg – July 1, 1863 – The 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Withdrawal to Cemetery Hill	Battlefield
3pm	Narrated surgical and medical scenarios	2nd Wisconsin field hospital
3:30pm	Apple pie baking contest	Women's activity tent
3:30-5pm	Abbreviated tours of Wade House (first floor only)	Wade House
5pm	Wade House and grounds close to public	All locations
Various <i>The Old Civil War Soldier</i> , presentation by Richard Smith Information tent Various Sandy Hauman will perform Civil War-era music throughout the weekend Various locations All day Visit with wounded soldiers and hear from doctors and nurses about the care of sick and injured men. 2nd Wisconsin field hospital		

Sunday, September 29

Time	Event	Location
8:30 am	Civil War grounds, camps and sutlers open	All locations
9-11 am	Pancake breakfast with the soldiers (\$5 per person)	Civil War building
9am-1:30 pm	Full tours of Wade House (house closes for afternoon battle reenactment, reopens 3:15-5pm for abbreviated tours of the first floor)	Lower historic area
9am-1:30 pm	Herrling sawmill and Wesley Jung Carriage Museum open for tours (buildings close for afternoon battle reenactment, reopen from 3:15-5pm)	Lower historic area
9am	Protestant church service	Presentation tent
10am	Catholic Mass	Presentation tent
11am	Jewelry of the 1860s, presentation by Wisconsin Historical Museum Director Ann Koski (public invited to bring their jewelry for identification)	Presentation tent
11am	Vivandiere in Cushing's Battery, Civil War-era musical presentation by Sandy Hauman	Women's activity tent
11am-1pm	Book signing by Civil War authors	Information tent
11:30am	Women on the Home Front, historical vignettes by the Lamplighter Society	Women's activity tent
Noon	Civil War Clothing Show, presentation by Lisa Buchtman	Presentation tent
Noon	Nurses of the Civil War, presentation by Beth Strauss	Women's activity tent
Noon	New Recruits by Bill Daly (drilling and marching for youngsters)	Information tent
12:30pm	Dressed for the Weather, presentation by Glenna Jo Kristen	Women's activity tent
1pm	Honor Ceremony for Cushing's Battery	South end of battlefield
1:30pm	Camps close to public	All camps
2pm	The Battle of Gettysburg – July 1, 1863 – The 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Withdrawal to Cemetery Hill	Battlefield
3pm	Narrated surgical and medical scenarios	2nd Wisconsin field hospital
3:30pm	Ladies Tea and Reception (public welcome), Lamplighter Society	Women's activity tent
3:30-5pm	Abbreviated tours of Wade House (first floor only)	Wade House
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The First day At Gettysburg

Many names that have become part of American legend – Little Round Top, Devil’s Den, Pickett’s Charge and others – derive from battlefield sites and military maneuvers seared into the national memory as a result of the historic three-day Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863. But these familiar names may never have found a place in the national lexicon without the lesser-known exploits of the celebrated Iron Brigade, largely composed of Wisconsin regiments, on the battle’s first day. And it is this story that battle reenactments will tell during both days of the annual **Wade House 2002 Civil War Weekend September 28 and 29.**

The historic battle began with an unexpected skirmish between a small band of Brig. Gen. John Buford’s Union cavalry and advance elements of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. Buford’s men, armed with Sharps’ breech-loading repeating

rifles, held their own for a time against the South’s much larger force but ultimately found it necessary to retreat to the heights of McPherson’s Ridge. Enter the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, one of several Wisconsin regiments that would play a key role in the developing battle.

The 2nd Wisconsin, commanded by Col. Lucius Fairchild, led the other Iron Brigade regiments into the fray. Together they formed the leading unit of Maj. Gen. John Reynolds’ First Corps – the most elite fighting force in the Army of the Potomac. The “Black Hats” of the Iron Brigade – so named for their distinctive headgear – fought valiantly but, outnumbered three-to-one, relinquished McPherson’s Ridge to the Confederates. In full-but-orderly retreat and still fighting, the men of the Iron Brigade scurried up and over Seminary Ridge, suffering heavy losses along the way.

When the smoke cleared, a Confederate sharpshooter’s bullet had killed Gen. Reynolds, and Col. Fairchild suffered a wound that resulted in the amputation of his left arm. The rank-and-file soldiers suffered grievous losses as well and, left no other option, the battered brigade retreated through the streets of Gettysburg to the temporary safety of fortified Cemetery Hill at day’s end. But their sacrifice proved crucial to the outcome of the battle, giving Gen. George Meade’s Army of the Potomac critical time throughout the night of July 1 to move forward and muster their forces for the two critical days of battle to follow.

The citizens of Wisconsin took great pride in the heroic deeds of their Iron Brigade soldiers, and rewarded Lucius Fairchild’s bravery and sacrifice by electing him secretary of state in the fall of 1863 and, later, to three terms as governor from 1866 to 1872.

ARMY CORRESPONDENCE

Hospital, near Reedy’sville,
Sept. 26th, 1862

Dear Parents-I am now at our brigade hospital helping to take care of our wounded. There are eighteen of us nurses. We take care of them and dress their wounds. We have one hundred and twenty of the wounded in this hospital; only one from our company, John Hinton, from Waukesha.- He is wounded below the knee. The bone is badly shattered but the pieces have all been taken out.

He appears to be doing well and we think he will not lose his leg.- I act as hospital steward part of the time. I suppose you have heard the particulars of the late battles in Maryland, one on the 14th (Sunday) the other on the 17th (Wednesday). Sunday, a heavy cannonading was kept up and about three o’clock the whole line was ordered forward. We were advancing up a ravine and when we got up within shooting distance, they opened a battery on us, shooting solid shot and shell. They got good range on us; one of their shells

bursting among us, killing and wounding seven. Capt. Parsons, one of the wounded, was struck in the shoulder with a piece of the shell. We soon got up where we could see our Austrian rifles and we did good service with them. We drove them off the mountain. Our ammunition falling short, we were obliged to lay on the battle-field until morning and we discovered that the rebels had left.

We then got our breakfast, a new supply of ammunition and started on again, our brigade taking the lead. After marching a short distance beyond Boonsboro, I became so tired and foot-sore, I, with one other of the company (Bradshaw), fell out of the ranks to rest. After I had got rested, I left my gun and traps with him and taking the canteens, started for water. I saw a house about half a mile distant and started for it. Passing through a grove and over a small rise of ground when suddenly I discovered a gentleman and by his dress I knew him to be a secesh. His gun was standing against a fence.

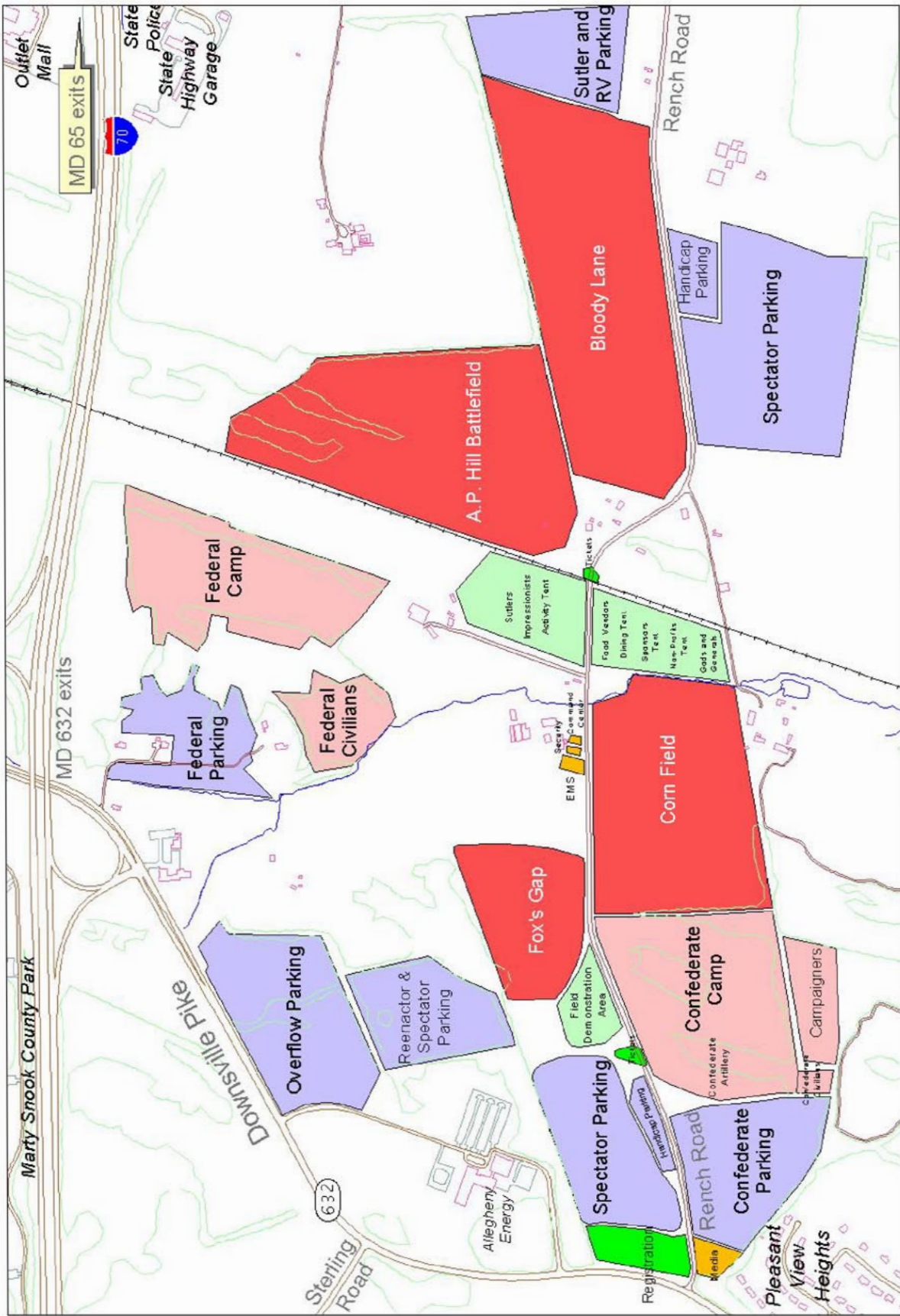
We were both about the same distance from it and both started for it at once; but I having the best pair of legs; beat him about four feet. I grabbed his gun, came to a charge bayonets and told him to come to time, which he did, as he saw I had him where his hair was short.

He belonged to Philip’s Legions, from Georgia. He was a corporal and I must say he was the best looking and most intelligent southern soldier I ever met. I marched him out on the road and gave him up to an officer who had a squad of prisoners in charge.

My comrade and I then started on and overtook our regiment that night. We were moving along until Tuesday night. Wednesday morning, bright and early, the big battle commenced which lasted until after dark. We drove them from every point for three miles and held the ground. The slaughter was terrible on both sides; from our company John Yates was killed; Thomas Kelly wounded in the arm; Hinton, I have spoken of before.

Walter Stone

140th Commemoration of the Battle of Antietam
PRELIMINARY SITE MAP



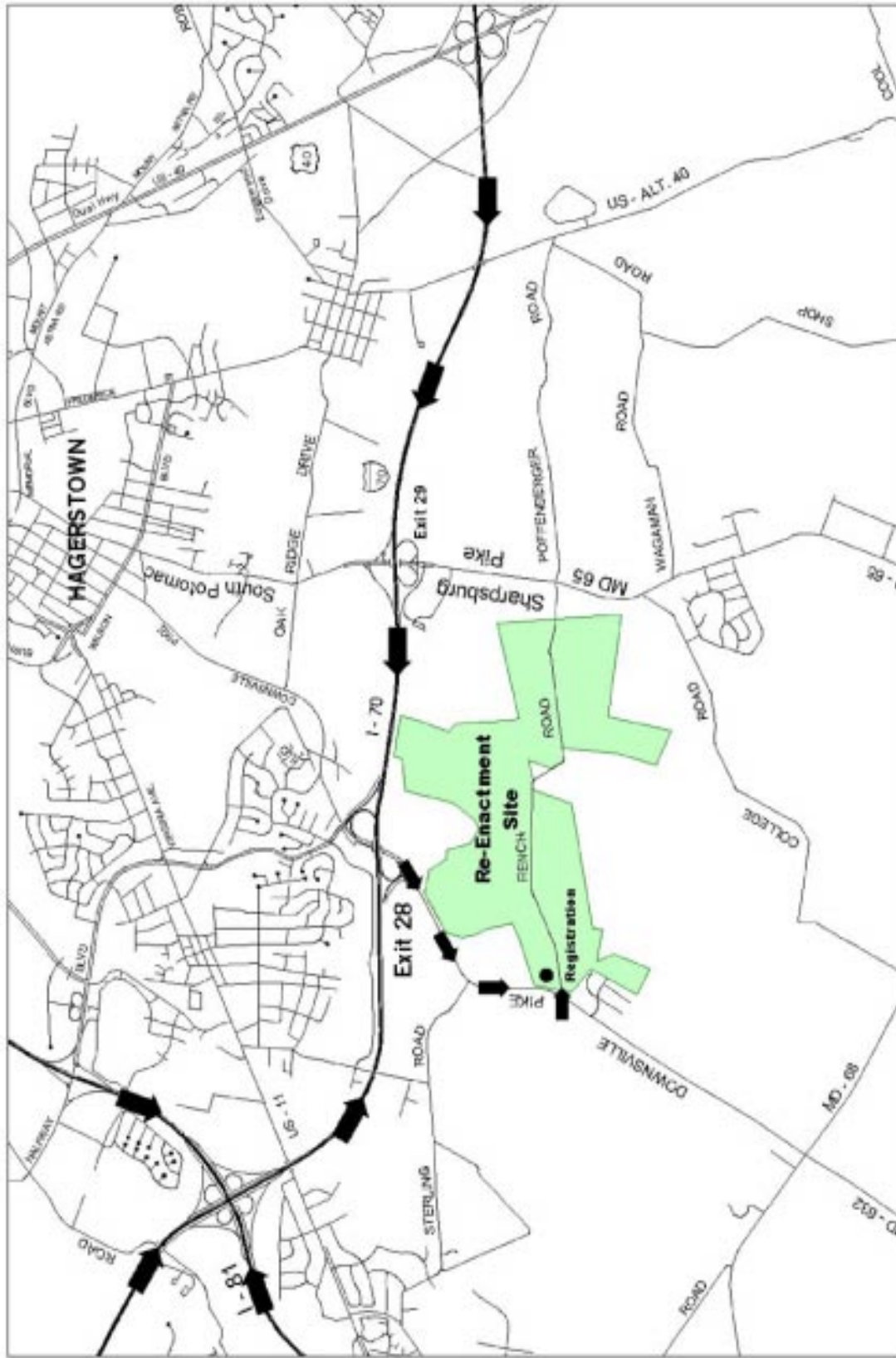
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140th Antietam Reenactment - Reenactor Registration



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140th Antietam Civil War Re-enactment

September 13th * 14th *15th 2002

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Mark your calendar make your plans. The Second Wisconsin as
it did 140 Years Ago will be going to Maryland