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1st Lieutenant's Column

Gentlemen,

The fall camp of instruction was a great time. We had small numbers but it went well. We did some much needed drill on Saturday morning and then did the demonstration for the kids that afternoon. There were about 15 – 20 kids there and close to the same number of parents. We had even fewer people that stayed for Sunday, so we had a nice breakfast followed by Church service and broke camp around 11 and left. It was very warm for the first weekend of October but everyone survived.

We have two events coming up in November. The civil war show is planned for the weekend of November 16th and 17th at the Raceway Complex in Richmond. This is a great recruiting opportunity for the company and we need all the help we can get. I will be there but will need to leave a little early as we are planning to have an executive committee meeting that afternoon. We need to know that there will be people manning the tables. I spoke to several people at camp that indicated they would like to help. Please let your Corporals know if you can help out and which day you can help.

There is also the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg on Saturday, November 23rd. This is always a good time. We are always well received in Gettysburg. The parade usually steps off at 1:00 in the afternoon but I try to get there early to make parking easier and to allow time to grab a bite to eat. We parked in the parking lot next to the Jenny Wade house last year and that worked out fine. I would like to have a good showing for the parade. It is a great opportunity to shine as a unit. Again, if you could help out with this effort, please let your Corporals know.

I will leave the details and times for both events to the 1st Sgt. to explain in his column. Directions will follow in the newsletter.

1st Lt. Gammon

Chaplain's Corner

Seeds & Soils

October 14, 2013 — *by Brent Hackett*

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. —2 Peter 3:18

If you like growing pumpkins, you have probably heard of Dill's Atlantic Giant variety of premium pumpkin seeds. Developed on a family farm in Atlantic Canada, the pumpkins grown from these seeds have set records around the world. In 2011, a pumpkin grown in Quebec set a new world record at 1,818.5 pounds (825 kg). That size of pumpkin could yield almost 1,000 pieces of pie!

When news reporters asked how this pumpkin could grow to such a size, the farmer replied that it had to do with the soil. The seeds were of a special large variety, but the soil still had to be right or the pumpkin wouldn't grow properly.

The Lord Jesus used an illustration in which He compared different types of ground to a person's response to God's Word (Matt. 13). Some seeds were eaten by the birds, others started to grow but were choked by the weeds, and some grew up instantly but had no soil to further their growth. But the seeds that fell on the good soil "yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" (v.8).

Each of us needs to ask, "What kind of soil am I?" The Lord wants to plant His Word in our hearts so we can grow in our knowledge of Him.

More about Jesus let me learn,

More of His holy will discern;

Spirit of God, my teacher be,

Showing the things of Christ to me. —Hewitt

The fruit of the Spirit grows in the soil of obedience.

(Below is the passage that the writer was referring to.)

Matthew 13

1 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Then Jesus explained the parable to them.

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh
the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which
received seed by the way side.
20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and
anon with joy receiveth it;
21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution
ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.
22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of
this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.
23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and
understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some
sixty, some thirty.

Let's all make sure our "ground" is plowed, and cultivated so that the seed of God's word will
take root and bear fruit in our lives.

1ST Lt. Gammon

1st Sergeant's Report

Gentlemen,

As most of you know, our reenacting season is drawing to a close. We have a few more
opportunities that we should all look to take advantage of in the coming month.

The first of those opportunities is at the Civil War Show at the Richmond Raceway
Complex on November 16th and 17th, from 9a-5p (Saturday) and 9a- 3p (Sunday). We need lots of
participation for this event so if you would please let your corporals know your intentions and a
time frame that you can be available. This is a great event for us to have a presence at, as it is
always a potential for new members in our ranks. Please let your corporals know.

Secondly, we have the Gettysburg Parade in, you guessed it, Gettysburg, PA. I cannot say
enough about this event. We always receive a very warm welcome to this event and Gettysburg
is a great little town. The parade will kick off at 1:00pm. Please do your best to arrive early, the
earlier the better and it is easiest to find parking then. We always make an effort to grab a bite
to eat in town once most of us have arrived. Generally speaking, I recommend parking at the
Jenny Wade House Museum. As with the Civil War Show, please let your corporals know if you
will be able to join us for the parade. Again, a large turnout is always appreciated, we are a well
drilled unit, and the numbers help to showcase that.

























With regards to the Parade, this is VERY IMPORTANT. Please be sure that your
equipment is in top shape. A few general rules:

1. Kepis only, no slouch hats
2. ALL brass polished
3. No Haversacks
4. Brogans Greased (or at least cleaned up)
5. And all leathers and other gear wiped off and presentable.

That about sums up the details, any questions, please feel free to contact me. The most
important aspect of this article is that you please let your corporals know whether you can or
cannot make these events. In either situation, please communicate with us.

Respectfully, 1st Sgt. M. Gammon

From Richmond to the Gettysburg Parade

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|  |  | 4. Merge onto I-95 N toward I-64 W / Charlottesville / Washington . Map | 57.9 Mi <i>58.5 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  |  | 5. Merge onto US-17 N via EXIT 133 toward Warrenton . Map | 27.8 Mi <i>86.3 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  | | 6. Turn slight right toward Warrenton / Washington . Map | 0.1 Mi <i>86.5 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  |  | 7. Stay straight to go onto James Madison Hwy / US-15 N / US-17 N / US-29 N . Continue to follow US-15 N / US-29 N . Map | 15.1 Mi <i>101.5 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  |  | 8. Turn left onto US-15 N / James Madison Hwy . Continue to follow US-15 N . Map <i>US-15 N is 0.3 miles past Cerro Gordo Rd If you reach Tyson Oaks Ct you've gone about 0.5 miles too far</i> | 13.4 Mi <i>114.9 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  |  | 9. Enter next roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto James Monroe Hwy / US-15 . Map | 0.3 Mi <i>115.2 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  |  | 10. Enter next roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto US-15 . Map | 10.4 Mi <i>125.6 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  | | 11. Take the VA-7 E / Leesburg Bypass ramp toward US-15 N / Alexandria / Frederick MD . Map | 0.2 Mi <i>125.9 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  |  | 12. Merge onto US-15-BYP N / Leesburg Byp . Map | 4.1 Mi <i>129.9 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  |  | 13. US-15-BYP N / Leesburg Byp becomes US-15 N (Crossing into Maryland). Pass through 1 roundabout. Map | 21.7 Mi <i>151.7 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  |  | 14. Merge onto US-15 N via EXIT 12B toward Gettysburg (Crossing into Pennsylvania). Map | 34.3 Mi <i>185.9 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  | | 15. Take the PA-97 exit toward Baltimore St . Map | 0.2 Mi <i>186.1 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  | | 16. Turn left onto Baltimore Pike . Map <i>China Garden Buffet is on the corner If you reach US-15 N you've gone about 0.1 miles too far</i> | 2.2 Mi <i>188.3 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  | | 17. Baltimore Pike becomes Baltimore St . Map | 0.7 Mi <i>188.9 Mi Total</i> | ✕ |
|  | | 18. Welcome to GETTYSBURG, PA . Map <i>Your destination is just past E Middle St If you reach Lincoln Sq you've gone a little too far</i> | | ✕ |

 **Gettysburg, PA**

Total Travel Estimate: **188.94 miles - about 3 hours 41 minutes**

Ode to Joe

