

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Battlefield Tour Number 3

Chicago, Illinois

March, 1967

17th Annual Battlefield Tour - to Missouri and Arkansas - April 20-23



Elkhorn Tavern on Pea Ridge Battlefield

For the first time a Civil War Round Table battlefield tour is scheduled entirely west of the Mississippi river. The battle sites to be visited in Missouri and Arkansas will bring forth a cast of characters mostly apart from those more familiar names of other areas of the Civil War that we have visited in 16 previous trips. Accordingly, it will be highly rewarding to follow the reading list that has been drawn up for "Armchair Generalship" and to bone up on people and events.

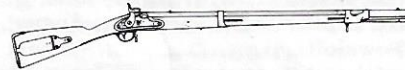
The tour will be by plane and bus, with air hops from Chicago to Springfield, Mo.; from Fayetteville, Ark., to Kansas City, and from there home. On the plane from Chicago to Springfield, E. B. (Pete) Long will set the scene of the war in Missouri and Arkansas.

Headquarters at Springfield will be at the Holiday Inn. In Springfield is the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks with a membership from a tri-state area. The group which will be our host has been strong and active. At lunch, Dr. L. E. Meador will speak on Wilson's Creek. Dr. H. Lee Hoover, editor of the group's unique newsletter, Buck and Ball, and Springfield members will be our guides on the Wilson Creek battlefield and the site of Zagonyi's charge.

The first of the "Command Posts" that are traditional with our tours, will be set up at the Springfield Holiday Inn and people of the Ozark CWRT will join us at dinner. Speaker will be Edwin C. Bearss, our companion on so many tours and now a research historian of the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. Ed will talk on the battles of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove.

Bearss and John Bryce, historian of Pea Ridge National Military park, will be lecturers on the buses going to Pea Ridge Friday, April 21, via the Telegraph (or Wire) road. There will be a buffet lunch at the Town & Country restaurant in Rogers, Ark. The caravan will move to the Prairie Grove battlefield where W. J. Lemke and James E. Murray will be the guides and lecturers.

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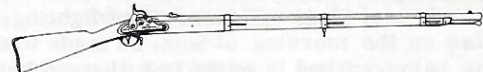
COST OF TOUR

\$195, Two to a room (*), \$210 Single.

(*) Indicate person with whom you wish to share room

INCLUDES: Round trip plane fare, bus ground transportation, hotel room, Command Posts, lunches and dinners (except where noted "on your own"), group service tips, admission fees where required, tour literature in packet, and \$10 registration fee to cover promotional and overhead costs.

FOR VARIATIONS: Portions of tour, joining en route, individual meetings, meals, or rooms, write or phone Registrar Margaret April, 18 East Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Phone (area 312) Whitehall 4-3085.



BATTLEFIELDS TO BE VISITED

Thumbnail sketches of battles and battlefields covered by the 17th annual tour:

WILSON'S CREEK, Aug. 10, 1861 — After the red-bearded Connecticut Yankee, Nathaniel Lyon, had secured St. Louis, he moved to southwest Missouri with Franz Sigel and his St. Louis Germans. Ben McCulloch, a hunter and trapper who had fought with Sam Houston in Texas, moved in with a Confederate force from Arkansas to help Sterling Price's Missourians.

The Union attack began in the foggy dawn of Aug. 10. Lyon's forces drove Price's Missourians back, but they counterattacked. After an hour's fight, Price was driven down Oak Hill and again formed to counterattack.

Sigel, commanding a Federal detachment attacking the southern rear, got things jumbled. When he heard Lyon's opening guns, he occupied the Confederate camp and then advanced toward Sharp's house. He was attacked and routed by McCulloch's forces. Lyon, who had been wounded in the leg and head at Oak Hill, led a last gasp charge into the rebels. It succeeded, but Lyons was killed. The Confederates charged once more, but broke off the action and the Federals withdrew to their railhead at Rolla. McCulloch did not pursue and returned to Arkansas. Price occupied Springfield and then marched to northwest Missouri and Lexington. Wilson's Creek was the first big battle of the Civil War west of the Mississippi.

LEXINGTON, Mo., Sept. 18-20, 1861 — Sterling Price came up to Lexington on the Missouri river and
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surrounded Col. James Mulligan's Irish Brigade of Chicago camped in and around the Masonic College. After some days of siege and two days of fighting, the Confederates on the morning of Sept. 20 made breastworks of hemp bales soaked in water to withstand heated shot, advanced toward the Union lines and won the battle by the day's end. The Anderson House, now a museum, was used as a hospital and also was the scene of bitter fighting. Mulligan surrendered his forces.

ZAGONYI'S CHARGE, Oct. 25, 1861 — Maj. Charles Zagonyi was a Hungarian patriot who commanded Gen. John C. Fremont's colorful bodyguard. In the area covered by the fighting on Oct. 25, Count Zagonyi's first charge was from Wilson's Creek to the northwest up a wooded hill to the vicinity of Judge Farmer's house (still standing). From the summit of the hill, a second charge was made to the northeast into Springfield along the line of Wilson's Creek valley, to a point near the present Frisco station, where there is a Zagonyi marker today.

PEA RIDGE, Ark., March 7-8, 1862 — Earl Van Dorn was sent into the area. In deciding to attack the Federals he divided his forces of some 16,000 on March 7. Samuel R. Curtis was commander on the Union side with about 10,500 men. Curtis ordered Col. Eugene Carr's division to the vicinity of Elkhorn tavern to resist Sterling Price's 6,200 Confederates. Franz Sigel's two Union divisions moved north of Leetown to oppose the other southern force under McCulloch. In the fighting against Carr, Brig. Gen. William Slack fell mortally wounded. Carr was unable to hold the field and withdrew at dusk. The tavern that had been Carr's headquarters and a Federal hospital became Van Dorn's headquarters and a Confederate hospital. On the other flank of the battle, north of Leetown, Gen. Albert Pike, who had brought a brigade of Indians from Indian Territory, had difficulty keeping his troops under control — they feared artillery.

*from the
Editor's pen*



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The success of a battlefield tour depends on many people, guided in general by the tour committee. This year we will have two entire groups aiding us, the CWRT of the Ozarks at Springfield, Mo., and the Kansas City CWRT. Then of major importance are the speakers, guides and lecturers. Their names will be found in the main tour story and in the tour schedule.

The Indians and a party of Brig. Gen. James McIntosh's cavalry captured three cannons, and a Confederate victory seemed in the making. Ben McCulloch's troops joined McIntosh in an advance against Col. Peter Osterhaus. Sigel's forces opposed McCulloch. McCulloch moved from the woods into an opening to survey the field. He was an easy mark for Peter Pelican, an Illinois sharpshooter. McIntosh assumed command. Fifteen minutes later he too was slain. When the first day ended, the Confederates were victors at Elkhorn tavern and on the other flank the Federals won north of Leetown. On March 8 most of the fighting was in the vicinity of Elkhorn tavern and artillery was dominant. Franz Sigel had one of his rare good days and his artillery posted on the crest of rising ground had a telling effect. Van Dorn, running low on ammunition, moved out by the Huntsville road. By noon the battle of Pea Ridge, one of the most decisive engagements west of the Mississippi, had ended with an over-all Federal victory, and Missouri was saved for the Union.

LONE JACK, Aug. 16, 1862 — A hamlet southeast of Kansas City was the site of one of those "neighbor vs. neighbor" battles so familiar to the Civil War. A Confederate force under Col. J. V. Cockrell had attacked and captured Independence on Aug. 11. Union Maj. Emory S. Foster had 800 Missourians and two guns of the 3rd Indiana Battery at Lone Jack. Cockrell and Col. Upton Hays attacked with perhaps 1,100 Confederate Missourians at dawn on Aug. 16. The struggle was hand-to-hand in the village street. Some of William Quantrill's men reinforced Cockrell. After five hours, the Federals retreated. Both sides had heavy casualties. They were buried under the huge jack oak tree for which the community was named. The tree is gone, but a modern museum tells the story.

PRAIRIE GROVE, Ark., Dec. 7, 1862 — Gen. James G. Blunt's Federal division was in an exposed location at Cane Hill, southwest of Fayetteville. Gen. Thomas C. Hindman marched with more than 11,000 Confederates aiming to destroy him. Blunt called for help from Gen. Francis Herron at Wilson's Creek. The evening of Dec. 6 Hindman drove in Blunt's pickets. The next morning Gen. John S. Marmaduke's Confederate cavalry hit leading units of Herron's force and drove them back. Hindman took up a defensive position and Herron attacked, but was repulsed. He made two more unsuccessful attacks before Blunt marched to his relief. After an hour's bombardment, Blunt attacked, and rolled up the enemy's flank, but was held by Gen. Jo Shelby and others. The Confederates held their position until dark and during the night withdrew without Blunt perceiving it.

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Headquarters and Command Post will be in the Holiday Inn at Fayetteville, Ark., home of the University of Arkansas and its famed football teams, the Razorbacks. Speaker will be Dr. Howard Monnett of Kansas City, editor of the newsletter of Kansas City CWRT. He will speak on "Westport and the Sterling Price Invasion of 1864." His book, "Action Before Westport," is the finest work on that battle.

Since there is not room for all of our party on a single Central Airlines plane, we will use two regularly scheduled flights. An A-Group will leave Fayetteville at 10:27 p.m., arriving at Kansas City at 11:45 p.m. B-Group leaves Saturday at 8:39 a.m. and arrives at Kansas City at 9:55 a.m. Please mark your choice of flight on the reservation form.

Buses will take both groups to Lone Jack to arrive shortly after 10 a.m. Saturday. Charles Kerr will guide us on a tour of the museum and the site of the small, but bloody engagement.

Lunch will be at our headquarters hotel, the renowned Muehlebach. The afternoon will be devoted to a tour of the Westport battle sites and other Kansas City points of interest with Dr. Monnett and L. E. Seymour as our guides and lecturers. In the evening there will be a joint dinner with Kansas City CWRT, one of the outstanding Round Tables of the Country. Speaker will be Col. Lester B. Wikoff, superintendent of Wentworth Military academy at Lexington, Mo. He will talk on "The Siege of Lexington, Mo." The traditional "Fun Night" will be part of the evening's proceedings.

Sunday the tour travels to Independence, Mo., starting point of the Oregon and Santa Fe trails and home of President Harry S Truman. There were fights at Independence in 1862 and 1864. There will be visits to the Truman home and library, where the staff will be our hosts. The Old Jail, the only restored jail in the midwest, is maintained by the Jackson County Historical Society.

Lunch will be in the Wentworth Military academy at Lexington. Col. Wikoff will be our host and will share guide duties with Mrs. Charles Ehler on a tour of the Lexington battlefield and the community.

Chicagoans will find particular interest in the battle of Lexington, because the chief figure was Col. James Mulligan of Chicago and Chicagoans dominated his Irish Brigade. Mulligan is buried in Calvary cemetery, Chicago. The tour will be timed to allow viewing of a dress parade of the Wentworth Military cadets.

From Lexington, buses will return to the Muehlebach hotel for checkout. The return flight to Chicago will leave at 7:15 p.m.

BATTLEGROUND (Continued from page 2)

WESTPORT, Mo., Oct. 23, 1864—Sterling Price made a last gamble to drive Union forces from Missouri in the autumn of 1864. Gen. Jo Shelby joined him with a cavalry division and Price had about 12,000 men when he struck Pilot Knob in southeast Missouri. Then he sashayed across the state. St. Louis looked too tough, so Price moved westward south of the Missouri river. There were actions Oct. 19 at Lexington, Oct. 21 at the Little Blue River, and Independence and the Big Blue, Oct. 22. Gen. Samuel Curtis commanded the Federals in Kansas City and the area. During the night of Oct. 22-23, Price was encamped on what is now Loose park. Curtis organized a new line along Brush Creek, just south of Kansas City near Westport. Price now had Federals on two sides, Curtis to the north and Alfred Pleasonton to the east. Altho he had an open route of retreat to the south, Price elected to attempt to use his central position first to defeat the forces of Curtis and then turn and destroy the forces of Pleasonton at Byram's Ford. After violent fighting on both fronts on Sunday, Oct. 23, the Federals defeated Shelby and Marmaduke.

TOUR SCHEDULE

(All Times Local — Any Changes Will Be Announced on Tour)

THURSDAY, April 20, 1967

- 8:00 a.m.—Check in with Registrar at Ozark Air Lines, O'Hare Airport.
- 9:00 a.m.—Depart on Ozark Flight 961 DC-9 Jet. (Narrator en route E. B. (Pete) Long)
- 11:17 a.m.—Arrive Springfield, Mo., Bus to Holiday Inn.
- Lunch —Speaker Dr. L. E. Meador on "Battle of Wilson's Creek."
- 1:30 p.m.—Tour Wilson's Creek battlefield, National cemetery, and terrain of Zagonyi's charge. Guides: Dr. H. Lee Hoover and Springfield CWRT members.
- 6:30 p.m.—Command Post, Holiday Inn.
- 7:30 p.m.—Joint dinner with CWRT of the Ozarks. Speaker Edwin C. Bearss on "Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove."

FRIDAY, April 21

Breakfast on your own. Luggage on buses.

- 8:30 a.m.—Leave for Pea Ridge via Wire road. Lecturers on buses, Edwin Bearss and John Bryce, Pea Ridge Battlefield Park historian.
- 1:00 p.m.—Buffet lunch at Town & Country Restaurant, Rogers, Ark.
- Afternoon—Bus to Prairie Grove, Guides: W. J. Lemke and James E. Murray. Stop at Confederate and National cemeteries.
- 6:30 p.m.—Command Post, Holiday Inn, Fayetteville, Ark.
- 7:30 p.m.—Dinner. Speaker Dr. Howard Monnett on "Westport and the Sterling Price Invasion of 1864."
- 10:27 p.m.—A Group, Central Airlines Flight 640, arrives Kansas City 11:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 22

Breakfast on your own. Luggage on Buses.

- 8:39 a.m.—B Group, Central Airlines Flight 644, arrives Kansas City 9:55 a.m.
- Morning—Buses to Lone Jack battlefield and Visitor Center. Guide: Charles Kerr.
- Lunch —Hotel Muehlebach, headquarters.
- Afternoon—Tour Westport battlefield and other Kansas City points of interest. Guides: Dr. Howard Monnett and L. E. Seymour.
- 6:30 p.m.—Command Post, Hotel Muehlebach.
- 7:30 p.m.—Joint dinner with Kansas City CWRT. Speaker Col. Lester B. Wikoff on "The Siege of Lexington, Mo." Fun Night.

SUNDAY, April 23

Breakfast and church on your own.

- 9:00 a.m.—Bus to Independence, Mo. Old Jail, Truman Library and Home. Guides: Monnett and Seymour and officials of library.
- Lunch —Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington.
- 1:00 p.m.—Lexington Battlefield, Dress Parade of Wentworth Cadet Corps, and community tour. Guides: Col. Wikoff and Mrs. Charles Ehler.
- Return to Hotel Muehlebach for luggage and checkout. Leave 5:30 p.m. Dinner at airport.
- 7:15 p.m.—Depart, TWA Air Lines Flight 500 on DC-9.
- 8:30 p.m.—Arrive Chicago, O'Hare Airport.

ARMCHAIR GENERALSHIP



BY PETE LONG

The literature on the Trans-Mississippi is small in quantity compared with the other theaters of the Civil War. Authors have not given it the attention it deserves. However, for Missouri and Arkansas, particularly, there is a considerable amount, though at times it is difficult to dig out. We trust the following suggestions will enable you to more fully understand this portion of "the war beyond the river."

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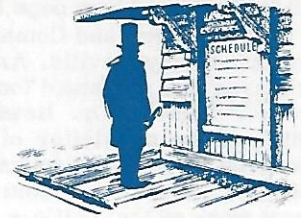
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BULLETIN BOARD



CHECK-IN-TIME: 8:00 a.m. at Ozark Air Lines, O'Hare airport, at special desk with Registrar Margaret April. Luggage tags and tour packet will be provided.

DEPART: 9:00 a.m. on Ozark Flight 961 DC-9 jet, arriving at Springfield, Mo., at 11:17 a.m. Buses to Holiday Inn.

ON THE TOUR: Please be prompt at all stated times. Bus marshals will be on hand for guidance. Notify them if leaving on a side excursion.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.: Luggage on buses to airport for 8:39 a.m. departure to Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY: Sunday, April 23: 5:30 p.m. leave Muehlebach hotel for airport, check in with Registrar, 7:15 p.m. departure on TWA Air Lines flight 500. Arrive Chicago, O'Hare airport, 8:30 p.m.



"History is the self-consciousness of humanity—humanity's effort to understand itself through a study of the past" — Frederick Jackson Turner.

AT PEA RIDGE, CWRT members will see a set of Official Records which was placed there in the early 1960's through our Round Table. Marshall Rissman, past president of our CWRT who was moving to California offered his set of O.R. to a member of our group, the selection to be made by drawing a name from a hat. When National Park Service heard of it, the service requested the set for the newly authorized Pea Ridge National Military park. Members who had entered their names for the drawing waived their claims and the set went to Pea Ridge as a gift of Rissman and our CWRT.

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