CHANCELLORSVILLE

[General ‘Stonewall’] Jackson started early on Saturday, the 2nd of May, with his three divisions, under Generals Hill, Colston, and Rodes and proceeded by the Furnace and Brock Roads, his advance being protected by a large detachment of Fitzhugh Lee’s cavalry, commanded by General Stuart in person. The Confederates met with no opposition until the right of the advancing column had reached an elevation close by Catharine Furnace, which was about the only point along the intended route that was not completely hidden by intervening forests. Jackson’s force then came in full view of Birney’s division, which had been located to the northeast, between the Furnace and Chancellor’s (Dundall’s) Tavern, close by Barlow’s brigade, as well as William’s and Whipple’s divisions.

As the road there turns almost directly southward, the Federals were naturally led to the belief that Jackson was directing a retreat toward Richmond. Sickles was therefore ordered to attack, and at about three o’clock in the afternoon he crossed the Wilderness and reached the road, striking the rear of Jackson’s column, and taking many prisoners. He soon became so much elated at his success that he called for reinforcements, and a detachment of Pleasanton’s cavalry was accordingly sent him, together with Barlow’s brigade, of Howard’s corps, and Williamson’s brigade, of Slocum’s corps.

With these additional troops Sickles attacked the Confederates so fiercely as to for a while throw them into great confusion. During the excitement that followed he was able to cut off and capture nearly the whole of the Twenty-third Georgia regiment; but as a force of infantry and artillery, taken from Anderson’s force, was coming up to the support of the Confederates, Sickles withdrew his troops to their former position.

Jackson’s force continued its march, his leading column under Rodes having by that time already crossed the Orange Plank road, and being on its way northward across the Culpepper Plank Road toward the Old turnpike.

Under cover of the intervening thick Wilderness jungle, the Pike was reached at five o’clock, and one hour later Rodes, Colston, and Hill, were posted in successive lines of battle across the Pike and in readiness to move. When the advance was sounded they rushed forward simultaneously against both the flank and rear of Howard’s forces.

The onslaught was so furiously made that Deven’s division, occupying the extreme right, near the Tally

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Commander-in-Chief’s Message

At noon on February 12, I was sitting on a platform in the Lincoln Memorial near assorted dignitaries, listening to the sounds of a military band fill the marble chamber. Behind me loomed the massive seated Lincoln, “staring at stillness” as poet Archibald MacLeish put it. Before me, seated in the front rows of a throng of guests and spectators, were my friends and Companions of the Loyal Legion, an organization that has for so long been most prominent in honoring Lincoln’s memory.

As the commemoration went on, as especially as a vocal quartet from Lincoln Memorial University honored us with “Battle Hymn of the Republic”, I tried as hard as I could to savor the moment. In my brief remarks, I urged those assembled to reflect on Lincoln’s life and legacy. To be at the Memorial on this day is

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WELCOME NEW COMPANIONS

The following Companions have joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion since the Fall 2012 issue of the Journal. Commander-in-Chief Jeffry Burden extends congratulations and a warm welcome to each one.

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Associate (2)
A267 20 January 2013 PA Eugene G. Mortorff
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Respectfully Submitted
Col. Eric Rojo USA (Ret)

Hereditary Member Recruitment

New membership represents the future of our Order. In recognition of that fact, the Commandery-in-Chief honors those Companions who recruit three or more hereditary Companions during a membership year (October 1-September 30) with the award of the Lincoln Medal. Companions who qualify for the Medal may receive the award at either the Annual Congress, the Mid-Winter meeting in Washington, or the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield. Please contact the Commander-in-Chief, or Membership Committee Chairman James Simmons, for more details.

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Commandery News

Ohio Commandery

In January PC-in-C Gordon Bury presented a history of MOLLUS to the Stark County Civil War Roundtable. He continued with a membership drive in February by setting up a recruitment display at the Ohio Regimental Ball in Canton, OH. Both He and Editor Robert Rock represented MOLLUS at the annual President McKinley Birthday ceremonies at the McKinley monument in Canton, OH.

The annual Ohio State University ROTC award ceremony on February 28th featured the presentation of the MOLLUS ROTC medal to Army ROTC Cadet Kyle L. Cook, a sophomore majoring in history. Lt. Col. Michael R. Lear, professor of military science, presented the award on behalf of the Ohio Commandery of MOLLUS.

Editor’s Notes:

Sadly no other Commandery News was received by this office prior to the deadline for this issue. Please make every effort to contribute to this Historical Journal with your Commandery News, 150th anniversary of the Civil War activities and any historical articles that you write relating to your Civil War ancestors. The next 2 issues will be centered around the Gettysburg anniversary theme, so please send anything relevant by the May 15th deadline. Remember to send all photos in a jpg format.

Loyally,

Robert E. Rock
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We welcome the following new members of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States:

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Ruth Marie Funck, Chairman
Helen Soden Brady Memorial Scholarship Fund
House, was completely swept away before it could be brought effectively into position to meet this unexpected attack. McLean’s brigade followed Van Gilsa’s, which was the first to bear the brunt of Jackson’s advance. The whole division was driven upon that of Schurz, occupying the centre, thus embarrassing the successful formation of the latter, which broke in turn, although Schimmelfennig’s brigade, by a rapid and well-executed change of front, bitterly contested for a while the Confederate advance.

By this time all had the appearance of a perfect rout, and the disorder would have been also shared by Steiweh’s division but for the stand bravely taken by Buschbeck’s brigade, which was located on the extreme left, and which did not leave its rapidly improvised earthenworks near Dundell’s Tavern until both its flanks had been almost completely turned by Colston’s additional forces.

It was now nearly seven o’clock. The Eleventh Corps was completely demoralized and in retreat past Hooker’s late headquarters. Lee had ordered a general advance to be made as soon as Hill’s force could be brought up to the front to replace Rodes’ and Colston’s troops, which had become disordered after battling through the woods. In a short time the Confederates were assailing not only Slocum’s corps to the south of Fairview, but also the centre under Couch, and the extreme of Meade’s line to the northeast, which McLaws and Anderson were attacking so as to prevent reinforcements coming from what was originally the extreme Federal left.

Hooker had, however, meanwhile posted most of the Eleventh Corps artillery across the Plank Road, and he had also lined Fairview with additional guns, mainly taken from the Third Corps batteries. With these scathing fire was poured into the advancing right columns of the enemy, while Meade’s line bravely withstood its attack, and while Colonel N.A. Miles’s force of Hancock’s division was heroically sustaining the more important assault upon the Federal centre.

With the additional artillery, General Hooker had called up both Berry’s and French’s divisions, which had come accompanied by Pleasanton’s cavalry from Hazel Grove. These hurried forward, and by the time Jackson had nearly reached Fairview they were in position to open a most destructive fire upon the Confederates. The latter’s progress was, however, so steadily made that it was found necessary to stem the advance effectually lest the neighboring batteries fall into the hands of the superior numbers now concentrating before them.

Pleasanton had then with him only two regiments of cavalry, the Eighth and Seventeenth Pennsylvania, besides his battery of horse-artillery, and if the intended check be attempted with that small force, it must needs apparently be at the risk of certain death. But brave men were there equal to the occasion, and as soon as Major Peter Keenan, commanding the Eighth Pennsylvania, realized the situation, he asked leave to lead in the attack.

Cheers followed the order then given, and with an enthusiasm scarcely paralleled through the Civil War the cavalry burst from the woods upon the Confederate flanks. The charge was brilliantly made and sustained in face of the great disparity of numbers, but in ten minutes nearly one-half the cavalry were disabled, the leader of the troop having been killed at the first volley directed upon them.

Short as was the delay occasioned by this attack, it proved sufficient for the more effective posting of the horse-artillery, and also enabled the placing into position of the remnants of the Eleventh Corps, as well as of the
an honor; to also be there shoulder-to-shoulder with compatriots of the Loyal Legion reinforces one’s bond with an organization that has never forgotten its founding purpose or its goals. It has been a special privilege to officially represent the Legion these past two observances.

The Commandery-in-Chief meeting on February 11 that preceded the Lincoln Memorial event was productive. The progress of the Order continues, both in the activities of its Commanderies and its financial health. The banquet that evening included an entertaining talk by historian Kevin Weddle on “Lincoln’s Tragic Admiral”, Samuel Francis DuPont. As always, to share that event with the Dames and with representatives of L.M.U. was a delight. Our thanks to Companion Rob Pollock and all the District of Columbia Commandery for their superb hosting efforts.

The Sesquicentennial events. Ask to be involved -- don’t wait for someone to ask you. My own calendar includes trips to the Bentonville battlefield in March for the unveiling of the first Union marker there; to Springfield in April for the annual MOLLUS/SUVCW Lincoln Death Day observance; and to Vicksburg in May to help re-dedicate the Iowa state monument, near where Iowans (including relatives of mine) charged the Confederate works on May 22, 1863. I hope you will join me in representing the Loyal Legion with pride wherever we go.

As for the future? Warm weather approaches, and with it new opportunities for involvement in local and state
Commander-in-Chief laying his wreath

PCinC Keith Harrison with Sr.Vice Waldron K. Post II

The Dames wreath being presented

Dames Members (R to L): Florence Stanley, Jean Bishop, Nancy Kane, Blanche Curfman, and a guest from Massachusetts

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The Ohio Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion cordially invites you to attend the 128th Congress October 17-19, 2013 at the Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN

Thursday, October 17, 2013:
- Registration late afternoon at the Middlesboro, KY Holiday Inn
- Enjoy a Night in the Museum Vault to view many MOLLUS artifacts not viewed by the general public.

Friday, October 18, 2013:
- Registration begins at 10 am at the Middlesboro, KY Holiday Inn
- Spend some time enjoying a self-guided driving tour of Cumberland Gap National Historic Park
- Dinner at the Lincoln Memorial University

Saturday, October 19, 2013
- MOLLUS & DOLLUS meetings at 8 AM at the Lincoln Memorial University
- Luncheon at the Lincoln Memorial University
- Special Guest Speaker at the Lincoln Memorial University Museum Auditorium
- Museum guided tour
- 6:00 Reception at the Lincoln Memorial University
- 7:00 Banquet at the Lincoln Memorial University

Registration forms and all details will be available May 15th.
In the first such effort of its kind, the Loyal Legion is making plans to join with the Military Order of the Stars and Bars to help put finishing touches on restoring a Civil War fort -- and in doing so, to create a lasting alliance between organizations from traditionally opposite camps.

The MOS&B, composed of Confederate officer and civil service descendants, is finalizing arrangements with the Legion and with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation to donate manpower and money to help the Foundation complete conservation of Star Fort, just outside of Winchester, Va. The fort, built by the 4th Alabama Infantry in 1863, was prominent in the Confederate victory at Second Winchester in 1863 and again in the Union victory at Third Winchester in 1864.

MOS&B Commander Toni Turk and Immediate Past Commander Max Waldrop have both been highly supportive of this joint effort. Discussions with them led to meetings between the MOS&B’s General Executive Council and Loyal Legion officers in Memphis in March 2012, and again in Richmond in October, which brought the two groups together and created a working atmosphere. Never before has the Loyal Legion forged such a relationship.

At the Loyal Legion’s Congress in October, companions voted in favor of supporting the Star Fort initiative. And, at the just-completed Midwinter meeting, the Trustees of the Loyal Legion Memorial Fund voted to make a $2,500 donation to the Foundation towards needed finishing touches, including earthwork restoration and signage. A work day is being scheduled for April, where we hope to have a number of Companions and MOS&B members on site to support the initiative with their labor. I’ll send out more information on that directly to Commanderies as firm plans develop.

The Fort is scheduled to open to the public in June 2013. For more information, see www.shenandoahatwar.org.
additional troops under warren, Birney, Barlow, and Whipple, which had since likewise reached this part of the field.

The contest soon became general, and upon Jackson’s right, as well as in his centre, the battle raged furiously, with immense losses on both sides, especially from the Federal artillery, which had been judiciously posted in advance of and close by the intersection of the Chancellorsville roads. The untied fire of some forty guns directed along the Plank road held at bay the entire Confederate force, and compelled it to halt in the woods until reinforcements could be brought up.

A greater loss than any yet sustained by the Confederates was now in store for them. During the interval that followed the last attack, Jackson set out on the Plank road with his staff to reconnoiter the position. He had left orders to his troops not to fire unless approached by Federal cavalry, and he was about re-entering the lines, after completing an examination which carried him much further than he had anticipated when he was fired upon by his own soldiers, who mistook the horsemen for some of Pleasanton’s cavalry. The party scattered, and Jackson rapidly entered the forest, but he was there again fired upon by some of his infantry and fatally injured. He had received a mortal wound just below the shoulder-joint, and was besides badly wounded in the right hand and left arm. Nearly all of his escort had been killed and wounded.

General A.P. Hill took Jackson’s place, but being shortly after wounded by the fragments of a shell, the chief command was given temporarily to General Rodes, and afterward to General J.E.B. Stuart.

Further reconnaissances were made, but owing mainly to the increased darkness, the Confederates decided to abandon for the time all further movements. Nor did the Federals thereafter make any more demonstrations, except in Birney’s front, whence Ward’s brigade, toward midnight, charged upon the Confederate along the Plank road, taking some prisoners, and bringing in a few abandoned guns and caissons.

Sunday, the 3rd of May, found the opposing armies upon entirely new lines. The divisions of Hill, Colston and Rodes were successively ranged across the Plank road, Hill’s extreme left and centre respectively facing Berry and Williams, who occupied the extreme Federal right and centre, while his own extreme right lay upon Hazel Grove, behind which Geary’s force curved toward the Chancellorsville cross roads. Anderson’s and McLaw’s divisions completed a line extending from the Furnace to a point very near the Old Mine road.

The division of Hancock formed a curve almost at right angles with Geary’s left, resting upon the Cross Roads, and traversed both the Mott run and the River Road, while Birney’s, French’s and Whipple’s divisions were stationed at Fairview and along the Elley’s Ford Road. The troops of Meade and Howard were deployed along the road leading to Scott’s Dam. Sykes had the artillery posted close by, where the last named road intersects the Elley’s Ford Road, and Reynolds’s corps was posted further up the latter, a little beyond the United States Ford Road.

Early on the 3rd, Stuart renewed the attack upon Hooker’s force, with the battle-cry, “Charge and remember Jackson!” and the advance was made with such impetuosity that in a short time he was in possession of the crest from which the Eleventh Corps had been driven the preceding day. No time was lost in crowning the eminence with all the heavy artillery obtainable, and as soon as this could be made to play upon the Federal lines a charge was successively ordered upon the positions held by Generals Berry and French, both of whom were supported by the divisions of Williams and Whipple.

After a severe struggle the Confederates succeeded in capturing the high ground where the Federals had posted some more heavy artillery, and in turning the latter upon the Federals who soon had to fall back to their second and third line of entrenchments. The Confederates followed close upon them, and made charge after charge.
in order to capture the new positions, but unavailingly and when reinforcements arrived from Meade’s Corps; they were forced to abandon the attack.

While this had been going on, Slocum and Hancock were assailed by Anderson and McLaws. The contest between these forces was no less bitter, and for a brief time neither side appeared to have the advantage; but the arrival of additional troops upon Anderson’s left enabled the Carter and Jones batteries to be put into a position from which they could do a great deal of damage. Renewed charges were made by the Confederates under cover of the additional guns brought up, and it was not long before the Federals were compelled, after heavy losses, to yield enough ground to admit Anderson’s junction with Stuart’s extreme right.

When this was affected, the whole Confederate line eagerly pressed forward, and with the exception of Geary’s and Hancock’s divisions, all of the centre was forced back, as the right had already been toward Chancellorsville and Fairview. Reinforcements and additional ammunition had long before this been asked for, but Hooker had in the meantime become disabled by the falling of one of the pillars of the Chancellorsville House, which had been struck by a cannon-ball near where he was standing, and he had been taken away from the field. The chief command had devolved upon General Couch, but all was then in such turmoil consequent upon the retirement of the Federals, that no substantial aid could at the moment be obtained.

Hancock and Geary had to fall back finally toward the Chancellorsville Cross roads, where a stand was attempted. Rank after rank of the Federal army was mowed down by the successful Confederates, whose artillery was brought up, together with the guns previously abandoned by the Federals, and was made to bear with destructive effect, until at last an overwhelming charge gave them possession of Chancellorsville. It was then ten o’clock. Couch quickly formed a new line, somewhat in a V-shape, with its extreme right resting on the Rapidan, and the left on the Rappahannock, the apex being at Bullock’s.

Lee’s victorious forces hesitated pressing their advantages by attacking this new Federal position, not only because it was naturally one of great strength, and was admirably protected by the fresh troops of Meade and Reynolds, but because news then reached him that Sedgewick had succeeded in driving back Early’s force at Fredericksburg, and was then advancing to Hooker’s aid.
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