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"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." (Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906)

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Commander's Comments

Larry Logan, Division Commander

Men, when you receive this in the division newsletter we will be two-thirds of the way through the dues renewal period. If, for some reason, your camp has not started this process, it needs to be dealt with immediately. With the number of new camps drastically reduced this year, the entire results of our growth will depend on how well we do at the local existing camp level, and retaining what we have is just as important as gaining new members.

I want to thank the twelve camps that have furnished their acknowledgement of how the division newsletter is distributed and for naming an individual to handle that for their camp. It is vital that all men in the division receive our quarterly newsletter either electronically or by hard copy.

We are proceeding on the reinstatement of the Shawnee camp. We have all the papers for six of the eight men and one of those is mailing his as I write this. We should have the camp's reinstatement process completed within the next ten days.

As we go into the fall and complete our renewals, it is important that we all have respect for one another. Each camp member is important and needs to be recognized as such. Vision 2016 is a way to do just that and include all men in the decision making process in the entire SCV.

Now, let's roll this fall. Remember, **RECRUIT** (all eligible), **RETAIN** (all members), **REINSTATE** (all former members) and **RECHARGE** (at your local camp meeting).

August 2013 - July 2014 – The YEAR OF THE LOCAL CAMP!!!!



Commander Harold Tydings of Camp Dew Moore Wisdom of Muskogee, presenting Ms. Lana Cooper of the Sarah Watie Chapter of the UDC, Tulsa, with an Oklahoma Division Special Award in recognition of her service in assisting with the registration of the graves of more than 2,000 Confederate veterans buried in Oklahoma. The award was presented at Camp Daniel N. McIntosh's awards luncheon on August 10.



On Saturday, August 10, Fort Washita Brigade Commander, Allen Harrison, presented Compatriot Jim Dyer, BG Stand Watie, Camp #149, Ardmore/Madill, with a Certificate and Medal of Commendation for service to the SCV issued by the SCV National Convention of 2013.



Report of National Reunion & Convention

By: Larry Logan, Division Commander

Oklahoma Division delegates to the 2013 National Convention were Larry Logan, Camp Lt. Col. Jackson McCurtain of Norman, Les Tucker, Camp Clem Vann Rogers of Oklahoma City, Kevin White, Camp Col. Dew Moore Wisdom of Muskogee, Charley Wilson, Camp Pvt. Drury Warren of Ponca City and Carl Fallen, Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh of Tulsa.

Convention Notes:

Mississippi Lt. Governor, Tate Reeves, gave one of the welcoming speeches. We only have seven living real sons. We have 3,447 life members, 29,018 current members (a decline of approx 1,000) and 64,410 lapsed members. Members attended from as far away as Australia and the English Channel Island of Guernsey. The farthest USA attendee was from Oregon.

Next year's convention will be in North Charleston, SC. The 2015 convention will be in Richmond, and in 2016 it will be in Richardson, TX.

Only approximately twenty-seven per cent of our membership attends camp meetings. The Memphis lawsuit is awaiting a court date to be set. The convention voted to make a constitutional change to the name of Heritage Defense. It will now be called Heritage Operations signifying we will be on offense as well. As a result, Oklahoma Division's Chief of Heritage Defense, Bryce Hill, will now be the Chief of Division Heritage Operations.

ATM Meeting:

The Oklahoma Division was specifically recognized at the ATM meeting. We were called a "shining star of the ATM". It was recounted how the division was decimated a few years ago and has come roaring back with enthusiastic members, increased membership, completed major projects, many reinstated members, and many new camps. We were the only division in the ATM recognized in this manner. Members of our division there were asked to stand and were greeted with a loud ovation.

Compatriot Bernie Cooper was mentioned multiple times at the ATM meeting by Robert Edwards, National Graves Registration Coordinator.

Commander Owens also mentioned that none of our members suffered loss in the recent tornadoes that caused so much destruction in our state.

Awards:

It is tremendous to have this many individuals win so many awards. They are well deserved. A few notes to share: Bernie's award is significant in that according to National Graves Registrar, Robert Edwards, Bernie has completed over 2,000 registrations for our state in the past year. There were a dozen of these awards given and they are only given when proper documentation is provided. With Bernie's production his award was a slam dunk

The Camp McIntosh award for its newsletter is a major accomplishment. The award is for the entire SCV for camps with

less than fifty members, which a majority of the 900 are, and it marks the 2nd consecutive year that Tulsa has won the award. After I received the plaque from Commander Givens, a gentleman remarked to me that "they may as well end the competition for this award".

The award for the most new camps in the SCV is a crowning moment for the division. To receive this award on your behalf, along with the monument completion, are the two most significant events of my service to you as division commander. Texas finished second. The ATM had eighteen new camps, more than double the total of the ANV and the AOT. As a matter of fact, if you add Oklahoma and Texas together, we by ourselves were more than the ANV and AOT. Texas would have tied us, but their division adjutant was late in submitting the application.



Division Commander Larry Logan accepting the A. P. Hill Award from SCV National Commander, Michael Givens, on behalf of the Oklahoma Division. The Award was presented to the Division that had the most new camp charters during the past year.



Commander Logan and his wife, Debbie, with Compatriot Ian Pierce from the English Channel Island of Guernsey



SCV National Commander Michael Givins presenting the Paul Jon Miller Award to Division Commander Logan on behalf of Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh of Tulsa. The award was presented for the best camp newsletter for camps with fewer than fifty members.



Oklahoma Delegates to the 2013 SCV Convention and Reunion – Compatriots Carl Fallen (Tulsa), Division Commander Larry Logan (Norman), Charley Wilson (Ponca City), Les Tucker (Oklahoma City) and Kevin White (Muskogee)

Compatriot Haralson III

Commander Logan reports that Commander Scotty Haralson of Camp 5th Sgt. Thomas B. Wood of Grove has suffered a stroke, considered a mild one, but it's the second one he has experienced. Commander Logan reports that Scotty is resting, but not feeling well and is obviously concerned about his health. Because of this, he has asked to be relieved of his duties as camp commander.

Commander Logan has appointed Adjutant James Rollins to the vacancy, subject to camp member's approval.

All Oklahoma Division members wish Compatriot Haralson a speedy and full recovery.

2013 National SCV Awards Oklahoma Division Recipients

Distinguished Service Medal – Outstanding service in a position of responsibility to the SCV

Bruce Bishop - 1378
Jim Bowling - 817
Virgil Chain - 1356
Allen Harrison - 775
Jim Herndon - 2206
Eric McBroom - 481
Everett Plummer - 892
Rob Weaver - 481

Meritorious Service Medal – Outstanding service to the SCV

Ken Cook - 1378
Scott Haralson - 150
Bryce Hill - 1378
Terry Pierce - 481
John Priddy - 481
Hubert Reeves - 1356
Les Tucker - 481
Harold Tydings - 307

Commendation Award - Service at the camp, brigade, or division level

James Catron - 149
Chris Chain - 1356
Jim Dyer - 149
Tom Poteet - 481
Steve Strickland - 1356

Dixie Award – Recruitment of at least five new members

Larry Logan - 513 (11 new members)
Jim Bowling - 817 (8 new members)
Everett Plummer - 892 (6 new members)
David Tamplin - 2223 (5 new members)

Graves Award – Documenting, marking, or caring for our Veterans graves

Bernie Cooper-1378

Gen. Jo Shelby Award – Reinstatement of at least five former members

Larry Logan - 513 (16 reinstatements)

Paul Jon Miller Award – Best newsletter for camps with fewer than fifty members

Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh – Tulsa

A. P. Hill Award - Most new camps in a division of the SCV

Oklahoma Division

Confederate Symbols – Great Seal

By: Ken Cook, Division Historian

The design of the Great Seal of the Confederate States of America was finalized on April 30, 1863, and a set of embossing dies were ordered from an engraver in Great Britain. The seal was engraved in London by Joseph S. Wyon. The seal and the embossing press were shipped to Richmond on separate blockade runners. The seal dies reached Richmond shortly before the city was evacuated on April 3, 1865; however, the embossing press made it only as far as Bermuda. Without the embossing press, and the lateness of the seal's arrival, it's unlikely the seal was ever used by the Confederate government.

The seal was crafted in silver. The central feature is George Washington on horseback, modeled on an equestrian statue of the first president located in Richmond. Washington is surrounded with a wreath made of some of the main agricultural products of the Confederate States: wheat, corn, tobacco, cotton, rice and sugar cane. The margin of the seal features the words "The Confederate States of America: 22 February 1862" and the national motto, *Deo Vindice* ("[With] God as [our] Champion"). The date on the seal is the date Jefferson Davis was inaugurated after the only Confederate general election, also George Washington's birthday.

The seal was overlooked in the evacuation of Richmond. It eventually fell into the possession of Colonel John T. Pickett of Washington, D.C., who, after having a number of electrotype copies in copper, silver and gold plating made from it, presented the original to Colonel William E. Earle of Washington, D.C. Earle formally presented the seal to the state of South Carolina on December 27, 1888.

Both sets of artifacts ultimately entered museum collections. The dies now reside in the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. The embossing press, equipped with brass replica dies, is in the National Trust Museum in St. George's, Bermuda.



Colorized version of the Great Seal of the Confederate States of America

Camp Activities

Compatriots of Camp Shelby's Iron Men of Duncan will work two gun shows in the next few weeks. One will be in Duncan to promote their camp. The other one will be in Chickasha to help the Indian Nations-Red River Brigade.

At its September meeting, Camp Daniel N. McIntosh of Tulsa tentatively committed to purchase the naming rights, or sponsorship, of the Civil War exhibit at the Military History Museum in Broken Arrow. The Camp also tentatively committed to provide a modest sum for purchase of three display cases and Confederate flags appropriate to Indian Territory, for the exhibit. Camp members believe this will give the Camp and SCV tremendous exposure in the Tulsa County area. The final decision will be made at the October meeting.

Announced Candidates for SCV National and ATM Offices in 2014

Below is the list of announced candidates for National and ATM offices to be elected at our next convention at North Charleston, SC – July 2014, along with their websites. Please visit these websites, and carefully consider each candidate's qualifications and suitability for the office which he is seeking. All of these men are dedicated members of the SCV, and any one of them will do well in leading our Confederation.

Commander-in-Chief: Charles Kelly Barrow – as of yet, no website has been established. Kelly is currently serving as Lt. Commander-in-Chief. Kelly is a Past Commander of the Army of Tennessee.

Lt. Commander-in-Chief: Mark A. Simpson Mark is currently serving as the Commander of the South Carolina Division. Mark has served as Adjutant-in-Chief.
www.marksimpson4ltcic.com

Tom Strain is currently serving as the Commander of the Army of Tennessee. He is a Past Commander of the Alabama Division. <http://scv-strain.com>

Commander, Army of Trans-Mississippi: Charles Lauret is currently serving as the Executive Councilman for the ATM. He is a Past Commander of the Louisiana Division.
<http://lauret-scv.com/index.html>

Executive Councilman, Army of Trans-Mississippi: Paul Gramling – as of yet, no website has been established. Paul is a Past Commander and Past Councilman of the ATM. He is a Past Commander of the Louisiana Division.

Curt Tipton is a Past Commander of the Arizona Division and is currently serving as the Adjutant of the Arizona Division.
<http://sites.google.com/councilmancandidate>



Report of Summer DEC Meeting

Gentlemen:

We had a great DEC meeting yesterday (July 27). Twelve of our nineteen camps were represented with ten camp commanders present. All division officers and all brigade commanders were present as were eight guests for a total of twenty-five attendees. Eighteen of the twenty-seven DEC positions were represented, with one man having two such positions (camp commander and judge advocate). A big thanks goes out to all for helping. I am copying those guests that I have e-mail addresses for.

The meeting called to order at 12:45 and traditional opening ceremonies were held. Adjutant Tucker gave the financial report. We have no unpaid bills and over \$2,000 in the bank, the most in some time.

Monument wrap-up – We had a few minor missteps but overall it was a great day for our division. Terry Pierce reports approximately \$2,800 left in the monument bank account. Future use of money was referred to the Activities and Projects Committee of our strategic plan. Seventy bricks were installed correctly and more bricks will be ordered for the two installed incorrectly, two new bricks have been sold, and one brick was left out of the ordering process. We have a credit of three bricks with the company. Individuals can still order bricks that can be installed when these are. Adjutant Les Tucker will have his name placed on the bank account and Tom Poteet will handle the registration of all brick lettering from this point forward. Terry will do the ordering of the bricks in the near future.

Vision 2016 – Coordinator Allen Harrison reported on the progress so far and I gave a shortened presentation of the process camps do in order to establish their priorities. There are six main components. Each camp over the next year should establish which of those six are the most important in descending order. National headquarters asked two years ago for input on the problems camps were having and they received input that was compiled into Vision 2016. They now want the local camp to offer the solutions to the problems previously mentioned. Once the camp has prioritized the six components, it will attack the most important first and then on down. For the camp commanders that weren't there, there were two camps that had representatives that were there that can fill you in. For the remaining seven, if you want to be filled in on the process to use, please contact your brigade commander. That is, if you agree with the goal of Vision 2016 of obtaining 50,000 men in our membership and be the premier authority on the Confederate Heritage in the world. This is now in the hands of the local camps and those that participate will be the cornerstone of the SCV as we finally gain the foothold we have been denied for so long.

Strategic Plan – Chairman John Priddy gave an excellent report on the progress. Specific times have been allotted for each of the five areas to meet certain guidelines. This is closely aligned with Vision 2016 but is more tailored from the local level. Both programs will naturally combine as they begin to execute their plans and actions.

Preservation of military statues and similar items - Heritage Operations Chief, Bryce Hill, gave a report on the Tennessee law recently adopted, and the consensus was that it would be a good avenue for the division to pursue in Oklahoma. Bryce will name a heritage operations committee that will start work immediately. Any bill has to be filed by well before the end of this year for the next legislative session. Bryce will be the leader on this and will pursue the best course available

Harold Tydings Award – Chairman Carl Fallen gave the process the committee has established for the awarding of the Harold Tydings award. His report was adopted unanimously. The committee will continue to function as the Division Award Committee. Members are Carl as chairman, Bob Pattison, Virgil Chain, and Harold Tydings as an ex-officio member/advisor.

Division newsletter distribution – Many members still are not getting our outstanding newsletter. Before the next edition, we will confirm all camp contacts again and get a list of those without e-mail. For those with no e-mail, the division will copy and mail newsletters to any man not having internet access. In my opinion, of our over 300 members, only about one-half receive the newsletter. I have previously tried to establish those without internet access, and two years ago it was about twenty-five. It may be a little more now. Most of the non-distribution is just not forwarding the newsletter on.

Guardian program – Commander Jim Herndon gave an excellent presentation on the National Guardian Program that makes sure graves are cared for in a satisfactory way. Complete details were offered as to cost, procedures, etc. The matter was referred to the Activities and Projects Committee for further report for the January DEC meeting. The Budget Committee will also consider the cost of the program in its budget discussions in January.

Indian Nations Red River Brigade - Camp 1356 is the only camp in the brigade mandated by our constitution. Due to resignations, the camp has been combined with the Ft. Washita Brigade for the past year. With next year being an election the camp was asked if they wanted to continue as is or be the single camp in the brigade. The camp asked for the brigade status to be restored and the DEC concurred so additional camps can be sought out by the new brigade commander.

Future Division Projects – Terry Pierce gave a briefing about the possibility of flags being located on interstates in Oklahoma. The idea was received well, but with still lots of questions. It was referred to the Activities and Projects Committee. Since so much has been referred to this committee it should be reminded that it consists of the brigade commanders and they select one as the chairman.

Awards – Twenty-three men earned twenty-seven awards. Camp Col. Daniel N. McIntosh earned best newsletter award for camps under fifty for the second year in a row, and the Division received the A. P. Hill Award for chartering the most new camps of any division in the SCV.

Comments – A short comment session followed regular business.

Chaplain Tom Poteet closed with prayer.

Gentlemen, this was an action packed agenda, and I give tremendous compliments to those present for being able to accomplish all its business.

Vision 2016 is now in the hands of the local camp and the camp commanders are vital if it will be successful. As we start the year of the local camp officially this Friday August 1, the start of the SCV year, it will be absolutely necessary to start the dues process now and not wait. I distributed the roster to all last week so all can see. In late December, we will distribute the amount of non-renewals in the division by camp.

Congratulations to Tulsa, Claremore, and Poteau for having special events coming up starting next month and into the fall. Let's go men and make these local camps something special. I think they are just that, and I hope you feel the same way.

Thanks, Larry

Guidelines for Harold Tydings Award

The DEC unanimously approved the following guidelines for future Harold Tydings Awards:

Purpose: This award is to recognize outstanding and exemplary service by a member of the Oklahoma Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Number of Awards: Only one award may be made in a single year. This award will only be made in those years when the circumstances merit.

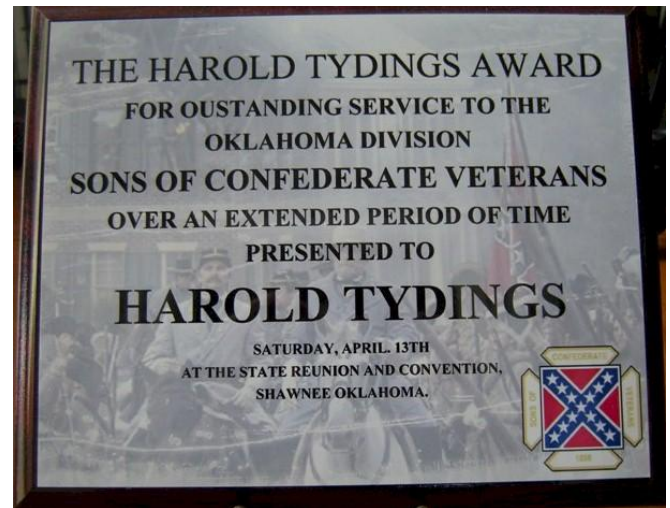
Eligibility: All nominees must be members in good standing, have five years of uninterrupted SCV service, and have served in a position of state importance in an outstanding manner. Examples of such positions include: Division Commander, Division Lt. Commander, Division Adjutant, important Division Staff positions, and chairmen of important Division Committees. The current Division Commander and Lt. Commander are not eligible while serving in their current offices. No individual may receive the Harold Tydings Award more than once.

Selection Process: The Awards Committee will notify the Division Executive Council each spring that nominations are due for this award. Members of the Division Executive Council are permitted to nominate one candidate annually for the award. A narrative of at least twenty-five (25) words and not more than seventy-five (75) words should accompany nominations. After the announced period for receiving nominations has passed, the Awards Committee will prepare a ballot, with accompanying narratives, and send them to each voting member of the Division Executive Council. The ballot will contain a provision for Members to vote for No Award. Voting shall be by secret ballot, which will be transmitted to the designated member of the Awards Committee for tabulating. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes will be declared the winner. In case of tie, the nominee with the greatest number of years of SCV membership will be declared the winner. If the provision for No Award receives the highest number of votes, then no award will be made that year.

Form of Award: The award consists of a plaque in the size and design of the first one, which was presented at the 2013 Oklahoma Division Convention.

Cost of Award: The cost of the award will be borne by the Oklahoma Division Headquarters.

Presentation: This award will normally be presented at the Oklahoma Division Convention. However, the Division Commander may direct an alternate time and place of presentation.



The Harold Tydings Award

Original Charge to the SCV

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Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat."

Editor's Note – The foregoing is excerpted from Lt. General Stephen D. Lee's much longer speech at the United Confederate Veterans Convention at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906. The speech was published in *The Confederate Veteran* about 1917. *Contributed by James Catron.*

Calendar of Events

November 11 – Veterans Day
November 8-10 – Battle of Honey Springs Reenactment
November 28 – Thanksgiving
December 25 – Christmas
January 11 – Winter DEC Meeting - Henryetta

Oklahoma Division Summer DEC Meeting



Commander Logan presenting Distinguished Service Medals



Commander Logan presenting Meritorious Service Medals



Commander Logan presenting Commendation Medals



Commander Logan congratulating Commander Everett Plummer of Poteau for the success of his camp during the year 2012-2013



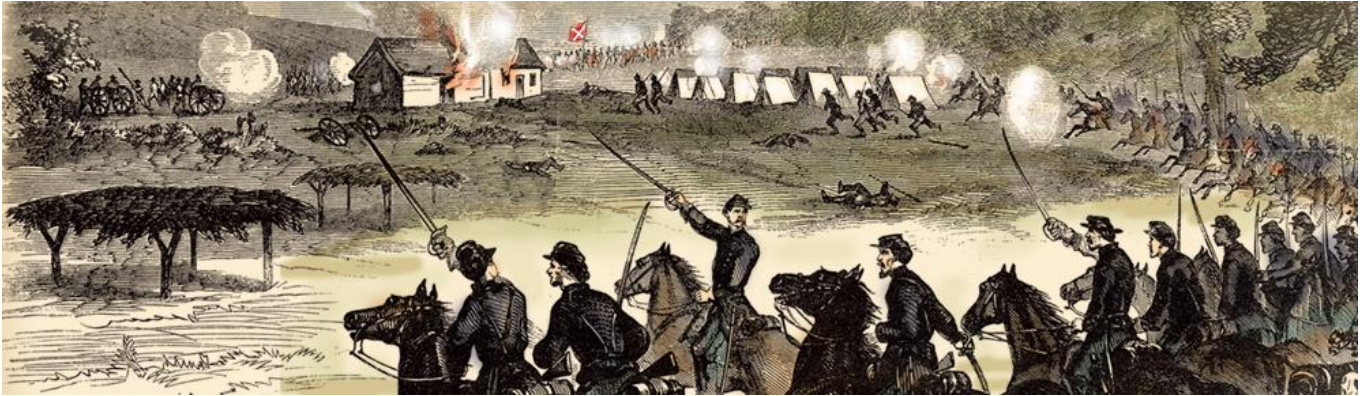
Commander Logan presenting Commander Ken Cook of Tulsa with the Paul Jon Miller Award for the best newsletter for camps with fewer than fifty members for the year 2012-2013



Lt. Commander Bob Pattison presenting Commander Larry Logan with the A. P. Hill Award given to the Oklahoma Division for the largest number of new camps chartered for the year 2012-2013

(All photos are by Carl Fallen, Camp Daniel N. McIntosh of Tulsa.)

Honey Springs Battlefield Re-enactment



"The Battle of Honey Springs, Indian Territory, July 17, 1863" – This illustration by battlefield reporter James R. O'Neill appeared in Frank Leslie's *Illustrated Weekly*, August 29, 1863.

Re-enactment November 8-10

Oklahoma Historical Society

The Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Honey Springs. The battle, fought July 17, 1863, was the most important engagement of the Civil War in Indian Territory.

Activities will include battle reenactments featuring infantry, cavalry, and artillery; guided and self-guided tours of the camps; various demonstrations; living history programs; and sutlers.

Friday, November 8, will be an education day for students. Battle reenactments will be held Saturday and Sunday. The re-enactment is sponsored by the Oklahoma Historical Society.



Honey Springs Battlefield Monuments

Honey Springs Battlefield

Oklahoma Historical Society

The Engagement at Honey Springs (called The Affair at Elk Creek by the Confederates) was the largest of more than 107 documented hostile encounters in Indian Territory. The engagement took place on a rainy Friday, July 17, 1863, between the 1st Division, Army of the Frontier, commanded by Maj. Gen. James G. Blunt and the Confederate Indian Brigade led by Brig. Gen. Douglas H. Cooper.

Cherokee and Creek regiments fought on both sides. There were approximately 9,000 men involved, including other American Indians, veteran Texas regiments, and the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteers (the first black regiment in the Union army).

The 1,100 acre site has six walking trails with a total of 55 interpretive signs; the trails are located at (1) the Union bivouac area, (2) the Union line of battle, (3) the Texas' regiments line of battle [which includes 1/8-mile of the original Texas Road], (4) the battle at the bridge [over Elk Creek], (5) the final action, and (6) Honey Springs [the Confederate supply depot].

