

## NEWSY LETTER

From Our Special Correspondent  
—What Earlington Soldiers  
Are Doing in Paducah.

### CAPTAIN PRICE COMPLIMENTED.

Camp Yeiser, Wallace Park,  
Paducah, Aug. 29, 1905.

Dear Editor: The local military company, Co. G, after leaving Earlington at noon Friday, Aug. 25, with Co. E, of Madisonville, being delayed two hours beyond the scheduled hour for leaving by No. 71, which was late and arrived at Nortonville without incident.

At Nortonville the companies on the Illinois Central railroad, east of that place, were attached and the departure for Paducah began on a special train on that road. A delay of about 40 minutes was caused by waiting for the special at that point.

On arriving at Princeton, the Henderson, Hopkinsville and several other companies were put onto our train. About one mile west of Gravel Switch, the first station west of Princeton, the soldier train was delayed one hour and forty minutes by a wreck that had occurred at that place, and which necessitated the wrecker being ordered from Paducah to assist in clearing up the track. Notwithstanding this the special arrived at Paducah only 30 minutes late, or at 5:30 p. m.

After detaining the Third Regiment upon arrival was accomplished in a record breaking time, beating the record made by First Regiment, who had beaten all records up to the time the Third Regiment arrived, and as they had the reputation of accomplishing this in less time than any troops, regulars or state militia, ever had done, the regiment established a record that ranks them at the head of them all.

After detaining, twelve street cars were pressed into service and the Regiment was taken to the camp site at Wallace Park, about three miles from the city. Although the press dispatches stated a few days previous to leaving home that the tents would be left standing, the various companies had to stretch their tents, and this was done in a remarkably short time, after which then came mess, or supper and the camp was soon afterward wrapped in slumber.

Capt. Paul P. Price, of Co. G, was chosen as officer of the day, and Lieut. Hope Gates, of Co. C, of Owensboro, officer of the guard. Saturday Sergt. Thos. Peyton was sergeant of quarters.

A local paper, speaking of the officer of the day and the officer of the guard, said they were Spanish war veterans and experienced men.

The Paducah Sun of Aug. 26, commenting on the guard mount Saturday, Capt. Paul P. Price's day as officer of the day, had the following to say:

"Soldiers from the regular army would not have made a better appearance at guard mount than the Third regiment guards did this morning. It was conducted by Capt. Chapman, regimental adjutant, and was the prettiest and most perfect held since the encampment began. The regimental band, of Owensboro, consisting of twenty pieces and a drum major, rendered the music, which was excellent. Like the guard, the band is also well drilled.

"Twenty-one guns were fired preceding guard mount as the governor's salute. The ammunition for the Hotchkiss gun arrived last night and the salute was the first since the encampment. This will be the only

salute fired during the encampment. One shot will be fired for reveille and one for retreat."

Services were conducted at the park theatre Sunday morning at eleven o'clock by Rev. Frank M. Thomas, of Owensboro, chaplain for the Regiment.

Excursion trains were run from Hopkinsville, Mayfield and other cities near by and a large number of visitors were at camp Sunday.

Inspection was held Sunday by Governor Beckham, Adjt. Gen. Haley, Inspector Gen. Gaines and Col. Jouett Henry and staff. Co. G passed perfect inspection, and was the only company in the camp to do so. Capt. Paul P. Price was highly complimented by the inspection officers.

Monday morning Co. G marched to the rifle range situated about one mile from the camp site where target practice was indulged in for four hours. Five shots were fired by each member of the company at target A, which is used for short range, shooting at a distance of 200 yds. in a standing position. This target is a rectangle 6 feet high by 4 feet wide and has a black circular bull's eye 8 inches in diameter, and has a value of five for every time it is hit. Center ring, 26 inches in diameter; value for hit, 4; inner ring, 46 inches, value of hit, 3; outer remainder of target, value of hit, 2; a ricochet or when the bullet hits anything and strikes the target, has the same value as a direct hit. In the 200 yard range shooting Private Wm. Lamb made a score of 22 out of a possible 25. Sergt. Lawson Miles and Corp. L. E. Groves made 16 out of a possible 25. Private Wm. Skeen carried off the honors in the 300 yards practice shooting in a kneeling or sitting position. Private Chas. Wyatt, Sergt. Lawson Miles and Artificer Chas. Stokes made the highest scores, 18, 16 and 16 out of a possible 25. Private Wm. Lamb, in shooting at both distances, made 18, out of a possible 25, being the best marksman in the company. Those ranking next to him and making an exceptionally good score were Sergt. Lawson Miles, 32 out of a possible 25, and Private Chas. Wyatt 32 out of a possible 25. Co. G will practice at 500 yard range some time before the encampments. This is the best shooting by any that has been done on the company range during the encampment, and Private Wm. Lamb has established the record as being the best marksman in the regiment.

Lieut. Beckham, U. S. A., has said that Co. G is the best drilled and best in department of any company in the camp. Owing to the removal from the State of E. W. Ray, of Hopkinsville, Regimental Sergeant-Major Brick Southworth has been promoted to succeed him. Sergt. J. Y. Montague has been filling the vacancy caused by the promotion temporarily. Several members of Co. G have been on the sick list, but none have been ill enough to go to the hospital yet. The commissary department is in charge of Capt. Frank Rash, Regimental Sergt Henry Jones and Commissary Sergeant Carl Woolfolk, and the men are well pleased with the competent men that are in charge of this department. The daily routine for the Regiment is as follows:

Reveille..... 5:30  
Assembly..... 5:45  
School of the soldier, fifteen minutes.  
Breakfast..... 6:00  
Sick..... 6:30  
Company drill..... 6:45  
Assembly..... 7:00

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Re-call..... 8:00  
Fatigue and inspection of quarters..... 8:15  
First call for guard mount..... 8:30  
Assembly..... 8:45  
Officers and non-com school..... 9:30  
Re-call from school..... 10:30  
Battalion drill..... 10:45  
Assembly..... 10:55  
Adjutant's call..... 11:00  
Re-call..... 11:50  
Dinner..... 12:00  
First Sargeant's call..... 12:30  
First call for parade..... 5:20  
Assembly..... 5:30  
Adjutant's call..... 5:40  
Supper immediately after parade.  
Call to quarters..... 10:00  
Tattoo..... 10:25  
Taps..... 10:30  
A. L.

### Camp Notes.

Dr. McCormack, surgeon, has issued orders that the men must not use other drinking cups, pans, etc., than those belonging to them. This is done to prevent the transmission of disease which is apt to occur in using the same things by different persons.

The Third Regiment was reviewed by Gov. Beckham and staff and Adjt. Haley and Inspector General Gaines on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The regiment made a very creditable showing, and held its own with the other two regiments that have already been inspected. Several thousand visitors witnessed the review.

Balls are given at the pavillion, which is about thirty yards from the camp, nightly and a great many of the boys are in attendance.

Sergt. Lawson Miles was officer of the quarters on Monday.

Private Ernest Wyatt has been promoted to the rank of corporal since the encampment began.

Bud Day and Garfield Ratcliff (col.) are the cooks for Co. G and have the reputation of being the best in regiment.

The encampment for 1905 will come to an end sometime next Saturday night. Company G will arrive home about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, Sept. 3.

Dress parades are held at the base ball park, near the camp, every evening. A large crowd of people are always present to witness this event.

Several members of the local company did not go into camp this year on account of sickness and other reasons.

Mesdames Walter Powers, Ira Parish and Ott Powers, of Madisonville, are with their husbands at Camp Yeiser during the encampment.

Camp Yeiser was thrown in a state of excitement last Monday night about 12 o'clock, caused by what was supposed to have been an attack made on the camp by some parties who had surrounded it. Guns were fired, cannon boomed and bugles sounded the riot call, men came hastily from their tents with guns; companies were quickly formed, and skirmish lines were thrown out to repel the enemy. After an investigation was made, it was found that a false alarm had been given to instruct the boys in case an attack should happen in the future. Co. G had the honor of being the first company to form and throw out a skirmish line. Comments by officers of other companies in camp on the quick work of Co. C, of Owensboro, Monday night were expressed on Tuesday morning. "They were out on the guard line in four minutes."

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## OVER A GAME OF CARDS

J. M. Murrah Was Killed at Oak Hill Mines  
Near Nortonville Sunday Night.

J. M. Murrah, better known around here as "Pig" Murrah, was killed at the Oak Hill Coal Company's mines near Nortonville Sunday night over a game of cards. It seems that Murrah, Rowland Moore and others were engaged in a friendly game of cards. It is said they were all drinking. A dispute soon arose over some point in the game between Murrah and Moore. Hot words were followed by blows and it is reported Murrah advanced on Moore with a knife and cornered him, when Moore used his own knife and stabbed Murrah once in the wrist and then over the heart. Murrah never spoke after receiving the wounds and died in a short time. The dead man was a good hearted, hard working man when sober and was generally liked, but was quarrelsome and irritable when drinking. He was about forty years old, and leaves a wife and several small children in the neighborhood of Mortons Gap, where he has always resided.

Rowland Moore is a son of Duncan Moore and lives near White Plains.

Coroner Mack Stevens, of Madisonville, held an inquest over the remains shortly after the killing and the following facts were brought forth: That there was considerable drinking going on at the assemblage and it was suspected that gambling was being engaged (but none of the witnesses would testify concerning gambling); that Murrah became enraged at some remark made by Moore and told him (with an oath) not to do that again; that Murrah began kicking at Moore; that Moore retreated and finally turned on Murrah with his knife in his hand, inflicting the wounds as stated.

### JOHN EDENS

Shoots Bud Arnold, of Near Hanson, at  
Madisonville Saturday Night.

Bud Arnold, who lives near Hanson, was shot at the house of a Mrs. Fuqua, who lives in the outskirts of Madisonville, Saturday night. It is not known just what started the trouble. Both men are said to have been more or less under the influence of booze and both were out for a good time. Edens began a target practice at Arnold. The first shot tore away the lapel of his coat and the next removed the majority of his eyebrows and came out near the top of his head. The wound is quite painful, but not thought to be serious. After the shooting Edens went home and barricaded the doors and windows and declined to suffer the indignity of arrest, but Sheriff Ashby and Deputy Powers soon brought him in and lodged him in jail.

### Health Notice.

Citizens are requested to at once clean their premises. In the interest of the health of our town all decaying matter, refuse of all kinds, should be buried, burned or otherwise disposed of. That the best sanitary conditions prevail, plenty of lime should be used. This time of year fevers prevail and it behooves all citizens to attend promptly to this request.

By order Board of Health.  
C. B. JOHNSON, M. D.,  
Health Officer.  
Aug. 31, 1905.

M. Combes, who until a short time ago was prime minister of France, is a physician and is again practicing his profession.

## PART OF HOWELL SHOPS DESTROYED

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Has  
Another Big Fire Early Sunday  
Morning.

Howell, Ind., Aug. 28.—The Louisville & Nashville railroad company has had her fourth big fire within the past two months. The Henderson freight house, Nashville round house, Louisville passenger station and the Howell blacksmith, coppersmith and boiler shops.

It was the worst time, Sunday morning, that the fire could have occurred, being when the night crew goes off and the day crew goes on. About 7 o'clock John Martin, foreman of the repair track, together with the day watchman who had just come on duty, discovered a blaze about two feet square in the blacksmith shop, under the roof, about two feet from the petition between the blacksmith and boiler shop. The alarm was immediately given, and to the credit of the Howell shops fire department it must be said that within ten minutes after three streams of water were playing on the blaze. The blaze, however, had gained too much headway to be checked. The building is 260 feet long by 100 feet wide. All the timbers supporting the roof were yellow pine and dry, igniting very rapidly. The fire spread as if the wood work had been saturated with oil. In a moment the wooden sky-light fell in, causing more draft. By the time the Evansville fire department arrived, the L. & N. boys had the fire pretty much under control. The water was being forced by 100 pounds pressure, which, it seems, was too much for the hose of the Evansville fire department, as they soon burst four sections.

Mr. Walsh, the master mechanic, says the fire will not interfere with the work of the other departments, nor will it put any men out of work. All the furnaces in the blacksmith shop will again be going as if nothing had ever happened by Wednesday morning. The damage will not exceed four or five thousand dollars.

Pat McCue, the foreman of the blacksmith shop, left Saturday night for St. Charles, Mo. He was notified by wire of the disaster and he returned to Howell at once, being on hand this morning.

The source of the fire is traced to a group of electric wires on which the insulation had been worn.

If the fire had broken out at any other time it would have been easier to cope with, especially in view of the fact that the Howell shops has perhaps the best fire fighting facilities in the country. Gus Carpenter, foreman of the tin shop, is the chief. Walter Jarrett, air brake manipulator and instructor, assistant. The rest of the boys belong in the various departments. They practice one hour every Friday.

As a precaution against fire, one fireman is appointed for each department, who examines every nook and corner for spontaneous combustion or oily waste that may be scattered around, and also examines flues and furnaces. This is done once a week. The chief, also, makes his rounds once a week in all departments. Mr. Walsh is authority for the statement that they have on hand 2,000 feet of hose in excellent condition and ready for immediate use.

J. Howard Larcombe, the one-time associate of the railroad king, Tom Scott and of Andrew Carnegie, the ironmaster, is a clerk in the pension office at Washington.

## WIFE SLAYER

Percy J. Luster Passed Through  
Earlington Thursday After-  
noon on Train No. 51.

### EXAMINING TRIAL NEXT SATURDAY.

Percy J. Luster, formerly manager of the Cumberland Telephone Company, who killed his wife at Guthrie July 29, passed through this place Thursday afternoon on train 51. Luster was arrested in Ogden, Utah, and brought back to the scene of his crime by City Marshal Burrus, of Guthrie, and Sheriff Coleman Gill, of Elkton. In speaking of the case Burrus said: "Luster was in an extremely nervous state when he was arrested and it was necessary to frequently brace him with stimulants during the return trip to Kentucky." On reaching Guthrie 51 was late and it was dark, consequently Luster was gotten into a room at the hotel without very many people knowing he was there. A few of his friends and others soon learned of his arrival, however, and came in to see him. Luster recognized some of them, others he did not appear to know. He was taken to Elkton that night and placed in jail. When Prosecuting Attorney Mallory asked him the next day if he realized the enormity of his crime, Luster asked him, "What crime?" When told it was wife murder, he was apparently astonished and exclaimed, "What! Me murder my wife?" He had forgotten in this short time what he had told Maxine Everette in Ogden. The examining trial is set for Saturday, Sept. 2, and it is expected a large crowd will attend from Guthrie. Marshal Burrus stated that Luster had only \$1.90 when arrested, a programme for some play he had attended, a few letters and some railroad maps. He gave the officers some little trouble when first arrested, but has since been quiet and tractable.

### BUGGY TURNS OVER

And Injures Two of Earlington's Citizens  
Sunday Afternoon.

Sunday afternoon while out driving Thos. Stone and Wallace Crenshaw were thrown from a buggy in front of Stone's livery stable. The horse attached to the buggy made a short turn and the lines slipped from the hands of the driver. The buggy was overturned and both men were thrown violently to the ground. Mr. Stone was considerably injured about the face and head. Mr. Crenshaw was badly shaken up and otherwise bruised, but neither of the gentlemen were seriously injured.

### Tacky Party.

Friday afternoon about twenty-five little girls were delightfully entertained by the Misses Whalen at a tacky party. This was given to their little guest, Theresa Rowe. Elizabeth Lindle won the prize for the tackiest little girl. After a merry time playing games refreshments were served.

### Had Buggy Wrecked.

Someone out driving Saturday night in a buggy came in sudden and violent contact with a telegraph pole near the tool house and left one hind wheel of the vehicle there. Just across the railroad stood the remainder of the vehicle. It is not known who the unfortunate man is who will have to foot the bill.

Sugar, when first introduced into England, was only used for the purpose of making medicines more palatable.