

A Brief Photo Album of the *Second* First Regiment of Minnesota Volunteer Infantry



First Sergeant Bob Snouffer inspects Corporal John Guthmann with First Minnesota's Company A at Fort Snelling during the annual Civil War Weekend in 1976. *Courtesy of John Murdock.*



The First Minnesota on parade at Fort Snelling in 1978 or 1979 during the annual Civil War Weekend. *Courtesy of John Murdock.*

In November 1985, the First Minnesota participated in the filming of *North & South, Book II, Love & War* on a plantation outside Natchez, Mississippi. Soldiers camped in tents for two weeks, marched to the set daily, and lived off the two meals per day provided in the production company's commissary tents. Stunt men in uniform were mixed with the reenactors so they could fly in the air off small trampolines when the First Minnesota marched over ground explosives. In this picture, Stephen Osman sits on a stuffed horse prop placed on the battlefield to depict that more than soldiers died there. During the Civil War, it is estimated that over 1.5 million horses were killed, wounded, or died of disease—more than the number of human casualties. *Courtesy of Jack Kollodge.*



During the second week of filming of *North & South, Book II, Love & War*, the primary stars were present. While they were dirtied up and in uniform, the production company used the opportunity to shoot publicity photographs. Jack Kollodge snapped his own photos as the stars posed. They are (L-R): Parker Stevenson, James Read, Patrick Swayze, and Lewis Smith. *Courtesy of Jack Kollodge.*





At the 125th Shiloh reenactment in 1987, period fences were constructed to replicate original battlefield conditions. Here, Union troops find as much protection as they can behind the fence as the Confederate soldiers approach. *Courtesy of Arn Kind.*



Not all troublemakers were court-martialed in the army. More often than not, noncommissioned officers took day-to-day discipline into their own hands. It was fast and effective. One punishment was to “buck and gag” the offending private. It would be done in camp in front of the troops to maximize embarrassment. Here, at the Shiloh reenactment, Private Randy Brothers is bucked and gagged by Sgt. John Guthmann (right) while John Palmer (left), as the chaplain, offers words of prayer and encouragement to help make sure the private behaves in the future. *Courtesy of Arn Kind.*



In 1997, the First Minnesota traveled to Maryland to commemorate the 135th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam on land near the original battlefield. The organizers even planted a cornfield configured as it might have been in 1862. By September, the corn was well over the height of an average man. Between the corn and the smoke from musket and artillery fire, men marching into the cornfield vanished like ghosts. This photo depicts the Irish Brigade firing into the sunken road. As Arn Kind fell with a “wound,” he snapped this picture. *Courtesy of Arn Kind.*