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Delta Rifles
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The first skirmish of the summer found the 4th Louisiana at a lightly-attended event hosted by the 20th Georgia. The 20th did a fine job hosting the event, opening up the range for individual competition on Friday afternoon. The weather for the weekend was hot and humid, so uniforms were optional.

Our newest member, Bruce Stevens, came out for his first skirmish, shooting in individuals. Welcome to Bruce!

The rest of the team was composed of Jim Wood, Ken Thornbury, Bob Kelley, and Steve Sheldon. It was unfortunate that we had a light turnout, as the vaunted Forrest Escort did not field a team at all. It would have been an easy coup for us if we were at full strength.

Ken, Jim, and Steve secured many individual certificates from the individual competitions.



Ken, Jim, and Steve show off their certificates Sunday morning!

Team competition started off with Smoothbore, where Bob Kelley and Steve Sheldon held the ground with Harry Stewart and Richard Hansen serving as pickups to fill out our team. We earned 3rd place, but there may have only been 3 teams shooting smoothbore!

Next up was the Carbine match, with Bob Kelley, Steve Sheldon, and Jim Wood shooting for the 4th LA, with David Nailing standing in as a pickup. Unfortunately we performed so badly that we were beat out by the 3-man team shooting next to us. Now it's true, they were shooting those new-fangled breech-loading carbines, but it was still not a good showing for us.

The afternoon finished off with a breech-loading match, but the 4th did not field a team for that.

The team went out for dinner at the Brierfield Cafe, where we discovered a very nice and clear picture of the Brierfield Ironworks when most of the structure was intact:



Sunday morning the 4th Louisiana was back in action for the Musket match. Steve Sheldon, Jim Wood, and Ken Thornbury stood for the 4th, while David Nailling and Bill Richardson stood as stand-ins to fill out our team. We did very well, earning a respectable 2nd place.



The field set up for the start of the Musket match.

We wrapped up the morning with the awards ceremony and then everyone headed for home.

Time has flown by, and there are only 2 skirmishes left for the year. Hopefully everyone can make them!

Upcoming Events

3rd GA	Brierfield, AL	Aug 27-28, 2016
Fall Nationals	Winchester, VA	October 5-9, 2016
Forrest Escort	Eva, TN	November 4-6, 2016

