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Jeanne Kunkle for her years of dedication as liaison to the public school arranging for class visits to the Lyon School.

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Sgt. John Ordway records December 25,
as a holiday worthy of celebration.
"We fired the Skivels at day break &
each man fired one round, our officers
served the party a drink of Taffee (rum)
we had the best to eat that could be
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licking during the whole day, the
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