

BIVOUAC VIII

REPORT

24/25 JUNE 2017

BOXCAR

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45th Rifle Brigade Oklahoma (Auxiliary)

AKA Box Car Gang

HEADQUARTERS - NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

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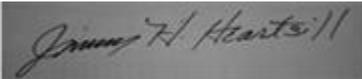
JUNE 24

- 1000 Shooting Bench – Rifle
New REM .308 - KM
- Shooting Range – Pistol
New .45 - BI
- 1315 Fatbelly Diner for Lunch – 1330 (back room)
- 1500 In the shade
- 1630 Retreat - JH, KM
- 1730 Happy Hour
(snacks)
Fireside chat

JUNE 25

- 0700 Pancakes – KR
100 yard shooting with 700 REM
- 1200 Break camp
That is all.

By Order of the Commander



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We had "April" at Fatbelly's

New REM .308 - KM*New meaning to the word “**variables**”*

Kenny's new REM .308 bull barreled rifle was one focus of our Bivouac and you can see the intensity of the lugubrious (serious) and sometimes mournful (but not doleful) task of 'breaking in' and 'sighting in' the new rifle and scope. John's patient, persistent, and perpetual (indefatigable) problem solving was only exceeded by Kenny's consistent, serious, and skillful shooting *[Dang, the chiggers were bad!]*.

Some of John's lesson should have been recorded with a movie camera as the details of sight, screws, trigger, parallax (inclination of two lines meeting at an angle, as in telescope reticles), and Federal Gold Medal 308 Winchester 168 Grain Sierra MatchKing Boat-tail Hollow Point ammunition came into focus.



I think I was calling this round Hornady (in error) but John plugged in an array of ammo to get a feel for what the rifle and scope were doing. "Proof is in the puffin" (Lucky Strike or Camel?) and this was the joy for the day as the groups keep getting smaller and movement to another berm was accomplished. Ask Ken what notes he took for the exact numbers and nomenclature of different cartridges shot. We will also be looking forward to see how well the shooting went in Garfield County this summer.

The last picture shows a funny looking object on Ken's head but this is just the spotting scope on the next shooting position in front of the instructor. Don't know who took the picture...



Keith is adding in some 'instruction' to the operation on Sunday morning (note sighting scope not on top of Ken's head). Keith has a new title "Sunday morning pancake cook." Nobody is complaining! *[I have a terrible itching...]*



Keith popped the pig with selective shots with his REM .243 rifle. This skill will pay off at the Walker 500 yard range (W5R) – one reason for the bench at the Boxcar.

404 Jeffery

The initial discussion during coffee and Long Johns on Saturday morning was about the 404 Jeffery parked in the vice in the Boxcar (actually Di's rifle). Kenneth has an order in for one just it. Well, some of us got to shoot that muther and it was pointed out you could get a box of 10 450 Grain Weldcore Soft Nose for \$85.99 at Midway. This rifle is the "Big Five" shooter and preferred by many Africa hunters and game wardens. John's loads were for a 400 grain Bullet with 81 grains of WIN 760 which is a slightly reduced load. Here is a picture of me holding the rifle seeing how neat the scope is for quick reference targets and just before I got to shoot it. Jim has asked what the 'smile' is all about so you will have to ask Ken.

[What do you put on Chigger bites?]

(Ken does show in his movie what this type rifle/cartridge will do to an elephant but viewer discretion is advised – it's kinda stout for some of us paper killers and plank shooters to watch.)



"Piece of cake!" – you had better mount that gun and lean into it (you will the second time...I promise).

Jim's M1 and 170 grain Lapua FMJ

Jim brought his M1 down from Norman and we all got another lesson about how to zero this time being with iron sights. Jim has what is called a 'very good M1 rifle with an exceptional barrel.' Course, as John and him worked on the details of getting on paper at 25 and working on grouping at 50 and 100 yards he put it together at 200 yards with two at less than an inch apart. Note: The two boys with a lot of Kirkpatrick in them can shoot them rifles pretty darn well (or 'good,' in Oklahoma).

The M1 responded well to the 170 grain Lapua .30-06 Springfield FMJ and certainly contributed to the well done grouping. I think some of the cartridges may have been loaded with either ~40 grains of IMR 4895 or Accurate 2520 but the powder smelled so good I could not tell the difference.



“Right ‘cher – with iron sights!”

Debrief (truncated – for info – and effect)

When we sit around on the green pew on the Boxcar deck (in the shade with a nice breeze) you will hear the discussion about rifles, bullets, scopes, hunting, plates, in the same-hole, popping this and perforating that – and it always comes up to what kind of rifle, scope, caliber and, of course, how much?

Depends. We are back to *‘variables.’* Depends...Depends on the rifle, caliber, scope, target, and how much money you got – here are some examples:

*[These *&^\$# Chiggers are killing me!]*

1. Remington, Winchester, Springfield, Scout, Shilen, or J. Burton.
2. .22, .222, .223, 224-6, .243, .270, 6.5, .308, 7.62, .303, .338, .375, .404, or .416.
3. Vortex, Bushnell, Zeiss, Leupold, Nightforce in 1-6x24mm, 3.5-10x40mm, 3-18x50mm, 3.5-25x56mm.

So, what are you going to shoot with your ‘gun’? One gun won’t get it all. If your rig won’t shoot three inside an inch at 200 yards (1/2 MOA) you probably won’t hit a five inch plate at 500 yards...by the way, it helps to see your target at that distance and a 1-6x is, or maybe, pushing it. Therefore you get what you pay for¹.

Some of us have a rifle(s) to do this ½ MOA and one even has a choice of a “bunch” of rifles...**let’s shoot!**

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuBzQVmM4Tw>