

David Blazer Military Papers

Biographical Information

DAVID (name spellings in records: Blasser, Blazer); Civil War-Union; served in 4 Indiana Light Artillery Company (also known as 4 Indiana Battery); born 1841 at Columbus, OH; before service lived in Delaware County; OH; mustered in 2-18-1863 at Nashville, Davidson County, TN; served as a private height; 5'8", dark complexion, grey eyes, dark hair; a farmer; 4-24-1863 deserted near Liberty, TN; 4-29-1863 captured by a Union Cavalry patrol near Alexandria, TN; 6-19-1863 tried by a General Court Martial, at Murfreesboro, TN; executed 11:50 a.m., 6-20-1863, at Murfreesboro, TN; buried M-5248, Stone's [sic] River National Cemetery, Murfreesboro, TN (original interment was at Murfreesboro, TN); no details of engagements or other military history has been found.

History of military unit:

Organized at Indianapolis, IN; recruited from Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties; 9-30-1861 mustered into Federal service; within a week ordered to Louisville, KY; training; 2-1862 unattached Artillery unit, Army of the OH; 2-1862 further training at New Haven and Munfordsville, IN; 2-10 to 3-3-1862 advanced on Nashville, TN; 3-17 to 4-7-1862 marched to Savannah, TN; 4-29 to 5-30-1862 advanced on and siege of Corinth, MS; 6-1862 assigned as Artillery Reserve, Army of the OH; 7-1862 assigned to 7 Independent Brigade, Army of the OH; 8-1862 assigned to 28 Brigade, 3 Division, Army of the OH; 9-1862 assigned to 28 Brigade, 3 Division, First Corps, Army of the OH; 10-8-1862 Battle of Perryville, KY; 11-1862 assigned to 1 Brigade, 3 Division, Right Wing, Fourteenth Corps, Army of the Cumberland; 12-26 to 30-1862 advanced on Murfreesboro, TN; 12-30-1862 to 1-3-1863 Battle of Stone's [sic] River, Murfreesboro, TN; 1-1863 assigned to 3 Division, Twentieth Corps, Army of the Cumberland; 3-4 to 14-1863 expedition from Murfreesboro to Columbia, TN; 6-23 to 7-7-1863 Campaign in Middle TN (Tullahoma Campaign) (6-24 to 26 action at Hoover's Gap, TN); 8-16 to 9-22-1863 occupation of Middle TN, passage of the Cumberland Mountains, and Chickamauga, GA, Campaign (9-11 skirmish at Davis' Cross Roads (Davis' House) near Dug Gap, McLemore's Cove, GA; 9-19 to 21 Battle of Chickamauga, GA; 9-21 skirmishes at Rossville Gap, GA); 10-1863 assigned to Reserve, 2 Division, Dept. of the Cumberland; 11-23 to 27-1863 Campaign at Chattanooga, TN, and Ringgold, GA; 11-1863 assigned to garrison duty, Post of Chattanooga, TN, Dept. of the Cumberland; 10-1864 assigned to garrison duty, Post of Nashville, TN, Dept. of the Cumberland; 12-15 and 16-1864 Battle of Nashville, TN; 12-1864 garrison duty, Post of Murfreesboro, TN, Dept. of the Cumberland; mid-7-1865 ordered back to IN; 7-19-1865 mustered out of Federal service at Indianapolis, IN; during this service 12 enlisted men were killed (plus 16 died from disease).

Card Numbers Form

Blazer David

4 Battery, Indiana L. Art'y. [sic]

Private

CARD NUMBERS.

1. 24728597

2. 24728802

3. 24730566

4. 36034457

[numbers 5-50 are blank]

Number of personal papers herein

Book Mark:

See also

Battery Muster Roll Form January/February 1863

B 4 Battery. Ind.

David Blazer

Pvt. 4 Battery, Indiana Light Art'y. [sic]

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Jan and Feb, 1863.

Present or Absent Present

Stoppage, \$ [blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't, \$ [blank] for [blank]

Valuation of horse, \$ [blank]

Valuations of horse equipments, [sic] \$ [blank]

Remarks (enrolled, mustered in feb [sic]15-63 Nashville)

Book mark:

Fagan

Copyist.

Battery Muster Roll Form March/April 1863

B 4 Battery. Ind.

David Blazer

Pvt. 4 Battery, Indiana Light Art'y. [sic]

Appears on

Battery Muster Roll

for Mch [sic] and Apl, [sic]1863.

Present or Absent [blank]

Stoppage, \$ [blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't, \$ [blank] for [blank]

Valuation of horse, \$ [blank]

Valuations of horse equipments, [sic] \$ [blank]

Remarks: Deserted near Liberty, Tenn. April 29/63 since apprehended.

[illegible] next on which name appears

Book mark:

Fagan

Copyist.

Battery Muster-out Roll Form October 1864

B 4 Battery. Ind.

David Blazer

Pvt. 4 Battery, Indiana L. Art'y. [sic]

Age [blank] years

Appears on Batt'y [sic] Muster-out Roll dated Indianapolis Ind. Oct. 6, 1864.

Muster-out to date [blank], 186[blank].

Last paid to [blank], 186[blank].

Clothing account:

Last settled [blank], 186[blank]; drawn since \$ [blank]

Due soldier \$ [blank]; due U.S. \$ [blank]

Am't [sic] for cloth'g [sic] in kind or money adv'd [sic] \$ [blank]

Due U.S. for arms, equipments, [sic] etc., \$ [blank]

Bounty paid \$ [blank]; due \$ [blank]

Valuation of horse, \$ [blank]

Valuation of horse equipments, [sic] \$ [blank]

Remarks: Shot for desertion

Roll [illegible] [illegible] duplicate gives [illegible]

Schenck

Copyist.

Returns Form

B 4 Battery. Ind.

David Blazer

Pvt. 4 Battery, Indiana Light Artillery.

Appears on Returns as follows:

Feb'y, 1863 enlisted by Capt. Bush at Nashville

Apr, 1863, Deserted at Liberty, Tenn. Apr. 29.

Book mark

C.C. March

Copyist.

General Order 143

HdQtrs [sic] Dept of Cumb. [sic]

General Order No. 143 June 19th 1863

Court Martial of David Blazer, Charge Desertion

Sentenced to be shot

Executed June 20th 1863

J. Batty

Official General Order 143

Head Quarters Dept. of the Cumberland

Murfreesboro June 19, 1863

General Order No 143

II. At a General Court Martial which convened at the Head Quarters, Division 14th Army Corps, on the 6th day of May 1863, pursuant to Special Order No. 63 from Head Quarters 1st Division, 14th Army Corps, and of which Lt. Col. E.B. Watts, 2nd Ky. Calvary is President, was arraigned and tried Private David Blazer, of the 4th Indiana Battery on the following charge and specification:

Charge—Desertion in face of the enemy.

Specification—In this that he, the said Private David Blazer of the 4th Indiana Battery, being duly enlisted in the service of the United States, did absent himself, without authority, from said service and from his company at or near Liberty, Tenn., on or about the 24th day of April 1863, while in the immediate presence of the enemy, and remained absent until captured at or near Alexandria, Tenn., on or about the 29th day of April, 1863 by a force of United States Calvary, and was when captured wearing the ordinary dress of a Rebel soldier, and presented himself as belonging to Morgan's Calvary.

To which charge and specification the discussed pleaded as follows:

To the Specification—Not Guilty

To the Charge—Not Guilty

Findings of the Court:

Of the Specification—Guilty

Of the Charge--Guilt

Sentence—and the Court do therefore sentence him, the said David Blazer, Private of the 4th Indiana Battery, to be shot to death at such time and place as the commanding General shall direct—Two-thirds of the members of the Court concurring therein.

II. The General commanding approves the findings and sentence of the Court.

The sentence will be carried into execution under the direction of Major General Rousseau, on Saturday, the 29th day of June 1863, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

By Command of Maj Gen W. S. Rosecrans

(Signed) C. Goddard

Lt. Col. [illegible]

Official

Signed W P McDowell [illegible]

Official C. S [illegible] [illegible]

Note about Execution

Murfreesboro June 20 1863 R313 DC 1863

Rousseau Lovell H. Maj Gen Comg. [sic] 1st Div 14th A.G. Reports that Gen. Order No 143 was executed under direction this day

David Blazer 4 Ind Battery

Rousseau's Note about the execution

Head Quarters 1st Division 14th Army Corps

Murfreesboro Tenn [sic] June 20th, 1863

Lt. Col [illegible]

Army Dept Cumberland

I have the honor to report that the sentence of Private David Blazer 4th Ind Battery, promulgated in General orders No. 143 Dept Cumberland was carried into execution under my direction at 10 minutes before 12 o'clock a.m. this day.

Very respectfully

Lovell H Rosseau

[illegible] and Chief of Staff

Hospital record

4th Ind. Battery

HOSPITAL RECORD SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
UNITED STATES ARMY.

David Blazer 4th Ind. Battery

Record of Death and Interment Form

No. 2.

RECORD OF DEATH AND INTERMENT

Name of number of persons interred. David Blazer

Number and locality of the grave [blank]

Hospital number of the deceased [blank]

Regiment, rank, and company Private 4th Indian Battery

Resident before enlistment Delaware, Ohio

Conjugal condition, (and if married, the residence of the widow) Unmarried

Cause of death Shot to death, by sentence of General Ct. Martial per G.O. No 108 Hd.
Q. Dept. Cumberland, Murfreesboro, Tenn [sic] June 19. 1863

Age of the deceased twenty two years

Nativity Columbus, Ohio

Remarks and references [blank]

Date of death and burial --20 June, 1863

[A duplicate of this Record has been forwarded to the Sexton, and another remains at
the Hospital.]

TO SIR:

It becomes my duty to inform you that the person above described died at the Hospital as herein stated; and that it is desired his remains should be interred with the usual military honors.

Respectfully,

S. Mearks

Surgeon, U. S. Army.

MILITARY HOSPITAL.

This copy of Record is to be transmitted to the Adjutant-General at Washington immediately after the place of burial and the number of grave have been ascertained and registered. The above notification is to remain attached.

Final Statement of David Blazer

FINAL STATEMENT OF

David Blazer

4th Batty Ind Volunty [sic]

VOLUNTEERS.

Died June 23, 63

NOTE 1. – Two of these certificates (or duplicates) are to be to each Volunteer Soldier or drafted man who may be discharged [illegible] to the discharge of his company, that he may at once [illegible] the Paymaster the pay, etc., due him, and the captain or other COMMISSIONED officer commanding the company will certify to the act of [illegible] of the duplicate certificates; on these certificates the Soldier [illegible] to his discharge, and should also present his discharge to the [illegible] to have the payment endorsed on it. The discharge is to be back to the Soldier by the Paymaster; the latter only retaining as [illegible] the duplicate certificates.

NOTE 2.- If the Soldier is entitled to pay for the use of [illegible], the Company Commander will certify to the fact on the back [illegible] these final statements, and also to the time he has pay due for having been so mounted on his own horse.

NOTE.3- When a Soldier is furnished with final statement [illegible] descriptive list, if he has one, should be taken up by the officer [illegible] the Soldier these statements, and endorsed with a statement to [illegible] effect by the officer. This endorsement should exhibit a full statement [illegible] time for which the Soldier was allowed to pay on his

final statement and clothing account, and all other charges against him or in his favor, so comprise a complete exhibit of his account. It will then be transmitted to the company commander of the Soldier, who will enter all the data [illegible] to a full understanding of the Soldier's account on the master [illegible] which the Soldier's discharge is reported. The descriptive list then be destroyed. The object of this is, that the remaining [illegible] of the Soldier's account may be settled upon the receipt of these [illegible] rolls, and the Soldier may receive any pay or allowances that may [illegible] the time of his discharge, and which may not appear on his [illegible] from the fact that his descriptive list is incomplete. These [illegible] for back pay, etc., are settled by the 2d Auditor of the Treasury Department.

NOTE 4.- Charges for loss or injury to ordnance, horse equts [sic], and other miscellaneous charges, should appear under the head "Other Stoppages."

NOTE 5.- Bounty paid by State authorities, and not by United States, will not be entered on this statement.

NOTE 6.- Amounts due the Sutler and Laundress must [illegible] on the master roll on which the discharge, death, desertion, and [illegible] reported, as well as on the final statement, otherwise the amount cannot be collected from the United States.

NOTE 7. – This blank will be used for deceased volunteers and drafted men, as well as for others.

NOTE 8.- Where a Soldier dies in Hospital or on [illegible], his descriptive list, if he has one, should be sent with his final [illegible], in duplicate, to the Second Auditor, Washington, D.C.

[stamp: Adjutant General's Office Jun 3 1864 Duplicate with inventory-Sent 29 Aug]

Death and Disability Records

DEATH AND DISABILITY RECORDS.

List of US Sol's. executed by US Mil'y [sic] authorities (Pages 2 and 3) shows, David Blazer, Prv't, [sic] 4 Batt'y, [sic] Ind. as having been shot June 20, 1863; for the offense of Desertion

G.O., No. 108, Dept. of the Cumberland, June 19, 1863.

See 5981.A - AYO (E.B.) Aug. 7-85

Official Form Concerning His Account

I certify, on honor, that David Blazer, a Private of Captain of A K Bush Company 4th of the Batty Regiment of Indiana VOLUNTEERS, of the State of Indiana, born in Delaware Co. State of Ohio, aged 22 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; Dark complexion, Grey eyes, Dark hair, and by occupation Farmer, having joined the company on [its original organization is crossed out] at [blank] and enrolled in it at the muster into the service of the United States at [blank], on the [blank] day of [blank], 186 , (or was mustered in service as a recruit, by Capt. AK Bush at, at Nashville, Tenn [sic] on the 18th day of February, 1863, or was drafted and mustered into the service of the United States from the [blank] Enrollment District of the State of [blank] , at [blank], on the [blank] day of 186[blank] ,) to serve in the Regiment, for the term of Three Years: and having served HONESTLY and FAITHFULLY with his Company in the field to [the present is crossed out] date, is now [entitled to a DISCHARGE by reason is crossed out] of Was shot to death per order of a genl [sic] Court Martial for desertion on the 23rd day of June 63

The said David Blazer-pvt [sic] was last paid by Paymaster Maj Davis to include the 28th day of February, 1863, and has pay due him from that time to the present date; he is entitled to pay and subsistence for TRAVELING to place of enrollment, and whatever other allowances are authorized to volunteer soldiers, drafted men, or militia, so discharged. He has received from the United States CLOTHING amount to [89,00 crossed out] 87.00 dollars, since the 18th day of February, 1863, when his clothing account was [last crossed out] settled. He has received from the United States 000 dollars advanced BOUNTY.

There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of United States or other authorities, for CLOTHING, etc., received on entering service \$19.70 dollars; and [illegible] He has been furnished with transportation in kind from the place of his discharge _____; and he has been subsisted for traveling to his place of enrollment, up to the _____-, 186 .

He has been furnished with TRANSPORTATION in kind from the place of his discharge to [blank]; and he has been SUBSISTED for TRAVELING to hi place of enrollment, up to the [blank], 186[blank].

He is indebted to [blank], SUTLER, 00 dollars.

He is indebted to [blank], LAUNDRESS, 00 dollars.

Given in Duplicate, at Chattanooga, Tenn [sic], this 26th day of May, 1864.

H J Willits

1st Lieut [sic] Comdg [sic] Batty

Commanding Company