

39th North Carolina Quotes from Stones River

General Patton Anderson Quote

The 39th North Carolina Regiment was in the Kentucky Campaign and was ordered from East Tennessee to Mississippi, but was diverted to Murfreesboro at the last minute. It was first attached to General Donelson's Brigade and later to General Patton Anderson's Brigade, as he reported:

"early in the afternoon of the 31st, the adjutant of the Thirty-ninth North Carolina Regiment (Lieutenant Hyams, C.S. Army) reported to me on the battlefield that his regiment had become detached from the command to which it had been assigned in the morning, and was at that time out of ammunition and under command of Captain Bell, the field officers having been killed or wounded. I supplied the needed ammunition, and formed the regiment on the right of the Twenty-seventh Mississippi. It participated creditably in all our subsequent movements." Report of General J. Patton Anderson, Shelbyville, January 26, 1863

Colonel David Coleman Quote

The Drill Officer of this regiment was Isaac Hyams, formerly in Captain Van Benthuyzen's company of Confederate Marines. David Coleman, the Colonel of this regiment was a graduate of Annapolis and had been a midshipman in the US Navy, and he may have requested a marine as Drill Officer. The citation of Hyams at the Battle of Murfreesboro is as follows:

"A wound received in the Battle of Murfreesboro has prevented me being called on for, or making a report of the participation of my Regiment. Both duty however and inclination impel me to bring to the notice of the Colonel commd [sic] the Brigade - with the request of transmittal to appropriate superior military authority the meritorious conduct of one of my officers Lieut [sic] Isaac S. Hyams acting adjt.

"I speak partly from my own observation partly from the acclamation of the Regiment. While all officers and men did their duty nobly, Lieut [sic] Hyams by his active exertion and intrepid bearing was nobly conspicuous.

"Altho [sic] the only two field officers were borne disabled from the field, much of the burden of conducting the Regiment devolved upon him, a responsibility which he discharged with an alacrity and efficiency worthy of all praise and with a gallantry which has been the universal theme of the comment of the command.

"Lieutenant Hyams is temporarily acting as adjutant. I beg to express the opinion that he is worthy of a higher position and to observe that the vacant captaincies in the

Regiment offer a present opportunity (by appointment of the executive) of rewarding valor and merit.”

(Col. David Coleman)