

Negley- Miller Letters

Resolution of the 4th Indiana Battery

Chattanooga Tenn. Aug 28th 1864.

At a meeting of the Members of the 4th Indiana battery held a [sic] Chattanooga August 28th 1864 to Express their feelings in regard to the proceedings of the Copperhead Convention held at Valparaiso Indiana July 21st 1864, Captain B. [illegible initial] Johnson was called to the chair, and after mature deliberation the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas We have learned, and with feelings of Regret and indignation that Augustus A. Slarr, a citizen of Valparaiso, Porter Co. Indiana and formerly a Lieutenant in the 4th Indiana Battery whose resignation was accepted for the good of the service, Is [illegible] here for the Express purpose of procuring colored men as Substitutes for disloyal men in the State of Indiana, (Knowing him to be a disloyal man) as he was one of the committee appointed to draft a sett [sic] of Resolutions at the Copperhead Convention held at Valparaiso Indiana July 21st Which denounced the Government, Abuse the Administration, boldly countenance resistance to the draft and Federal Authority, And that this war as a means of restoring the Union has proved a disastrous failure, Therefore be it

2 resolved That we the Members of the 4th Inda [sic] Battery, here assembled, denounce the proceedings of that Convention as Extremely Rebellious, and unworthy the Confidence and Support of any man who claims to be true to the Union and the cause in which we are Engaged.

3 Resolved That we denounce the Said Augustus A. Starr, as being a disloyal man, and as such unworthy the Confidence Loyal men at home may have reposed in him.

4 Resolved We consider it an act of great injustice and an insult to others in the field who have imperilled [sic] all they hold as dear for the safety of the Union, To allow any man imbued with such principles as he openly advocates and Endorses, to come within our lines, And Respectfully Request that the Lieut [sic] Comdg [sic] this District or Department furnish the said A.A. Starr, with an Escort from wherever he may be found, to North of the Ohio River.

5 Resolved, That the Valparaiso Republic of July 28th containing the proceedings of the convention held in Valparaiso, Porter Co. Indiana July 21st 1864, in which appears the name of A.A. Slarr, on Committee of Resolutions, be forwarded to the Lieut [sic] Comdg [sic] this District, Also a copy of the proceedings of this meeting.

6 Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to the Office of the Chattanooga Gazette Indianapolis Journal, Valparaiso Republic , And Cincinnati [sic] Commercial for publication, with Request that [illegible] County Indiana papers please copy.

7 Resolved [illegible as most is missing]

Headquarters

[illegible] Cumberland

Atlanta Ga Sep 11/64

Respectfully referred to His Excellency Gov Morton of Indiana, requesting that should the within named Augustus A. Shaw be in Chattanooga by Gov Morton's orders, that, he will at once relieve him from duty at that place and order him away on account of disloyalty. [rest is missing]

Chattanooga August 28 and 29, 1864

[both are illegible fragments of letters]

Partial Note

Capt [sic] Benja [sic] F. Johnson President,

Joseph C. Haddock Sec [sic]

Samuel J. Clark

James [illegible initial] Small

Aaron W. Conley

[illegible]

Starkweather and Rosseau Recommendation Letters for Captain Bush

Head Quarters 2nd Brigade 1st Division

14th A C Murfreesboro May 23rd 1863.

To whom it may concern

I take great pleasure in notifying to the fact, that Captain A.K. Bush 4th Indiana Battery, has been attached to my Brigade for some Eight months, was at the Battle of "Chaplin Hills' and "Stones River"; at the 1st coming under my immediate notice.

He is a brave and cautious Officer, a good disciplinarian, and withal a gentleman.

Any promotion given him will be well merited, and tend to advance the interest of the Service.

Respectfully

(Signed) John C. Starkweather

Col Comdg [sic] 2nd Brigade

I fully concur with the above. Captain Bush is a first rate Soldier. There is no man in the Service, who more willingly discharges all the duties of a Soldier than he. I know he is gallant and brave, and in all things deserving. He was with me at the Battle of "Chaplin Hill" and behaved with great gallantry during the Battle. (Signed)

Lovel H. Rosseau

Major General

Negley Recommendation Letter

Head Quarters 2nd Division 14th A C

Murfreesboro Tennessee May 23rd 1863.

It affords me great pleasure to testify to the Efficiency and bravery of Captain Bush: his conduct in the Battle of "Stones River" was commendable in the highest degree.

His promotion would be a just reward and a credit to the Service.

(Signed) James S. Negley

Major General

Miller Recommendation for Captain Bush

Head Quarters 3rd Brigade 2nd Division 14 A C

Murfreesboro May 25th 1863

I most heartily concur in the foregoing recommendations. Captain Bush came to my assistance [sic] on Dec. 31st in the battle of "Stones River" after the right wing had been

forced to the rear, and fought with great gallantry, doing most excellent Service. In the summer of 1862, Captain Bush was under my command at Nashville, and commanded his battery in the skirmish at and near Gallatin [sic]. He is a brave and gallant leader and ought to be promoted.

He has served long and faithfully, and deserves well of his Country.

(Signed) Jno. [sic] F. Miller. Col 29th Ind Vols

Comdg [sic] 3rd Brigade

Captain Bush Letter for Willis Pettit

HQrs [sic] 4th Ind Battery Murfreesboro March 23 1863

Sir

I have the honor to ask that you send by the the [crossed out] bearer David Sperry Qr [sic] Ms [sic] Clerk of 4th Ind Battery the Commission of 2 Lieut [sic] Willis H Pettit promoted to fill vacancy caused by resignation of 2 Lieut [sic] John W McCleary

The 4th Ind Battery has won a reputation which makes me proud to command. No Battery in the field stands higher in the estimation of those who have witnessed its part in the Battle of 'Chaplin Hills' and 'Stones River' than this; and (I write in no spirit of boasting) I have come in for my share of credit, having been in the reports of Gen Naegly [sic] and others recommended, for promotion

Your Obedient Servant

Capt [sic] A K Bush

Comdg [sic] 4th Ind Battery

To

Lazo Noble

A Genl [illegible]