

Camp 100th Regt. P.V. near Murfreesboro Tenn.
May 30th 1863

Col. G. S. Hull
Commanding 2nd Div.

Sir:

In accordance with your order I would respectfully submit the following report of the circumstances within my knowledge, relating to the capture of a forage train from the 103rd Regt. P.V. with which I was connected.

On the 20th I received a written order from the commanding officer of the 103rd Regt. P.V. directing me to report at regimental headquarters by daylight next morning for duty with a forage party. I left camp at 6 A.M. and joined the party which was then collecting.

The detail consisted of three (3) commissioned officers, Capt Cornhill, Co. C, Lieut. Chubb Co. "D" and myself, - also one hundred and twenty eight (128) enlisted men, all privates except Corporal Marsh of Co. "9". The Capt. Commanding here received a roll of the detail but no orders. We were ordered to report at Brigade Headquarters, the 21st and

were cautioned by the Col. Commanding the Brigade
to "be careful and not be gobbled." So far as
my knowledge extends this was the only
order received by any officer of the train, with
regard to the conduct of the same.

We marched out to the Liberty Pike where
the wagons, thirty-two (32) in number were already
collected. We started and passed one or two trains, marching
in a line in rear of the wagons. I was
near the rear in my position as 1st Lieutenant. After
passing the trains we halted. Capt. Canfield came
and said, "As we pass the wagons you will mount
your four horses." I said, "Is that
your order?" He replied "Yes, Patter-

son just received the order from Col. Hall."
I replied, "I am not used to a general order, who-
ever gives it. This time we were passing
along the rear of the trains and he was detaching a
party of men to guard the rear. I
and was ordered into one of the rear wagons, the
fifth or sixth from the rear I think. I told the
Captain that he would assign me to the
command of the distance guard, as was usual on
such an expedition. He replied, "And so I shall
when we arrive at the pickets." We passed the in-
fantry pickets. I saw no cavalry outposts and sup-
posed they were still beyond us. The train halt-

where the road passed through a cedar grove, or
thicket. I heard a few shots fired in front.
I immediately jumped from the wagon, and ordered
the men to dismount and advance to support
those in front. Previous to this I had ordered
all those within reach of my voice to load their pieces.
I do not know whether those in front were loaded
or not. I collected perhaps a dozen men on the
edge of the cedars on the left, standing on
the pike myself in order to hear any commands
that might be passed down. I heard none given.
I mistook the advance of the enemy for our
own wagon-masters retreating. I was out
of the question.

I was captured
as was said, by rebels to be one hundred
and fifty five (155). I think this
statement very nearly correct.

Very Respectfully
A. W. Bourque
Lt. Co "9" 103rd Ord.

Copy of Blair
in regard to Capture

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