

Nashville Tenn

Nov 3 1864

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present. Col Stoughton

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& Capt Lawrence.

The proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

Lieut Col C. A. Dickerson 10th Regt Vols was called as a witness and stated in relation to Lieut Levy, as follows.

"He has very little ability to govern men and the men have no respect for him. There exists a disrespectful familiarity between him and his men. He allows them to abuse him. One instance that came to my notice was a short time since when he was with his company, near the Reservoir on fatigue duty and he was joking with the men. I was sitting near by and saw several of the men seize him and throw him on the ground and pile sand on him; the manner in which this was done is an evidence of his inability to command the respect of the men. He is an Israelite, and I have often heard the men call him "Levy" in a disrespectful manner.

I might quote other instances of a similar character to the above

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laughing stock of the Company and his conduct is such as to encourage it and he makes no effort to preserve the dignity of an officer.

On the March

and at other times on duty, he frequently strays away from his Company and goes to private houses. He is not reliable and I would not trust him in charge of the Company if I could avoid it. At one time on the March he fell to the rear and meeting a Negro who was mounted on a Mule, compelled him to dismount and appropriated the Mule to his own use. He was reported to me and I compelled him to give the Mule back to the Negro.

He lacks discretion and judgment as to the manner in which he ought to perform his duties. He is less efficient at present than when he was first Commissioned.

Capt John Pearson. Co's 11th 10th Regt Col's was
called and made the following statement.

"Sergeant Levy is my 2^d Lieut,
and has been with me one year. He lacks
in application and is inattentive to his duties.
and has not the faculty of controlling the men
and has not commanded their respect.
I have never entrusted the Company to his care
but once or twice. The result of my observation
of him is that he is not trustworthy. He has
never been in action but his conduct while
on picket duty before Corinth, was pretty good.
I think there has been no difficulty between
the officers of my company. He can drill the
company in the Manual of Arms, but he has
never drilled it much in Company Movement.
I consider him an inefficient officer as his
manner of dealing with the men is not
calculated to increase their efficiency, and
his inclination to absent himself from the Company
obliges me to have no confidence in him.
I have known him to leave the Company while
on the march and loiter behind or stop at some
house, I have also known him when sent on
special duty to leave the men in charge of a
non-com officer and absent himself.
He is slovenly in his appearance and would
not require cleanliness among the men
unless specially ordered to attend to it.
The men do not respect him and he
cannot be depended on."

The examination was then closed and the Board proceeded to deliberate upon the case.

Finding.

The Board after mature deliberation find that this officer does not possess the requisite qualifications; that he is totally proficient in tactics, but inefficient in other respects; and that the evidence adduced shows that his conduct has been unbecoming a Commissioned officer, and the Board do therefore recommend that
Lieut Nathan Secy. Co. H. 10th Regt. Vols
be discharged from the service of the United States.
 Respectfully submitted

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 Recording Officer

Wm S. Stoughton
 Col. 11th Mich Inf
 Pres. Board