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Rice
Elliott W. - Col Commdg

Respectfully submitts report in regard to conduct of train guard at Columbia Commd by Lt Col Parrott 7th Iowa, also the statements of Lt Geo F. Hall 2d Iowa Infty and actg ord: officer 2d Div 16 a. C, Lt Thomas L. Montgomery 7th Iowa Infty Commdg Forage train, and Jno Montgomery Post Wagon master.

Respectfully recommends that a board be appointed and the citizens interested sent for that the matter may be cleared up and the guilty parties if possible recognized and punished.

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Reporting conduct of
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Hd. Qrs. Left Wing 16th A. C.
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Referred to Brig Genl. T. W. Sweeny, Comdg 2d Div.

Such conduct is a disgrace to our service, and the officers and men should be arrested. It seems strange that we cannot send troops away without their committing such depredations.

By Order of
Brig Genl G. M. Dodge
J. W. Barnes
Lt & A A Als

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Pulaski, Tenn., Nov 27th 1863

Respectfully referred to Col. E. W. Rice, Comdg. 1st Brig. who will investigate the matter thoroughly, and make a full report of all the facts in the case, and the names of the guilty parties to these Hd. Qrs.

By order of T. W. Sweeny
Brig: Genl. Comdg.
L. H. Everts
Capt: & A. A. G.

Head Quarters, U.S. Forces
Columbia Tenn Nov 24th 1863.

General,

I regret to have to report to you the grossly unsoldierly conduct of the 2nd & 7th Iowa under Lieut Col Parrott near this Post with them yesterday. So disgraceful in dissipation insolence and pillaging that my Provost Marshal was compelled to send eighteen of them to jail. I know you will deeply regret that any portion of your Command should have reflected discreditably upon the uniform and the service and it is a source of mortification to our Union citizens here. One of the men borrowed the coat of an Officer and in that disguise succeeded in violation of my Orders in purchasing a quart of liquor for himself and comrades. It would seem that an Officer who would loan his coat to a soldier for disguise and imposition should be dismissed the service. A party was sent from Lieut Col Parrotts command four miles into the country for hay. Upon reaching the

destination, the detail scattered indiscriminately upon private premises pillaging and guilty of the vilest insolence to families of the highest respectability. At the residence of Granville Pillow, who though a brother of Genl Pillow, enjoys the respect and confidence of every Union citizen in this community for his consciencious upright course. He long since took the oath - has never had any part in the rebellion other than sympathy for relatives - had the protection of Genl Negley and has mine - Yet these fellows when reminded by the daughter of Mr Pillow of their protection papers - of your displeasure and of Genl Rosecrans Orders against pillaging, replied only with the coarsest vulgarity - damning me - Genl Negley yourself and Genl Rosecrans - called her a damned rebel and a damned liar and one of the men attempted to ride his horse up the steps into the house, which by the way is an elegant residence - They took from this place one mule and several turkeys - Similar complaints were made of this Regiment when it passed through to Smith's Station last week. The men kill hogs all along the road - I have mentioned these particulars tho unpleasant, knowing you desire to be informed of such conduct.

Very Respectfully
Henry R. Mizner
Col Commdg

Brig Genl G.M. Dodge
Commdg Left Wing 16th Army Corps

Head Quns 7th Iowa Infty
Pulaski Tenn Nov 27/63

Parrott. J. C. Lieut Col
Comdg 7th Iowa Infty

Reporting Conduct of Train Guard under his Command that was ordered to Smith's Station Nov 19th 1863 In Compliance with Circular from Col E. W. Rice Comdg 1st Brig 2d Div 16' A.C.

Head Quarters 7th Iowa Infty Vols
Pulaski Tennessee November 27th 1863

Col E. H. Rice
Commanding 1st Brig 2d Div

Sir

Your circular accompanying a communication from Col Misner has just been received. In compliance with your circular I have the honor to make the following statement of facts "without fear favor or affection."

I left Pulaski Friday morning Nov 20th with eight companies of the 7th Iowa Infantry Vols as escort to wagon train to Smiths Station (seven miles above Columbia)

Friday night I camped about eight miles this side of Columbia Saturday morning I made an early start and arrived at Columbia at 10 Oclock A.M. A portion of my wagon train containing rebel prisoners was driven to the jail, for the purpose of leaving the prisoners there for safe keeping - stopping only a few minutes. The ballance of the train with the escort, made no halt in Columbia, but proceeded directly to Smiths Station arriving at 1 Oclock P.M. same day. I remained at the Station until Sunday afternoon waiting for forage, when I left with my command and train, and camped about one mile north of Columbia same night. Monday morning I made an early start and crossed Duck River at 8 Oclock A.M.

When I received orders from Captain Nicholson (who said he was in command of the Post Col. Mizner being absent from town) to halt my train until further orders I went into camp about one half mile South of Columbia and gave permission for two men from each Comp any to go to town for bread &c & shortly afterwards I went to town myself and found several of my men drunk and in the custody of the Police Guard the men having been sent to jail. I went back to camp and counter manded my order allowing men to go to town

I sent out in the Morning a forage train of Eleven wagons in charge of Lieut Montgomery Co "A" for corn and fodder The train went South from Columbia about Two or Two and one half miles and procured forage of a Mr Mathews to whom my Q. M. gave a receipt. Lieut Montgomery says no property of any kind was molested The teamsters took several miles in exchange for others that were jaded and Lieut Montgomery had them returned immediately No other forage train was sent out that day Monday night a soldier asked his officer for the loan of his uniform coat which was peremptorily refused The liquor that made my men drunk was not obtained by means of an officers uniform, but was sold openly to soldiers in broad daylight The men of my command (all of them whether drunk or sober) found in town with passes from me were marched off to jail: two of my Lieutenants (Barber & Camp who had permission to go to town) were arrested, and

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for what, neither of them know. Having received orders Monday night to proceed with the train. I started early Tuesday morning, camping within Seven miles of Pulaski Tuesday night. The train was in motion at 7.30. A.M. and arrived in Pulaski at 9.30. A.M. Wednesday 25.

In justice to the 2d Iowa Inft I will here state it was not the 2d but 7th Iowa Infty that acted as escort to the train

The only conduct during the whole march that was at all reprehensible was the drunkenness of a few men monday morning as befor stated. It gives me pleasure to say, that, (with the exception above mentioned) there never was an expedition under my observation in which both officers and men behaved themselves better, or more soldierly, The grave and serious Charge of Col Henry R Mizner Commanding the Post of Columbia notwithstanding

In justice to myself and the officers and men under my command I respectfully ask a thorough investigation of the whole matter

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J A Parrott
Lt Col Comdg

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Hdqrs: 1st Brigade 2d Div 16th army Corps
Pulaski Tenn 28th Nov 1863

D. H. Everts
Capt & a.a.genl
Hdqrs 2d Div 16th army Corps

Captain,

In compliance with orders from your Hdqrs: of date Nov 27. 1863. and contained in endorsement on communication from Col Henry R. Wigner Commdg U.S. Forces at Columbia Tenn. to Brig.Genl G.M.Dodge Commdg 2d Div 16th army Corps. in reference to the conduct of the 2d or 7th Iowa Cavly & Col Parrott Commdg. while at and near Columbia guarding provision train I have the honor to submit the following statements.

I George F. Hall 1st Lt 2d Iowa Cavly and acty Ord: officer 2d Div: 16th a.c. states that he was at Columbia Tenn on the 23d inst with the train Commanded by Lt Col Parrott 7th Iowa Cavly, and hearing that the train was stopped on account of Guerrillas he accompanied the party sent out after forage, they went out three (3) miles and obtained their forage on the farm of Mr ——

——, there was no pillaging that done here that he saw. the guard that accompanied the train bought and paid for some eggs and chickens picking the chickens themselves. But while the train was loading a few extra teamsters that had accompanied the train, went to a farm about three fourths of a mile beyond, and on our return he saw that they had one (1) new mule. that they had obtained at that place.

In Columbia he saw two (2) public drinking saloons where liquor was sold to officers and citizens. He saw no liquor sold to privates but think they could of obtained it very easily. He saw officers with privates overcoats on and no distinctive mark showing them to be officers, obtain it without any questions being asked.

2d Thomas L. Montgomery 1st Lt Co H. 7th Iowa Infantry states that he was in command of a forage train of eleven wagons and forty (40) guards which left Columbia Tenn on the 23d Inst says he went south about two and one half (2½) miles and loaded the wagons with corn and hay on the farm of Mr Mathews and returned to camp. While loading the forage the teamster turned out their jaded mules and harnessed up four of Mathews mules. The boy reported the fact to him and he had all of Mathews mules turned out. He saw the men buy and pay for some chickens, and did not see or know of any of the party disturbing any other property.

States that there was no straggling, the men rode out in the wagons and all helped to load and rode back on the wagons.

3d John Montgomery Post wagon-master states that he was with the train and upon its arrival at Columbia he was sent with ten (10) teams guarded by detail under Lt Montgomery to procure forage.

They went out between three (3) and four (4) miles and succeeded in getting between 75 and 80 Bushels of corn and about 1½ tons of Hungarian hay and gave receipt

for the same. I noticed some of the Quartermasters secured three (3) mules, when he found it out he made them return them to the owner. He saw no pillaging by the men under his charge, they remained with their teams. However he saw three (3) men who was along with said party straggling, but did not see them have any property of any description with them. These three (3) men I think were teamsters but did not belong to the train of said Forage party. It is too frequently the case when men go with trains, if depredations are committed the innocent must shoulder the blame.

The foregoing statements, together with the statement of Lt Col Lynch (herewith inclosed) is all the evidence I can at present collect in regard to the matters referred to. After a careful examination of which, I conclude that there was some of St Col Lynch command interested while at Columbia and that the responsibility for the same did not rest on St Col Lynch or his officers, but on the parties selling, or allowing the liquor to be sold. I also conclude that the depredations committed on the person or property of citizens was done by teamsters belonging to the Brigade, for which Wagon Masters Jno Montgomery and Robt Gregory are responsible, and not St Montgomery Commdy the Forage train, as he was not aware of their presence with the party.

I would respectfully recommend that the whole matters be brought before a board of officers for the purpose and that the citizens

upon whom the depredations were committed be sent for, that the guilty parties may, if possible be recognized and punished.

I have the honor to be
Capt, very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
E W Rice
Col 7th Iowa Infty
Comndy 1st Brigade

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Adjutants Genl's Office Dec 11th 1863

T.W. Sweeny
Brig Genl

Genl:

In compliance with your instructions I deduce, from the material at my command the following items, that may lead to the convictions of the parties who were guilty of the misdemeanors at or near Columbia Tenn on or about the 23d ult.

The citizens who are reported by name, to have been wronged, in the complaint of Col Migners are the family of Granville Pillow who resides about four miles from Columbia – The persons who visited the premises of Mr Pillow are reported as "Extra Teamsters" and under the immediate charge of the

Division Wagon Master. — The only property taken that is reported is one mule seen by St Geo F. Hall Acty Ord Officer, in the possession of these "Extra Teamsters". He may be able to identify these men, but he does not report their names — Col Mizner does not report except in general terms, that the premises or property of Mr Mathews, where the foraging party sent by St Col Parrott, went, was unduly disturbed — The officers with the foraging party report that the premises were not pillaged.

St Geo F. Hall Acty Ord. Off — 2d Div, John Montgomery Post Wagon Master and Robt Gregory wagon Master, both belonging to the Div train would be the most likely to be able to identify the Extra Teamsters who seem to have done the mischief — It is probable to that the officer who was applied to, for the loan of his coat and the soldier who applied might

might give information that would lead to the detection of the office, if there is one, who would grant such as request as the one referred to.

I am General

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James Davidson
4th Sp 52d Servt & A.D.C.