

Transcription of George C. Lusk resignation letter. Original in "V. File – Lusk, George C."
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Head Quarters Company "K" 10th Reg. Ill. Inf.
Near East Point Ga. Sept. 28th 1864

Asst. Adjutant-General
Army and Dept of the Tennessee

Sir

I would respectfully tender the Resignation of my position, as Captain of "K" Company, of the Tenth (10th) Regiment of Illinois Infantry Volunteers; and ask that the same be accepted, by reason of Expiration of Term of Service.

I was mustered as Captain of said company at Cairo Illinois on the 14th day of August 1861, and have faithfully served with it through every campaign from that to the present time.

In compliance with War Dept Order No— a list of the officers and men of the Regiment who were to be mustered out by Expiration of Term of Service, was forwarded as early as the first of July last, and my name was entered upon that list. On the 14th of August we were in the Army and Department of the Cumberland, and engaged in active campaign. In that Army and Department it was considered as disgraceful for officers to tender resignation in the field, on account of Expiration of term of Service; and General Thomas, as I am informed, summarily dismissed and branded with dishonor a number of Officers who had forwarded their papers.

We were transferred to the Army and Department of the Tennessee, and reported to the command August 20th. Col. Tillson commanding the Regiment was assigned a Brigade, Lt. Col. Wood was absent on detail and Major Tillson was absent wounded. Being the ranking Captain the command temporarily [illegible] upon me.

The books, papers and property of the Regiment had been stored at Bridgeport Ala. by order of General Thomas. Accounts and affairs generally were at loose ends, and yet nothing could be done until the Regimental property could be brought forward. I sent to Dept. Head Quarters an application for Captain Wilson and one man to be allowed to proceed to Bridgeport for the purpose of bringing up this property. An order came back for myself and one man to go.

Superintending the Regiment, looking after and devoting a portion of my time to my company, and a press of business from all directions kept me constantly employed— and in addition to all this we have had no mustering officer with our Division. The consequence is, I have had no facilities— no means of getting mustered out of service at an earlier day.

I have no Government property in my hands, that I am not ready to turn over to proper authority upon acceptance of my resignation. I am not indebted to the Government— have not been absent with or without leave except as herein before stated— have been paid to August 31st

1864 by Major Glen, except for responsibility of company, which is now due me for eight (8) months, from Jan 1st to August 31st 1864.

Supposing there would be no questions raised with me, with regard to mustering out I have completed business arrangements for the 12th of October next and would respectfully urge an early consideration of my claim.

Hoping my explanations for delays will prove satisfactory and my resignation acceptable.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
George C. Lusk
Capt. Company "K"
10th Reg. Ill. Inf.