

John W. ...
Nov 25, 1861
- late pay

Cincinnati, Novr 25th 1861.

Brigade General Rosecrans.
Commanding the Army of Western Virginia

Sir!

Being deprived of my rights by a crime committed by one of the officers under your command, I take liberty to lay my complaint before you with the hope that the case may be investigated and being convinced that I will obtain my rights.

I served as 2^d Sergeant in Company B of the 10th Ohio Regiment under Captain Seip. When the Regiment was at Clarksburg I received by the enclosed letter, an order from Captain Seip to have having served the 3 months Term up to only a few days, in fact longer than any other soldier bound for 3 months, I had no doubt that I would receive my salary.

Captain Seip however tries to deprive me of it. When I came to the Paymaster of the 3 months Troops, I was told the Rolls of my Company had not been sent in, I could therefore receive no pay.

I met Captain Seip next at Cross Keys, and asked him for the 3 months Rolls. He said he had not made them out, but I might do so. I did it, but when I wanted the Captain to sign them, he refused to do so, untill I would have procured him a furlough. - As Captain Seip was at that time not in Command of the Company, the 1st Lieutenant Seebaum signed the Rolls. These Papers were made out only to get my pay, I therefore took them with me by consent of Lieut. Col. Korff and Lieutenant Seebaum. (Lieut. Col. Korff commanded the Regiment at that time.)

Some time afterwards the Captains of the different Companies of the 10th Reg. were ordered to make out the 3 months muster Rolls. Captain Seip, then being under arrest, Lieutenant Seebaum made out the regular Document. But before they were sent to the Adjutant, Capt. Seip noticed my name in them, and having sworn before, that I should not receive my salary, tore the Rolls and made out incorrect documents omitting my name. (He was then still under arrest.) These Rolls were sent in and I can of course ~~not~~ not now obtain my salary, untill this case has been investigated and the forgery rectified.

Being convinced that you wish to have men of honor as officers under your command, and having proof that you will do justice to every man, if it is in your power, I remain with full confidence

Yours
very obedient
J. H. Markworth

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