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CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS OF IDAHO AND WASHINGTON.

MAY 21, 1880.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. E. SMITH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following:

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 4391.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, having had the bill H. R. 4391 under consideration, respectfully submit the following report :

From the accompanying series of orders, issued by and under the direction of the commanding general of the Department of Columbia, which are hereby made a part of this report, it will be seen that volunteer soldiers, citizens of Idaho and Washington Territories, served in the Army of the United States in the Nez Percés Indian war of 1877. They were not mustered into the regular service, but were received and accepted as volunteers so long as their services were required. Their names were enrolled, and muster-rolls forwarded to the War Department. They served in the aggregate about thirty days and rendered the country and Army invaluable service. Some were killed, some wounded, and some lost property while in the service.

The committee, in view of these facts, recommend that these volunteer soldiers be paid \$1 per day, that the sufferers be placed on the pension rolls, and that the property lost and destroyed in the United States service be paid for, and to this end they recommend the passage of the bill.

HEADQUARTERS _____,
Lewiston, Idaho, June 24, 1871.

[ORDERS No. 4.]

Capt. George Hunter, commanding A Company, Columbia County, Wyoming Territory Volunteers (mounted), will proceed with his company to Fort Lapwai, Idaho, and report to Captain Throckmorton, Fourth Artillery, commanding the troops now at Fort Lapwai, Idaho, preparing for field service against the Indians.

WM. F. SPURGIN,
Captain Twenty-first Infantry, Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS BATTALION UNITED STATES TROOPS, IN THE FIELD,
Camp at Fort Lapwai, Idaho, June 24, 1871.

[ORDERS No. 3.]

In compliance with letter from the department commander, dated June 24, 1877, Capt. George Hunter, with a company of forty-five volunteers, is hereby attached to this command, and Second Lieut. C. C. S. Wood, Twenty-first Infantry, is designated as

the officer responsible for their subsistence. He will make the necessary requisitions for rations on the acting commissary of subsistence at Fort Lapwai or in the field.

By order of Captain Throckmorton.

C. A. WILLIAMS,

Second Lieutenant Twenty-first Infantry, Adjutant.

Official.

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Second Lieutenant Twenty-first Infantry, Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,
Camp on Salmon River, near mouth of White Bird Creek, June 29, 1877.

[FIELD ORDERS No. 20.]

V. Capt. George Hunter, commanding the "Dayton Volunteers," will report with his company to Capt. M. P. Miller, Fourth Artillery, for duty.

By command of Brigadier General Howard.

M. C. WILKINSON,

Aide-de-Camp.

Official.

M. C. WILKINSON,

Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,
Camp on Salmon River, near mouth of White Bird Creek, July 1, 1877.

[FIELD ORDERS No. 22.]

III. Capt. George Hunter, commanding Dayton Volunteers, will, at 6 a. m., make a reconnaissance in the direction of Pittsburgh Landing, examining the country thoroughly as he proceeds, especially in the direction of Joseph's reported encampment.

By command of Brigadier General Howard.

M. C. WILKINSON,

Aide-de-Camp.

Official.

ROB. H. FLETCHER,

Assistant Aide-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,
Camp on Trail, near Snake River, I. T., July 4, 1877.

[FIELD ORDERS No. 23.]

II. Capt. George Hunter, commanding company of Dayton Volunteers, will proceed via Rocky Cañon to Cottonwood, I. T., reporting upon his arrival there to the commanding officer. As soon as his services can be dispensed with, on reaching Lewiston, I. T., Captain Hunter with his company is hereby relieved from duty with this command. The senior officer will command en route to Cottonwood.

By command of Brigadier General Howard.

M. C. WILKINSON,

Aide-de-Camp.

Official.

M. C. WILKINSON,

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