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WILLIAM H. HUGO.

MARCH 26, 1892.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BELKNAP, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 4036.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4036) for the relief of William H. Hugo, submit the following report:

Your committee having carefully investigated the papers and records on file in reference to this bill, believe the gallant, meritorious, and long service of Lieut. Hugo warrants the favorable action of Congress. The offense for which he was dismissed was the first and only one in twenty years of active service, including three years of active field service during the war of the rebellion.

First. To substantiate his prayer for relief your committee append and make a part of this report the records of the Adjutant-General's Office, showing the service rendered.

Second. The testimonials of officers of the United States Army who were knowing to his meritorious service and present condition.

Third. Letter of Maj. George A. Purington, president of the court that tried him; also letter of the entire court of five members and the indorsement of Gen. John Pope.

Fourth. Exhibits A, B, and C, War Department, orders of the year 1868, conferring three brevets for meritorious services.

Fifth. The petition of one hundred and fifty-three citizens of Fort Bayard, N. Mex., including the mayor and city and county officials.

Sixth. The petition of Logan Post, Grand Army of the Republic, No. 9, Department of New Mexico.

Seventh. The statement of Lieut. Hugo as to service and cause of dismissal.

Eighth. The order of the general court-martial before which he was tried.

Your committee believe the relief asked for should be granted, in view of all the facts presented, and that justice may in a measure be granted a gallant soldier who has worn himself out in the service of his country. Therefore we recommend the bill do pass.

Statement of the military service of William H. Hugo, late of the U. S. Army, compiled from the records of this office.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February —, 1892.

VOLUNTEER RECORD.

He was mustered into the service as captain, Seventieth New York Infantry, June 21, 1861, and served with that regiment in the Army of the Potomac to July 2, 1863, when wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa.; was absent on account of wound to March, 1864, and with regiment until honorably mustered out, July 1, 1864.

REGULAR ARMY RECORD.

He was appointed second lieutenant, Sixteenth Infantry, to rank from May 11, 1866; accepted September 7, 1866; transferred to Twenty-fifth Infantry September 21, 1866; promoted first lieutenant November 21, 1868; unassigned April 26, 1869; assigned to Ninth Cavalry January 1, 1871; dismissed November 1, 1881.

SERVICE.

He joined his regiment October 26, 1866, and served therewith in Tennessee to April 22, 1869; awaiting orders to May 7, 1869; Indian agent at the Ponca Agency, Dak., to December 5, 1870; awaiting orders to January 1, 1871.

He joined the Ninth Cavalry February 15, 1871, and served with it in Texas to September 20, 1875; at Fort McRae, N. Mex., to October 30, 1876; at Fort Craig, N. Mex., to April 21, 1877; in the field in pursuit of Indians to May 27, 1877; at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., to December 17, 1877; in the vicinity of Fort Bliss, Tex., to April 25, 1878, and at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., to June 3, 1878; was conducting prisoners to Fort Leavenworth, Kans., to June 25, 1878; on leave to October 17, 1878; with troop at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., to January 5, 1880; in the field, in New Mexico, to February 28, 1880; at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., to March 28, 1880; in the field to June 18, 1880; and at Fort Cummings, N. Mex., to September 18, 1880; sick at Fort Bayard, N. Mex.; to December 23, 1880; with troop at same post to May 15, 1881; sick to June 22, 1881, and in arrest until dismissed November 1, 1881. (See General Court-Martial Orders, No. 58, of October 17, 1881, from this office—copy herewith.)

J. C. KELTON,
Adjutant-General.

FORT BAYARD, N. MEX., January 3, 1892.

MY DEAR SIR: Having known you well for the past twenty-one years, first as an officer of the Army, and more recently as a citizen living near this post, I take great pleasure in hereby testifying to your high character as an officer and as a man.

In all the walks of life I have ever esteemed you an upright, honorable, worthy gentleman, and one in whose integrity I have the most implicit confidence.

I sincerely trust some substantial reward awaits you in the near future for your gallant services as an officer of volunteers during the war of the rebellion, wherein you were seriously disabled, and for meritorious conduct in Indian campaigns in this Territory as an officer of the Ninth United States Cavalry.

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. C. HOOD,
Captain, Twenty-Fourth U. S. Infantry.

Maj. WILLIAM H. HUGO,
Fort Bayard, N. Mex.

I heartily concur in the above statement, and sincerely hope that something may be done for this gallant old officer, who is now crippled and severely suffering from wounds received in battle while fighting for his country.

Z. R. BLISS,
Colonel Twenty-fourth Infantry.

I heartily concur in the above testimonials.

JAS. N. MORGAN,
Captain, Twenty-fourth Infantry.

I sincerely trust something may be done for the relief of this gallant old man, who, having passed a good portion of his life in the service of his country, now finds himself in circumstances of great distress.

C. E. NORDSTROM,
Captain, Tenth Cavalry.

I heartily concur.

E. T. COMEGYS,
Captain, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A.

I take pleasure in adding my testimonial to the above.

ALLEN ALLENSWORTH,
Chaplain Twenty-fourth Infantry.

I hope the country through its representatives will afford aid and comfort to this gallant man, who is by reason of his wounds and broken health so unhappily situated. He gave to his country all he had to give, and now in his old age finds himself without means and without health and strength to finish his career unless a grateful people will assist him.

H. W. HOVEY,
First Lieutenant and Regimental Quartermaster, Twenty-fourth Infantry.

I heartily concur.

JAMES E. BRETT,
First Lieutenant, Twenty-fourth Infantry.

I hope that *restitution*, which is the proper word to use in this case, will be made to this poor old man.

A. C. MARKLEY,
Captain, Twenty-fourth Infantry.

I concur in the above testimonials. Besides Maj. Hugo's well-known record during the war, his efficiency and gallantry during the worst of the Indian troubles in New Mexico of twenty years ago is notorious all over this part of the Territory.

ALEX. S. B. KEYES,
Captain, Tenth Cavalry.

A true copy of the originals.

[SEAL.]

WILLIAM D. MURRAY,
Notary Public.

CAMP ON WOUNDED KNEE CREEK, S. DAK.,
January 8, 1891.

This is to certify that while stationed at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., between 1884 and 1888, I became acquainted with Wm. H. Hugo, formerly an officer of the Ninth Cavalry, who lives near that post. He is old and feeble; is permanently lame from a wound received, I understand, at Gettysburg. He is not capable physically of earning proper support for himself and family. There are a good many men being cared for by the Government who have not been used up so badly in service as Mr. Hugo, and who are not in such need as he is.

I recommend his case for favorable consideration.

I understand he lost an ear drum by discharge of a cannon in service, and that he was pronounced by the post surgeon at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., as suffering a three fourths disability.

E. A. CARR,
Colonel Sixth Cavalry, Brevet Major-General.

FORT BAYARD, N. MEX., January 28, 1891.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have known Mr. William H. Hugo since 1871 or 1872, and for the last three years he has resided near this post, and I have had good opportunities to learn his condition. I believe and know that he is unable to support himself by his own labor. He is suffering from the loss of the drum of his left ear, caused by the explosion of a shell near his head at the siege of Yorktown, and also from a severe wound in his right thigh, causing lameness and withering of the limb; this wound he received at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863. He served under my command a short time in Texas in 1872 or 1873, and performed his duties faithfully. I believe that he is a fit subject for relief, from his long and faithful services during the war of the rebellion and on the frontier, and from his disabled condition resulting from

wounds received in the defense of his country. He is a perfectly honorable and upright man.

Z. R. BLISS,
Colonel Twenty-fourth U. S. Infantry.

I, E. M. Young, probate clerk of Grant County, Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of letter of Z. R. Bliss as exhibited to me.

[SEAL.]

E. M. YOUNG,
Probate Clerk.

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FORT RINGGOLD, TEX., *February 20, 1891.*

The case of Lieut. Hugo merits every favorable consideration. I have been with him on many hard marches; his conduct in the Indian fights that we had together was gallant, even to recklessness. The sentence of dismissal was in my opinion too severe for the offense committed. Justice alone demands that he who has almost given his life for his country should be cared for by the Government he has so faithfully served.

Maj. GEO. A. PURINGTON,
President of the court that tried Lieut. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry.

A true copy of original.

WM. H. HUGO.

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A true copy of the recommendation to the clemency in the case of First Lieut. Wm. H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, and signed by the entire court of five members and indorsement of Gen. John Pope.

WM. H. HUGO.

We, the undersigned members of the general court-martial convened by paragraph 3, Special Orders 141, current series, from the headquarters Department of the Missouri, and before whom was tried, convicted, and sentenced to be dismissed First Lieut. Wm. H. Hugo, Ninth Regiment of Cavalry, do in consideration of his gallant war record, as shown in evidence, respectfully recommend his case to the favorable consideration and clemency of the reviewing authority.

GEO. A. PURINGTON,
Captain, Ninth Cavalry.

HENRY H. HUMPHREYS,
Captain, Fifteenth Infantry.

JNO. J. KANE,
First Lieutenant and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. A.

C. E. MUM,
Captain and Surgeon, U. S. A.

L. H. WALKER,
First Lieutenant, Fifteenth Infantry.

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[Exhibit A.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Washington, October 23, 1868.*

SIR: You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., a first lieutenant by brevet in the services of the United States, to rank as such from the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven. Should the Senate at their next session advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt thereof, please to communicate to this Department through the Adjutant-General of the Army your acceptance or non-acceptance, and with your letter of acceptance return oath herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed and attested, and report your age, birthplace, and the State of which you were a permanent resident.

You will report for duty to ————.

J. M. SCHOFIELD,
Secretary of War.

Brevet First Lieutenant WM. H. HUGO,
U. S. Army, Memphis, Tenn.
(2nd Lt., 25th Infy.)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original.

J. J. BREKENTON,
1st Lieut. and Adj., 24th Inf.

[Exhibit B.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Washington, October 23, 1868.*

SIR: You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you, for gallant and meritorious services during the war, a captain by brevet in the services of the United States, to rank as such from the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven. Should the Senate at their next session advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt thereof please to communicate to this Department through the Adjutant-General of the Army your acceptance or non-acceptance, and with your letter of acceptance return the oath herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed and attested, and report your age, birthplace, and the State of which you were a permanent resident.

You will report for duty to ————.

J. M. SCHOFIELD,
Secretary of War.

Brevet Captain H. HUGO,
U. S. Army, Memphis, Tenn.
(2nd Lt., 25th Infy.)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original.

J. J. BRERETON,
1st Lieut. and Adj., 24th Infy.

[Exhibit C.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Washington, October 23, 1868.*

SIR: You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you, for gallant and meritorious services during the war, a major by brevet in the services of the United States, to rank as such from the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven. Should the Senate at their next session advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt thereof please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant-General of the Army, your acceptance or nonacceptance, and with your letter of acceptance return the oath herewith enclosed, properly filled up, subscribed, and attested, and report your age, birthplace, and the State of which you are a permanent resident.

You will report for duty to ————.

J. M. SCHOFIELD,
Secretary of War.

Brevet-Major WILLIAM H. HUGO,
U. S. Army, Memphis, Tenn.
(2nd Lt. 25th Infy.)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original.

J. J. BRERETON,
1st Lieut. & Adj. 24th Infy.

FORT BAYARD, N. MEX., *January 1, 1890.*

To the honorable Senate and House of United States Representatives in Congress assembled, greeting:

We, the undersigned, do hereby most respectfully petition your honorable body for the restoration of our friend, Capt. William H. Hugo, late a first lieutenant Ninth Cavalry, U. S. Army, dismissed November, 1881. He served with honor in the civil war, and was wounded in the battle at Gettysburg, Pa. He has participated in many scouts and engagements with hostile Apache Indians since that war, and was never found wanting in the discharge of his duties as an officer and soldier.

Grave doubts are entertained by the people of this section, where he was serving at the time of his dismissal, cognizant of the case, as to the justice of the sentence, and it is believed that extenuating circumstances bearing on his case were not brought to the notice of the reviewing authorities (the President).

Be this as it may, we earnestly pray that in consideration of Capt. Hugo's record for gallant, patriotic, and long service, the boon of restoration and retirement, asked for by him in his old age, be kindly and favorably considered.

John H. Bragan, James Harris, Lewis A. Melvin, John Bentford, Gus. Holmes, John C. Berry, W. B. Berry, D. P. Carr, J. P., W. B. Carson, Joseph A. Potter, E. H. Trerise, J. N. Upton, Alex. McGregor, W. S. Fink, J. W. Mattocks, Allan L. Eaton, James McLeod, W. H. Bentz, Geo. W. Helde, Jack McManus, Chas. Goodman, John Stenson, Samuel Allen, John Murphy, Willard Jaquith, W. E. Williams, W. H. Clark, F. Allen, Rufus Bennett, Joseph Schlossen, W. H. Henderson, E. O. Rabb, Al. Burke, C. M. Humphrey, C. McDade, Michael Hughes, T. C. Amsden, James Noble, J. T. Oglesby, John A. Deemer, Geo. V. Yates, Ben. Grace, Manuel Para, Ed. Hanrahan, E. J. Swarts, Geo. Harris, H. M. Baker, H. J. Hutchinson, Thos. Geoffrey, Henry Woods, Wm. M. Hardy, Julius Wellgehausen, J. Crockett Givens, Francisco Orcitus, John Arowey, August Davier, Julius Sedillos, Andy Johnson, Thomas Henry, Al. Straush, Edmund Ramber, J. P. Sherley, Horace Jackson, J. Crowley, George Snyder, F. M. Thompson, Charles Johnson, Alfred O'Brien, Geo. W. Gilliard, C. D. Rice, M. Redd, J. L. Miller, G. W. Morgan, George Parker, Wm. R. Hutchinson.

FORT BAYARD, N. MEX., *January 1, 1890.*

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives

of the United States in Congress assembled, greeting:

We, the undersigned, do most respectfully petition your honorable body for the restoration of our friend, Capt. Wm. H. Hugo, late a first lieutenant Ninth Cavalry, U. S. Army, dismissed the service November, 1881. He was severely wounded in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., and has participated in many scouts and engagements with the hostile Apache Indians since the war, and was never found wanting in the discharge of his duties as an officer and soldier.

Grave doubts are entertained by the people of this section, where he was serving at the time of his dismissal, cognizant of the case, as to the justice of the sentence, and it is believed that extenuating circumstances bearing on his case were not brought to the notice of the reviewing authorities (the President.) Be this as it may, we earnestly pray that in view and consideration of Capt. Hugo's record for gallant, patriotic, and long service, the boon of restoration and retirement asked by him in his old age be kindly and favorably considered.

L. Lindauer, G. Wormsle, R. B. Washington, jr., C. P. Rosecrans, C. H. Dave, Louis Altman, H. C. Moore, Tracy and Hannigan, W. Woodbun, Jno. H. Riley, Las Cruces, N. Mex.; George Parker, W. G. Holman, probate judge; H. N. Whitehill, sheriff Grant County; Wm. T. Topham, C. P. Crawford, Aaron Schutz, Martin Maher, B. T. Link, D. B. O'Brien, Wm. H. Newcomb, Howard H. Betts, Sam Eckstein, M. D., Sam'l H. Eckles, Gordon Bradley, E. M. Young, postmaster; V. McNeff, Jo. E. Sheridan, G. G. Posy, O. C. Hinman, P. B. Lady, M. K. White, Ford T. Shelton, George R. Brown, U. S. deputy surveyor; John S. Swift, Harry G. Noel, F. P. Whitehill, deputy probate clerk; H. S. Martyr, deputy county recorder; A. H. Morehead, probate clerk; James Mullen, attorney at law; D. C. Hobart, Ewd. Kennon, M. D.; L. A. Gotton, G. N. Wood, M. D.; D. Bennett, Frank Ringo, James P. Reed, c. e.; John N. Gillett, R. C. Anderson, J. B. Card, Wm. J. Foley, Wm. Bordern, Gillet & Son, H. S. Gillett, E. J. Callahan, James S. Lucas, D. C. Lankford, Nate Scarritt, Arthur H. Nichol, J. P. Cottrell, D. C. McMillen, W. C. Porterfield, C. C. Shoemaker, S. W. Butler, A. C. Draper, H. D. Gilbert, Harry W. Lucas, Idus L. Fielder, attorney at law; Max Sanitz, merchant; John Brockman, James S. Carter, J. W. Carter, Wm. Owens, W. L. Jackson, C. H. Fox, A. K. Worthy, E. Kewer, J. M. Irwin, H. E. Muse, Ernest Holt, Isaac Givens, Leonard & Sheridan, editors Enterprise; John W. Fleming, mayor; C. S. Cantley, Robert Swan, John M. Ginn, attorney; H. W. Loomis, county superintendent of schools; S. Loomis, H. Booth.

HEADQUARTERS, JOHN A. LOGAN POST, No. 9,
DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO, G. A. R.,
Fort Bayard, N. Mex., May 10, 1888.

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, greeting:

John A. Logan, Post No. 9, Department of New Mexico, G. A. R., by unanimous vote do hereby petition your honorable body for the restoration to his former rank in the Army and retirement of our comrade Wm. H. Hugo, late first lieutenant, Ninth Cavalry, dismissed the service in November, 1881. Many of the members of this post personally knew Comrade Hugo during the late war, and knew him only as an honorable and conscientious officer and gallant soldier.

He was twice wounded during the war, has participated in many scouts and engagements with hostile Indians since the war, and was never found wanting in his duty as an officer and soldier.

Grave doubts are entertained by the people of this section, where he served at the time of his dismissal, cognizant of the case, as to the justice of his sentence, and it is believed extenuating circumstances bearing in his case were not brought to the notice of the reviewing authority.

Be this as it may, we earnestly pray that in consideration of Comrade Hugo's record for gallant, patriotic, and long service, the boon of restoration and retirement asked for by him in his old age be kindly considered.

By order of the post.

THEO. V. BROWN,
Post Commander.

JAMES DEVINE,
Post Adjutant.

A true copy.

WM. H. HUGO.

FORT BAYARD, N. MEX., May 24, 1890.

G. SHERMAN BENSON,
Potter Building, New York City:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: In connection with my application for restoration and retirement from the service I submit herewith a brief history of my military service during the war of the rebellion and since its close. During the summer of 1856 I organized, and, through the State military authorities, fully armed and equipped a volunteer uniformed company in the town of Paw Paw, Mich., and of said company I was elected captain. Said company was named the Lafayette Light Guard, of which I was in command at the breaking out of the war. On April 19, 1861, at the attack on Fort Sumter, I was ordered by telegraph to enlist my company to 100 men at once and send the rolls to Detroit, Mich. This I did in twenty-four hours. That was the last I heard of that; then I was ordered to have my company in readiness for the Second Michigan Regiment; then for the Fourth Michigan Regiment, "Col. Dwight Woodbury." Holding my company all the time in readiness was very expensive. At last I found that I was reserved for the Sixth Michigan Regiment; had to disband my men and only take officers and noncommissioned officers and go into camp of instruction at Kalamazoo. At that time, having received an urgent request from Gen. D. E. Sickles, who was raising his Excelsior Brigade at Staten Island, New York, I procured an order from the governor of Michigan (Austin P. Blair) granting permission to leave the State with my company, consisting of 120 men.

Some days after my arrival at Camp Scott, Staten Island, my company was mustered into the United States volunteer service, June 21, 1861, by Col. Samuel Haymen, U. S. Army mustering officer (then captain Seventh Infantry, U. S. Army), and designated as Company C, First Excelsior, or Seventieth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry. Said regiment arrived in Washington, D. C., about July 24, 1861, just after the first battle of Bull Run, Virginia. From the last of August, 1861, said regiment was campaigning through lower Maryland and camped during the winter at Liverpool Point, Maryland, opposite the enemies' batteries at Cockpit Point, Virginia. I participated with my company and regiment on the enemy at Dumfries, Va., and also again on the advance and reconnoissance of the enemy at Stafford, Va., which resulted in our capturing that place and the taking of many prisoners. This was, I think, in the spring of 1862. My company and regiment was part of the Twentieth Brigade, Twentieth Division, Third Corps, and participated in all the battles of the campaign of the Peninsula, Virginia. On or about April 20, at the siege of Yorktown, Va., while in command of the advance picket, I received a great injury to the left side of my head by the concussion from a 9-inch solid shot from the enemy passing within a few inches of my left ear, which completely paralyzed that part of my head and ear, causing total deafness of the left ear.

At the battle of Williamsburg, Va., May 5, I was brevetted colonel by my corps commander, Gen. Samuel P. Heintzelman, for meritorious services in getting, gathering, or turning the stragglers and stopping the advance of the enemy's charge until the reinforcements arrived; took active part in the battles of Seven Pines, Va., June 1, 1862, and the advance on Richmond, June 25, 1862, in command of my regiment, taking active part in all the battles before Richmond from the battles of Mechanicsville and Savage Station to Harrison's Landing, Va., thence back to Yorktown, Va., and Alexandria, Va., and upon the Orange Railway at the battle of Bristoe Station, Kettle Run, and Second Bull Run, Va.; also at Chantilly, Va., also the battle of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, Va., May 3, 1863.

At Chancellorsville, Va., I merited conspicuous gallant conduct in learning the disposition of the enemy's troops, also the force of the enemy's picket and the capture of a captain and seven men on the night Stonewall Jackson was shot, for which I was acknowledged for bravery by the division commander and also by Gen. Hooker, commanding Army, as appears in letters of Gen. Revere in 1870. May 17, 1863, was promoted major Seventieth New York Volunteers; did not get notice of said promotion until the battle of Gettysburg.

In said battle I was severely wounded by gunshot, right hip, July 2; taken to the hospital July 4, 1863; rejoined my regiment at Bealton Station, Va., in September, 1863; took part in the Mine Run campaign at the battle of Locust Grove, Va.; also prior to that in 1863. At the falling back from Culpepper, Va., to Centerville, at the attack on Bull Run railroad bridge and McLanes Ford was in command of the Third Corps detailed for the rebuilding of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, torn up by the enemy; built ten miles of it, was ordered to take the advance with my regiment at the crossing of Kellys Ford on the Rappahannock River, in face of a stormy force of the enemy; made a successful crossing and drove the enemy out. This was about November 12, 1863, for which a colonel got the promotion to brigadier-general and I got the fighting. I partook of a share in all battles of the Grant campaign from Brandy Station to Petersburg, Va., being then a part of Second Army Corps, Gen. W. S. Hancock, commanding. On or about May 7 I was ordered to take 300 men and proceed on the Brock Road into the Wilderness from Todds Tavern to go to the furnace and watch the movements of the enemy, or, at least, to ascertain the directions of their movements. It was a forlorn hope; still, I very successful in obtaining the information required, besides the success of fighting the enemy. Next day I was ordered in command of five regiments to advance from Todds Tavern to Spottsylvania Court-House, keeping well out on the right of the road, continually engaged with sharpshooters, and was in three charges on the enemy's principal works; was in the midnight charge on morning of May 12, 1864, with their strongest batteries, and captured the division of Johnson, and at the terrible struggle at the bloody angle, from 10 o'clock a. m. to 10 o'clock p. m., May 12, 1864, at Spottsylvania, Va.; thence to Cold Harbor, Va., and across the James River to Petersburg, Va., every day under fire.

June 21 I was put in command of three regiments, Seventieth New York, Third and Fifth Michigan Infantry consolidated, and Eleventh New Jersey, with orders to advance up the Jerusalem plank road; drove the enemy back and took the ground where Fort Hill was afterwards built. That night I was ordered to take my regiment to the rear, as their term of service had expired, and on the 22d of June, 1864, marched them to City Point, and thence by transportation to New York City, when the regiment was mustered out of service July 1, 1864. The larger portion were transferred into the Eighty-sixth New York before leaving the field before Petersburg, Va., June 21, 1864, as veterans.

I passed the board of examiners, of which Maj. Gen. S. Casey was president, for the appointment of officers of colored troops, and passed as a major, first class, but the war ended before I joined my regiment. May 11, 1866, I was appointed second lieutenant Sixteenth Infantry; was assigned to Second Battalion, afterwards made Twenty-fifth Infantry, headquarters at Memphis, Tenn. During 1867 and 1868 I spent most of the time on reconstruction duty in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. November 21, 1868, was promoted first lieutenant Twenty-fifth Infantry. In April, 1869, the Army was consolidated, two regiments into one. Our Twenty-fifth Regiment was changed into the Eighteenth at Atlanta, Ga. That left half the junior officers of both regiments out, captains and lieutenants. I being a junior first lieutenant, was out on awaiting orders or unassigned.

I was soon ordered on Indian service as Indian agent of the Ponca tribe of Indians in Dakota Territory. I entered on my duties as Indian agent in July, 1869, and continued on that duty until the last of November, 1870, when I was assigned by the War Department, order No. 1, January 2, 1871, as first lieutenant, Ninth Cavalry, and reported to that regiment at Fort Davis, Tex., in February, 1871. I performed very active and arduous service in Texas, from El Paso to the mouth of the Rio Grande. In September, 1875, the Ninth Cavalry was ordered to New Mexico. I was then at Fort Ringgold, Tex., as my company was ordered to garrison Fort McRae, N. Mex., a one-

company post. We arrived there December 8, 1875. Then I had all the duties of the post and company to perform, as my captain was sick and no second lieutenant with the company. In 1877 I was ordered to conduct Victoria's tribe of Gila Apaches from their reservation, Ojo Coliente, N. Mex., across the mountains to San Carlos Reservation, Arizona, with twenty soldiers and some Indian scouts or police, which duty was duly performed, and returned to Fort Bayard, N. Mex. In 1878 served with my company in the troubles at San Elizario, Tex., a kind of Mexican insurrection, and when the Chief Victoria Apache war broke out I was in all the scouts, marches, and battles the troops encountered during the Apache troubles until the fall of 1880, when I was laid up with rheumatism and asthma, the result of exposure in the field.

In May, 1881, I was sent to Fort Cummings, N. Mex., A. A. Q. M., being entirely unfit for duty from the asthma; then it was I was sent to a trap. I was drugged with laudanum and made intoxicated for the purpose of signing the vouchers for the property not received. Those charges would have been withdrawn had it not been for the colonel, who was eager to catch at any cause to get me out of the regiment and Army. As this was the first and only time or crime I had been guilty of, not even had I ever had a censure from senior officers, still I was not granted any clemency, with all my former record and service and with the unanimous recommendation for clemency signed by the entire court. I was on duty up to the day that the order of my dismissal came, October 29, 1881, to take effect November 1, 1881. Many officers have been tried for the same offense, and always received clemency for the second or third time, and no person supposed that the full power of the law would have been dealt me for the first. As I was so infirm from the rheumatism and incapacitated from asthma I was on the point of applying to be placed on the retired list of the Army, but as I expected soon to be a captain I would wait until that time; also my deafness and want of memory caused by the shock received at Yorktown, Va., in 1862, prevented my usefulness in the active Army.

I respectfully submit those few and brief facts in my life's history and military service to my country, trusting they may meet the favorable consideration of all to whom they may come, praying that I may be restored and retired with the rank of first lieutenant, which would benefit one who has suffered and is 59 years of age.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

WM. H. HUGO.

FORT BAYARD, N. MEX., December 21, 1889.

GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL }
Orders, No. 58. }

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, October 17, 1881.

I. Before a general court-martial which convened at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., August 3, 1881, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 141, Headquarters Department of the Missouri, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., July 16, 1881, and of which Capt. George A. Purington, Ninth Cavalry, is president, was arraigned and tried—

First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry.

CHARGE I.—“Violation of the thirty-eighth Article of War.”

Specification.—“That First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, while adjutant of the post of Fort Cummings, N. Mex., and engaged in receiving the reports of the retreat roll calls of the companies at that post, was drunk and unable to properly perform said duty. This at retreat roll call (sunset) of June 21, 1881, at Fort Cummings, N. Mex.”

CHARGE II.—“Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.”

Specification 1.—“That First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, while adjutant of the post of Fort Cummings, N. Mex., and required to report to the post commander the result of the retreat roll call of the companies at that post, did neglect and fail to perform said duty as to retreat of June 21, 1881. This at Fort Cummings, N. Mex., on the date specified herein.”

Specification 2.—“That First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, on duty as adjutant of the post of Fort Cummings, N. Mex., being sought by his commanding officer (Maj. N. W. Osborne, Fifteenth Infantry), in connection with said duty, was found in a drunken condition in front of said commanding officer's office. This at Fort Cummings, N. Mex., on the evening of June 21, 1881.”

To which charges and specifications the accused, First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, pleaded “Not guilty.”

Finding.—The court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, as follows:

CHARGE I.—Of the specification, “guilty;” of the charge, “guilty.”

CHARGE II.—Of the first specification, “Guilty.” Of the second specification, “Guilty.” Of the charge, “Guilty.”

Sentence.—And the court does therefore sentence him, First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, "To be dismissed the service."

II. The proceedings, findings, and sentence of the general court-martial in the foregoing case of First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, having been approved by the proper reviewing authority and the record forwarded, in accordance with the provisions of the One hundred and sixth Article of War, for the action of the President, the following are his orders indorsed thereon:

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
October 13, 1881.

The sentence in the foregoing case of First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, is hereby confirmed.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

III. By direction of the Secretary of War the sentence in the case of First Lieut. William H. Hugo, Ninth Cavalry, will take effect November 1, 1881, from which date he will cease to be an officer of the Army.

By command of Gen. Sherman.

R. C. DRUM,
Adjutant-General.

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