

The Case of Lieut. Noyes.

FORT GASTON, HUMBOLDT M. DIS'T, }
October 12, 1862: }

SIR:—Having seen an article published in the Humboldt Times of the 4th inst., reflecting on my conduct as an officer, and purporting to contain certain extracts from an official report made by me, relative to a certain engagement between a detachment of twenty men under my command, and a body of hostile Indians, which took place on the 8th of September, 1862, which extracts I do not find in my report, rendered to my commanding officer on the 11th of said month, and having good reasons to suppose that my official conduct in the said affair has been called in question by various officers connected with the Second Infantry Cal. Vols. and that my reputation as an officer in the said regiment has been injured thereby, I would most respectfully request the Colonel Commanding Humboldt Military District, that a Court of Inquiry be convened, at the earliest convenience, to inquire into the said matter, being ready and willing, at any moment, to have all of my official acts reviewed by any competent authority; and feeling convinced that my request is founded on justice and equity, I remain ever

Your respectful and obedient servant,
W. H. NOYES,

1st Lieut., Co. F, 2d Inf. Cal. Vols.
To F. J. LIPPITT, Col. Commanding Humboldt Military District, Cal.

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My DEAR SIR—The exigencies of the service make it impossible, at the present time, to grant your request for a Court of Inquiry—neither do I think it at all necessary Independent of your own report, the official report of Lieut. Col. Olney, together with additional facts stated to me by him in person, have entirely satisfied me that your conduct, on that unfortunate occasion referred to, was judicious and soldier-like, and in no way inconsistent with the reputation for gallantry earned by you in the Mexican war.

I shall direct Lieut. Col. Olney's report on the matter, and this correspondence, to be read at every Post in this District.

Very respectfully yours,

FRANCIS J. LIPPITT,
Col. 2d Inf., C. V., Com. 11. M. Dis't

HEADQUARTERS, NORTH'N DIST., H. M. DIST.,
FORT GASTON, Sept. 13, 1862.

[EXTRACT.]

LIEUTENANT: * * * *

At the Post I received the most unwelcome intelligence of the disaster that had befallen the party under Lieut. Noyes.

His report, and that of the party who afterwards proceeded to the scene of the attack, serves to give a correct idea of the perilous position of the detachment,

and the utter impossibility of forcing the Indians from their strong entrenchments,

short of uselessly sacrificing the greater portion of the command, in the attempt to scale the height on which the enemy were posted. I say uselessly—because,

if some few had succeeded in reaching the summit, the nature of the ground upon the other side was such, that the savages could have at once eluded pursuit in the dense brush of the ravine.

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men turning and firing whenever a
glimpse of the enemy could be caught,
Lieut. Noyes being the last to enter the
cover.

These facts I gathered at different times
from the men of the detachment, and af-
ter a thorough investigation of the mat-
ter, I have the pleasure of reporting to
the Colonel Commanding, that however
mortifying the result, I am entirely con-
vinced that no censure can be attached to
the Lieutenant Commanding, but that he
behaved in a cool, judicious manner,
throughout the whole affair, and deserves
credit for extricating his command from
such a well-devised ambuscade. It was
little less than miraculous that the whole
party were not exterminated.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't
James N. Olney,
Lieut. Col. 2d Infantry, C. V., Comd'g.
To 1st Lieut. John Hanna, Jr., Regm't
Adj. 2d Infantry C. V., A. A. A. Gen.,
H. M. District.

HEADQUARTERS HUMBOLDT M. DISTRICT,
FORT HUMBOLDT, Oct. 17, 1862.

Order No. 8.—The accompanying cor-
respondence and report of Lieutenant
Colonel James N. Olney, are hereby di-
rected to be read at every Post in this
District. By order of Colonel Lippitt,
John Hanna, Jr.,

1st Lieutenant and Adjutant 2d Infantry,
C. V., A. A. A. Gen.

I hereby certify that that the above is
a true copy of the correspondence and
orders now on file in the Adjutant's Office.
O. M. Harris,
Clerk in Adjutant's Office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONGS.—Superintend-
ent: "Children, I am going to tell you
about Peter. Who knows who Peter
was?"

No answer was made.
"Cannot any of these large girls tell
me who Peter was?"

Still no reply.
"Can any little girl or boy in the school
tell me who Peter was?"

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EUREKA, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1862.

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The Best of Husbands.
BY JOHN D. BARK.
O, I have a husband as good as can be,
No woman could wish a better than he!
Sometimes, indeed, he may chance to be wrong,
For his love for the is uncommonly strong!

United States Branch Mint.
The U. S. Branch Mint of San Francisco is doing good service for Government now in refining and coinage the silver and gold of California and Oregon, and the adjoining territories. A few weeks since when in San Francisco we had the pleas-

Rebel Drinking After the Elections.
The temper of the rebels as regards compromises, may be gathered from the following article taken from a late number of the Richmond Examiner.
A Archbishop Hughes, in a speech which he made to the Irish Bishop, declared:

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