

Headquarters, Battery K 2nd U S Artillery
Shiloh, Tennessee April 22, 1862

Major Annabel:

In accordance with the requirements of the circular issued by you on April 16, 1862, I submit the following report of recent action in which the battery I am honored to command was engaged.

The Battery has just returned from action against the enemy at Shiloh, where they acquitted themselves admirably. By now, you have heard how the timely arrival of Buell's reinforcements allowed Gen. Grant to sweep the Confederates from the field. I wish to draw your particular attention to the actions of some of "your boys".

Gun #2 was expertly and efficiently fielded under the direction of 1st Sgt. J. McHenry, and gunner Cpl. A. McHenry. Due to a clerical error, Cpl. McHenry was erroneously listed as amongst the fallen, but I contacted his young bride and hopefully averted any distress this might have caused.

As far as the rest of the crew, they rose splendidly to the task. The front of the piece was expertly worked by Cpl. Drake and Pvt. Langman. These veteran artillerymen kept the rounds flying hot toward the enemy in support of our infantry boys.

Their dedication to their tasks, coupled with natural good humor were boosts to the morale of the whole center section.

Particular attention is to be given to those on the back of the piece.

You may recall that several members of the 4th US Battery A were assigned to our battery. Privates Smeltzer and Lupien efficiently kept the piece supplied with ammunition, and Pvt. Scott Hoggard ably sent them toward the enemy.

Our newest cannoneer, Pvt. Fox, showed the natural mettle of a Union Artilleryman. He exhibited poise and calm under fire, and is a credit to his training and natural abilities. When not engaged against the enemy, he independently sought out fellow blacksmiths to further his own abilities.

You would have been proud of the boys in the recent action, and I assure you that they have presented your battery in the finest light to the rest of the Army of the Tennessee. I have no doubt that I will be reporting more of the exploits of these fine cannoneers.

Until then, I have the honor to remain,

Your Humble Servant

Capt. A Weaver, commanding the battery