

State of New York.

BUREAU OF MILITARY RECORD. COL. L. L. DOTY, CHIEF OF BUREAU,

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SIR:

At the last session of the State Legislature, provision was made that the BUREAU of MILITARY RECORD shall "procure a detailed account of the treatment of Union Soldiers from this State, in rebel prisons, and a record of the deaths in said prisons, and other pertinent facts connected with such imprisonment."

Pursuant to this Order, the undersigned has been designated and empowered to correspond with Officers and Soldiers of the State of New York, who have been prisoners of war at any period during the Rebellion, and to request of them details of their personal experience, as material for a future History.

To simplify the matter of collecting this interesting information, a series of Questions is herewith printed which you are requested to answer, in your own language, briefly as you may find convenient.

The details gathered will be arranged in historic form by the undersigned, and all the valuable data furnished will be deposited in the BUREAU of MILITARY RECORD, at the State Capital, for future disposition as the Legislature shall instruct.

In replying to the Questions, please write out your facts in the blank space following each one, and add such further remarks as you may deem proper, on the blank pages of this paper.

A directed Envelope is herewith enclosed, in which you can return this blank, when filled up with your replies.

Address

COL. A. J. H. DUGANNE,

Historian of U. S. Prisoners-of-War.

- Were you ever a Prisoner of War? *Yes Sir.*
- Where and how captured? When confined? (Giving the several places, and the length of time confined at each.) *At New Baltimore Va. in action Oct 19th 1863. Confined from Oct 25th to April 1st 1865. at Belle Isle 8 months. Andersonville & Mrs. Valance at Millen Ga on the march*
- What marches did you make as Prisoner? *From Warrenton to Gordonville. From Thomasville in Ga to Albany Ga. From Jackson Miss. to Big Black river. Miss*
- What treatment on the march, and in Barracks, Camp or Prison? *General inhuman in the extreme. breaking down the strongest constitutions in a few weeks.*
- How many New York Prisoners, and of what Regiments, were imprisoned with you? *cannot say as to number. nearly all NY Regiments were represented.*
- Was any Officer of your Regiment or Company, captured or confined with you? *No Commissioned officer. I M. Sergeant Travis confined with me.*
- What fare was provided for you? *Bread 24 to 1 1/4 lbs. coarse Corn meal bread (unbolted) one quarter to half lb. meat Beef or Bacon & sometimes pork Stock Pea soup. for one days ration. Not always so much. Medical attendance & stores inadequate*
- Did you ever escape, or attempt to escape? Give the incidents connected therewith. *~~Yes~~. Dug a tunnel at Andersonville on attempting to leave by it. was discovered by the guard*
- Did any other New York Volunteer Officer or Soldier escape or attempt to escape? Give names. *Sergeant Jones & Sergeant Hubert Smith of 2nd NY Cav Co F while on Belle Island. Jones returned. Smith was drowned while crossing the James River.*
- Give an account of your life in prison, treatment by Confederate Authorities and guards. *Life miserable. covered with vermin & nearly starved. Seemed to be their wish to kill as many as possible. in fact the Andersonville keeper "Merry" boasted as much.*
- State about your own health. *Health generally good. reduced to a skeleton by hunger*
- Give as far as possible a list of your comrades, of New York Regiments, who died while in Prison or on marches, to and from Rebel Prisons. *W. H. Scott. Robert Hugh. Wm D. Lyles. Jas Sheridan for Covell. Jakob Swamer. Sergeant Wallace. G. O. Bullett. M. Davidson. & many others from my Reg alone*