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Stetson, Maine, 50093-1

Mr. O. F. Winchester, Pres't. N.H. Arms Co.:

Sir:

Permit me to bear testimony in favor of the "Henry Repeating Rifle." It is in my judgment the most effective arm in the service. I have been connected with the 1st D.C. Cavalry from its first organization, and that arm having been in constant use by my Regiment, I feel prepared to pass upon its merits.

Its first excellence is the rapidity of its use. We have found no difficulty in firing fifteen shots a minute. Such rapidity of fire is perfectly irresistible by a charging force.

On the 25th day of August, 1864, near Ream's Station, we had an opportunity of testing the rifle. Our Regiment of Cavalry was dismounted at 4 o'clock P.M., marched and stationed on the extreme left of the infantry line, there to build light breastworks for the moment. There we received a most desperate charge from the enemy. We used your rifle and easily repulsed the foe, while the infantry were broken and swept from their well constructed breastworks.

Our Regiment with your rifles stood like veterans, and never left the line until the battle ceased. Our men often said, and I concur in the opinion, that with this rifle and a plenty of ammunition they could safely meet four to one with any other arm.

The Spencer Rifle is a good arm, preferable to Springfield, Sharp's or Star's Rifles, and next, in my judgment, to the Henry. We used the Spencer in the 1st Maine Cavalry during the past winter, as well as the Henry, and so have tried both.

The Henry excels all others in accuracy and force.

It is also the most durable arm. With anything like fair usage a man can use one for his whole term of service without its getting out of repair.

Its simplicity of construction, also, is such that almost any soldier can repair one, if needed.

Another advantage is that the dullest soldier who can use the commonest arm in the service, can quickly and safely learn to use this rifle.

It is a very safe arm, as there is no half cock to it. The hammer is either down or clear back. Great danger attends the use of common arms, from the fact of their going off so often at half cock.

Another great advantage is that it is so easily and quickly loaded. Two motions loads and cocks the piece. Great advantage is gained by this over the enemy, who may be easily picked off while cocking his piece.

But the best evidence in favor of the Henry Rifle; however, does not come from its friends, or from our own people who use it. IT COMES FROM THE ENEMY. I was captured last season and was for a time in the Libby Prison. Several of these rifles were taken when I was, and I often heard the enemy discuss its merits. They all fear it more than any arm in our service, and I have heard them say, "Give us anything but your d--d Vankee Rifle that can be loaded Sunday and fired all the week."

Respectfully your ob't. Servant,

Joel W. Cloudman
JOEL W. CLOUDMAN,

Late Maj. 1st D.C. Cavalry.

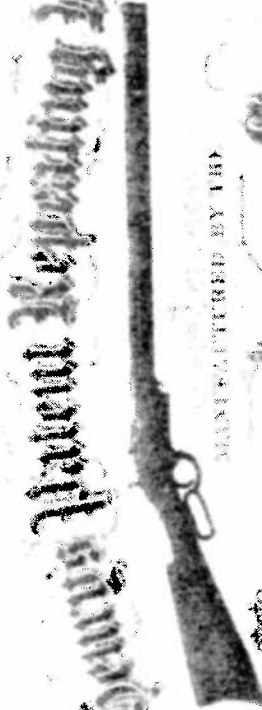
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HENRY RIFLE, SERIAL #3889

This rifle is one of approximately 800 purchased by the Ordnance Department on March 9, 1864 for the FIRST DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CAVALRY (serial range of this purchase 3,142-3,957). This rifle bears all of the appropriate military inspector's marks as indicated on page xvi of "THE FIRST WINCHESTER" by John E. Parsons; namely: "C.G.C." on right barrel flat, "HH" on brass frame with matching "H" on barrel flat (thought to be B. Tyler Henry's own stamp), and inspector's initials within cartouche on right side of stock just behind the wrist. Serial number 3889 on top of barrel, just in front of brass frame and behind folding leaf sight, also on brass frame beneath stock. Original four-piece wooden cleaning rod enclosed in butt.

This rifle has been beautifully and skillfully engraved for the officer who carried it; probably done at the factory prior to issue. The Federal Shield and panoply of arms (flags, cannon, etc.), foliate, etc. on left side of brass frame and the initials "J.W.C." within a fruit and foliate motif on the right.

J.W.C. was Major JOEL W. CLOUDMAN of the First D.C. Cavalry. His entire, brilliant career is chronicled in the National Archives and copies of his record go with the gun. His horse was shot from under him near Great Bridge, Virginia on the 27th of March 1864 and he subsequently was a prisoner-of-war in the infamous LIBBY PRISON.

Major CLOUDMAN wrote the oft-quoted letter to OLIVER WINCHESTER (March 15, 1865) in which he first put down on paper the famed Confederate Epitaph "GIVE US ANYTHING BUT YOUR DAMNED YANKEE RIFLE THAT CAN BE LOADED SUNDAY AND FIRED ALL THE WEEK." This letter can be found in the reproduction of Henry's Repeating Rifle Catalogue on pages 7 and 8 of the text "10 OLD GUN CATALOGUES" compiled by L.D. SATTERLEE, (1864-1880).

This rifle was discovered behind a wall in an old cabin that was being razed to make way for a summer home at Mayo Beach, Maryland (just south of Annapolis) in 1963. I acquired it shortly thereafter from the gentleman on whose property it was found. Save for light cleaning of the barrel and loading tube, it is in the exact condition as it was when found.

A TRULY REMARKABLE, HISTORICALLY-ASSOCIATED PIECE FOR THE HENRY AND/OR CIVIL WAR COLLECTOR.



MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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(301) 685-3750



P. WILLIAM FILBY
Director

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23 June 1974

Anent the letters on your gun.

When you showed me the photograph it seemed certain that the final letter had to be a G simply because in the period under review there was a tendency to shorten the upper curve (see no.3); and when the lower portion of the letter had a descending serif (see no.2) I could not decide in favor of the letter C.

But the production of the actual weapon and a careful study of the last letter convinced me that without doubt it is a C. First, the upper curve did in fact proceed further and in addition had a distinct serif (see no.2). We must remember that in the last decades of the nineteenth century handwriting had gone through a traumatic experience. Prior to the 1860's we had Platt Rogers Spencer with all his absurdities and curlicues, but which was the vogue, and then schools for young ladies and gentlemen of the later years demanded something less fancy (and less difficult). The result was that writing became exceptionally plain and unimaginative. Serifs were all the vogue but of course often inaccurate, and clearly the engraver of the letter C didn't know what to do with the lower curve's serif and so he put a "beard" on to it and misled me into thinking it was actually a G.

But no. 3 shows how it would have looked if a G, and nos. 4 and 5 show both letters correctly cut.

I hope this will act as sufficient evidence!

Best wishes,

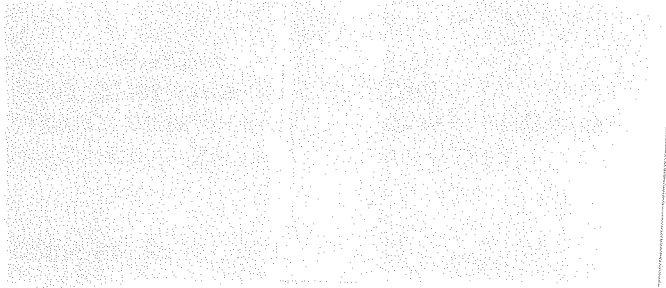
Bill Filby
P.W. Filby*

*Author of Calligraphy & Handwriting
in America, 1710-1962 (1963)
Co-author of 2,000 Years of Calligraphy (1965)

ARNOLD ROTHSCHILD

5916 CHARLESMEAD AVENUE BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21212

November 2, 1975



I am glad that you are pleased with the "Cloudman" Henry and that it has found a good home. With choice pieces like that, one who has been privileged to own one for a period of time likes to think they go to someone who understands and appreciates what he has purchased.

I have some comments in reference to your questioning whether this was ever Joel W. Cloudman's personal Henry. I, too, often wondered if that was a "C" or a "G" that was engraved on the sideplate, but I have three important bits of evidence that point to the "C."

First, we have just completed (last week to be exact) a very careful check of the roster (including incoming transfers, outgoing transfers, etc. of the 1st D.C and 1st Maine Cavalry units. There was never a "J.W.G. or anything close to it among either officers or enlisted men. The same check was made of a book in the possession of Everett (Birdie) Partidge, a friend of mine from Baltimore, who has a book of rosters of Civil War Units, the First D.C. and First Maine among them. Nothing close to "JWG."

Second, Albert Sullivan of Baltimore and Kentucky Rifle Fame, has a powder horn with a "C" made exactly the same way as on the Henry except that this has the man's entire name printed out and there can be no mistaking the fact that it is a "C."

Third, I submit the enclosed correspondence from P. William Filby, Director of the Maryland Historical Society and a world renowned expert in the field of Calligraphy. Please understand that Bill's first paragraph relates to photographs he saw of the engraving before he ever actually saw the gun and the numbers to which he refers are, of course, to his own sketches also enclosed.

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You should, of course, keep Filby's correspondence, it belongs with the gun, and it is written by an unbiased expert who knows from nothing about Henry Rifles.

Hope that the foregoing is helpful to you.

Kind regards.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arnold".



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Bill Filby
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in America, 1710-1962 (1963)
Co-author of 2,000 Years of Calligraphy (1963)

6 | 1 Cav. | D. C.

Joel W. Cloudman

Capt, Co., 1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.

Age 44 years.

Appears on an

Individual Muster-out Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Fort Monroe Va, Mch 28, 1864.

Muster-out to date Mch 20, 1864.

Last paid to, 186 ..

Clothing account:

Last settled, 186 ; drawn since \$.....100

Due soldier \$.....100; due U. S. \$.....100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$.....100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$.....100

Bounty paid, \$.....100; due, \$.....100.

Valuation of horse, \$.....100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$.....100

Remarks: Mustered out for promotion.
Date of this Muster Mch 20, 64

Book mark :

(348)

Floyd

Copyist.

6 | 1

Joel H

Major, Co.

Age 44 years.

Appears on an

Individual

of the organization

Fort Monroe

Muster-in to date

Joined for duty and en

When M

Where Porter

Period 3 years.

Valuation of horse, \$

Valuation of horse eq

Remarks:

Book mark :

(336)

CONCERNING VETERAN

(See reverse for explanation)

CLAUDEMAN, J. W.
Cos. F-5, 1st Marine Div.

Adm. Gen. Cav. Div.
Office of Surgeon in Chief
February 16, 1865
Respectfully approved
in examination
E. J. Marshall, Acting Asst.
Surgeon in Chief
I. B. 1874 (Head) 2 Dr. Cav.

February 1, 1865
Respectfully presented
and recommended
J. J. Marshall
M. D. J. J. Marshall
Commanding

Still dead
Army of the Potomac
February 17, 1865
Respectfully approved
to the Medical
Director
By command of
Major General
J. J. Marshall
J. J. Marshall
Asst. Surg. Gen.

Adm. Gen. Cav. Div.
Feb. 13, 1865
Respectfully forwarded
Approved J. J. Marshall
J. J. Marshall
Asst. Surg. Gen.

Adm. Gen. Cav. Div.
Feb. 13, 1865
Respectfully forwarded
Approved J. J. Marshall
J. J. Marshall
Asst. Surg. Gen.

Adm. Gen. Cav. Div.
Feb. 13, 1865
Respectfully forwarded
Approved J. J. Marshall
J. J. Marshall
Asst. Surg. Gen.

C. 439 (D.S.) 1865
J. J. Marshall
Asst. Surg. Gen.
February 1, 1865
Respectfully forwarded
Approved J. J. Marshall
J. J. Marshall
Asst. Surg. Gen.

(Two Encl.)
Respectfully
J. J. Marshall
Asst. Surg. Gen.
February 1, 1865

C. | 1 Cav. D.C.

J. W. Clouman
Maj., Co., 1 Reg't D.C. Cav.

NOTATION.

892 - U. S. - 1879 - with
Book mark: C - 1541 -

War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, March 4, 1879.

Transferred to the
1 M. Cav. Vols. Dec. 1, 1864,
as major of said regt.
under the provisions of
S. O. No. 283, par. 17, series
of 1864, from this office.

C. | 1 Cavalry. | D.C.

Geoff. W. Clouman
Major, Co., 1 Reg't District Columbia Cav.

Return

of Camp Baker, Washington, D. C.,
for the month of April, 1864,
dated April 30, 1864,

shows the following with regard to the person
named above.

Post or station

Remarks: Absent detached
withdrew this Dept.
joined corps 2. 1864.

Book mark:

Muster Roll

of detachment, various organizations of Maine
Volunteers, Augusta, Me.,

for April 1864, 1864.

Station Augusta, Me.

Clothing account:

Last settled, 186 ; drawn since \$ 100

Present or absent

Remarks: Killed in action
under the provisions of
S. O. No. 283, par. 17,
series of 1864, from this office.
1864 as indicated by
Cavalry Corps
Par. 17, series of 1864
1864 Cavalry Corps
S. O. No. 283, par. 17,
series of 1864.

Book mark:

1 Cav. | D. C.

W. H. Clondman

Rank *Major*, 1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.
Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for *March & April*, 1864.

Present or absent *Absent*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for

Valuation of horse, \$ *100*

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ *100*

Remarks: *Detached
service without this Reg't*

Book mark:

(857) *W. H. Clondman* Copied.

1 Cav. | D. C.

W. H. Clondman

Rank *Major*, 1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.
Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for *May & June*, 1864.

Present or absent *Absent*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for

Valuation of horse, \$ *100*

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ *100*

Remarks: *Det. Service State
of Maine. Released from
duty as inspector
of horses, Feb. 10. No. 79
Over Bureau June 9/64*

Book mark:

(857) *W. H. Clondman* Copied.

1 Cav. | D. C.

W. H. Clondman

Rank *Major*, 1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.
Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for *July & Aug*, 1864.

Present or absent *Absent*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for

Valuation of horse, \$ *100*

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ *100*

Remarks:

Book mark:

(857) *W. H. Clondman* Copied.

6 | 1 Cav. | D. C.
 Joel W. Clondman
 Capt., Co. D, 1 Reg't D. C. Cav.
 Appears on Returns as follows:
 Oct. 1 Nov. 1863. Present
 Dec. 30. Absent with
 leave from Aug 27 -
 '63 until Jan. 16-64
 Jan. 64. Absent on re-
 cruiting service in
 Maine
 March 64 (Major): Absent
 on duty at Recty
 Depot Wash, D.C.,
 until Jan 1-64
 Promoted from Capt
 of Co. D, March 11-64
 April 64: Present at
 Belvoir from duty at Car.
 Barron, Wash. & ordered to
 join his Regt, Dec. 20-64,
 M.D. until June 11-64.
 May 64: Absent on det
 assignment to Co. 102nd Regt.
 in Co. B.
 Book mark:
 (146)
 Chapman
 Captain

6 | 1 Cav. | D. C.
 Joel W. Clondman
 Rank Major, 1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.
 Appears on
 Field and Staff Muster Roll
 for Nov & Apr, 1865.
 Present or absent
 Stoppage, \$ 100 for
 Due Gov't, \$ 100 for
 Valuation of horse, \$ 100
 Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100
 Remarks: Mustered out from
 D. C. Nov 62 for 27th Regt.
 Book mark: See 447 25. 1307 June
 1865
 (857)
 Deers
 Captain

6 | 1 Cav. | D. C.
 Joel W. Clondman
 Rank Major, 1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.
 Appears on
 Field and Staff Muster Roll
 for Sept & Oct, 1864.
 Present or absent
 Stoppage, \$ 100 for
 Due Gov't, \$ 100 for
 Valuation of horse, \$ 100
 Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100
 Remarks: Transferred to 1st
 Maine Cav. Sept. 15/64
 Next home on roll for
 Jan. & Feb. 1865.
 Book mark: Transfer to 1st Maine
 1865
 (857)
 Deers
 Captain

1 Cav. D.C.

1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.

Age 40 years.

Appears on a

Detachment Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Washington, D.C., Dec 7, 1863.

Muster-in to date Dec 7, 1863.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Dec 7, 1863.

Where Washington

Period 5 years.

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

Book mark:

Master
(337) Copyist

1 Cav. D.C.

1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Nov 22 Dec 1863

Present or absent Absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks Absent with leave

Book mark:

Fuller
(358) Copyist

1 Cav. D.C.

1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for Jan 7 Feb 1864

Present or absent Absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks Absent with leave since Dec 27

Book mark:

Fuller
(358) Copyist

1 Cav. D. C.

Joel W. Cloudman
Capt., Co. D, 1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.

Age *40* years.

Appears on a

Detachment Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

August 11, 1863

Muster-in to date *Oct. 15, 1863*

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *Aug. 11*, 186

Where *Station*

Period *3* years.

Valuation of horse, \$ *100*

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ *100*

Remarks:

Book mark: *C. 1541-25-1863*

(337)

Copyist

1 Cav. D. C.

Joel W. Cloudman
Capt., Co. D, 1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.

Age *40* years.

Appears on

Company Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

August 11, 1863

Muster-in to date *Oct. 15, 1863*

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *Aug. 11*, 186

Where *Station*

Period *3* years.

Bounty paid \$ *100*; due \$ *100*

Valuation of horse, \$ *100*

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ *100*

Remarks:

Book mark:

(356)

Copyist

1 Cav. D. C.

Joel W. Cloudman
Capt., Co. D, 1 Reg't D. C. Cavalry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

for *Dated Oct. 31, 1863*

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't, \$ *100* for

Valuation of horse, \$ *100*

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ *100*

Remarks:

Book mark:

(358)

Copyist

C 1 Co. D.C.

Carl H. Clendenen

Rank Major, 1 Reg't D.C. Cav.

Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for Dec 1, 1864, 1864

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

Detached for
Temporary duty in 1st Me
Gen. App. 1st D.C. Cav.
for C.O. 22d Me. D. Co.
Aug 24, 1864.

Book mark:

C. Clendenen
Amf

(1457)

C 1 Co. D.C.

Carl H. Clendenen

Capt., co. D, 1 Reg't D.C. Cav.

NOTATION.

Book mark: C. 1541, V. 3, 1863.

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, Jan. 22, 1864.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved February 24, 1867, this officer is held and considered by this Department to have been mustered into the service of the United States in the grade of captain.

Co. D, 1st Reg't D.C. Cav.

to take effect from Nov. 5, 1863,
in to fill an original
vacancy.

C. Clendenen
Amf

(1457)

C 1 Co. D.C.

Carl H. Clendenen

Major, co. 1st Reg't D.C. Cav.

NOTATION.

Book mark: C. 1541, V. 3, 1863.

Record and Pension Office,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, Jan. 22, 1864.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved February 24, 1867, this officer is held and considered by this Department to have been mustered into the service of the United States in the grade of major.

Co. 1st Reg't D.C. Cav.

to take effect from March 1st, 1864,
in to fill an original
vacancy.

C. Clendenen
Amf

(1457)

C | 1 Cav H.C.
J.W. Blandman
Major 1st H.C. Cav.

Return

of Camp Parole, near Annapolis, Md.,
for the month of Oct, 1864,
dated Oct 31, 1864,

shows the following with regard to the person
named above:

Post or station

Remarks: Absent with leave
per SO. War Dept A.G.O.

Book mark:

(546) G.M. Raw Copyist.

C | 1 Cav | D.C.
J.W. Blandman
Major 1st D.C. Cav.

Return

of the District of Annapolis, Md., and camps in its
vicinity,
for the month of Nov, 1864,
dated Dec 5, 1864,

shows the following with regard to the person
named above:

Post or station

Remarks: Absent with leave
per S.O. War Dept.

Book mark:

(646) J. J. Booth Copyist.

C | 1 Cav H.C.
J.W. Blandman
Major 1st H.C. Cav.

Return

of Camp Parole, near Annapolis, Md.,
for the month of Nov, 1864,
dated Nov 30, 1864,

shows the following with regard to the person
named above:

Post or station

Remarks: Absent with leave
per SO. War Dept.

Book mark:

(646) G.M. Raw Copyist.

C: 1 Cav 506
J. W. Cloudman
Major 1st DC Regt

Return

of Camp Parole, near Annapolis, Md.,
for the month of Oct, 1864,
dated Oct 31, 1864,
shows the following with regard to the person
named above:

Post or station
Remarks: Gain
Taken up in Report, having
received 50 War Dept
granting leaves of absence
with orders to report to
Camp Parole at expiration,

Book mark:
G M R
(646) Copyist

C: 1 Cav 506
J. W. Cloudman
Maj 1st DC Cav.

Return

of the District of Annapolis, Md., and camps in its
vicinity,
for the month of Dec, 1864,
dated Jan 5, 1865,
shows the following with regard to the person
named above:

Post or station
Remarks: Exchanged & ordered
to Regiment

Book mark:
J A Booth
(646) Copyist

C: 1 Cav. 1 D. C.
J. W. Cloudman
Rank Major, 1 Regt D. C. Cavalry.
Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for Jan 5 to Feb, 1865.
Present or absent Absent
Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for
Valuation of horse, \$ 100
Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks: Attached to 1st Maine
Cavalry, 1st D. C. 200. 203.
Jan 17 to Feb 27 1864

Book mark: Contrasted by Regime
over
J A Booth
(857) Copyist

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OCT. 29.

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1891

Servia Feb 27 64. While in the
military service of the U.S.
in the line of duty since
Feb 27 64

1891
13395893
Oct 29

Capt. Dyer '66 as Major
of 1st Regt. under
the provisions of A. O. no.
203. Jan 17 Series of 1866
from this office now 692
W.S. - 79

1891
13395943
Oct 29

intention on roll for Jan
1866. May 1866

1895
34783157
Oct 29

June '64: Absent on
det service Super-
stor of Nevada at
Augusta, Me.
July & Aug. 64: Present
Sept. 64: Transferred to 1st
Me. Cav. P.O. 212,
Sept. 6. Aug. 27. 64 -
Missing in action
Sept. 16. 64
Jan. & Feb. '65: Absent.
Attached to 1st Me.
Cav. P.O. 213, Sept. 6.
Aug. 27-64 - pri-
orally dropped by
error.

May '65: Misheard at
the time - per
P.O. 60, page 27, 1864.
O.M.D. Dec 6. '65.

6 | 1 Cav. | Maine.

J. W. Cloudman
Major, 1 Reg't Maine Cavalry.
Appears on Returns as follows:

Dec. 1864. Present - Temporary assigned from
1st U.S. Cavalry

Jan. 1865. Present sick

Feb. 1865. Discharged
for Disability Dec.
21. 64

Book mark:

Murray

(526)

Copied.

6 | 1 Cav. | Maine.

J. H. Cloudman
Rank Major, 1 Reg't Maine Cavalry.
Appears on

Field and Staff Muster Roll

for Jan & Feb, 1865.

Present or absent.

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks: Resigned and honorably discharged the service for disability per Special Orders No. 115 Hd. Qrs. A. of P. Feb. 20, 1865

1 D.C. Car.

Not found on M.O. Roll 7 & 3

Book mark:

Bisler

(557)

Copied.

The General
Duty

Lieut Col W. H. Wood

A. C. S. Army of the Potomac

Genl.

I respectfully tender my resignation as Major 1st Maine Cav
on account of physical disability, which the accompanying
Surgeons certificate will certify.

Yours faithfully

Very Respectfully

Yours etc etc

J. W. H. Landman

Major 1st Maine Cav.

Head Quarters 1st Maine
In the Field Va. Feb 13th

Major J. W. Cloudman, of the First reg
of Maine Cavalry, having applied for a certy
on which to ground his resignation from serv
I do hereby certify that I have carefully exam
this officer, and find that he is suffering fr
left Inguinal Hernia, caused by the falling of
horse at North Bridge near Portsmouth N.H. on
27th day of March 1864. And that in consequence
thereof he is unfit for duty, in my opinion.

I further declare my belief that there is
prospect of his ever recovering from the effects
this injury. Disability resulting from it - one half

Geo. Postrop Apt. Surg
1st Maine Cav - in Cha

OFFICERS' CASUALTY SHEET.

Regimental No. _____

State of Maine.

Name

J. H. Cloutman

Rank

Maj.

Regiment

1

Arm

Cav.

Casualty

Resigned

Day

20th

Month

July

Year

63.

Cause of casualty

disby

No. and source of the order accepting resignation, &c.,

48 P. H.

Remarks

J. H. Cloutman

Clerk.

A.

Declaration for Invalid Pension.

State of Maine

County of Penobscot

ss.

On this 30th day of December 1865, personally appeared before me, a Judge of a Court of Record, in the County and State aforesaid, El W. Claudman aged 46 years, a resident of Stetson County of Penobscot, in the State of Maine, who being duly sworn, declares that he is the identical El W. Claudman who enlisted in the service of the United States at Said Stetson in the State of Maine, ^{or about} on the 11th day of August 1863, as a Capt. in Company D, commanded by himself

in the 1st Regiment of D. C. Cavalry, promoted Maj transferred to 1st Me Cav in the war of 1861, and was honorably discharged on the 20th day of February

1865. That while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, on or about the 27th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1864, he received the following disability, while in the military service of the United States and in line of duty at or near Great Bridge Va, he was thrown from his horse, and struck by the horse as he fell, causing a severe Hernia in the left groin, and also severely injuring the Back and hips, from which injuries he is still suffering.

He makes this application for a Pension, provided by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862; and hereby appoints his true and lawful attorneys, and authorizes them to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for any orders or certificates that may be issued in satisfaction thereof. My post-office address is as follows:

Acquiesce
of
Acquiesce
Maine

El W. Claudman
(Signature of Claimant.)

J. W. Humphreys
(Official Signature.)

Judge of the Police Court
of Bangor in said
County of Penobscot

[SEAL.]

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Nov 19th, 1866.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 17,240., and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Joel M. Clanchman was enrolled on the 7th day of Nov, 1863, at Washington in Co. "D", 1st Regiment of D.C. Cal Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Capt from the 7th day of Nov 1863, at Washington D.C. in Co. "D", 1st Regiment of D.C. Cal Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. "D" of that Regiment, for the months of Sept & October 1864, he is reported Presented to Major & mustered into service as Major March 21st 1864 transferred to 1st Reg Cal Sept 15/64. Resigned and honorably discharged the service for disability per A. O. No 48, 36th 2^d C. of P. July 20th 1865. Nature of disability when contracted not stated.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. B. Rusk

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant

Address

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State of Maine.

COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT, ss.

CLERK'S OFFICE, SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT,

BANGOR,

February 15th 1877

I certify that on the Records of Marriages returned to this Office in accordance with law, is the following:

NAMES OF PARTIES.	RESIDENCE.	BY WHOM MARRIED.	WHEN.	WHERE.
Joel W. Cloutman Eliza W. White	Stetson Sevant	Rev Samuel S. White	June 1. 1843	Sevant

James H. Burgess Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me. 15th day of March 1877 and I certify that I am

State of Maine.

KENNEBEC COUNTY, ss.

I, CHARLES HEWINS, Register in the Probate Court in and for this County, hereby certify that John D. Dozier Esquire, whose signature to the certificate hereto annexed is; genuine, was, at the date thereof, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Penobscot duly commissioned and qualified, and by law authorized to administer oaths, and take acknowledgements, &c.

WITNESS, my hand and seal of said Court, at Augusta,
this 15th day of March 1877

Charles Hewins Register.

C

Declaration of a Widow for Original Pension when no Child under Sixteen years of age survives.

C

STATE OF *Maine*COUNTY OF *Penobscot*

On this *fifteenth* day of *March*, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-*seven*, personally appeared before me *James H. Burgess, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court*, the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, *Eliza W. Clendinning* aged *fifty-six* years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by Acts of Congress granting pensions to widows: That she is the widow of *Joel W. Clendinning* who *was enrolled* under the name of *Joel W. Clendinning* at

in *1861* on the *1st* day of *July*, A. D. 18*61*, in the war of *1861-5*, who *contracted* *lung disease* while in

Military Service of the United States, while he was a prisoner of war, confined at Libby Prison, Va. in the later part of the year 1864, which finally resulted in his death on the *twenty-eighth* day of *January*, A. D. 18*77* who bore at the time of his death the rank of *Citizen* in *3* *Civil Life*; that she was married under the name of *Eliza S. White* to said *Joel W. Clendinning* on the *first* day of *June*, A. D. 18*43* by *Samuel S. White* at *Levant*, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither she nor her husband had been previously married *4*

that she has to the present date remained his widow; that he, the said *Joel W. Clendinning* left surviving no minor child or children by either herself or any former wife; that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; that *no* prior application has been filed; *by her, said Joel W. Clendinning was pensioned by Certificate No. 75-116*

that she hereby appoints *Henry J. Drigton, of Augusta, Maine* her attorney to prosecute her claim; with full power of *renewing and substituting* that her residence is No. *Station* street, *Station, Maine*

and that her post office address is *Station, Penobscot County, Maine*

(Attest)
Thos H. Counts

Warren A. Dickrell

A. D. 1877

or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Eliza W. Clendinning
(Claimant's signature.)

James H. Burgess
(Signature.)
Clerk of Supreme Judicial Court
Penobscot County, Me

1 State company and regiment, if in army; or vessel and rank, if in navy.
2 State nature of wounds and all circumstances attending them, or the disease and manner in which it was incurred, in either case showing soldier's disability to do the required.

3 In the service aforesaid, or otherwise.

4 If either have been previously married, so state, and give date of death or divorce of former spouse.

5 If prior application has been filed, either by soldier or widow, so state, giving number assigned to it.

[B-405.]
(PENSIONER DROPPED.)

A

U. S. Pension Agency,

Augusta, Me

Aug 16, 1889.

Hon. J. C. Black

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of Eliza H. Elderman
Joel W. , who was a pensioner on the rolls
of this Agency, under Certificate No. 181,208, and who was last paid
at \$25, to 4 Sept 1888, has been dropped
because of death - Oct 8/88-

Very respectfully,

J. Anderson

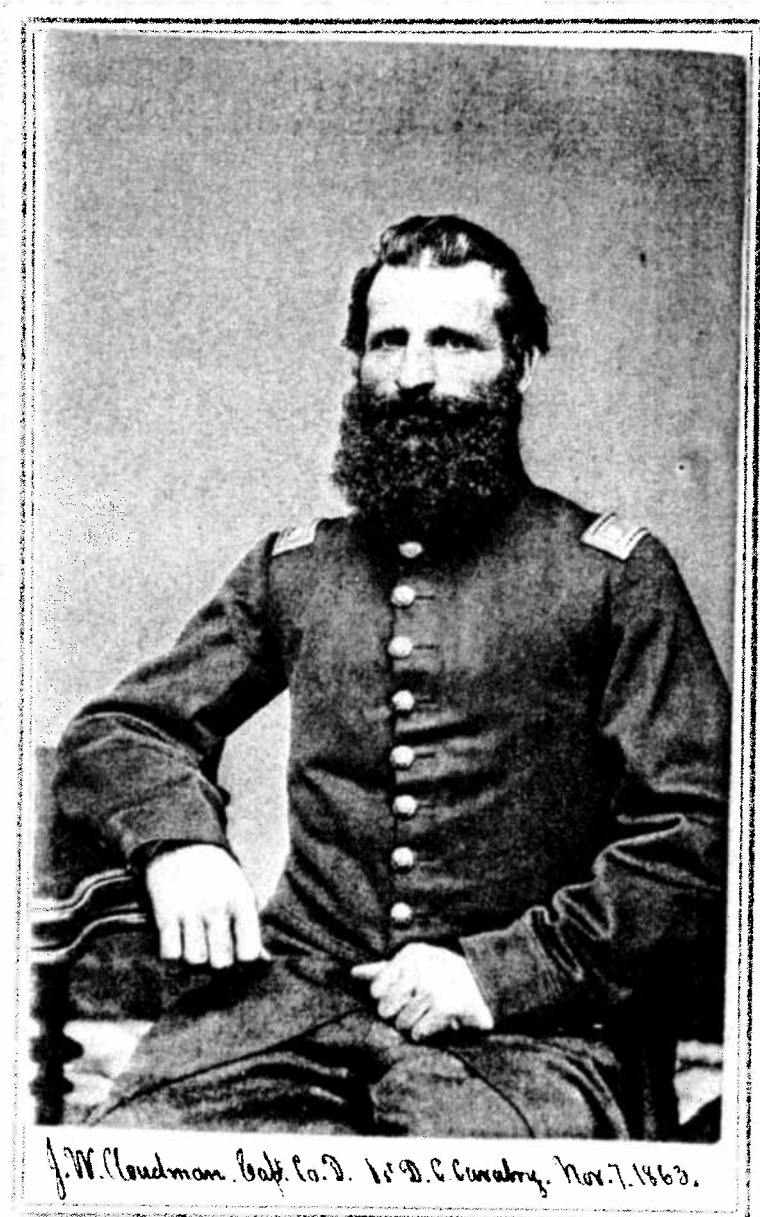
Pension Agent.

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

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Joel Cloudman

Stetson/Washington,
DC

October 29, 1863

Joel Cloudman was a 40 year-old trader, living in Stetson, when he enlisted as a private in the 1st DC Cavalry in August, 1863. The 1st DC Cavalry was organized to be an independent regiment, stationed in Washington, DC.

The unit was under the command of Colonel Lafayette C. Baker. Baker was also a Provost Marshall by title, but his real work was as the head of the nation's first Secret Service.

Cloudman's cavalry company became known as Baker's Mounted Rangers. For much of its first year, the 1st DC Cavalry belonged to no army and took orders only from the War Department.

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Washington D.C. Oct 29 1863

John Hodsdon

Good wip

Col Baker is much pleased with
the men from Maine sent to me
that these men is great what they want
in Washington he has the most
lot of men here when we can
that I send him he tells me that
he will take out all of the most
men that he want his and send
them to the front in to the
old army he has wanted to raise
a full Regiment for this D. C.
He told me that he would send
me to Maine to recruit men
(full another Company) with the
balance that I saw here which
yet fairly - good will want 76.
more men if you think it
to General will permit this to

That also meant that the chain of command extended directly to the President.

Col. Baker liked Cloudman. In less than three months in Baker's Mounted Rangers, Cloudman receives a Captain's commission from President Abraham Lincoln.

By rank, Baker was a Provost Marshall, but his authority and were subject only to the orders of the War Department.

Originally organized in the District of Columbia, in 1863 eight companies of men from Maine were added, so it became in many ways a Maine unit.

Captain Cloudman, with the 140 men of Company D, left Augusta in October 1863, and arrived at Camp Baker soon after. Other regimental officers would be commissioned by Maine's Governor.

Capt. Cloudman wrote to Maine Adjutant General John Hodsdon on how the new group was getting along.

The regiment spent

several months in Washington, but in the spring of 1864, most were sent to join General Benjamin Butler's army. At the time, they were the only regiment in the Army of the Potomac armed with the Henry repeating rifle.

The repeating rifle allowed a soldier to fire 15 shots in 10 seconds. Armed with enough rifles and ammunition, a 1000 man regiment could fire 15,000 shots in 10 seconds.

The cavalry unit was engaged in several battles, among them Malvern Hill, Ream's Station and Sycamore Church.

Cloudman, promoted to Major, was captured at Sycamore Church, held for a short time, then was reunited with his company. which by then had been transferred to the 1st Maine Cavalry, where they served for the rest of the war.

Joel Cloudman was discharged for disability on February 20, 1865. He died in 1877, in Stetson, where he is buried.

These men to be provided from
maine it will be best to
qualify to be called upon
to be sent to the front I think
you will hear from the Department
there is that is quite important
in this city to report to the main
men of the main Maine Mass
Hanson to Baker maine Col
Baker is a great improvement
man if he finds an officer
of rank but is the same for
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should not to the fact that he
provided to set the officer of my
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officer in the service to get all
things is going right is get
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like first like I also not

I have my chance to make
us get only in my house
I will have a chance soon
will try to make plan to
these times the
will let you know from
me soon all the probability
I will please inform me the
part of the package to
I want the remaining of the
I am sorry for that Regiment
and I hope
your man
Robert T. Tamm
J. P. Cloudman
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J. P. Cloudman

**Joel Cloudman
Transcript**

Washington , DC Oct. 29
1863

Gen. Hodsdon

Dear Sir

Col Baker is much pleased
with the men from Maine
Said to me that these men
is just what they want in
Washington He has the
worst set of men here
when we came that I ever
saw He tells me that he
will take out all of the
worst men that he now has
and Send them to the front
in to the Old army he has
awarded to Raise a full
Regiment for this D.C. Said
to me that he would Send
me to Maine to Recruit
men to fill another
Company with the Balance
that I now have which is
twenty four will want 76
more men if your Honor &
the Governor will permit
this to those men to be
Raised from Maine it will
be highly gratifying to Col
Baker also to the War
department I think you
will hear from the
department Soon as there
is quite an excitement in
this City in regard to the
Maine men as they term
them Candid Honest &
Sober men Col Baker is a
strict Temperance man if

he finds an officer of Rank
that is the worse for
Liquor he pulls the straps
of from his Shoulders at
once I think very highly of
the Colonel as yet he tells
me that every ting shall be
carried out to the Letter
that he promised to us the
officers of my Company
will be mustered as
officers in to Service today
all things is going Right in
yet I think that the Boyes
will like first Rate I doe not
have any Chance to write
as yet only on my knee
hope I will have a chance
Soon will try to write
plainer then Please excuse
this will let you hear from
me soon all the
particulars.

PS please inform me the
prospect of the privalege
to Recruit the Remainder
of the 2 Company for this
Regiment and Oblige

Your most Obedent
Servant

JW Cloudman

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1st Maine Regiment Cavalry in the Civil War

Regimental History

First Cavalry. — Cols., John Goddard, Samuel H. Allen, Calvin S. Douty, Charles H. Smith ; Lieut.-Cols., Thomas Hight, Calvin S. Douty, Charles H. Smith, Stephen Boothby, Jonathan P. Cilley; Majs., Samuel H. Allen, David P. Stowell, Calvin S. Douty, Warren L. Whitney, Jonathan P. Cilley, Charles H. Smith, Stephen Boothby, George M. Brown, Sidney W. Thaxter, Constantine Taylor, Benjamin F. Tucker, Paul Chadbourne, Daniel S. Curtis, Joel W. Cloudman. This regiment was raised at large, consisted of twelve companies, and was mustered in at Augusta, Nov. 5, 1861, for three years. It was the equal of any in the service in the character of its men and the quality of its horses. It remained encamped at Augusta until the following spring. Companies A, D, E and F left the state for Washington on March 14, 1862, under command of Col. Allen, arriving there on the 19th. Companies B, I, H and M, under Maj. Douty, arrived on the 24th, and C, G, K and L, under Maj. Stowell, on the 28th. A, B, E, H and M, under Lieut.-Col. Douty, joined Gen. Banks' corps at Strasburg, Va., on May 11, and were attached to Gen. Hatch's cavalry brigade. The other seven companies were first assigned to Gen. Abercrombie's brigade, and soon afterwards to Gen. Ord's division at Fredericksburg. The men participated in their first severe engagement on May 23, when Lieut.-Col. Douty with his command and two companies of the 1st Vt. cavalry, charged the enemy at Middletown, Va., covering Banks' retreat to Williamsport. The loss was 176 horses and equipments. The regiment was reunited at Warrenton, Va., on July 10, and attached to Bayard's brigade, with which it took part in the battle of Cedar mountain. It participated in the retreat of Gen. Pope's forces to Fairfax Court House, where it arrived on Sept. 3 and reported to Gen. Reno, having engaged the enemy at Brandy Station on Aug. 20, and been present at the

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second battle of Bull Run on the 30th, under Brig.-Gen. Elliott of Pope's staff. Arriving in Washington on Sept. 4, it was attached to Burnside's corps and engaged the enemy at Frederick, Md., on the 12th. Co. G, acting as Gen. Reno's body-guard, took part in the battle of South mountain, Cos. M and H, under Gen. Porter, in that of Antietam. The regiment (except Cos. G, M and H) remained at Frederick from Sept. 12 to Nov. 2, up to which period it had lost in action and worn out in service nearly 700 horses. The severity of the service to which the men of this regiment were subjected may be inferred from a bare recital of the battles in which they were subsequently engaged and from data showing some of their heaviest losses. The list of battles includes, in addition to those above mentioned : Fredericksburg, Rappa-hannock Station, Brandy Station, Aldie, Middleburg, Upperville, Gettysburg, Shepherdstown, Sulphur Springs, Mine Run, about Richmond, Old Church, Todd's tavern, Ground Squirrel Church, Hawes' shop, Cold Harbor, Trevilian Station, St. Mary's Church, Deep Bottom, Reams' Station, Wyatt's farm, Boydton road and Bellefield. Col. Douty was killed at Aldie, Va., while leading a gallant charge, on June 17, 1863, as was Capt. Summatt while rallying his men under a murderous fire of grape and canister. Three hundred selected men from the regiment participated in the daring raid of Gen. Kilpatrick to the vicinity of Richmond, Feb. 27 to March 12, 1864, the loss of the 1st in this famous raid being 93 men killed, wounded or missing and over 200 horses. It also moved with the cavalry corps on Gen. Sheridan's first raid, May 9, 1864, until within 3 miles of Richmond. In the engagement at Trevilian Station, June 24, 1864, its loss was 10 officers and 58 enlisted men. During August of this year its loss in killed, wounded and missing was 49 men and 75 horses, and the total casualties during 1864 amounted to 295 officers and enlisted men. In Aug., 1864, seven companies of the 1st D. C. cavalry were transferred and assigned to the several companies of this regiment by a special order of the war department. The original members of the regiment whose term of service expired Nov. 4, 1864, were mustered out at Augusta, Me., on the 25th, while the regiment, now composed of veterans, recruits and members of the 1st D. C. cavalry whose term had not expired, participated in the closing battles of the war; was mustered out of the U. S. service at Petersburg, Va., Aug. 1, 1865, and arrived in Augusta, Me., on the 9th.

Footnotes:

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Joel W. Cloudman



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Report ListResidence Stetson ME;

Enlisted on 6/1/1863 at Washington, DC as a Major.

On 6/1/1863 he was commissioned into "D" Co. DC 1st Cavalry

He was transferred out on 8/27/1864

(Estimated date of enlistment)

On 8/27/1864 he transferred into Field & Staff ME 1st Cavalry

He was discharged for disability on 2/20/1865

He was listed as:

* POW 9/15/1864 Petersburg, VA

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Bethel Sacrament Church at
Petersburg, VA*

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Inside the Crosshairs: Impair in Viet Nam

Learning

*Mar 15 1865 Maj Cloudman to Pres New Haven
Conn. Praised ~~Volunteer~~ for proving 44 car
Special 1860 Henry repeating Rfa "According to
Cloudman "2 of the Hrs. the company entered its service."*

and have heard them

*day: "Give us anything but your damned Yankee
paper that can be looked on as anything at all Dec 8."*

Trials and Tribulations of the Henry Rifle Written & Illustrated by Eric Ortner

* Originally published in the
Civil War Courier

Even with the limited number of Henry Rifles purchased, the arm left an extremely lasting impression on many members of the Confederate Ranks. One of the regiment's fortunate enough to be equipped with Henry Repeaters was Col. Lafayette C. Baker's 1st D.C. Cavalry. The organization was known as "Baker's Mounted Rangers." This unit has been compared to the Gestapo for its actions as a D.C. police force. Baker called this group of elite soldiers the "terror of evil doers."

A member of this division, Major Joel W. Cloudman, sang the praises of the Henry Rifle to Oliver Winchester. Major Cloudman wrote to the industrialist about his experiences with a captured Southerner who exclaimed, "Give us anything but that damned Yankee rifle that can be loaded on Sunday and fired all week."

* Cloudman went on to elaborate about an engagement near Ream's Station where his unit gallantly withstood a Confederate charge. The unit was entirely armed with Henries and, "easily repulsed the foe, while the infantry were broken and swept from their well constructed breastworks." 4

Although only a small number of the arms were purchased by the government, the popularity of the gun was such in the ranks that soldiers were willing to give up two months of their hard earned wages for the chance to carry one into battle. Oscar C. Wither, one of Sherman's soldiers wrote in his journal on May 11, 1864, "I got a Henry rifle — a 16 shooter — yesterday... I gave 35 dollars, all the money I had, for it... I am glad I could get it. They are good shooters and I like to think I have so many shots in reserve." 5

In an official report on January 20, 1865 Baker listed all of the engagements his Cavalry had been involved in and sang glowing praises of the Henry rifle. He commented, "The rifles now in use by my command are the same that were issued to us at the time of our organization, and since that time they have been in constant use, most of the time in active service in the field, and they are now with a very few exceptions, as serviceable and efficient as they were when they were placed in the hands of the regiment... The remarkable rapidity and accuracy with which the gun can be discharged, renders it an invaluable weapon to the Army. Under ordinary circumstances, I believe it utterly impossible to make a successful charge on troops armed with them. At the battle of Ream's station on the 25th of August, repeated attempts were made by the enemy in large numbers to charge a position held by my regiment (they being dismounted) and at each attempt they were repulsed with heavy loss. On one occasion there were several officers of high rank from the Cavalry Corps and the 2nd Army Corps present, and noticed the destructive effect of my fire upon the enemy."

Although Baker's comments made for some of the greatest publicity any business owner could hope for, a few design flaws became apparent as the weapon saw active service. The first was associated with the rotating collar that allowed the magazine to be charged. If exposed to mud or rain, it was prone to sticking due to rust making the weapon difficult, if not impossible to load. The magazine tube itself could also be fowled by mud or dust. The cartridges would not feed properly as a result. Therefore, the Ordnance Departments reservations about the use of the arm were, in fact, accurate.

Declaration for Naturalization

and have

my husband

On the 1st day of December 1861

at a Court of Record in the County and State aforesaid, all of

the within named persons, a resident of

County of

being duly sworn, declare that they are identical

with

the persons in the records of the United States at

the date of

as follows:

in Company B, commanded by

in the

in the year of our Lord 1861, and was honorably discharged on the

1st day of

1861, while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, on or about the

1st day of

in the year of our Lord 1861, no person, the

following handwriting, which is the handwriting of the said

person, as he is now known, and which is the handwriting of the said

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OFFICERS CASUALTY SHEET

Signature of _____

State of Illinois

John A. Anderson

Major *Company*

1st *Regiment*

Illinois

Aug 20 1862

at *St. Louis*

at *St. Louis*

at

John A. Anderson