

Company G, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

CUDDY, William 19 Aug 1862

William, age 19, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 261 as a Private. He transferred to Co K, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co E, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865. [Also in Company E, 4th Battalion, Ohio Infantry.]

"List of Casualties...while on board the Steamer 'City Belle' near 'Snaggy Point' La, May 3d 1864...." Private Wm. CUDDY, missing, condition not known. [From the records of the Ohio Adjutant General, available at the Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, OH. NOTE: According to *Grandpa's Gone...The Adventures of Daniel Buchwalter in the Western Army, 1862-1865*, by Jerry Frey, p. 101, Sergeant Harvey H. Galehouse and Pvt. William F. Cuddy escaped from Camp Ford, Tyler, Texas, on 20 Aug 1864 and made it back to Union lines. Contributed by Kerry Kimberly]

Father:

Mother:

Birth: <1843>

Marriage:

Death:

Cemetery:

I can't find this soldier on any records such as pension, headstone, etc. that would help me identify him in any way.

Wooster Republican, 1 Jan 1863: Listed Wm Cuddy's residence as Wooster. But I can't find him there in 1860 Census or in a later census in the area.

[Wooster Republican, 27 Oct 1864, page 3][A letter from Wm. P. Myers to his father in Green Twp, Wayne Co OH.]

"News from the prisoners of the 120th....

St Charles, Ark., **Sept 30th, 1864**

Dear Father – I take the earliest opportunity to give you further information from our prisoners. Yesterday evening, Sergeant Harvey Galehouse and Frank Cuddy of Co G, prisoners at Tyler, Texas, arrived here. They made their escape by bribing the guard and left Tyler on the 20th of August. They had a hard time coming through and lived 20 days on raw corn. Joe Menno, Ben Norris, Lewis Hoone [probably Hoover] and the rest of our neighbor boys, were all well when they left. Joe had been pretty sick since they were there, but Galehouse says he was perfectly well when they left. Menno had not been sick at all. – Young Matz, a new recruit died of sickness since they were there. This is the only death that had occurred from our Regiment. We had four deaths in the regiment at Morganzia, so I think they are as healthy as we are. Galehouse says their treatment is rather rough, but the boys generally manage to keep lively and in good spirits. Their chances of escape are very poor. There are frequently some get out but are mostly caught and brought back again and are then severely punished. The Rebs use hounds to catch them and men are sometimes brought back much torn and bitten by the dogs. They have no shelter in their stockade except such as they make themselves out of brush, etc., some of them have made caves in which they live. They get one pint of corn meal and little beef per day, and about a spoon of salt every ten days.

Galehouse says a person that has plenty of money, can live well there, but that the boys have not got any nor can it be sent to them. No letters had been received by any of our Regiment, since they were there.

[Now Myers begins to tell about being in Arkansas.] There is nothing new from this place. We had a terrible storm and rain night before last, nearly all the tents in camp were blown down, everybody got wet and nobody got hurt. There is some prospect of us going to the Department of the Gulf again. We would rather spend the winter in Louisiana, than in Arkansas. We are all well, and hope this will find you the same.

Respectfully your Son,

Wm. P. Myers

Probably NOT THIS MAN.

Could this be the same man? There was Musician/Drummer, William Cuddy/Cuddie, in Co C, 14th OH Inf. from 27 Apr 1861 to 13 Aug 1861. Age at enlistment 18. Born abt 1843. Mustered out at Toledo, OH.

*There is a man by that name up in Lucas county. [On Roster for 3 months service] **But the roster says that THIS Private William Cuddy mustered out 2 Sep 1864 with his company.***

1850 Census, Genesee Falls, Wyoming, New York, dwelling 160, family 179; Alexander Cuddy, age 26 Ireland, laborer; Ann, age 29 Ireland; Wm, age 5, Maine; James A, age 3, Canada

Marriage 1868: William Cuddy, age 23, born 1845 Maine, married Mary Stiles, age 19 born 1849 NY, on 21 Mar 1868 at Monroe, Monroe county, Michigan.

1870 Census, Toledo, Lucas Co OH, Dwelling 263-264, Family 278-279: Wm Cuddy, age 25 Maine, clerk's recorder; Mary, age 22 NY[next page 264-279: James Cuddy, age 23 Maine, laborer; Emma, age 19 OH.

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