



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

Miles A. Brown

"I, Asa Brown, of Cold Spring, Stearns Co., Minnesota, do certify that I am the Father of Miles A. Brown; that the said Miles A. Brown is Nineteen (19) years of age; and I do hereby freely give my consent to his enlisting as a soldier in the Army of the United States, for the period of three years or during the war--Asa Brown".

The note of permission, witnessed by William Kinkead who also served in the Second Battery, allowed Miles Brown to join the army. Miles signed his enlistment papers in Anoka on the 19th of August, 1862. His descriptive roll noted his height at 5' 8" tall. He had blue eyes, dark hair and a fair complexion.

Miles caught up with the Battery as it was marching through Tennessee on their way into Kentucky and he was with the Battery when they fought in the battle at Perryville, Kentucky. Miles was engaged in that battle on October 8, 1862.

On December 9th, he was sent to Hospital No. 4 at Nashville, Tennessee, and then on to the Convalescent Barracks about the 3rd of January. It was from the Convalescent Barracks on January 20th that Miles obtained a pass to go, as he requested, "to the front". The front at that time was near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where the Second Battery had been fighting.

Miles was never heard from again. The official reports simply say, "Since which he has not been heard from, It is believe he has deserted." Officially, Miles was carried on the Battery's rolls until April 9th when he was declared a deserter and his name removed.

What really happened to Miles is unknown as no trace of him has ever been found.

Researched and compiled by the reenactors of the 2nd Minnesota Battery of Light Artillery. Visit our website at <http://www.2mnbattery.org> for more information about our soldiers and our organization.

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