



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

John Kennedy

John was one of the older men who joined the Second Battery when he signed his enlistment papers on January 4, 1862. The Battery was just forming up at Fort Snelling and John volunteered at the age of 44.

He was an Irish immigrant, having been born in Kings County, Ireland. He was 5' 4 1/4" tall, with brown hair, hazel eyes, and a dark complexion. His occupation was laborer and he was living in Hennepin County when he enlisted.

John served as a private in the Battery until he was sent to the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, in December of 1862. How long he remained there is unknown, but he was "with the command" on April 2, 1863, when Lieutenant Woodbury signed John's disability discharge. It stated John had been unfit for duty for the past 60 days and that his illness was believed to have been caused by his service in the army. The discharge said he was in fine health when he enlisted, but now suffered from a "functional disease of the liver" according to the examining surgeon. Captain Hotchkiss approved the discharge in the field near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and it is the last known record John left about himself.

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