



2ND MINNESOTA BATTERY OF LIGHT ARTILLERY

Charles D. Moorhouse, Jr.

Charles was born in Erie County, Ohio, where his father was a merchant. Charles was the second son, but he became his father's namesake. Even their middle initials were the same, making records confusing.

At the age of 22, Charles enlisted in the 101st Ohio Infantry, Company G, on July 31, 1862. It took a month before he was mustered in, his muster was dated August 30. He was given \$27 for his enlistment. On the descriptive roll, Charles said he was a tin smith with a fair complexion, hazel eyes, and brown hair. His records with the 101st Ohio spell his name "Morehouse," but other Army records spell it "Moorhouse."

Charles was with his regiment until the battle at Stones River, Tennessee, when he was wounded on December 31, 1862. He was taken to the hospital at Nashville and treated for a wound in his shoulder.

It is probable records were not kept up for Charles and his whereabouts very well as in January of 1863, he was listed as a deserter. That notation stayed on his record with the 101st Ohio until April when it was changed to read "present" and the special orders sending him to the Second Battery were cited.

How long he remained in the hospital is unclear, but on March 1, 1863, he was sent on detached service to the Second Minnesota Battery. Charles served with the Minnesota Artillery until September or October when he was left sick at the hospital in Chattanooga. His name was transferred back to the 101st Ohio and he was carried on their roster. In November, Charles was listed as present with the infantry, but noted as sick.

His health did not improve, so on February 28, 1864, Charles was given a disability discharged at Ootwah, Tennessee. The surgeon's certificate described quite clearly what was troubling Charles. The discharge was "because of Secondary Syphilis contracted in Sept. 1862. He has been treated both with the regiment and in Gen'l Hospitals but with only temporary benefit. He is with the regiment and in my opinion unfit for invalid corps." The surgeon of the 101st Ohio signed the discharge.

It is the last known record Charles left of his life.

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